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## Comprehensive Neuroscience Center February 2025 Newsletter

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## Latest Stories

A feast for the senses: Cultural Connections Food Fair celebrates community at Heersink



The Heersink School of Medicine is set to transform the North

Pavilion Atrium into a global marketplace of flavors, traditions, and creativity with the [Cultural Connections Food Fair](#) on Thursday, Feb. 6, at 4:30 p.m. This highly anticipated event invites faculty, staff, students, and their families to an evening of food, music, and cultural appreciation, celebrating the cultures that define Heersink. The Astronauts of Albania will perform. [Register online](#).

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## Save the Dates

2025 Evelyn F. McKnight Brain Institute at  
UAB Lecture

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*“From Heart Health to Brain Health:  
The American Heart Association at 100 Years”*



**Mitchell Elkind, M.D., M.S., FAHA**

Chief Clinical Science Officer, Past President of the AHA

**Thursday, February 13, 2025 @ 11:45am**

**KAUL 270 - Finley Conference Center, 705 S 20<sup>th</sup> St**

This is an in-person event.

Registration required [click link](#)

Boxed lunches will be provided.

Questions: contact Tasha Smith, PhD, MPH, [tasharsmith@uabmc.edu](mailto:tasharsmith@uabmc.edu)



## 2025 Neurodevelopment Research and Care Retreat



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**2025 Neurodevelopment Research & Care Retreat:**  
"Building Community for Translational NDD Research"

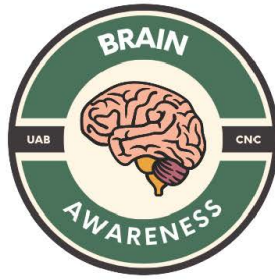
March 7, 2024 from 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

At Hilton Birmingham Downtown at UAB (808 20th Street  
South Birmingham, AL 35205)

The Department of Neurobiology invites you to attend the Civitan International Research Center (CIRC) 2025 Neurodevelopment Research and Care Retreat. This retreat will explore the latest in neurodevelopment research and clinical care at UAB, with opportunities to connect with experts in rare disease, genetics, neonatology, cell biology, imaging, psychology, and autism.





[Register Today.](#)

**Brain Awareness Week 2025**



**MARCH  
26-29**

**JOIN UAB AT THE MCWANE SCIENCE CENTER TO  
LEARN ABOUT THE BRAIN!**

 <b>DISSECTIONS</b>	<b>LEARN ABOUT THE BRAIN</b>	 <b>MEASURE YOUR MUSCLES</b>
<b>BRAIN AWARENESS WEEK</b>		
 <b>LEARN MORE</b>	<b>STUDY YOUR SENSES</b>	 <b>PRISM GOGGLES</b>

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The University of  
Alabama at Birmingham.

**NeuroGateways - Abstracts Due March 7**

3<sup>rd</sup> annual

# NEUROGATEWAYS symposium

Hosted by  
THE UAB CENTER FOR NEUROENGINEERING AND BRAIN-  
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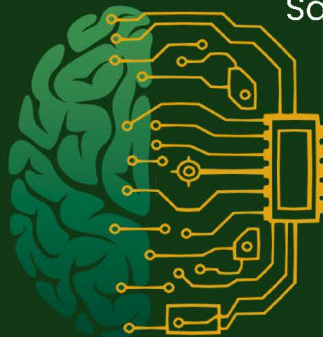
Date: April 10-11, 2025  
Location: UAB Alumni House

**Registration open now!**  
**Abstracts due 3/7**

Keynote:  
Brian Litt, MD



Keynote:  
Sameer Sheth, MD/PhD



Register at  
[NeuroGateways.com](https://NeuroGateways.com)



## Happening This Month

Tuesday, February 4, 2025 8am to 9am  
[Neurology Grand Rounds - Ciaran Considine](#)  
West Pavilion, Conference Center E

Tuesday, February 4, 2025 12pm to 1pm

[ADRC Seminar Series: Dr. Victor Del Bene](#)

