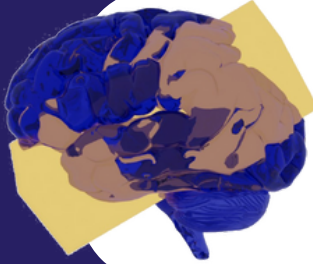


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JULY 3, 2023



main topic this week...

New leadership, Save the Dates, and Award Celebrations!

important updates

Neuroscience Program Master Doc

It's got everything you could ever want to know.

Dr. Kartik Venkatachalam and Dr. Rodrigo Morales are our new Director and Co-Director!

next event

BCB & Neuro Social
Honoring Dr. Qingchun
Tong

August 11, 5-8pm
Holman Draft House

RSVP to Amanda by
7/14 for drink tickets

save the dates!

August 11: BSB & Neuro Social, Holman Draft House, 5-8pm

August 24: Neuroscience Orientation Program, 2-5pm

August 31: New Student Council Meet-and-Greet, Valhalla, 5:30pm

September 15-16: FALL RETREAT, Artesian Lakes

fall recurring events

If you are interested in giving a Work-In-Progress or a Journal Club talk on a Monday at 11 am, please email Amanda your availability and preferred date(s).

new! faculty speaker series

Starting this fall, our own faculty will present on both their research and their journeys into academia! This will be a great resource for first years, advisory committee and collaboration interests, and graduating students.

fall retreat information

✱ **Friday, September 15 - Saturday, September 16** ✱

Registration and poster/talk/data blitz signups will be sent out in early August. Be on the look out for that!



awards and app deadlines

The Dr. John J. Kopchick Research Award
Available to GSBS student/advisor teams from either UTHouston or MD Anderson, conducting research in any area of biomedical science.

The President's Research Excellence Award
Available to GSBS student/advisor teams from UTHouston only, conducting research in any area of biomedical science.

The Pauline Altman-Goldstein Discovery Research Awards (2 awards)
Available to GSBS student/advisor teams from MD Anderson only, conducting cancer-related research.

Pre-application deadline is Wednesday, July 5, at 5 p.m.

snaps 🙌

Did your friend or lab-mate go above and beyond? Did you get an award you want to highlight? [Fill out this form](#), and we will highlight your snaps, big or small!

Snaps to...

🙌 Takese (President), Ally (Secretary), Paula, and Mya for being elected to Student Intercouncil Members! We love neuroscience representatives!

🙌 Melissa for successfully defending! Woohoo! Amazing job, Melissa!

🙌 Ally for passing her candidacy exam! Congratulations, Ally!

🙌 Kenzie for passing her candidacy exam! Congratulations, Kenzie!

🙌 Rachel Van Drunen (Advisor: Kristin Eckel-Mahan, PhD) for being awarded a Fulbright Scholarship! Amazing job, Rachel!

🙌 NGP alumnus Russell Milton, PhD (Advisor: Valentin Dragoi, PhD) for receiving the first Michael R. Blackburn Dissertation Award! Congrats, Russell!

🙌 Heather Tsong (Advisor: Andrea Stavoe, PhD) for being awarded 2nd place in the post-candidacy oral presentation competition at this year's GSRD! Yay! Great job, Heather!

🙌 Kenzie Peshoff (Advisor: Krishna Bhat, PhD) for receiving the 2023-2024 American Legion Auxiliary Fellowship in Cancer Research and for being awarded 1st place in the pre-candidacy poster competition at this year's GSRD! Whoop, whoop! Congrats, Kenzie!

🙌 Bridgitte Palacios (Advisor: Jian Hu, PhD) for receiving the 2023-2024 Russell and Diana Hawkins Family Foundation Discovery Fellowship! Woohoo! Congrats, Bridgitte!

🙌 Meredith McCarty (Advisor: Nitin Tandon, MD) for a co-first author paper in iScience publishing results of an intraoperative music and language mapping study. Go Meredith!