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## TRIPLL News

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**From the Translational Research Institute on Pain in Later Life.**

For additional detail about TRIPLL and its programs, contact Samantha Parker, Project Coordinator (Weill Cornell Medical College), at [sap2013@med.cornell.edu](mailto:sap2013@med.cornell.edu) or (212) 746-1801

### News

#### **TRIPLL Affiliate Selected as Finalist for Engineering Prize**

TRIPLL affiliate George Lewis' "Wearable Low-intensity Ultrasound Therapy for Osteoarthritis: Technology Development and Clinical Evaluation" project was selected as one of the Center for Integration of Medicine and Innovation Technology (CIMIT's) 10 finalists in the 2010 CIMIT Prize for Primary Healthcare. George will be awarded \$10,000 to develop a final proposal. This national competition attracted a wide variety of ideas for technology-enabling approaches to improve primary care.

According to journalist Anne Ju, the sleek blue-and-white device slips into a pocket and sends ultrasound waves deep into muscles via a coin-sized polystyrene pad. This is the transducer, which converts electrical energy into ultrasound. Ultrasound is often used to relieve muscle and joint pain but requires patients to receive treatments in doctors' and physical therapists' offices. George Lewis' mini-machine would allow people to receive such treatment at home and work. George and his partner on the project Bryant Guffey presented their idea for a clinical trial of the device at TRIPLL's Work in Progress Seminar on January 20th, 2010.

**For more information about the project:**

<http://www.news.cornell.edu/stories/Feb10/LewisUltrasound.html>

**For more information about CIMIT prize:**

<http://www.cimit.org/news/cimit-prize-10-finalists.html>

**TRIPLL Affiliates Program: Creating Connections across Institutions**

TRIPLL recently announced the creation of its research and community affiliates program. TRIPLL affiliates are researchers and clinicians with an interest and commitment to working on the problems that surround pain and pain management in later life. Among other benefits, affiliates will be listed on our website ([tripll.org](http://tripll.org)) when it is launched in March in a search able database. This will allow for the easy identification of potential research collaborators.

If you would like to become a TRIPLL affiliate or have questions about the program, please email Samantha Parker at [sap2013@med.cornell.edu](mailto:sap2013@med.cornell.edu).

**TRIPLL Pilot Study Grants**

The RFA for TRIPLL pilot studies will be released around March 5, 2010. Proposals will be due on April 19, 2010. Up to 3 pilot studies will be funded for the 2010-2011 year.

Upcoming Events

**Weill Cornell Medical College**

**Tri-Institutional Biomedical Computing Programs: Tutorial-Workshop: Public Repositories**

Register now for the March 25th NIH Policy & Practice Seminar at Weill Cornell

When: Thursday March 25, 2010 from 9:00 AM-3:00PM

Where: Weill Cornell Medical College 1300 York Avenue, Uris Auditorium, 1st Floor

Register at [www.mskcc.org/tcn\\_events](http://www.mskcc.org/tcn_events)

The Tri-Institutional Collaboration Network (TCN) is proud to present an upcoming NIH Policy & Practice Seminar featuring 3 speakers (including Diane Dean) from the NIH Office of Policy for Extramural Research Administration (OPERA). Please see below for the seminar agenda and speaker information.

Registration for the event is required.

Seating is limited, so please register as soon as possible!

Please contact Drew Davis at [abd2001@med.cornell.edu](mailto:abd2001@med.cornell.edu) for

more information.

### **Cornell Ithaca**

#### **Fourth Annual Bronfenbrenner Lecture: March 15, 2010, 4:00pm, G10 Biotech**

Exploring a Biopsychosocial Model of Cumulative Risk

Dr. Teresa Seeman

Professor of Medicine & Epidemiology

UCLA Schools of Medicine and Public Health

### **Columbia University**

Upcoming Grand Rounds:

Mar. 24, 2010

Professor Sir Michael Marmot MBBS, MPH, PhD, FRCP, FFPHM, FMedSci [bio]

Director, International Institute for Society and Health.

MRC Research Professor of Epidemiology and Public Health

University College, London

Mar. 31, 2010

Nicholas A. Christakis, MD, MPH, PhD [bio]

Professor of Sociology (FAS) and Professor of Medicine and Medical Sociology

Harvard Medical School

### **Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center**

#### **Reiki for Beginners**

Friday March 12, 2010

9:30 AM to 6:30 PM

The Bendheim Integrative Medicine Center

1429 First Avenue

(NW Corner of 74th Street)

New York, NY 10021

Reiki is a light touch manual therapy from Japan that supports the whole person. For those with medical conditions, Reiki effectively addresses a variety of symptoms thereby improving quality of life. For others, Reiki can promote self awareness, inspire creativity, reduce stress, and create a sense of harmony and well-being.

