

SEMINAR SERIES

Enduring Interneuronopathy  
 in the Prefrontal Cortex of  
 Young Adult Offspring  
 Exposed to Ethanol In Utero

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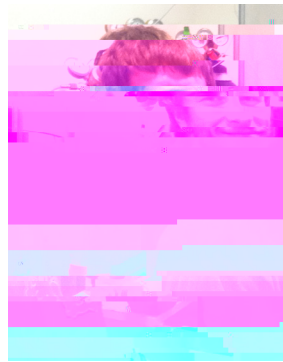
**Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup> 2015**  
 12:00-1:00 p.m.

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*Lunch will be Provided*

Hosted by: **Edward Bilk, Ph.D.**

Co-hosted by: **Christine E.**



**Dr. Alex Skorput** graduated from UNE in 2004 with a BS in medical biology, and recently received a PhD in experimental and molecular medicine from Dartmouth College. He will share his work examining the role of abnormal GABAergic interneuron migration in the developmental etiology, and enduring consequences, of in utero ethanol exposure on the cerebral cortex.

Cortical processing depends upon a balance of synaptic inhibition and excitation within the intracortical circuit. While comprising only 20% of the total neuronal population, GABAergic interneurons

atypical cortical development. However, the mechanisms by which this occurs are poorly understood. In this seminar Dr. Skorput will present anatomical, electrophysiological, and behavioral data suggesting a role for interneuronopathy in the etiology of FASD, and describe mechanistic studies aimed at elucidating therapeutic avenues for its attenuation.