

This Week's News and Reflections (03/09/07)
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This email newsletter is sent to members of the Federation plus interested governmental agency officials. Its goal is to inform researchers in the field about Federation activities, funding issues, and other relevant topics.

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**SAM GLUCKSBERG HONORED FOR OUTSTANDING
CONTRIBUTIONS TO SCIENCE IN SPECIAL FABBS' PROGRAM**

Drs. Boaz Keysar (University of Chicago) and Susan Fiske (Princeton University) organized colleagues, former students and friends to honor Dr. Sam Glucksberg (Princeton University) in a unique way. Using the special "In Honor Of" Program of the Foundation for the Advancement of Behavioral and Brain Sciences (FABBS), these admirers came together to have Glucksberg's many achievements highlighted and, in so doing, acknowledged his impact on their lives. Please visit this link to read further, and to view the gallery of luminary scientists honored in prior months:
http://www.fabbs.org/Glucksberg_Honor.html

**RSVP TODAY: UNDERSTANDING CONSCIOUSNESS, BRAIN
ACTIVITY VIS-A-VIS TERRI SCHIAVO: SCHIFF AND WEGNER
TO SPEAK IN DC ON MARCH 26**

The Foundation for the Advancement of Behavioral and Brain Sciences is pleased to announce a science café entitled, "Unraveling the mysteries of the brain & mind in the aftermath of Terri Schiavo & related cases" to be held at the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) on Monday evening, March 26. Nicholas Schiff, M.D. (Weill Medical College of Cornell University) and Daniel Wegner, Ph.D. (Harvard University) will describe the various states of consciousness detectable via special imaging techniques as well as how people perceive the "minds" of, for example, robots and animals. This will undoubtedly be an engaging set of presentations - and questions and discussion from the audience will be strongly encouraged. Coffee and light fare will be provided. Seating is limited. Please click here to learn more about the event and how to RSVP:
http://www.fabbs.org/Events/March_2007_Cafe/FABBS_Cafe_March_07_Invite.pdf

**"THE AMERICA COMPETES ACT" IS SENATE'S "NEW" BILL
ON COMPETITIVENESS**

Science advocates in Washington have been following a stream of activity the last few years brought on by the publication of the National Academies report called "Rising Above the Gathering Storm." The goal is to boot-strap our Nation in terms of innovation in certain areas of science and math, sending increases in funding to several agencies, including the National Science Foundation. You have likely heard terms like "American Competitiveness Initiative" and "National Competitiveness Investment Act" and so on.

The new Senate version of the bill for 2007 is called "The America COMPETES Act," Bill # S. 761.

Yesterday at a special briefing on Capitol Hill, the new version was discussed and was summarized as having "three primary areas of importance" including: (1) increasing research investment, (2) strengthening educational opportunities in science, technology, engineering and mathematics from elementary through graduate school, and (3) developing an innovation infrastructure. NSF, NIST, Department of Energy all stand to gain by this Act, but this new version also includes NASA and NOAA, unlike others. We were told that the social/behavioral sciences were not singularly excluded from the new version, but we will keep close tabs as this bill makes its way through the system. There is still a fairly clear emphasis on the physical sciences, math and engineering.

AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION SPONSORS "NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND" LUNCHEON

Meghan McGowan reports: The American Educational Research Association, along with Institute for Education Leadership, hosted an insightful luncheon today at the Library of Congress. Mike Petrilli, Vice President for National Programs and Policy at the Thomas B. Fordham Foundation and editor of *Education Next*, was the guest speaker. Mr. Petrilli spoke about the evolving policy decisions that effect the implementation and success of the law. The U.S. Congress is set to consider reauthorizing the No Child Left Behind bill and this is an important time for reflection. The audience consisted of advocates and educators interested in the success of children and schools throughout the country, as well as U.S. student's competitiveness among other countries. To learn more about the events AERA offers, visit: <http://www.era.net/>

NIGMS SEEKS INPUT IN STRATEGIC PLAN

The National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS) at the National Institutes of Health is engaged in a strategic planning process that will guide its decision-making over the next 5 years. We are seeking broad input from scientists, scientific organizations, and other interested parties. If you would like to give us your views, please respond via their [Web site \(http://www.nigms.nih.gov/About/StrategicPlan/Input.htm\)](http://www.nigms.nih.gov/About/StrategicPlan/Input.htm) by March 20, 2007. Input is anonymous.

NIGMS ANNOUNCES TWO FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Non-Biodefense Emerging Infectious Diseases Research
Opportunities (R01) PA-07-246
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-07-246.html>

Multidisciplinary Translational Research in Critical Care
(R01) PA-07-233
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-07-233.html>

NATIONAL CHILDREN'S STUDY SEEKS PROPOSALS FOR UP TO 20 NEW STUDY CENTERS

"The National Children's Study has issued a request for proposals to award contracts to up to 20 new study centers. These centers will manage operations in up to a total of 30 communities across the United States. The National Children's Study seeks to examine the effects of environmental influences on human health and development by enrolling a representative sample of more than 100,000 infants from across the United States and following them from before birth until age 21. The request for proposals represents the next

step in implementing the study, which began in 2005 with the awarding of contracts to seven initial, or Vanguard, centers in seven U.S. communities." Visit:
<http://www1.fbo.gov/spg/HHS/NIH/NICHD/RFP%2DNIH%2DNICHD%2DNCS%2D07%2D11/Attachments.html>

NIH ANNOUNCES INNOVATION AWARD FOR NEW INVESTIGATORS – CHECK IT OUT!

