Brain + Cognitive Sciences Society
May Newsletter

HEADLINES:
- PRE-REGISTER for F’10 (5/3 – 5/28)
- LAST DAY of classes (5/13)
- FINAL EXAMS (5/17 – 5/21)

CONGRATULATIONS!

BCSS would like to extend its congratulations to this year’s recipients of various awards bestowed by MIT’s Department of Brain + Cognitive Sciences.

Recipients were honored at BCS’s annual Spring Dinner + Awards Ceremony on April 28, in the company of faculty, friends, and fellow students. Special thanks to Suzan Lanza for making the night a success.

ACADEMIC HONORS – For those students attaining a GPA of 4.8 or above.

Ugwuchi Amadi ’10
Ryan Andrews ’10
Sheena Bhalla ’11
Issac Buenrostro ’11
Matthew Cohen ’10
Jaron Colas ’11
Genevieve Conley ’10
Allison Doby ’12
Zak Fallow ’10
Sarah Gunlap ’11
Ela Harmatz ’12

RESEARCH HONORS – For those students performing outstanding research as UROPs at MIT’s Department of Brain + Cognitive Sciences.

Ugwuchi Amadi ’10
Ryan Andrews ’10
Alyssa Baccarella ’11
Ainsley Braun ’10
Robert Chen ’11
Goosens
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TEACHING HONORS – For those faculty providing outstanding guidance and education to the department.

Prof. Molly C. Potter
Prof. Gerald Schneider
Advising
Education

UPCOMING EVENTS

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3) F’10 PRE-REGISTRATION BEGINS

4) ONLINE COURSE EVALUATIONS BEGIN


6) BCS Colloquium Series: Lila Davachi (NYU), “Episodic Memory: How do we preserve our experiences?”

10) PRE-EXAM PERIOD BEGINS

13) LAST DAY OF S’10 CLASSES

13) BCS Colloquium Series: Paul Worley (Johns Hopkins), “Immediate early genes and plasticity of the synapse” 4:00 pm, 46-3002

13) BCS Pre-Finals Study Break 7:30 pm – 8:30 pm, 4-144

17-21) FINAL EXAMS

17) ONLINE COURSE EVALUATIONS DUE

28) F’10 PRE-REGISTRATION DUE

ALSO CHECK OUT:

Mon BrainLunch
12:00 noon – 1:00 pm, 46-3310
http://bcs.mit.edu/brainlunch/

Tue CogLunch
12:00 noon – 1:00 pm, 46-3310
http://bcs.mit.edu/coglunch/

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**UROP SPOTLIGHT**

**JARONCOLAS, KANWISHERLAB**

Q: What do you do in your UROP?
A: I have been working with a postdoc on designing, running, and analyzing a variety of fMRI and psychophysics experiments that relate to the neural and cognitive correlates of consciousness and attention. One of our current projects is investigating which brain areas determine your conscious experience during binocular rivalry, a phenomenon in which perception alternates between conflicting images presented to each eye.

Q: How does being a UROP fit into the rest of your life at MIT?
A: Obviously being a UROP has prepared me for grad school and future research, but more generally I’ve learned to think critically and ask questions.

Q: What advice can you give to other students looking for a UROP?
A: I recommend shopping around to find both research that genuinely interests you and supervisors whom you would enjoy working under before getting involved so that you can get as much as possible out of the experience.

Want to talk about your UROP?
Contact Ken Haggerty ’11, our Newsletter Coordinator, at bcss-news@mit.edu!

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**BCS BULLETIN**

- **MIT Educational Studies Program [ESP]** is looking for neuroscience and psychology teachers this summer for HSSP. The seven-week program runs every Sunday from July 11 to August 22. All MIT community members are welcome to teach. Register at [http://tinyurl.com/SummerHSSP](http://tinyurl.com/SummerHSSP) by May 8, and visit [http://esp.mit.edu/teach/HSSP/MIT_info.html](http://esp.mit.edu/teach/HSSP/MIT_info.html) or email hssp@mit.edu for more information.

- Remember to complete course evaluations for Spring 2010 classes! Paper evaluations should be handed out in class by your instructor. Online evaluations (for selected classes) are available at [http://web.mit.edu/subjectevaluation](http://web.mit.edu/subjectevaluation) from Tuesday, May 4, at 9:00am, through Monday, May 17, at 9:00am. The evaluations not only help the faculty but also future students enrolling in classes.

- **MIT BCS** is replacing some classroom chairs and wants your vote! The four options are located in HQ for you to check out. The winning chair will be used in BCS classrooms with an oversized tablet. Let your bottom do the talking and vote!

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