

**Neuroscience symposium will feature Jeremy Richman and Jennifer Hensel, founders and directors of the Avielle Foundation**

The Yale Department of Psychiatry is pleased to announce that Jeremy Richman, PhD, and Jennifer Hensel, MS, founders of the Avielle Foundation in Newtown, will be the featured speakers and awardees at Neuroscience 2016.

The annual Neuroscience symposium showcases advances in basic and clinical neuroscience. This year's theme is "Neuroscience 2016: From Aggression to Recovery." In addition to remarks by Dr. Richman and Mrs. Hensel, faculty from Yale's Department of Psychiatry will speak.

Presentations are non-technical in nature and geared toward the general public. There will be ample time for questions from the audience. Presenters and clinical experts will make themselves available for "Ask the Expert" breakout sessions.

Admission is free and open to the public, but advance registration is requested. Mental health consumers, their families, and mental health professionals are encouraged to attend. (There are no CME or CEUs available for this activity.)

**Saturday, May 7, 2016  
8:30 am – 1:00 pm  
Harkness Auditorium, Sterling Hall of Medicine  
333 Cedar Street, New Haven, CT**

Dr. Richman and Mrs. Hensel started the Avielle Foundation following the murder of their daughter, Avielle Rose Richman, at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown on December 14, 2012. They started the Avielle Foundation to fund research exploring the underpinnings of the brain that lead to violent behaviors, and to foster the engagement of communities to apply these insights.

Dr. Richman has extensive research experience that spans the range from neuroscience and neuropsychopharmacology, to cardiovascular biology, diabetes, obesity, metabolic syndrome, immunology and inflammation, and kidney disease. In January 2011, he took on a drug discovery leadership role at Boehringer Ingelheim in Danbury, exploring ways to prevent or cure a number of autoimmune and chronic diseases of the cardiovascular and metabolic systems.

Mrs. Hensel is a multi-disciplinary scientist having worked in a number of research fields from clinical microbiology to molecular and cellular immunology and oncology. She worked in the biotech industry developing therapeutics to treat cancer, but left the industry in 2006 to stay at home and raise her daughter. She later started a medical and scientific writing company, Presentus Research Communications, Inc., in Sandy Hook, allowing her to be a stay at home parent.

*Questions about Neuroscience 2016 can be addressed to Christopher Pittenger, conference organizer, at [christopher.pittenger@yale.edu](mailto:christopher.pittenger@yale.edu).*