

THE 2017 ELKINS MEMORIAL LECTURE COMPETITION COLD SPRING HARBOR NEUROBIOLOGY OF *DROSOPHILA* MEETING

May 1, 2017

Dear Colleagues,

In 1991, with the approval and assistance of the *Drosophila* neurobiology community, Barry Ganetzky and Corey Goodman established a lecture to honor the memory of Tom Elkins, a student and colleague who was killed tragically by a drunk driver. Numerous members of the community made generous financial contributions to raise an endowment to fund this lectureship. Their aim was to award the honor of presenting this lecture to a student who has conducted the most original and significant research in *Drosophila* neurobiology during the previous two years. The expenses of attending the CSH *Drosophila* meeting to present this lecture are fully reimbursed. Previous Elkins lecturers were William Zagotta (1991), Ilaria Rebay (1993), Troy Littleton (1995), Hongkui Zeng (1997), Peter Clyne (1999), Julie Simpson (2001), Greg Jefferis (2003), Mathias Wernet (2005), Richard Daniels (2007), Young Kwon (2009), Cory Root (2011), Jan Melom (2013) and Philip Coen (2015). Barry Ganetzky and Alex Kolodkin asked me to take over organizing the competition for presenting this lecture, and given the importance of this lecture series to our community and the promotion of our *Drosophila* graduate student colleagues, I am very pleased to do so.

On behalf of the *Drosophila* Neurobiology Community I am, therefore, soliciting your help in identifying outstanding students as candidates to present the 13th Elkins lecture at the Cold Spring Harbor Neurobiology of *Drosophila* meeting, which will be held from October 3–October 7, 2017.

Graduate students working in any area of *Drosophila* neurobiology are eligible. Suitable candidates should be nominated by their thesis advisor on the basis of work that was carried out or completed since the last Cold Spring Harbor meeting in October 2015. **The nomination letter outlining the qualifications of the candidate and the significance of the research, a C.V., and PDFs of relevant reprints or manuscripts should be submitted electronically to troy@mit.edu by July 14, 2017** (this is the same date as the Abstract Deadline for the meeting). We will notify the recipient of the honor by the first week of September.

Thank you for your help in ensuring that this lectureship will continue to recognize outstanding young members of our field and also serve as a lasting memorial to Tom Elkins.

To ensure as widespread distribution of this notice as possible, please share it with your colleagues and post copies in prominent locations.

Sincerely,



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