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This Week's News and Reflections (12/18/07)
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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.

If you would like to learn about the Federation's foundation, i.e., Foundation for the Advancement of Behavioral & Brain Sciences, please visit www.fabbs.org.

R. DUNCAN LUCE HONORED BY COLLEAGUES AND STUDENTS FOR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS

R. Duncan Luce, PhD (University of California, Irvine), a U.S. National Medal of Science recipient, is the most recent addition to the stellar gallery of scientists listed in the ongoing FABBS "In Honor Of..." Program. (FABBS, or the Foundation for the Advancement of Behavioral and Brain Sciences, is the Federation's Foundation and has taken on the educational activities of the Federation.) Dr. A. A. J. (Tony) Marley (University of Victoria) made this honor possible by contacting colleagues, students and friends of Duncan Luce, seeking support for this effort.

Luce, a former President of the Federation, is no stranger to behavioral and brain scientists. He is known for many contributions to the field, including his creative combining of experimentation with mathematical theory to better understand human behavior. He is an extraordinary scientist and an influential person, having advanced behavioral science in seminal ways while also improving the lives of students and colleagues.

FABBS closes this calendar year on the "In Honor Of..." Program with Duncan Luce as the year's final Honoree – stay tuned for upcoming additions to this impressive list of scientists in the New Year. To learn more about Duncan Luce, and this special program of recognition, please visit: http://www.fabbs.org/luce_honor.html

FABBS' MOST RECENT SCIENCE CAFÉ RESONATES WITH PUBLIC AS 2008 ELECTIONS APPROACH

Meghan McGowan reports: FABBS, with the sponsorship of SAGE Publications, hosted a science café, *Elections: How voters really think and feel* in late October. FABBS' fourth, and most recent café, brought Drs. Eugene Borgida (University of Minnesota) and Alexander Todorov (Princeton University) to the National Press Club to address voting and decision making behaviors. The upcoming 2008 presidential elections offered the perfect platform to discuss these topics and the audience, primarily members of the general public, showed great enthusiasm as evidenced by their comments in the Q&A at the end of the event.

To learn more about this event and view videos of the talks, please visit the link below. Also note that you can obtain a DVD of these presentations.
http://www.fabbs.org/Events/Oct_2007_Cafe/index.html.

To learn more about future FABBS Cafés, [click here](#) and include your name and preferred email address in the body of the message.

ANIMAL LAB TARGETED BY DOMESTIC TERRORISTS: NIH DEFENDS IMPORTANCE OF THE SCIENCE

In a recent press release, the National Institutes of Health reported that Dr. Miles Novy (Oregon Health Sciences University) was targeted by domestic terrorists for his work with monkeys on studies of pregnancy and development. While Novy is not a behavioral scientist, animal “rights” attacks are of interest to our community, of course. To read about this latest attack on science, visit:

<http://www.nih.gov/news/pr/dec2007/oe-14.htm>

NIMH SEEKS INPUT ON STRATEGIC PLAN DRAFT: IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO WEIGH IN

NIMH RELEASE: In May 2007, the National Institute of Mental Health launched the process to develop a new Strategic Plan that will serve as a guide to the Institute for advancing mental health science over the next 3-5 years. The Institute has now completed a draft of this Strategic Plan, and seeks public feedback before the main text is finalized. The document is written such that the Institute’s Strategic Objectives build upon one another, with themes from the first Objectives mentioned and interwoven with later ones. The finished version will include additional materials, including stories of discovery that highlight collaborative efforts and recent research advances. We encourage you to read the draft Strategic Plan and provide any comments you may have via the email address noted in the Plan (strategicplanning2@nih.gov). The draft Plan can be accessed at the following website: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/about/strategic-planning-reports/nimh-draft-strategic-plan.shtml>. Comments will be accepted by email through December 21, 2007.

AERA CLOSES OUT 2007 FORUM SERIES WITH *THE FAMILY: AMERICAN’S SMALLEST SCHOOL (REDUX)*

Meghan McGowan reports: The American Educational Research Association (AERA) hosts a monthly luncheon forum where various educational research topics are presented. The final forum of 2007 was held on December 14, which addressed *The Family: America’s Smallest School (Redux)*. Richard Coley, Director of the Policy Information Center at Educational Testing Service (ETS), presented a new data analysis report of the role of the family in education. This most recent report shows that few improvements have been made since a similar report was released in 1992. To view the report, [click here](#). To learn more about AERA, visit: <http://www.aera.net/>.

NIDA OFFERS “AVANTE GARDE” FUNDING OPPORTUNITY IN AIDS AND DRUG ABUSE RESEARCH

The National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA) has announced that it seeks to fund exceptionally creative approaches to understanding drug abuse treatment and AIDS/HIV. They are willing to support worthy scientists a sum of \$500,000 per year for up to five years, and are interested in reviewing especially innovative research that could have

significant pay off. If you are interested, please visit:
<http://www.nih.gov/news/pr/nov2007/nida-27.htm>

FEDERAL REPORTS & GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

NOTE: COGNITIVE NEUROSCIENCE POSITION AT THE NSF

Date: Mon, 17 Dec 2007

Subject: Psychologist, (Program Director) Cognitive Neuroscience, AD-0180-04, Social and Behavioral Sciences (Closes: 01/18/2008)
[Psychologist, \(Program Director\) Cognitive Neuroscience, AD-0180-04, Social And Behavioral Sciences \(Closes: 01/18/2008\)](#)

[U.S. Middle School Math Teachers Are Ill-prepared Among International Counterparts](#) A new study funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) found that middle school mathematics teachers in the United States are not as well prepared to teach this challenging subject as are many of their counterparts in five other countries. The findings of this study, Mathematics Teaching in the 21st Century (MT21), conducted by Michigan State University (MSU), were presented today at a news conference at the National Press Club

Understanding how humans cause, respond, and adapt to change
http://www.nsf.gov/news/news_summ.jsp?cntn_id=110720

[Web Surfers Can Follow Researcher as She Seeks to Collar and Study Pandas in Chinese Reserve](#) Michigan State University's (MSU) panda habitat research team has spent years collecting mountains of data to help understand and save giant pandas. Now Web surfers can join a graduate student as she works to catch crucial data that's black, white and furry. Vanessa Hull, 25, a Ph.D. candidate, is in the snowy, remote mountains of the Sichuan Province of China--which also is the heart of panda habitat. She's hoping to capture, collar and track up to four wild pandas using advanced [More..](#)

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE

Hurricane Katrina: Ineffective FEMA Oversight of Housing Maintenance Contracts in Mississippi Resulted in Millions of Dollars of Waste and Potential Fraud. GAO-08-106
<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-08-106>
Highlights - <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d08106high.pdf>

Influenza Vaccine: Issues Related to Production, Distribution, and Public Health Messages. GAO-08-27
<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-08-27>
Highlights - <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d0827high.pdf>

Small Business Administration: Opportunities Exist to Improve Oversight of Women's Business Centers and Coordination among SBA's Business Assistance Programs. GAO-08
<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-08-49>
Highlights - <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d0849high.pdf>

Force Structure: Better Management Controls Are Needed to Oversee the Army's Modular Force and Expansion Initiatives and Improve Accountability for Results. GAO-08-145, December 14.
<http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-08-145>
Highlights - <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d08145high.pdf>

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 President-Elect 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 Dr. Duncan Luce. To learn more about him, visit: http://www.fabbs.org/luce_honor.html

Happy holidays -

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Barbara A. Wanchisen, Ph.D.
Executive Director

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If you have trouble getting onto the list, just send me an email and I will take care of it but this method above will be more efficient (well it should be!).

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