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## **2005 ISGIDAR SCIENTIFIC MEETING Orlando, FL**

The 2005 annual ISGIDAR Scientific Meeting will be held Saturday 18 June at the Wyndham Palace Resort, Orlando, FL. This will be our 31<sup>th</sup> annual meeting. As usual, the meeting will be held as a satellite session immediately preceding the annual scientific meeting of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence.

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## **Recent Publications**

## **Bill Fantegrossi, Ph.D.**

- Fantegrossi WE, Ko MC, Woods JH, Richelson E (2005) Antinociceptive, hypothermic, hypotensive, and reinforcing effects of a novel neurotensin receptor agonist, NT69L, in rhesus monkeys. *Pharmacol Biochem Behav* 80(2):341-9
- Fantegrossi WE, Winger G, Woods JH, Woolverton WL, Coop A (2005) Reinforcing and discriminative stimulus effects of 1-benzylpiperazine and trifluoromethylphenylpiperazine in rhesus monkeys. *Drug Alcohol Depend* 77(2):161-8

## **S. Stevens Negus, Ph.D.**

- Stevenson GW, Wentland MP, Bidlack JM, Mello NK, Negus SS: Effects of the mixed-action kappa/mu agonist 8-carboxamidocyclazocine on cocaine- and food-maintained responding in rhesus monkeys. *Eur J Pharmacol*, 2004; 506:133-141.
- Negus SS. Interactions between the reinforcing effects of cocaine and heroin in a drug vs. food choice procedure in rhesus monkeys: A dose-addition analysis. *Psychopharmacology*, in press.
- Negus SS. Effects of punishment on choice between cocaine and food in rhesus monkeys. *Psychopharmacology*, in press.
- Rothman RB, Blough BE, Woolverton WL, Anderson K, Negus SS, Mello NK, Roth BL, Baumann MH. Identification of a non-amphetamine monoamine releasing agent with low abuse potential that suppresses cocaine self-administration in monkeys. *J. Pharmacol Exp Ther*, in press.
- Stevenson GW, Folk JE, Rice KC, Negus SS: Interactions between delta and mu opioid agonists in assays of schedule-controlled responding, antinociception, drug self-administration and drug vs. food choice in rhesus monkeys: Studies with SNC80 and heroin. *J Pharmacol Exp Ther*, in press.

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# **POSITIONS AVAILABLE**

## **Postdoctoral Fellowship in The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)**

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is seeking a Postdoctoral Fellow, to work in the Intramural Research Program (IRP), NIDA. The successful candidate will work in

the Psychobiology Laboratory, Medications Discovery Research Branch. We are seeking a highly motivated individual with a Ph.D. in pharmacology, psychology, or neuroscience. Candidates should have experience with the use of whole-animal behavioral techniques, or in vitro techniques for the study of behaviorally active drugs. Surgical skills and background and/or experience with operant conditioning techniques are also desirable. The fellowship is for 2 years, with an optional third year. Candidates may be U.S. citizens, permanent residents, or foreign citizens, and must initially submit a CV and 3 letters of recommendation (including one from their doctoral thesis advisor) to:

Jonathan L. Katz, Ph.D.,  
Psychobiology Section,  
NIDA Intramural Research Program,  
5500 Nathan Shock Drive,  
Baltimore, Maryland, 21224.  
Email: [JKATZ@intra.nida.nih.gov](mailto:JKATZ@intra.nida.nih.gov)

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### **NIDA - Research Fellowship in Substance Abuse Disorders**

Columbia University/New York State Psychiatric Institute offers fellows with either an MD or PhD extensive training in clinical and/or laboratory research. For interested psychiatrists, the fellowship has a two-year, ACGME-accredited training program in addiction psychiatry sponsored by Columbia University and New York Presbyterian Hospital. Individuals with strong research interests are encouraged to apply.

For applications:

Frances R. Levin, M.D.  
Co-Director Research Fellowship in Substance Abuse  
1051 Riverside Drive, Unit 66  
New York, NY 10032  
(212) 543-6105, Fax: (212) 543-6018  
[frl2@columbia.edu](mailto:frl2@columbia.edu)

In accordance with Federal funding regulations, this announcement is directed to U.S. citizens, non-citizen nationals and foreign nationals with permanent resident status. Columbia University is an AA/EEO employer.

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## **POST-DOCTORAL POSITION IN HUMAN BEHAVIORAL PHARMACOLOGY OF NICOTINE**

A post-doctoral position in the behavioral pharmacology of nicotine in humans may be available in the laboratory of Dr. Kenneth A. Perkins at the University of Pittsburgh. This position is funded through NHLBI. Ongoing NIDA-supported projects focus on: 1) environmental modulation of nicotine responses and tobacco self-administration, 2) individual differences associated with sensitivity to nicotine, including gender, genetic, and personality factors. Applicants also interested in clinical research may become involved in smoking cessation studies.

