

To All Faculty and Staff:

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce that the 11th Annual Swartz Lecture will be held on Monday, March 12.

Dr. Michael Shadlen, a Howard Hughes Institute Investigator and one of the world's leading neuroscientists, will explore the process of how the brain makes decisions, at Stony Brook University's annual Swartz Foundation Mind/Brain Public Lecture Series at the Staller Center on March 12, at 4:30 PM.

In his talk titled 'How the Brain Decides: Uncovering the Secrets of Cognition,' Shadlen will discuss the brain mechanisms that are critical to the process of human decision-making. The principles of normal brain function revealed by that study present a potential path to new treatments for neurological disorders affecting cognitive functions such as attention, memory, and perception.

Dr. Shadlen is Professor of Physiology and Biophysics at the University of Washington. He received his B.A. in biology and his M.D. from Brown University, and his Ph.D. from the University of California-Berkeley. He completed his residency training in neurology at Stanford University Medical Center and returned to research as a Howard Hughes postdoctoral research fellow in William Newsome's laboratory at Stanford.

I hope you will be able to attend and that you will share this message with any students and colleagues who may be interested.

Thank you.

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