

**Swartz Foundation Annual Meeting**  
July 21-24, 2019 | Janelia Research Campus  
AXON/DENDRITE ROOM

**Sunday, July 21**

*Arrival and check-in*

6:00 pm Welcome Reception (*Lobby*)  
7:00 pm Dinner (*Dining Room*)  
8:00 pm Refreshments available at Bob's Pub

**Monday, July 22**

8:00 am Breakfast available in the Servedy (*service ends at 9:15am*)

**9:30 am Session 1**

9:30 am **Nirag Kadakia**, Yale University  
*Universal front-end adaptation confers robust combinatorial odor coding in natural environments*

10:15 am **Michael J. Morais**, Princeton University  
*Extending efficient coding to more diverse families of optimal codes in Bayesian observer models*

11:00 am **Gaia Tavoni**, University of Pennsylvania  
*Constructing optimal filters for dynamic statistical inference*

11:45 am Lunch in the Servedy (*service ends at 1pm*)

**1:00 pm Session 2**

1:00 pm **Mikhail Genkin**, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory  
*Inference of interpretable dynamical models from large-scale neural activity recordings*

1:45 pm **Sam Lewallen**, Harvard University  
*Dimensionality and dynamics*

2:30 pm **Mu Qiao**, California Institute of Technology  
*Independent discriminant analysis for RNAseq of neurons*

3:15 pm Break

**3:45 pm Session 3**

3:45 pm **Merav Stern**, University of Washington  
*Inferring neural population spiking rate from wide-field calcium recordings*

4:30 pm **Chengcheng Huang**, University of Pittsburgh  
*Circuit models of low dimensional shared variability in cortical networks*

5:15 pm **Charles Cosnier-Horeau**, Brandeis University  
*Continuity and related issues in the V1 representation*

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- 8:00 am Breakfast available in the Seryery (*service ends at 9:15am*)
- 9:30 am Session 4**
- 9:30 am **Alex Kuczala**, Salk Institute/UCSD  
*Eigenvalue spectra of random matrices with block-structured correlations*
- 10:15 am **Rainer Engelken**, Columbia University  
*Dimensionality and entropy of spontaneous and evoked neural rate dynamics*
- 11:00 am **Ulises Pereira**, New York University  
*Memory and chaos in sparsely connected recurrent neuronal networks*
- 11:45 am Lunch (*service ends at 1pm*)
- 12:30 pm Building Tour (*optional – meet at reception*)
- 1:30 pm Session 5**
- 1:30 pm **Leandro Alonso**, Brandeis University  
*Modeling the differential resilience of neurons and networks to perturbations*
- 2:15 pm **Agostina Palmigiano**, Columbia University  
*Statistics of network responses to perturbations*
- 3:00 pm **Sergey Shuvaev**, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory  
*Deep reinforcement R-learning in actor-critic model can explain mouse foraging behavior*
- 3:45 pm Break
- 4:15 pm Session 6**
- 4:15 pm **Bolun Chen**, Brandeis University  
*Attractor-state itinerancy in neural circuits with synaptic depression*
- 5:00 pm **Alessandro Ingrosso**, Columbia University  
*Training dynamically balanced excitatory-inhibitory networks*
- 5:45 pm **Nimrod Shaham**, Harvard University  
*Continual learning and replay in a sparse forgetful Hopfield model*
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**Wednesday, July 24**

- 8:00 am Breakfast available in the Servedy (*service ends at 9:15am*)
- 9:30 am Session 7**
- 9:30 am **Aine Byrne**, New York University  
*A neural circuit model for learning a beat*
- 10:15 am **Madhu Advani**, Harvard University  
*A new role for sparse expansion in neural networks*
- 11:00 am **Jonathan Kadmon**, Stanford University  
*Improving coding fidelity in neuronal networks by harnessing noise and chaos*
- 11:45 am Conclusion / Lunch (*service ends at 1pm*)
- 12:30 pm First Shuttle to Dulles Airport
- 1:30 pm Second Shuttle to Dulles Airport
- 2:30 pm Last shuttle to Dulles Airport

**POSTER PRESENTATIONS**

- Batuhan Baserdem**, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory  
*Smoothed  $p$  article hydrodynamics*
- Hannah Choi**, University of Washington  
*Data-driven models of the mouse mesoscale connectome: network structure and functionality*
- Srinivas Gorur Shandilya**, Brandeis University  
*Compensation of size change coexists with sensitivity to perturbations in a model of neuronal regulation*
- Gabrielle Gutierrez**, University of Washington  
*Nonlinear convergence preserves information*
- Kyo Iigaya**, California Institute of Technology  
*Distributed neural computations underlying the construction of subjective value*
- Rich Pang**, University of Washington  
*Excitability-modulated sequences and computation in bioinspired neural networks*
- Siwei Qiu**, Brandeis University  
*Context-dependent computation by randomly connected attractor networks with synaptic depression*

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