

Velo Cult is (was!) the best of Portland, and the Pacific Northwest – a friendly community gathering space replete with suspended bicycles, welcoming velocipedal experts, rich coffee, and a rotating tap list of superlative, flavorful beers!







velocult Why hello there Dolores Benedict, welcome to Velo Cult. @nwnoggin presenting tonight, swing in. #manwithtwobrains

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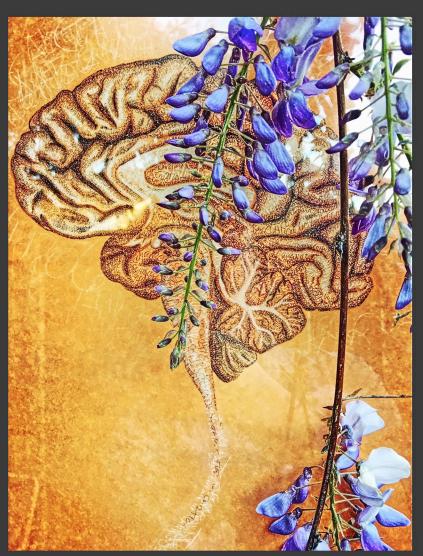
And brains, too!



And ART, like the pipe cleaner neurons created by area high school students which dangled above graduate students describing their research on drugs, memory, pain, ADHD, peri-neuronal nets, adolescent brain development, hearing loss, stress...





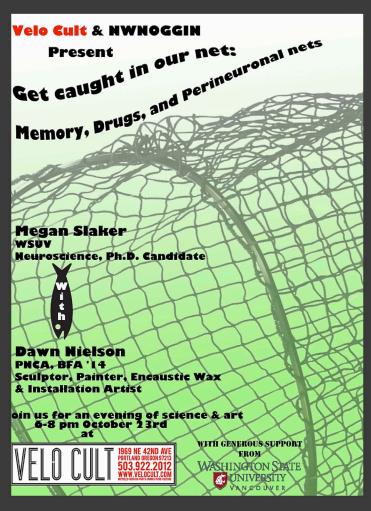


And artists — including musicians, visual artists, painters, sculptural metal artists, graphic designers — who collaborated with graduate students on accessible public presentations of their cutting edge work...









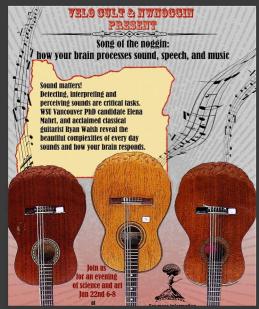


Artist and NW Noggin Art Coordinator Jeff Leake created some eye (and brain!)-catching posters, highlighting area advances in neuroscience research and art...



His posters for NW Noggin outreach events at Velo Cult attracted many to free, collaborative science/art presentations in Portland, and informed and excited the public about current research and artwork in the Pacific Northwest...



