

# PIONEERS IN BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH SEMINAR

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## Thinking the Right Thoughts

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In realistic choice tasks, especially sequential ones, actions are separated from their consequences by a delay. This creates a computational problem in terms of credit assignment and planning over long horizons of candidate actions. Nathaniel Daw's work aimed at understanding the neural mechanisms of this problem. First, he will review a new study that uses neural signatures of reward expectancy in rodents to monitor how the brain propagates information about individual experiences with outcomes to distal choicepoints. Second, he will report ongoing theoretical work that aims to clarify how the brain can judiciously build and maintain cognitive maps so as to achieve effective decisions while minimizing computational costs. This offers a formal, resource-rational perspective on a range of issues such as habits and slips of action in the healthy brain, but also may explain dysfunctions such as compulsion, rumination, and avoidance.

FRIDAY, MAR. 7, at 11 a.m.

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