"New investigators are the future of science, and innovative ideas are its lifeblood. This flagship program underscores NIH's commitment to supporting these two critical elements of the research enterprise. The New Innovator Award, funded through the National Institute of Health's Roadmap Common Fund, complements longstanding activities in both areas at the NIH level and at its institutes and centers," said Elias Zerhouni, director of the NIH.

The application period opens on April 25 and closes on May 22, 2007. NIH expects to make at least 14 awards in September 2007. New investigators who have not yet obtained an NIH R01 or similar grant are eligible to apply. Applicants must hold an independent research position at an institution in the United States and must have received a doctoral degree or completed a medical internship and residency in 1997 or later. Visit:
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-RM-07-009.html>

EARLY CHILDHOOD LONGITUDINAL STUDY, BIRTH COHORT CONFERENCE TO BE HELD MAY 8-10 IN DC

There is a special conference, free but RSVP needed, sponsored by the National Center for Education Statistics and two groups within the National Institutes of Health on child development. RSVP required by April 20 – this is open to scientists and policy makers interested in this topic. Visit this link for more info:
<http://ies.ed.gov/whatsnew/conferences/?id=209&cid=2>.

FEDERAL REPORTS & GRANT OPPORTUNITIES NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

National Science Foundation Releases Statistics on Women, Minorities and Persons with Disabilities

http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=pr07021

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Final Report from the NSF Innovation and Discovery Workshop

http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf0725

Type: Reports Subtype: Social/Behavioral Sciences

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

Study Advances Evidence for Receptor's Role in Alcohol Pleasure and Problems

<http://www.niaaa.nih.gov/NewsEvents/NewsReleases/receptors-role.htm>

NIH Partners with HBO on Groundbreaking Documentary on Addiction

<http://www.niaaa.nih.gov/NewsEvents/NewsReleases/hbo-documentary.htm>

GENERAL ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

National Institutes of Health Extramural Research Grants: Oversight of Cost Reimbursements to Universities. GAO-07-294R, January 31.

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-07-294R>

Aviation Safety: Improved Data Collection Needed for Effective Oversight of Air Ambulance Industry. GAO-07-353, February 21.

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-07-353>

Highlights - <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d07353high.pdf>

Highlights of a GAO Forum: Engaging and Retaining Older Workers. GAO-07-438SP, February 28. <http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-07-438SP>

Highlights - <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d07438sphigh.pdf>

Homeland Security: Preparing for and Responding to Disasters, by William O. Jenkins, Jr., director, homeland security and justice issues, before the Subcommittee on Homeland Security, House Committee on Appropriations. GAO-07-395T, March 9.

<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-07-395T>

Highlights - <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d07395thigh.pdf>

FEDERATION SOCIETY NEWS CORNER...

Upcoming Federation society annual meetings:

APRIL

American Educational Research Association

April 9-13, Chicago, IL

<http://www.aera.net>

Society for Industrial and Organizational Psychology

April 27-29, New York, NY

www.siop.org

MAY/JUNE

Association for Behavior Analysis

May 25-29, San Diego, CA

www.abainternational.org

Behavior Genetics Association

June 3-6, Amsterdam, Netherlands

www.bga.org

International Behavioral Neuroscience Society

June 12-16, Rio De Janiero, Brasil

www.ibnshomepage.org

Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology

June 21-24, Pacific Grove, CA

www.sbn.org

JULY/AUGUST

American Psychological Association

August 17-20, San Francisco, CA

www.apa.org

Cognitive Science Society

August 1-4, Nashville, TN

www.cognitivesciencesociety.org

Society for Mathematical Psychology

July 25-28, Costa Mesa, CA

www.cogs.indiana.edu/socmathpsych

OCTOBER

Human Factors and Ergonomics Society

October 1-5, Baltimore, MD

www.hfes.org

International Society for Developmental Psychobiology

Oct 31 – Nov 4, San Diego, CA

www.isdp.org

Society for Experimental Social Psychology

October 11-13, Chicago, IL

www.sesp.org

Society of Multivariate Experimental Psychology

October TBA

www.smep.org

Society for Psychophysiological Research

October 17-21, Savannah, GA

www.sprweb.org

Society for Research in Psychopathology

October 4-7, Iowa City, IO

www.psychopathology.org

NOVEMBER

National Academy of Neuropsychology

November 14-18, Scottsdale, AZ

www.nanonline.org

Psychonomic Society

November 15-18, Long Beach, CA

www.psychonomic.org

Society for Computers in Psychology

November 15, Long Beach, CA

<http://home.scip.ws>

Society for Judgment and Decision Making

November 17-19, Long Beach, CA

www.sjdm.org

PLEASE SUPPORT THE BEHAVIORAL & BRAIN SCIENCES

No doubt the most significant activity the Federation has engaged in during the past year is the creation of the **Foundation for the Advancement of the Behavioral and Brain Sciences** (FABBS). The Federation developed FABBS as a vehicle for supporting and expanding this work. In short, FABBS was created to take over much of the task of

educating the public and their congressional representatives about the behavioral and brain sciences and the contributions these disciplines make to society. FABBS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose work is supported by tax-deductible contributions and grants. We urge you to respond generously as the future health of our scientific enterprise is at stake. *The President of FABBS is James Pomerantz (Rice University), the Vice President is Susan Fiske (Princeton University), the Secretary is Elaine Hull (Florida State University), and the Treasurer is Judith Albino (University of Colorado).* Please visit: www.fabbs.org.

NOTE: The current featured scientist on the FABBS site is Sam Glucksberg. To read about this special recognition visit: http://www.fabbs.org/Glucksberg_Honor.html

Have a great weekend and keep those cards and letters coming! ☺

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Barbara A. Wanchisen, Ph.D.
Executive Director

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