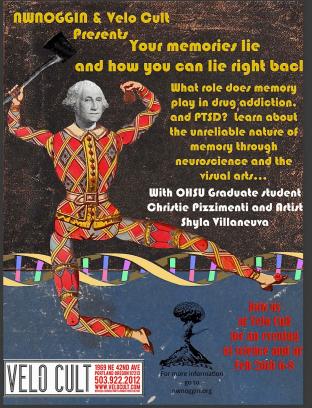
















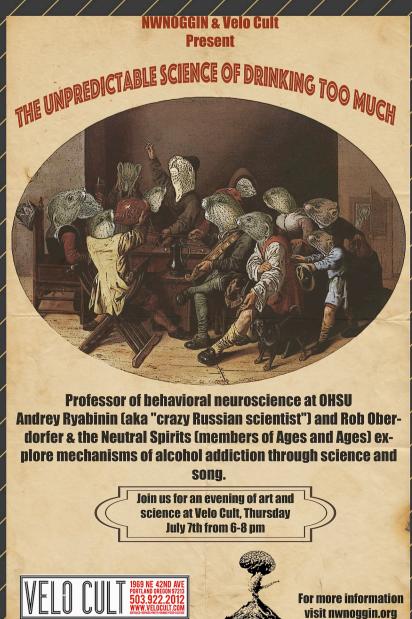




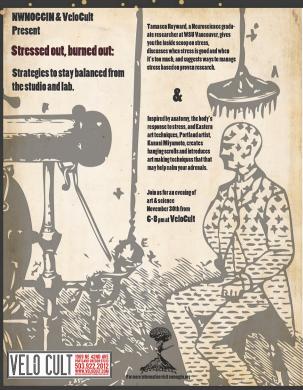






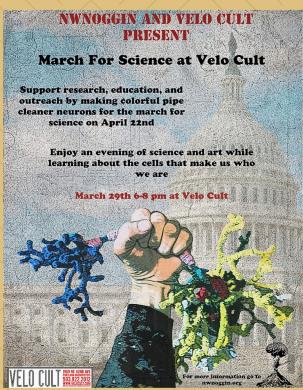




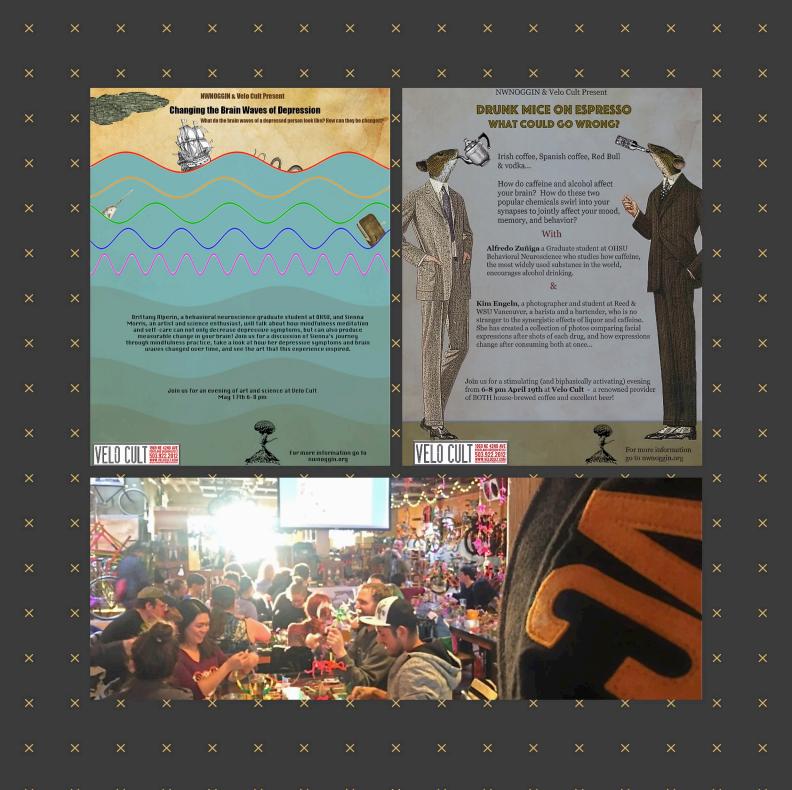








