

SfN-SPONSORED SOCIALS

All SfN-Sponsored Socials will be held in the Renaissance Washington, DC Downtown Hotel. These events are open to all registered annual meeting attendees.

SUNDAY, NOV. 12, 6:45–8:45 P.M.

Cajal Club Social

Social with Brief Presentation

Room: Renaissance Ballroom East

Chair: Arturo Alvarez-Buylla, PhD

Co-Chair: Oscar Marin, PhD

Neural Bases of Visual Perception: In Memory of Vivien Casagrande

An evening to socialize and discuss the neurobiology of vision from comparative studies to polemic recent work on behavioral states modulating visual perception. We will have short presentations by Jon Kaas (Vanderbilt) and Nathalie Rochefort (U. Edinburgh), followed by an open discussion. The 2017 Krieg Cortical Kudos Awards and Cowan Award in Structural Neuroscience will also be presented. The social will honor Vivien Casagrande, a distinguished visual system neuroscientist and beloved member of the neuroscience community.

Cognitive Neuroscience Social

Purely Social

Room: Renaissance Ballroom West A

Chair: Suzy Scherf, PhD

This is the most inclusive of all socials! If you are interested in behavior, cognition, and the brain, we want you. Swing by and mingle with the best, the brightest, or just the most boisterous of the cognitive neuroscience field over drinks. It is thought that a majority of the human cortex evolved for social interaction come put it to good use!

Faculty for Undergraduate Neuroscience Poster Session and Social

Social with Brief Presentation

Room: Grand Ballroom Central and North

Chair: Amy Jo Stavnezer, PhD

Co-Chair: Leah A. Chase, PhD

Socialize and exchange ideas with those interested in undergraduate neuroscience

research and education. Undergraduates will present their research; Faculty for Undergraduate Neuroscience (FUN) Student Travel Awards and Educator of the Year Awards will also be presented. See the FUN website (www.funfaculty.org) for travel award information and to register to present a poster at the FUN Social.

Hearing and Balance Social

Social with Brief Presentation

Rooms: 10 and 11

Chair: Jonathan B. Fritz, PhD

Co-Chair: Shihab A. Shamma, PhD

In addition to the usual joys of networking with fellow researchers, there will be a game show with illustrious auditory neuroscientists presenting their mystery acoustic stimuli to the audience, who will attempt to identify it for prizes.

The Marmoset Social

Social with Brief Presentation

Rooms: 8 and 9

Chair: Elias B. Issa, PhD

Co-Chair: David A. Leopold, PhD

This event serves as an excellent opportunity to meet members of the growing marmoset neuroscience community, exchange practical information, and get to know each other. The social will start with brief presentations by three investigators, each recounting some positive and negative experiences. Following this initial 20–25 minute discussion, attendees will engage freely in social and scientific interaction, along with other forms of primate behavior.

Neuroethology/Invertebrate Neurobiology Social

Social with Brief Presentation

Rooms: 12, 13, and 14

Chair: Wolfgang Stein, PhD

Co-Chair: Carola Staedele, PhD

Join us to celebrate neuroethology and the role the nervous system plays in producing

behaviors. All members of the neuroscience community are welcome, and in particular those who work on the neural basis of behavior. If you are looking for an opportunity to discuss new and interesting concepts or are simply looking to meet old friends and make new ones, this social is for you. Postdocs and students are encouraged to drop in for socializing and networking.

Pain and Itch Social

Purely Social

Room: Mount Vernon Square

Chair: Steve Davidson, PhD

Co-Chair: Jennifer DeBerry, PhD

Join your fellow “pain and itch” neuroscientists in a relaxing setting to unwind and connect with peers. All are invited to this purely social gathering, where leaders and early-career investigators can reconnect with old friends and make new ones.

Spinal Cord Injury Social

Purely Social

Room: Congressional Ballroom C

Chair: Dana M. McTigue, PhD

Co-Chair: Michele Basso, PhD

This purely social event is open to anyone interested in spinal cord injury research.

MONDAY, NOV. 13, 6:45–8:45 P.M.

