



Invitation to attend the 13th Annual Swartz Lecture at Stony Brook University

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To All Faculty & Staff:

Dear Colleagues,

It is my pleasure to extend this invitation to attend the 13th Annual Swartz Lecture at Stony Brook University on Monday, May 11, 2009, at 4:30 P.M. in the Staller Center (Main Stage), followed by a reception.

Dr. Larry F. Abbott, Director of Columbia University's Center for Theoretical Neuroscience, in his talk on "Sense from Chaos: Controlling the Dynamic Networks of the Brain," will present what is sure to be a fascinating talk addressing the question of whether a state of chaos is actually a good thing for the human mind. Dr. Abbot

is the William Bloor Professor of Theoretical Neuroscience at Columbia University and a recipient of an NIH Pioneer Award. A physicist by original training, his research in neuroscience involves the mathematical modeling and analysis of neurons and neural networks, using computer simulation to show how populations of neurons interact.

This lecture is intended for a general audience. I hope you will be able to attend.

Thanks,

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