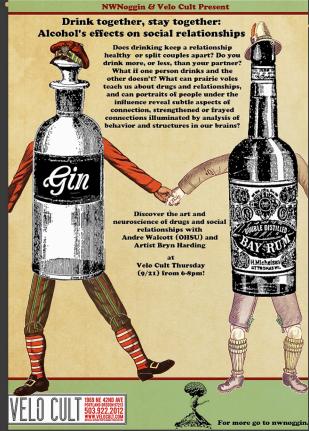


























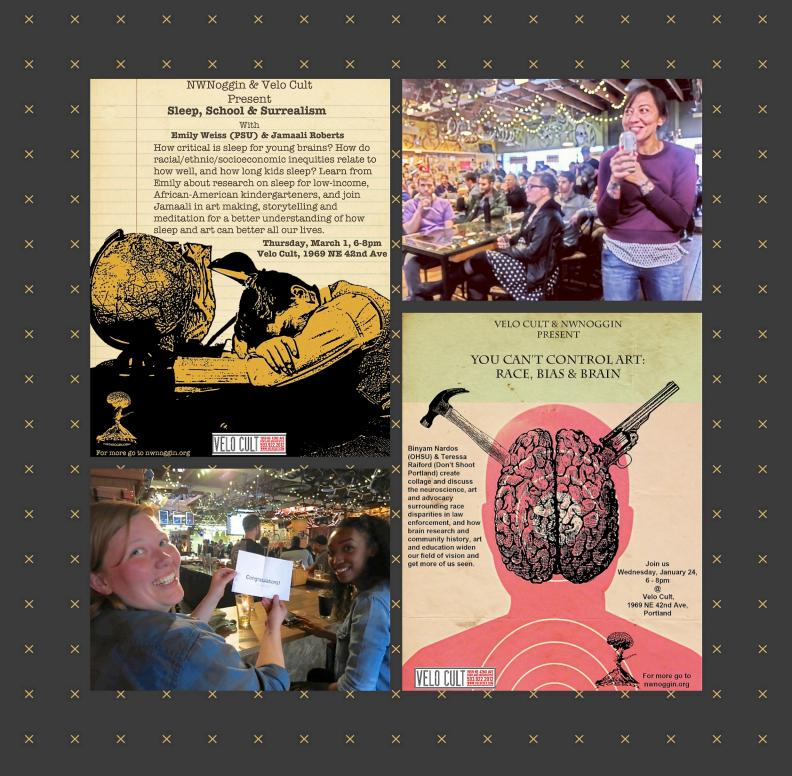




















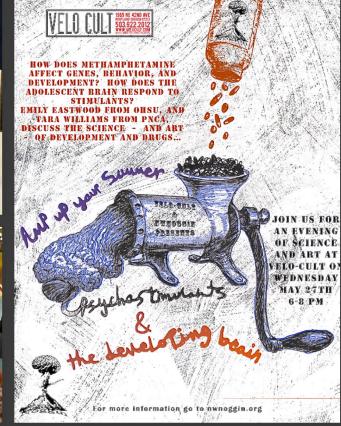


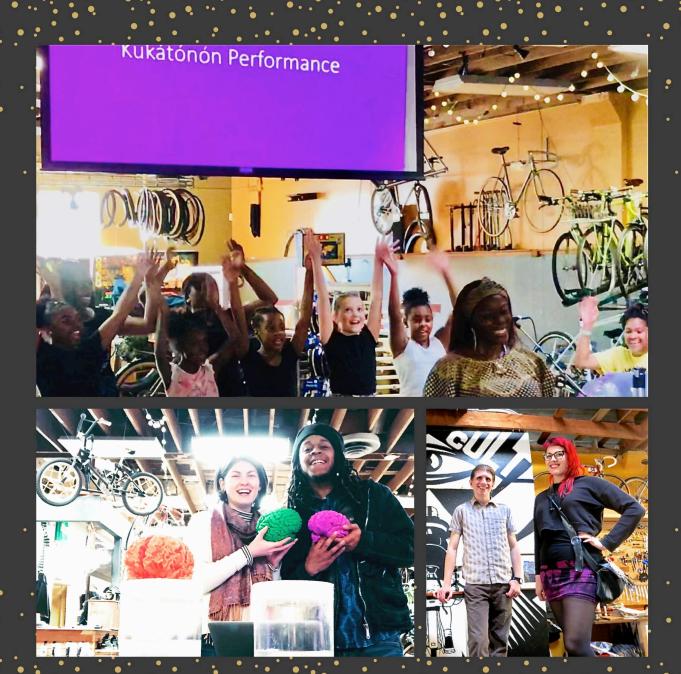










