

A photograph of a human brain, rendered in a light blue-grey color, being held gently in two hands. The hands are positioned on either side of the brain, with fingers slightly spread. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light blue.

# MONTREAL NEUROETHICS CONFERENCE FOR YOUNG RESEARCHERS APRIL 17, 2015

## **Information kit**

Presented by the Montreal Neuroethics Network (MNN)

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will be held on April 17, 2015 at the Institut de recherches cliniques de Montréal (IRCM) in Montréal, Quebec. This one-day international conference is aimed at young researchers, trainees, and students from all fields interested in neuroethics. In addition to the program on the day of the event, up to 5 winning papers from an essay competition will become candidates for fast-tracked publication in a special issue of the journal *Neuroethics*, and up to 5 winning papers in French will be candidates for fast-tracked publication in a special issue of the journal *BioéthiqueOnline*. Additionally, up to 25 abstracts will be considered for publication in *Neuroethics*.

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# PROGRAM

*Note: presentations will be in English*

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| 7:30 a.m. – 8 a.m.      | Poster set up  |
| 8:30 a.m. – 9 a.m.      | Welcome  |
| 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.        | <b>Panel: Social responsibility of neuroscience</b><br>Confirmed speakers: John Breitner, MD (McGill University); Emily Bell, PhD (IRCM); Artur Kania, PhD (IRCM); Julie Robillard, PhD (University of British Columbia)   |
| 10 a.m. – 10:20 a.m.    | Coffee break   |
| 10:20 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. | <b>Panel: Cognitive enhancement</b><br>Confirmed speakers: Jennifer Chandler, LL.M. (University of Ottawa); Alexandre Erler, PhD (Université de Montréal); Veljko Dubljević, PhD/DPhil (IRCM); Walter Glannon, Ph. D./D. Phil (University of Calgary);   |
| 11:20 a.m. – 12:10 p.m. | <b>Poster session</b>  |
| 12:10 a.m. – 1:10 p.m.  | Lunch  |
| 1:10 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.   | <b>Roundtable: How to be successful in your early neuroethics career?</b><br>Confirmed speakers: Eric Racine, PhD (IRCM); Tommaso Bruni, PhD (University of Western Ontario); Jaime Flamenbaum, MD (Canadian Institutes of Health Research); Lucie Wade, MSc (McGill University/Jewish General Hospital) |
| 2:10 p.m. – 3:25 p.m.   | <b>Oral presentations by essay winners</b>   |
| 3:25 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.   | Coffee break   |
| 3:45 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.   | <b>Awards ceremony</b>   |
| 4:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.   | <b>KEYNOTE LECTURE</b><br><b>The neurobiology of morality</b><br><b>James Blair</b> , PhD (National Institutes of Health, Unit on Affective Cognitive Neuroscience)  |
| 5:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.   | Closing statement  |

# CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

We are now accepting abstracts for poster presentations and essays written by students and young researchers for the Montreal Neuroethics Conference for Young Researchers that will take place on April 17, 2015.

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## **Possible topics for submission include (but are not limited to):**

Animal ethics in neuroscience research | Informed consent in neuroscience and/or neurology | Neuroimaging and incidental findings | Ethics of cognitive/mood/moral enhancement | Legitimate knowledge transfer (e.g. military/security use) | Business ethics and neuromarketing | Regulation of innovative neurosurgery | Ethics in psychiatry | Definitions of brain death | Neuroscience and presuppositions of ethics (e.g. autonomy, rationality, moral judgment, etc.) | Social impact of neuroscience (e.g. gender, stigma of neurodevelopmental disorders) | Communication of neuroscientific findings | Neurogaming | Neuroeducation | Free will, self-control and voluntary action | Ethical, legal and social issues in addiction | Neurolaw

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Applicants may choose to submit **1** abstract for a poster presentation and/or **1** abstract accompanying a full essay. Presenters can submit a maximum of **1** abstract for the essay competition and **2** abstracts for a poster presentation.

Please note that all essays submitted to the essay competition that are not chosen for an oral presentation will automatically be evaluated for a poster presentation.

## **Essay competition**

If you choose to write the full essay, please prepare it for blind review and format it according to *Neuroethics* journal submission guidelines. The essays should be a maximum of 4,000 words (excluding references). Submissions will be accepted in both English and French. However, French articles will need to be translated if they are selected for publication in *Neuroethics*. On the first page, please include the abstract using the format detailed in the attached document “ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FORM”.

## **Poster presentation**

Format your abstract for both the poster presentation and/or essay competition as outlined in the attached document titled “ABSTRACT SUBMISSION FORM.”

Please email all submissions to [neuroethics@ircm.qc.ca](mailto:neuroethics@ircm.qc.ca) with the name of the conference, your full name, and the competition you are entering (essay competition and/or poster presentation) in the title. If you are applying for a travel bursary, please indicate this in the title as well.

Should your abstract be accepted for presentation, please do not prepare your poster any larger than the maximum size of 4ft x 4ft or 1.1m x 1.1m.

# AWARDS AND TRAVEL BURSARIES

## Awards

- **Five** essay submissions will be chosen for oral presentations at the conference.
- **Three** prizes will be awarded for the best essays (\$500, \$250, and \$150).
- **One** prize will be given for the best poster presentation (\$100).
- The “Sonia Lupien Award” and the “Mark Hallett Award” will each be given to a poster detailing work in the areas of social responsibility of neuroscience and the neuroscience of ethics, respectively.

## Travel bursaries for presenters

A limited number of travel bursaries will be given to applicants based on significance, need, and distance. To be considered for a travel bursary, please submit the following:

- Your abstract
- Your resume (CV)
- A 250-word personal statement about your neuroethics interests and your need for financial aid