

Floyd H. Gilles Lecture in Neuroscience Research

"One Brain, Many Genomes: Somatic Mutation and Genomic Diversity in Human Brain from Birth to Old Age"



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12-1 p.m. Floyd H. Gilles Lecture in Neuroscience Research

Auditorium, The Saban Research Building

1-2 p.m. Lunch

Anita S. Watson Courtyard, The Saban Research Building

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Although it had long been assumed that the genomes of all neurons are identical, recent work has shown that every cell division causes mutations even during normal development, and that postmitotic neurons continue to accumulate mutations throughout life. Clonal somatic mutations create a mosaic brain that in some cases is associated with brain malformations, and autism spectrum disorders, and may underlie other neuropsychiatric diseases. This lecture will discuss mutations that distinguish the genome of one neuron from another in human brain, and the implications for normal brain development, and neurological diseases.

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