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USU to Host 10th Annual Amydala, Stress and PTSD Conference: ‘Of Mice and Man’
Conference to focus on biological basis of stress, fear and post-traumatic stress disorder

Bethesda, MD –Clinical and basic science experts from around the world will convene for the 10th Annual Amygdala, Stress and PTSD Conference, sponsored by the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences Center for the Study of Traumatic Stress, in collaboration with the USU Departments of Psychiatry and Family Medicine, the USU Neuroscience Program, and the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center Department of Psychiatry, Apr. 21.

This year’s conference theme is “Of Mice and Man” and will focus on the biological basis of stress, fear and post-traumatic stress disorder. Featured speakers include: Dwight Berles, Ph.D., The Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, “Dynamic Behavior of Oligodendrocytes and their Progenitors in the Adult Brain;” Harvey Pollard, M.D., Ph.D., Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, “Big Data Meets the Brain;” Abigail Marsh, Ph.D., Georgetown University, “Empathy on a Sliding Scale: Is Altruism the Inverse of Psychopathy?”; Jacek Debiec, M.D., Ph.D., University of Michigan, “The Neurobiology of the Intergenerational Social Transmission of Emotional Trauma;” and Daniel Stein, M.D., Ph.D., University of Cape Town, South Africa, “Trauma and PTSD in South Africa.”

The event is free and open to the public; however, registration is required. To learn more and to register before the Apr. 14 deadline, please visit: www.amygdalaptsdconference.org.

Media interested in covering the conference should contact Sharon Holland, Deputy Vice President for External Affairs, USU, at (301) 295-3578 or Sharon.holland@usuhs.edu.

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