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Awards

- Adrienne Fairhall and Eric Shea-Brown (CSNE Thrust Leaders) have been awarded a Swartz Foundation grant to support theoretical neuroscience at the University of Washington. Read more about the new grant at:
 http://www.washington.edu/news/blog/swartz-foundation-grant-to-boost-uw-research-in-computational-neuroscience/
- UW Graduate Students **Kaitlyn Casimo** and **Guarav Mukherjee** have been selected to the 2016 class of the AAAS Emerging Leaders In Science & Society.

Upcoming Seminars, Lectures, Courses

- Technology Commercialization (ENTRE 541; principles and practice of building a technology commercialization plan) and Neural Engineering (BioE498/599; cotaught by Drs. Raj Rao and Lise Johnson) will be offered during winter quarter at the University of Washington.
- Applications for the summer 2016 CSNE Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU), Research Experience for Veterans (REV), Research Experience for Teachers (RET) and Young Scholars Program (YSP) are now being accepted. Deadlines for the applications are in early 2016. Online applications are available at: http://csne-erc.org/education
- Neuroethics Seminar "Plugged-In Patients: Brain-Computer Interfaces" from the Center for Bioethics, Harvard Medical School, Thursday, December 3, 2015, 4:30-6:00 pm EST; webcast live: http://bioethics.hms.harvard.edu/news/plugged-patients-brain-computer-interfaces
- UW PBio Seminar, "Reconstruction and Simulation of Neocortical Microcircuitry" by Henry Markram, Ph.D., Professor, École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne, Switzerland, Director Blue Brain Project and the Human Brain Project; Thursday, December 3, 2015, 9:30 a.m., G-328 HSB
- UWIN Seminar, Nathan Kutz, Robert Bolles and Yasuko Endo Professor of Applied Mathematics, University of Washington, "Neural processing, networks and desisionmaking: Integrating equation-free methods, machine learning and sparsity," Wednesday, December 9, 3:30 pm, Univ. Washington, HSB K-069.
- UW CompNeuro Seminar, Michael Beyeler (Cognitive Anteater Robotics Lab, UC Irvine, "A cortical neural network model of visual motion perception for decision-making and reactive navigation," Tuesday, December 1, 2015, 4-5pm, Guthrie Hall Annex 3 RM 120

New CSNE Publications

- Brunton, B.W., Johnson, L.A., Ojemann, J.G. and Kutz, J.N. Extracting spatial-temporal coherent patterns in large-scale neural recordings using dynamic mode decomposition. *J Neurosci Methods*, 2015 Oct 31. pii: S0165-0270(15)00382-9. doi: 10.1016/j.jneumeth.2015.10.010.
- Chung, M.J., Friesen, A.L., Fox, D., Meltzoff, A.N. and **Rao, R.P**. A Bayesian Developmental approach to robotic goal-based imitation learning. *PLoS One*. 2015;10(11):e0141965.
- Matsumoto, Y., Chen, R., Anikeeva, P. and Jasanoff, A. Engineering intracellular biomineralization and biosensing by a magnetic protein. *Nat Commun.* 2015 Nov 2;6:8721.
- Klein, E., Brown, T., Sample, M., Truitt, A.R. and Goering, S. Engineering the brain: Ethical issues and the introduction of neural devices. *Hastings Center Report* 45, 6: 26-35, 2015.
- **Klein, E.** Informed consent in implantable BCI research: Identifying risks and exploring meaning. *Science and Engineering Ethics*, pp.1-19, 2015.

CSNE in the News

- Several news outlets in San Diego reported on the **renewal of the CSNE** including The Daily Aztec, SanDiego6, KPBS and the SDSU Newscenter:
 - http://www.thedailyaztec.com/71128/news/new-brain-microchip-could-mobilize-people-with-paralysis/
 - http://newscenter.sdsu.edu/sdsu_newscenter/news_story.aspx?sid=75871
 - http://www.sandiego6.com/news/local/Renewed-hope-for-brain-injuries-paralysis-could-be-a-thing-of-the-past-337291321.html
 - http://www.kpbs.org/news/2015/oct/26/san-state-searches-breakthrough-paralysis/
- **Mr. Benjamin Hart** (teacher at Redmond High School), a 2015 CSNE Research Experience for Teachers participant, was mentioned in the November 6, 2015, Lake Washington School District *Focus* newsletter.
- The UW Daily announces the creation of the new graduate Certificate in Neural Computation and Engineering:
 http://www.dailyuw.com/news/article_53c135ac-9721-11e5-b040-4b2fbd6fe74d.html

 "A knack for hacking: Students tackle neural engineering problems at the CSNE" that describes the 2015 CSNE Hackathon was published in the November 12, 2015 issue of *The Daily*:

http://www.dailyuw.com/science/article_23efc846-88fa-11e5-ae3e-8f2ca73729a5.html

Recent Papers of Interest to the CSNE Community

- Park et al., Soft, stretchable, fully implantable miniaturized optoelectronic systems for wireless optogenetics. *Nature Biotech*, 2015, doi:10.1038/nbt.3415
- Pinnell, R.C., Dempster, J. and Pratt, J., Miniature wireless recording and stimulation system for rodent behavioural testing. *Journal of Neural Engineering*, 12:6, 2015, doi:10.1088/1741-2560/12/6/066015
- Robinson, N., Guan, C. and Vinod, A.P., Adaptive estimation of hand movement trajectory in an EEG based brain-computer interface system. *Journal of Neural Engineering*, 12:6, 2015.
- Jarosiewicz et al., Virtual typing by people with tetraplegia using a self-calibrating intracortical brain-computer interface, *Science Translational Medicine*, 7: 313ra179, DOI: 10.1126/scitranslmed.aac7328.
- Rajan, A.T., Boback, J.L., Dammann, J.F., Tenore, F.B., Wester, B.A., Otto, K.J., Gaunt, R.A. and Bensmaia, S.J., The effects of chronic intracortical microstimulation on neural tissue and fine motor behavior. *Journal of Neural Engineering*, 12:6, 2015.
- Klaes, C., Kellis, S., Aflalo, T., Lee, B., Pejsa, K., Shanfield, K., Hayes-Jackson, S., Aisen, M., Heck, C., Liu, C., Andersen, R.A., Hand shape representations in the human posterior parietal cortex, *J. Neurosci.*, 35: 15466-15476, 2015.

Grant Opportunities

- Integrative Strategies for Understanding Neural and Cognitive Systems: http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2016/nsf16508/nsf16508.htm?WT.mc_id=USNSF_25&WT.mc_ev=click
- BRAIN Initiative: New Technologies and Novel Approaches for Large-Scale Recording and Modulation in the Nervous System (U01) Grant: http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppld=280111
- BRAIN Initiative: Optimization of Transformative Technologies for Large Scale Recording and Modulation in the Nervous System (U01) Grant http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=280112

- BRAIN Initiative: Development and Validation of Novel Tools to Analyze Cell-Specific and Circuit-Specific Processes in the Brain (R01) Grant http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=280114
- BRAIN Initiative: Non-Invasive Neuromodulation Mechanisms and Dose/Response Relationships for Targeted CNS Effects (R01) Grant http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=280230
- BRAIN Initiative: Non-Invasive Neuromodulation New Tools and Techniques for Spatiotemporal Precision (R01) Grant http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=280240
- Research Associateship Programs: http://sites.nationalacademies.org/pga/rap/
- Vodafone Wireless Innovation Project http://vodafone-us.com/wireless-innovation-project/

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