2016 Annual Retreat of the USC Neuroscience Graduate Program
American Jewish University, Brandeis-Bardin Campus, Brandeis, CA;
September 23, 24, & 25, 2016

FRIDAY SEPT 23rd
3:00pm – 5:30pm  Registration and Check-In - Fligelman House
Note: we will not be able to accommodate attendees arriving after 8:30pm

5:30pm – 6:30pm  USC NGP Opening Night Reception - BCI Dance Pavilion

6:30pm – 8:00pm  Opening Night NGP Dinner - Gunter Family Dining Center

All NGP Retreat Lectures take place in the WAPNER AUDITORIUM

7:30pm - 8:00pm  Rachel Yuan, NGF Czarina, and the current NGF Officers -
Introduction of New USC NGP Students and New NGF Officers;  
The Ceremonial Passing of the USC NGP Sacred Book of Secrets

8:00pm – 9:00+pm  The 2016 NGP Interactive Ethics and Professionalism Workshop 
Professor Judy Illes, University of British Columbia, Canada  
‘Today, Not Tomorrow: The Neuroethics Imperative to Align Human  
Values with Neuroscience’

9:00pm - Really Late  NGP Retreat Campfire and S’mores - (directions to be provided)

SATURDAY SEPT 24th
8am – 9am  Breakfast - Gunter Family Dining Center

9:00am – 10:30am  Session A - Wapner Auditorium

9:00am – 9:30am  Assistant Professor Kristi Clark, USC Stevens Institute
‘ZOom3: Mapping brain connectivity from millimeters to molecules’

9:30am – 9:45am  Ted Hsu, NGP Graduate Student
‘The regulation of feeding behavior through hippocampal neural circuits’

9:45am – 10:15am  Professor Sarah Bottjer, Department of Neurobiology
‘Neural representations of current and goal behaviors in  
cortico-basal ganglia circuits during sensitive-period learning’

10:15am – 10:30am  Brian Zingg, NGP Graduate Student
‘Discovering a functional role for the mouse claustrum’

10:30am – 10:45am  Coffee Break

10:45am – 12:00 pm  Morning Featured Speaker: 
Professor Bartlett Mel, USC Department of Biomedical Engineering
‘What natural images can teach us about the computing strategies  
of visual cortex’
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| 3:00pm – 5:00pm | Free time and onsite activities on your own  
(swimming, archery, horseback riding, climbing, hiking)    |
| 5:00pm – 6:00pm | USC NGP Retreat Distinguished Lecturer - Wapner Auditorium  
Professor Caleb E. Finch, ARCO/William F. Kieschnick Professor in the Neurobiology of Aging and University Professor  
USC Leonard Davis School of Gerontology  
‘ApoE alleles in human evolution: does the past predict the future?’ |
| 6:30pm – 8:00pm | NGP Dinner - Gunter Family Dining Center                               |
| 8:00pm – 9:00pm | Team Awards and NGP Student Skits - Wapner Auditorium                  |
| 9:00pm – 10:00pm+ | Cocktail Hour/Ice Cream Social - Glaser Plaza                          |
| **SUNDAY SEPT 25th** |                                                                 |
| 8am – 9am | Breakfast - Gunter Family Dining Center                               |
| 9:00am – 10:15am | Session B - Wapner Auditorium                                          |
| 9:00am – 9:15am | Kwok (Chris) Im, NGP Graduate Student  
‘HLA-A Critically Determines Human Neural Stem Cell Immune Tolerance’ |
| 9:15am – 9:45am | Professor Bosco Tjan, USC Keck School of Medicine  
‘Quantifying the relationship between the fMRI BOLD signal and neural response’ |
| 9:45am – 10:00am | Kirsten Lynch, NGP Graduate Student  
‘Arcuate Fasciculus Lateralization in Development’ |
| 10:00am – 10:45am | NGP Retreat Visiting Scholar Presentation  
Professor Michael Miller, University of California, Santa Barbara  
‘Multiple realizability: implications for mapping the brain’ |
| 10:45am – 12:00pm | Round Table Discussions on NGP-Related Topics   
with the NGP Directors, Faculty, and Students            |
| 12:00pm | Room Checkout and Departure                                      |