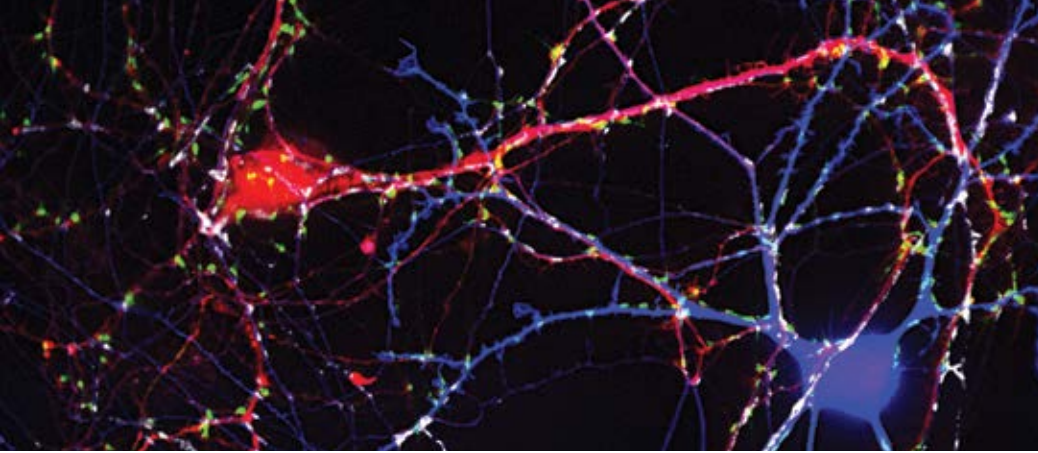
Behavioral Neuroendocrinology Social

Social with Brief Presentation

Room: Grand Ballroom South

Chair: Rae Silver, PhD

This event is an excellent opportunity to connect with members of the growing “hormones and behavior” neuroscience community. All members of the neuroscience community are welcome for socializing and networking. Once everyone has had a chance to meet, Rae Silver will introduce Frances A. Champagne, who will give a brief presentation, “Looking



to the Future: Opportunities for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology.” This talk will be followed by the announcement of the winners of the 2017 Daniel S. Lehrman, Frank A. Beach, and W.C. Young awards.

Developmental Neurobiology Social

Purely Social

Room: 16

Chair: Patricia Jensen, PhD

Come have a drink, relax, and meet with friendly colleagues with a common interest in developmental neurobiology. This purely social event is an excellent opportunity for students and postdoctoral fellows to interact with prominent neuroscientists in a relaxed atmosphere. Everyone is welcome!

Hippocampus Social

Social with Brief Presentation

Room: Grand Ballroom Central

Chair: Helen Scharfman, PhD

We plan to play a short game which will be followed by a purely social occasion. The game is to pair luminaries with junior investigators and have the junior investigator guess what the luminary would say is the most important finding related to the hippocampus that occurred in the career of the luminary. We will have luminaries and junior investigators who represent diverse demographics and areas of neuroscience.

Ingestive Social

Purely Social

Room: Renaissance Ballroom East

Chair: Qingchun Tong, PhD

Co-Chair: Kevin W. Williams, PhD

This is purely social. Special guests include Alan Watts, Richard Simerly, Bob Ritter, Minmin Luo, Satchin Panda, and others. After a daylong

assimilation of numerous new developments in research frontiers, come and enjoy some light food and drinks. Enter a warm and relaxing environment as you reconnect with old friends and make new friends. All SfN participants, within and outside the ingestive field, are welcome.

Music Social

Purely Social

Room: Mount Vernon Square

Chair: William J. Pearce, PhD

Co-Chair: Joseph C. LaManna, PhD

SfN member musicians will provide an evening of music. All musical types from rock to country to opera are welcome, with an emphasis on variety and enthusiasm. Accompaniment is available given at least two weeks advance notice. The program fills quickly and there are no walk-ins, so contact us at wpearce@llu.edu as soon as possible to get a place on the program. Each performance is typically allotted 10 minutes. Please join us for another casual, informal, and fun evening of music.

Neural Control of Autonomic and Respiratory Function Social

Purely Social

Rooms: 8 and 9

Chair: Gary C. Sieck, PhD

The goal of this social is to bring together neuroscientists with an interest in autonomic and respiratory control.

Neuroethics Social

Social with Brief Presentation

Rooms: 10 and 11

Chair: Laura Cabrera, PhD

Co-Chair: Edith Brignoni-Perez, Judy Illes, PhD

Please join your neuroethics colleagues and friends for an interactive and dynamic evening focused

on brain and ethics, culture and language, and education and policy. The event will be co-hosted by Edith Brignoni-Perez (Georgetown) and Laura Cabrera (Michigan State), with special guests Steve Hyman (Broad Institute) and others.

Neuron-Glia Interactions Social

Purely Social

Rooms: 12, 13, and 14

Chair: Matthew N. Rasband, PhD

Co-Chair: Elior Peles, PhD

Join us for an informal social for those interested in the “other half” of the brain and what it is doing. This will be an excellent opportunity for trainees and junior scientists to meet and network with established investigators.