In this basic class, students learn the history and principles of Reiki, are initiated through four attunements (hands on process from Reiki Instructor), and are taught a full body Reiki treatment. The class includes an experiential component during which students give and receive Reiki treatments. By the course completion, students have the ability and confidence to provide

Reiki to others and themselves. Homework is assigned to encourage students' mastery and understanding.

Reiki for Beginners is open to all.

Credit: Eight NCBTMB Continuing Education units for licensed/certified Massage Therapists

646-888-0845, [massagerx@mskcc.org](mailto:massagerx@mskcc.org)

### **Hospital for Special Surgery**

The following HSS Spring 2010 education programs/classes will be offered to help patients understand and manage their pain.

Spring 2010 Programs include  
Neck and Back Pain in Women  
Posture Program  
Gentle Yoga to Ease Arthritis.  
T'ai Chi Chih  
Gentle Yoga for Wellness  
Stretch Yoga for Older Adults  
Better Balance for Older Adults

The link below will take you to the HSS Spring 2010 Calendar of Public Health Programs for additional details.

[http://www.hss.edu/files/spring10\\_edprogram\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.hss.edu/files/spring10_edprogram_FINAL.pdf)

### **TRIPLL Spring Researcher Networking Lunches**

TRIPLL will be hosting lunchtime networking meetings at Weill Cornell Medical College, Cornell Ithaca, Columbia University, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and the Hospital for Special Surgery. The goal of these meetings is to introduce researchers with a focus or interest in pain in older adults to TRIPLL and to help researchers across disciplines learn about one another's work. Stay tuned for upcoming meeting dates.

### **American Pain Society Annual Meeting**

May 6-8, 2010 Baltimore, MD

[http://www.ampainsoc.org/meeting/annual\\_10/](http://www.ampainsoc.org/meeting/annual_10/)

### **American Academy of Pain Management Annual Meeting**

September 21-24, 2010 Las Vegas, NV

[http://www.aapainmanage.org/conference/Registration%20FormV10\\_14\\_09.pdf](http://www.aapainmanage.org/conference/Registration%20FormV10_14_09.pdf)

## Funding Opportunities

### **Aging-Related Funding:**

#### **BLCC Innovative Research Program**

Research funding is available from the BLCC Innovative

Research Program. Cornell faculty are eligible to receive small grants of up to \$10,000 in support of their research on life course related issues. The BLCC also offers grant preparation assistance to faculty members who are submitting grants through the center.

Center funds (up to \$10,000) are available for faculty with an existing research proposal in hand or one already, or about to be, submitted to an external funding agency. The Innovative Research Project award can be used: (1) to support pilot/feasibility studies that render the larger proposal more competitive, (2) as a matching grant, or (3) as a means of beginning a proposed research program currently being evaluated by a government agency or private foundation.

Applications may be submitted by full-time university faculty and research associates across the university engaged in social science research (visiting scholars excluded). Multidisciplinary teams of investigators are especially encouraged to apply.

[http://www.blcc.cornell.edu/resources\\_funding.html](http://www.blcc.cornell.edu/resources_funding.html)

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Deadline: April 2, 2010

### **Pain-Related Funding:**

#### **Mechanisms, Models, Measurement, & Management in Pain Research (R01) PA-10-006**

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), Mechanisms, Models, Measurement, & Management in Pain Research issued by the National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR), in conjunction with members of the NIH Pain Consortium as listed above, is to inform the scientific community of the pain research interests of the various Institutes and Centers (ICs) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and to stimulate and foster a wide range of basic, clinical, and translational studies on pain as they relate to the missions of these ICs. New advances are needed in every area of pain research, from the micro perspective of molecular sciences to the macro perspective of behavioral and social sciences. Although great strides have been made in some areas, such as the identification of neural pathways of pain, the experience of pain and the challenge of treatment have remained uniquely individual and unsolved. Furthermore, our understanding of how and why individuals transition to a chronic pain state after an acute insult is limited.

Research to address these issues conducted by interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research teams is strongly encouraged, as is research from underrepresented, minority, disabled, or women investigators.  
<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-10-006.html>  
Deadline ongoing

### **Other Funding Opportunities**

**Deadline: March 15th, 2010**

**Request for Applications (RFA) Number: RFA-OD-10-005.**

This NIH Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), supported by funds provided to the NIH under the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 ("Recovery Act" or "ARRA"), Public Law 111-5, solicits through this limited competition applications from domestic (United States) institutions/organizations proposing to develop and implement critical research innovations in one or more of the following five thematic areas:

Applying Genomics and Other High Throughput Technologies

Translating Basic Science Discoveries into New and Better Treatments

Using Science to Enable Health Care Reform

Focusing on Global Health

Reinvigorating the Biomedical Research Community

Title: Recovery Act Limited Competition: NIH Director's Opportunity for Research in Five Thematic Areas (RC4)

**Deadline: April 5th, 2010 Department of Health and Human Services.** National Institutes of Health Novel Tools for Investigating Brain-derived GPCRs in Mental Health Research (SBIR [R43/R44])

