Agenda for 2nd Annual NGG Student Retreat
Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia
1900 Benjamin Franklin Parkway
October 30, 2009

8:30 – 9:00   Registration, Continental Breakfast, Poster Set-up

9:00 – 9:10   Opening Remarks
   Speakers: Katie Kopil and Dustin Shilling

9:15 – 10:30  NGG Graduate Student Talks
   Introduction: Fair Vassoler
      9:15-9:30  Rachel White – The same sensory neuron has distinct actions on different motor patterns
      9:35-9:50  Steve Mague – Characterization of a mouse model of A118G single nucleotide polymorphism
      9:55-10:10 Jeremy Manning – The neural signature of mental time travel
      10:15-10:30 Michelle Dumoulin – Exploring the role of REM sleep in ocular dominance plasticity consolidation

10:30 – 10:45 Break with Refreshments

10:45 – 12:00 Alumni Panel Discussion
   Career Diversity: Life after Completing a PhD in Neuroscience
   Discussion Mediators: Jason Rodriguez and Sam White
   Alumni
      Gloster Aaron, Assistant Professor, Wesleyan University
      Cassia Clearly, Consultant, LEK
      Joe Kable, Assistant Professor, University of Pennsylvania
      Tony Wiemelt, Project Manager, Merck

12:00 – 1:30  Lunch and Poster Session

1:30 – 2:30   Keynote Address
   Introduction: Matt Nassar
   P. Thomas Schoenmann, PhD
      Evolution of the Brain
      Associate Professor of Anthropology, Indiana University
      Consulting Curator for the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology, University of Pennsylvania

2:40 – 3:15   NGG Graduate Student Talks
   Introduction: Laura Felgendreger
      2:40-2:55  Amanda Crocker – Octopamine’s regulation of sleep and wake in Drosophila
      3:00-3:15  Fair Vassoler – Behavioral and physiological effects of deep brain stimulation in cocaine reinstatement

3:15 – 4:00   Networking and Community Building
   NGG Student Entertainment Committee

4:00 – 5:30   Cocktail Reception and Hors d’oeuvres