“The Neuroscience of Major Depression: Focus on Anhedonia”

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The main goals of his research are to improve our understanding of the psychological, environmental, and neurobiological factors associated with mood disorders, particularly major depression. To this end, he integrates behavioral, electrophysiological, neuroimaging, and, more recently, pharmacological approaches to investigate three putative endophenotypes of depression: anhedonia (loss of pleasure), increased stress sensitivity, and executive function deficits.

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12:00 – 1:00 pm
Medical Plaza 300, 3rd Floor, Marisa Leif Conference Room

A light lunch will be provided
With questions, please contact Marina Samaltanos at ext: 58281