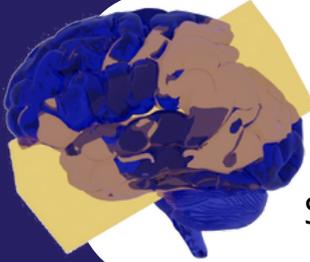


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main topic this week...

Register for the retreat by FRIDAY!

Several opportunities for recruitment are coming up

important updates

Neuroscience Program

Master Doc

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

Register for the retreat here by August 11!

next event

BCB & Neuro
Networking Social
Honoring Dr. Tong

August 11, 5-8pm
Holman Draft House



Holman Draft Hall

— Beer - Wine - Spirits —

save the dates!

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

August 24: Neuroscience Orientation Program, 2-5pm, MSB 2.103, B645, and the Leather Lounge

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

September 15-16: FALL RETREAT, Artesian Lakes, 1pm

fall recurring events

If you are interested in giving a Work-In-Progress (WIP) or a Journal Club talk on a Monday at 11 am, be on the lookout for the signup sheet via email in the next few weeks.

new! faculty speaker series

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

fall retreat information

Friday, September 15 - Saturday, September 16

Please note: All students whose primary affiliation is the Neuroscience program are expected to attend and participate by presenting a talk, elevator pitch, or poster.

snaps 🙌

Did someone go above and beyond? Did you get an award? Tell us, and we will highlight your snaps, big or small!

Snaps to...

🙌 **Vicky Chuong** (Advisor: Fabricio Do Monte, PhD, DVM) for winning the Larry Deaven PhD Fellowship in Biomedical Sciences. We're so proud of you, Vicky!

🙌 **Paula Bender** (Advisor: Vasanthi Jayaraman, PhD) for receiving the Houston Area Molecular Biophysics Program (HAMBP) Fellowship! Incredible work, Paula!

🙌 **Celso S. G. Catumbela** (Advisor: Rodrigo Morales, PhD) for 2 first author publications and 1 second author publication! Way to go, Celso!

🙌 **Xu Zhang and Rachel Van Drunen**, our 2023 GSBS Presidents' Research Scholarship awardees! Congratulations!

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Dear all,

Dr. Rodrigo Morales and I are excited to start our terms as Directors of the Neuroscience program! Dr. Tong was an outstanding Director, from whom I have learned much about facilitating the success of a program such as ours.

As we gear up to start the new academic year, I would like to briefly describe two program-related events. First, the program retreat is scheduled for September 15-16 at Artesian Lakes. Dr. Morales and I believe strongly that all students whose primary affiliation is with the Neuroscience program SHOULD attend. This is a great opportunity for students to exhibit scholarship and camaraderie. Second, new student orientation will get underway in the next month. If you have the opportunity to represent the program at the planned events, please do so. We need to impress upon the incoming students, our sense of community and commitment to excellence.

As always, I am open for feedback and advice. If you feel there is anything that Rodrigo and I can do to improve things around here, please do not hesitate to reach out.

-Kartik Venkatachalam, Ph.D.