Psychopharmacology Social

Purely Social

Room: Renaissance Ballroom West

Chair: Stan B. Floresco, PhD

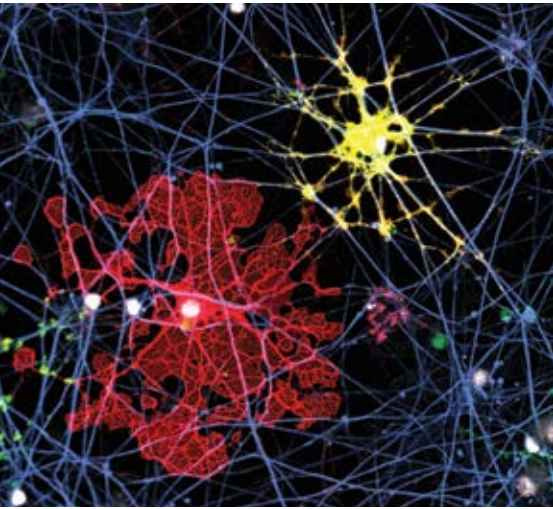
Co-Chair: Jared Young, PhD

Your Brain on Drugs

Please join us as we socialize with people who know a thing or two about mind-altering substances. For five years, your well-dressed hosts have enjoyed enabling SfN attendees to catch up with colleagues, meet others in the field, loosen up with a refreshing beverage after a hard day of science, and groove to a psychopharmacologically inspired playlist. Intermingling between more senior scientists and trainees is strongly encouraged, and all are welcome.

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Vision Social

Social with Brief Presentation

Room: Grand Ballroom North
Chair: Susana Martinez-Conde, PhD
Co-Chair: Stephen L. Macknik, PhD

Join us for an evening of vision, misperception and illusion. Plus a few surprises. You may never trust your eyes again!

TUESDAY, NOV. 14, 6:45–8:45 P.M.

Alzheimer's and Related Dementias Social

Social with Brief Presentation

Rooms: 10 and 11
Chair: Brian C. Kraemer, PhD
Co-Chair: Donna M. Wilcock, PhD

Social event to relax, catch up, and meet new people with your common interest in AD/DRD. A game night mix of trivia and Family Feud will be a highlight of the event.

Cerebellum Social

Social with Brief Presentation

Room: Mount Vernon Square
Chair: Roy Sillitoe, PhD

This social will bring together researchers and clinicians from all areas of cerebellar neuroscience. The social will facilitate collaborations between principal investigators and provide networking and career

opportunities for students and postdoctoral fellows. The event will predominantly be a social gathering, although it will also provide opportunities to discuss future events such as SfN symposia and minisymposia. The goal is to foster participation from the field at large.

Computational Neuroscience Social

Social with Brief Presentation

Room: Congressional Ballroom AB
Chair: Gabrielle Gutierrez, PhD
Co-Chair: Alexander Williams

We welcome all those interested, particularly experimentalists and newcomers to the field. It is a purely social/networking event in a relaxed venue for people to chat, have a drink with friends and colleagues, and meet leading computational and theoretical neuroscientists. As in previous years, we will have a number of special guests and particularly encourage senior researchers to mingle with students, postdocs, and newcomers.

Epilepsy Social

Purely Social

Room: Congressional Ballroom C
Chair: Amy L. Brewster, PhD
Co-Chair: Mark P. Beenhakker, PhD

We welcome everyone with an interest in epilepsy to come join an evening of social gathering alongside leading experts, rising stars in this dynamic field, as well as representatives

from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and Citizens United for Research in Epilepsy. This is a great opportunity for scientists at every level to engage in exciting discussions and to network in a relaxed environment.

Eye Movement and Vestibular System Social

Social with Brief Presentation

Room: 16
Chair: Paul J. May, PhD

This social provides an opportunity for old members of the oculomotor and vestibular communities to see old friends and for new members in the field. Mickey Goldberg and Bob Wurtz have agreed to drop by and reminisce about how the field began.

Neuroendocrinology Social

Purely Social

Room: Renaissance Ballroom East
Chair: Matthew J. Paul, PhD
Co-Chair: Benedetta Leuner, PhD

Come relax and enjoy an evening of socializing and revelry with your fellow neuroendocrinologists. Say hi to old friends, meet new ones, and compete in this year's neuroendocrine trivia game! This is a great opportunity for newcomers and trainees to mingle with current and future leaders in the field.

Optogenetics Social

Purely Social

Rooms: 8 and 9

Chair: Garrett Stuber, PhD

Join us for an informal social for those interested in using photons and genetic manipulations to study the nervous system. We hope to have strong interactions between junior and senior scientists.

Sensorimotor Social

Purely Social

Rooms: 12, 13, and 14

Chair: Tyler Cluff, PhD

A social gathering for members of the sensorimotor research community. Come by to catch up with old friends and make new ones.

Songbird Social

Purely Social

Room: 15

Chair: Mimi Kao, PhD

You don't need a neocortex to be social! This is a gathering for people interested in songbirds (and other avians).

Synapses and Excitatory Amino Acids Social

Purely Social

Room: Renaissance Ballroom West A

Chair: Samuel M. Young, PhD

Cross the cleft and join us in celebration of the synapse — the fundamental structure that drives neuronal circuit function. Observe in real time how the pre- and post-synapse associate with astrocytes to regulate information transmission. Come and strengthen old connections while also making new connections. Interact with our special guests to get their perspective on the latest developments in the field. This evening promises to be dynamic with lots of excitement. All synaptic types welcome!

