

A hallmark of the Iowa Neuroscience Institute is our excellence in clinical and translational research. We are fortunate to have our hospital and research space in such close proximity. At least one of our physician-scientists has been known to brag about making it from the lab to the clinic in under five minutes!

The ease with which we can move between these spaces and the collegiality we have among those conducting fundamental and clinical research creates an atmosphere that is bubbling with energy and creativity.

Visitors can sense that when they meet our faculty and trainees. The UI Center for Advancement team connects with a broad swath of philanthropists who are considering how their support can make an impact. When they come to the INI and hear about the work directly from the people doing it, they can feel the excitement and energy.

Some of our donors feel connected to our work by supporting named professorships and chairs. Just before Thanksgiving we celebrated the investiture of our the two most recent appointments: **Aaron Boes**, Roy J. Carver Professor in Neuroscience and **Enrique Leira**, Stoppelmoor-Adams Professor of Vascular Neurology.



Both are physician scientists facing uniquely difficult challenges—treating patients and saving lives in real time while also working to understand the mechanisms of neurobiology in the lab. Philanthropic support allows some breathing room to try something new and take more risks with bold research hypotheses.

These two most recent awards bring us up to two dozen named professors and chairs in neuroscience. This year has also brought recognition for **Dave Moser** (George Winokur Psychiatry Professorship,) **Isabel Muzzio** (Ronnie Ketchel Professorship,) **Thomas Nickl Jockschat** (Andrew H. Woods Professorship in Psychiatry,) and **Michael Shy** (Carver College of Medicine Chair in Inherited Neuropathies.)

The key to advancing our mission to find the causes of — and preventions, treatments, and cures for — the many diseases that affect the brain and nervous system, is having the resources to continue exploring many paths to discovery. I am truly grateful for our partnerships with foundations, individuals, and the UI Center for Advancement, which help us to build a lasting legacy in the INI, facilitate future recruitment, and provide added security to successfully weather any periods of limited funding availability from NIH or other external funding sources.

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