Callahan Eye Hospital, EFH 554 Conference Room

Wednesday, February 5, 2025 3:30pm to 4:30pm

[Department of Psychology CME Series](#)

Campbell Hall, 327

Thursday, February 6, 2025 1:30pm to 2:30pm

[Neurobiology Seminar Series- Pamela J. Lein, UC Davis](#)

BBRB, 170

Thursday, February 6, 2025 4:30pm to 6pm

[Cultural Connections Food Fair](#)

UAB Hospital North Pavilion, 2nd Floor Atrium

Friday, February 7, 2025 9am to 10am

[Neuroscience Works-In-Progress- Guy Micheal Twa, Graduate Research Assistant](#)

SHEL 1015

Friday, February 7, 2025 2pm to 3pm

Glial Biology Works-in-progress

SHEL 105

Wednesday, February 12, 2025 12pm to 1pm

[UAB Nathan Shock Center Seminar with Anne Brunet](#)

School of Health Professions, 226

Wednesday, February 12, 2025 12pm to 1pm

[Neurosurgery Grand Rounds - Zachary Irwin, Ph.D.](#)

Faculty Office Tower, 1101

Thursday, February 13, 2025 11:45am

[2025 Evelyn F. McKnight Brain Institute at UAB Lecture](#)

Hugh Kaul Human Genetics Building, 270 (Finley Conference Center)

Thursday, February 13, 2025 1:30pm to 2:30pm

[Neurobiology Seminar Series- Yasmin Hurd Mount Sinai](#)

BBRB, 170

Friday, February 14, 2025 9am to 10am

[Neuroscience Works-In-Progress- Chang Li, Graduate Research](#)

Assistant

SHEL 1015

Wednesday, February 19, 2025 12pm to 1pm

Cell, Developmental, and Integrative Biology Seminar Series: Sarika Srivastava, Ph.D.

Tinsley Harrison Tower, 740

Thursday, February 20, 2025 1:30pm to 2:30pm

Neurobiology Seminar Series- Michael Higley Yale University

BBRB, 170

Friday, February 21, 2025 9am to 10am

Neuroscience Works-In-Progress- Lynne Nacke, Scientist I

SHEL 1015

Thursday, February 27, 2025 12pm to 1pm

AMWA featuring Drs. Jane B. Allendorfer and Sima Patel

Zoom

Thursday, February 27, 2025 1:30pm to 2:30pm

Neurobiology Seminar Series- Zoe McElligott, University of North Carolina

BBRB, 170

Friday, February 28, 2025 9am to 10am

Neuroscience Works-In-Progress- Mary Ann Garner, PhS, Assistant Professor

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**Official titles of Seminars will be included in Weekly Updates!**

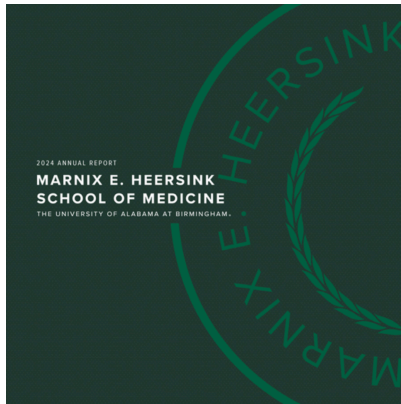
Have an event to share?

Tag the CNC on the UAB Calendar Event or email [cnc@uab.edu](mailto:cnc@uab.edu)

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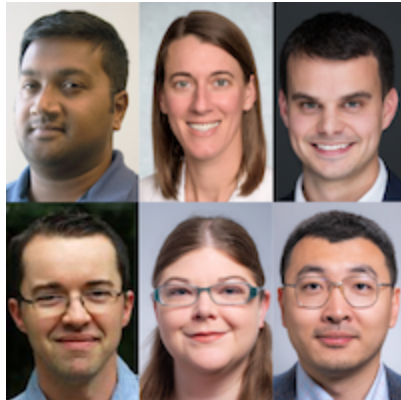
## UAB News





### **[Read the Heersink School of Medicine 2024 Annual Report today](#)**

The Heersink School of Medicine 2024 Annual Report is now available online. Read about some of the exceptional people and programs that powered our research, medical education, and clinical care missions during the past year.