This funding opportunity announcement (FOA) encourages Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) grant applications from small-business concerns that propose to develop technologies and approaches (i.e., novel ways to use new or existing technologies) that will enable researchers to study the structure and/or function of brain localized G-protein-coupled receptor proteins and/or potentially identify novel selective and specific agonists/antagonists to these receptor subtypes, with a focus on mental health function or dysfunction, including HIV-related neurocognitive disorders. Technologies and approaches aimed at known receptor subtypes or orphan receptors would be of potential interest to the National Institute of Mental Health. This FOA will utilize the SBIR (R43/R44) award mechanisms for Phase I, Phase II, and Fast-Track applications. Phase I awards normally may not

exceed \$100,000 total for a period normally not to exceed 6 months. Phase II awards normally may not exceed \$750,000 total for a period normally not to exceed 2 years. For this funding opportunity, budgets up to \$350,000 total costs per year and time periods up to 2 years for Phase I may be requested. Budgets up to \$550,000 total costs per year and up to 3 years may be requested for Phase II. Deadline: 2010-04-05; 2010-08-05; 2010-12-05

**Deadline: April 15, 2010**

The Whitehall Foundation, through its program of grants and grants-in-aid, assists scholarly research in the life sciences. The Foundation is currently interested in basic research in neurobiology, defined as follows: Invertebrate and vertebrate (excluding clinical) neurobiology, specifically investigations of neural mechanisms involved in sensory, motor, and other complex functions of the whole organism as these relate to behavior. The overall goal should be to better understand behavioral output or brain mechanisms of behavior.

Address: Whitehall Foundation, Inc.

PO Box 3423

Palm Beach FL 33480

E-mail: [email@whitehall.org](mailto:email@whitehall.org)

Phone: 561.655.4474

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Web URL: <http://www.whitehall.org/>

**Deadline: April 27, 2009**

**American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009**

Overview of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) was signed into law by President Obama on February 17th, 2009. It is an unprecedented effort to jumpstart our economy, create or save millions of jobs, and put a down payment on addressing long-neglected challenges so our country can thrive in the 21st century. The Act is an extraordinary response to a crisis unlike any since the Great Depression, and includes measures to modernize our nation's infrastructure, enhance energy independence, expand educational opportunities, preserve and improve affordable health care, provide tax relief, and protect those in greatest need.

**NIH Small Research Grant Program (Parent**

**R03)Program URL:**<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide>

[/pa-files/PA-10-064.html](http://pa-files/PA-10-064.html) Type of Scientists Funded: Junior Faculty, Administrator, Senior Scientist/Faculty Program

**Description:**The National Institutes of Health (NIH) Investigator-Initiated Small Grant (R03) funding opportunity supports small research projects that can be carried out in a short period of time with limited resources. Investigator-initiated research, also known as unsolicited research, is research funded as a result of an investigator submitting a research grant application to NIH in an investigator's area of interest and competency. All investigator-initiated small grant applications described in this announcement will be assigned to NIH institutes and centers (ICs) according to standard Public Health Service referral guidelines and specific program interests. Investigators are strongly encouraged to consult the list of participating ICs and special research interests. The R03 grant mechanism supports different types of projects including (1) pilot and feasibility studies; (2) secondary analysis of existing data; (3) small, self-contained research projects; (4) development of research methodology; and (5) development of new research technology. The R03 is intended to support small research projects that can be carried out in a short period of time with limited resources.

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**Behavioral and Integrative Treatment Development Program (R03)**  
**Program URL:**<http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PA-10-011.html> **Type of Scientists**

Funded: Junior Faculty, Administrator Program

**Description:**The purpose of this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) for R03s is to encourage early career investigators or investigators who are striving to make a shift in their research to propose discrete, well-defined projects that can be completed within 2 years with limited resources. Projects of interest fall within the research domain of behavioral, combined, sequential, or integrated (behavioral/pharmacological) (1) drug abuse treatment interventions, including interventions for patients with comorbidities, in diverse settings; (2) interventions to prevent the acquisition or transmission of HIV infection among individuals in drug abuse treatment; (3) interventions to promote adherence to drug abuse treatment, HIV and addiction medications; and (4) interventions to treat chronic pain. Specific examples include: 1) Stage I pilot or feasibility studies; 2) secondary analysis of existing data; 3) small, self-contained research

projects; 4) development of research assessments or methodology; and 5) development of new research technology.

Stay tuned for the launch of our new website **tripll.org** in March!

TRIPLL is an NIH-funded Roybal center that focuses on translational research affecting pain in later life. TRIPLL is a joint project that includes investigators at Weill Cornell Medical College, Cornell Ithaca, The Hospital for Special Surgery, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and Columbia University. Cary Reid is the Director of TRIPLL, and co-directors include Elaine Wethington, Karl Pillemer, Rhoda Meador, Thelma Mielenz, Steve Passik and Laura Robbins.

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