



NIH Director Dr. Francis Collins recently [announced](#) the selection of Joshua A. Gordon, M.D., Ph.D., as director of the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH). Dr. Gordon will come to NIH from Columbia University Medical Center, New York, and is expected to join NIH in September. He will be leading the institute with an annual budget of approximately \$1.5 billion.

The [Congressional Neuroscience Caucus](#), the [American College of Neuropsychopharmacology](#), and the American Brain Coalition sponsored a [briefing](#) on depression, featuring Helen Mayburg of Emory University.

### **IN THE NEWS**

- The House Appropriations Committee approved its Labor, Health and Human Services (LHHS) bill, funding NIH at \$33.3 billion, an increase of \$1.25 billion. Read more about the bill [here](#).
- The Allen Institute for Brain Science has launched the [Allen Brain Observatory](#): the first tool of its kind to provide a highly standardized survey of cellular-level activity in the mouse visual system.
- The NIH recently launched [Voices of the NIH Community](#), a collection of 29 audio recordings in collaboration with StoryCorps, a national oral history project. [Here](#) are some ways you can use this collection and share stories.
- The National Institute on Aging (NIA) released its FY 2018 bypass budget for Alzheimer's and related dementias. The report, [Stopping Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias: Advancing Our Nation's Research Agenda](#), estimates we will need an additional \$414 million in FY 2018 above our estimated base budget in FY 2017 to effectively treat and prevent Alzheimer's and related dementias by 2025.
- Where does your candidate stand on research issues? Check out this interactive [map](#) to find out!
- Two studies funded by the [Brain and Behavior Research Foundation](#) are in news - one study [identified](#) specific brain network disturbances in bipolar disorder, whereas the second study [explored](#) risk of schizophrenia in men vs. women given their genomic profiles.
- Scientists from Columbia University are looking for participants for an essential tremor study which is the largest of its kind. Click [here](#) for details.
- In a [NIH-funded study](#), scientists discovered 15 genome sites – the first ever – linked to depression in people of European ancestry. In another [study](#), NIH-led researchers developed software that could facilitate drug development.
- August 8<sup>th</sup> marked the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the [Traumatic Brain Injury Act of 1996](#). This Act was momentous in that it authorized funding for prevention, surveillance, research and State grant programs to improve service delivery and access for individuals with traumatic brain injury.
- [Read](#) how effective and proactive advocacy strategies by AAN lead to successes on regulatory front and victory for neurologists.
- The US Food and Drug Administration recently approved focused ultrasound as a new "scalpel-free" approach as a treatment for essential tremor patients. Click [here](#) for more information about focused ultrasound and current available locations. Also, you can access the [annual report](#) for the International Essential Tremor Foundation ([IETF](#)).

### **FOR AMERICAN BRAIN COALITION MEMBERS**

- [Register](#) now for the Rally for Medical Research's Hill Day on September 22. For questions, please contact [info@rallyformedicalresearch.org](mailto:info@rallyformedicalresearch.org).
- The American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry ([AAAP](#)) has announced various awards for their [Annual meeting](#) to be held in December 2016 in Florida. Click [here](#) for more details - only a few weeks to go!
- [Save](#) 30% on neurology books, tools and more, as a member of The American Academy of Neurology ([AAN](#)).
- [Join](#) experts in the field of neuroscience who will share cutting-edge discoveries and insights on glial cells' complex, critical, and unexpected roles in nervous system function. The conference entitled '*The Other Brain Cells: New Insights Into What Glial Cells Do*' will take place via [Neuronline](#) on September 22, 2016.
- [Register](#) for the 2016 National Health Research Forum entitled '*Straight Talk: A New Thinking On Tough Challenges*' to be held on September 8, 2016.



- [Register](#) for the meeting entitled '*Psychopharmacology: State-Of-The-Art Fall Meeting 2016*' sponsored by the American Society of Clinical Psychopharmacology ([ASCP](#)) to be held in New York City in October. Early bird registration ends soon!
- The 4th World Parkinson Congress is coming soon! [Check out](#) all the events that will take place during the Congress. You can also volunteer at the event by clicking [here](#).
- Check out details (attached) for a conference entitled '*Neurotechnology and Society: Strengthening Responsible Innovation in Brain Science*' to be held in September in Washington, DC. Only a few more days left to [submit](#) your session and/or abstract for the 2017 Anxiety and Depression Conference to be held in April 2017 in San Francisco. This meeting is solely for researchers and clinicians focusing on innovations that advance science and treatment of anxiety, depressive, obsessive-compulsive, and trauma-related disorders in children and adults.