### **[2025 Pittman Scholars announced](#)**

The UAB Heersink School of Medicine is proud to announce the 2025 Pittman Scholars. This prestigious honor recognizes assistant professors who have held that rank for fewer than five years for their exceptional research achievements and potential for future contributions to their fields.

### **[Four undergraduate students nominated for the Barry Goldwater Scholarship](#)**



Four students from the College of Arts and Sciences—three from the Undergraduate Neuroscience Program and one from the Undergraduate Immunology Program—have been nominated for the prestigious Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation.

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## SfN News



### **[Advocate for BRAIN Initiative Funding in FY 25](#)**



All SfN members can nominate themselves or fellow colleagues for an Officer, Councilor, or Committee position.

[Nominations](#) close on February 7, 2025 at 11:59 p.m. EST.

The Neuroscience Scholars Program (NSP) is a two-year online training program to support graduate students and postdoctoral researchers.

[NSP Applications](#) are open until February 19, 5 p.m. EST.

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## NIH News



### **Contact lenses used to slow nearsightedness in youth have a lasting effect**

NIH-funded study finds progression of eye growth returns to normal in older teens, with no loss of treatment benefit.



### **NIH to lead implementation of National Plan to End Parkinson's Act**

Open call for participants to serve on Parkinson's Advisory Council.

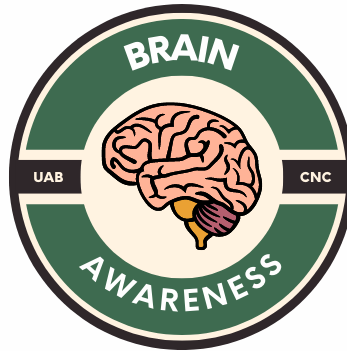


## Wildfire smoke exposure and dementia risk

Wildfire smoke exposure was associated with greater odds of being diagnosed.

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## Get Involved



Are you a student or CNC member looking to excite your community about Neuroscience research?

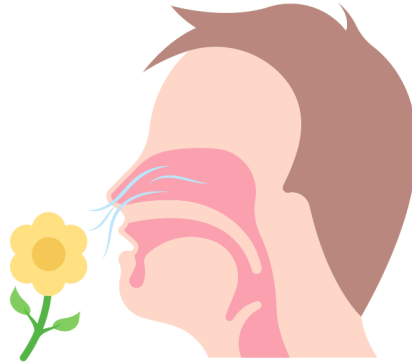
We have several outreach opportunities for you to get involved!

To join the CNC Brain Awareness (Outreach) Listserv, Click [Here](#). Complete the registration form and select CNC Brain Awareness (Outreach) Listserv at the bottom.

You can also check <https://www.brainawarenessuab.com/brain-awareness/upcoming-events-volunteer-opportunities> for upcoming events and volunteer opportunities!

**Join us for Feburary Brain Snacks!**

# BRAIN SNACKS



Join us for interactive neuroscience activities to  
learn about the wonders of the brain!

Learn about your  
sense of smell!

02.08.2025

**11AM - 1PM**

McWane Science Center  
200 19th St N,  
Birmingham, AL 35203



**Volunteer for Brain Awareness Week 2025!**

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# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**TRAINING**  
**MARCH**  
**19-23**

**BAW**  
**MARCH**  
**26-29**

## MCWANE CENTER

Brain Awareness Week 2025 is coming up! Scan the QR code to sign up for one of our activities. Contact [cteickst@uab.edu](mailto:cteickst@uab.edu), [ampiper@uab.edu](mailto:ampiper@uab.edu) for more information.

Visit <https://www.brainawarenessuab.com/uab-brain-awareness-week/about-uab-baw> to learn more about Brain Awareness Week!

## Additional Links

[CNC Website](#)

[CNC Neuroscience Research Pillars](#)

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