Interested candidates should send a C.V. and letter of interest to Dr. Perkins at the following address

Kenneth A. Perkins, Ph.D.  
Department of Psychiatry  
University of Pittsburgh Medical Center  
3811 O'Hara Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15213  
voice: (412) 246-5395  
fax: (412) 246-5390  
email: [perkinska@upmc.edu](mailto:perkinska@upmc.edu)  
website: <http://myprofile.cos.com/perkinsk31>

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## **POST-DOCTORAL POSITION**

A post-doctoral position is likely to be available at Harvard Medical School beginning in the fall of 2005. Opportunities will exist to study environmental and pharmacological modulation of the reinforcing effects of stimulants and opioids using a range of drug self-administration assays, including novel choice procedures in rhesus monkeys. Opportunities will also exist to study drug-induced analgesic effects in rodents and rhesus monkeys using both behavioral assays and functional magnetic resonance imaging. Interested applicants should contact

Steve Negus at [negus@mclean.harvard.edu](mailto:negus@mclean.harvard.edu).

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## **POST-DOCTORAL POSITION**

A postdoctoral research position is available in the Preclinical Pharmacology Program at McLean Hospital / Department of Psychiatry of Harvard Medical School. We are looking for a motivated individual to conduct i.v. self-administration research in a stimulating, supportive environment. This person will gain experience with choice and other procedures that are used to study the reinforcing effects of abused drugs. An ability to think analytically and strong writing / communication skills are essential. A background in pharmacology or behavioral analysis is a plus; previous experience in working with primates is desirable, but not necessary. Salary is competitive and commensurate with experience. The position is available immediately, and applications will be accepted until the position is filled. Please send curriculum vitae, brief description of interest, and the contact

information for two or more references to:

Jack Bergman, Ph.D.  
McLean Hospital / Harvard Medical School  
115 Mill Street  
Belmont, MA02478-9106.

Electronic submissions are encouraged and should be sent to: [jbergman@hms.harvard.edu](mailto:jbergman@hms.harvard.edu) .

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### **Behavioral Pharmacologist**

The Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (*website: <http://www.uams.edu/pharmtox/>*) invites applications for a behavioral pharmacologist using operant procedures to study drug action in non-primate species. The level of academic rank is open for this tenure-track position. We are particularly interested in candidates with funded research programs that will complement and broaden existing strengths in the areas of drug abuse/behavioral pharmacology and medications development. Applicants should submit a letter of interest, curriculum vitae, and the names of three references to:

Dr. Galen R. Wenger, Ph.D.  
Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology  
Mail Slot 611  
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences  
4301 West Markham Street  
Little Rock, AR 72205

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## **Research Associate/Research Scientist**

The Washington Institute for Mental Illness Research & Training (WIMIRT) at Washington State University Spokane (WSUS) is seeking candidates with demonstrated expertise in co-occurring disorders (mental health & chemical dependency) for a faculty position at the Research Associate/Research Scientist level. The position is a full-time, annual appointment funded through September, 2006 with renewal subject to continued funding. Salary is competitive with excellent fringe benefits. Responsibilities include conducting policy-relevant evaluation and research that addresses issues of direct relevance to the state Mental Health Division and the state Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse and responding to requests for data and technical assistance from either division. The successful candidate will also be expected to develop an externally funded research program. The position will have appointments at both WIMIRT, Eastern Branch, and at WSUS. Funding for this position is provided jointly by the Washington State Division of Mental Health and the Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse.

Required qualifications: Doctoral degree in one of the behavioral, biological, social, or health-related sciences with demonstrated expertise in the area of co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders. Preferred qualifications: Demonstrated ability to establish a vigorous, independent, externally funded research program and a scholarly publications record in co-occurring disorders. Demonstrated interest and experience in health services research including a history of working with large administrative data sets are also preferred qualifications.

WIMIRT is a partnership between the State Mental Health Division and the State's Universities. The Eastern Branch is located in Spokane, Washington and is affiliated with WSUS. WIMIRT's purpose is to improve collaboration between state government, state colleges and universities; and to conduct training and research that directly benefits mentally ill persons in Washington State. The research program of the Institute at WSU is currently funded by State contracts and by federal, private, and industry grants. There are five doctoral faculty members, and approximately 10 additional faculty and staff are supported through grants and contracts.

The position is located in Olympia, WA in order to provide physical proximity to both the Mental Health Division and the Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse. Olympia is the Capital of Washington State. It is set on the southern shores of Puget

Sound about 60 miles south of Seattle, Washington and 110 miles north of Portland, Oregon. Olympia ranks as one of America's loveliest cities and is within a two hour drive to Mount Rainier and ocean beaches.

Review of applications will begin January 1, 2005. Interested applicants should submit curriculum vitae, names and contact information of three references, two to three representative publications, and a two to three page statement of goals and interests to:

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Chair, Search Committee  
Washington Institute for Mental Illness Research & Training (Eastern Branch)  
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Spokane, WA 99210-1495  
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[johnroll@wsu.edu](mailto:johnroll@wsu.edu)

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