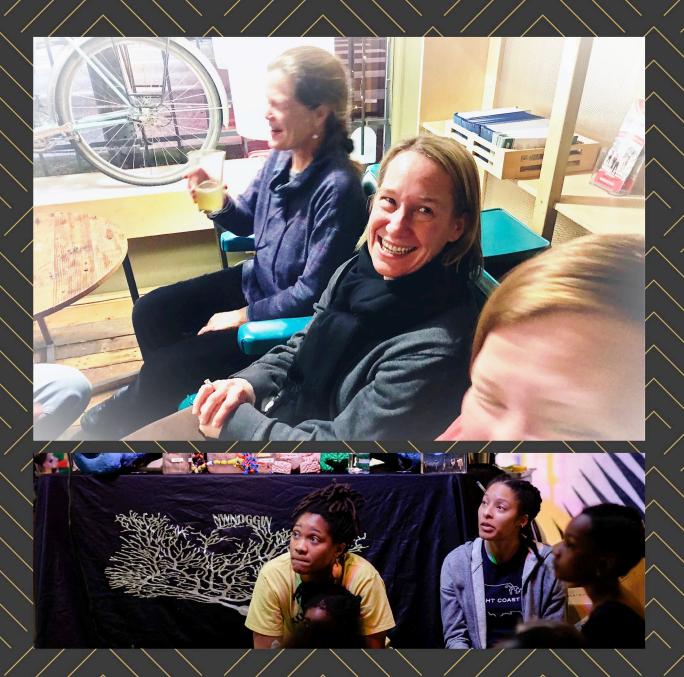




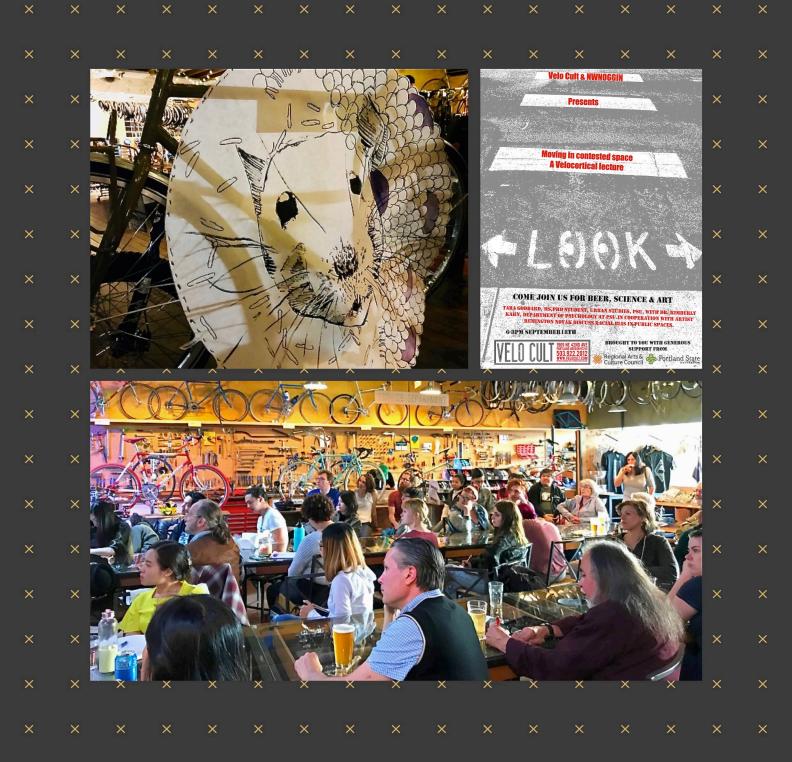


















Benefits of bicycling

- New neurons! ("neurogenesis")
 - "levels of adult hippocampal neurogenesis are increased by interventions that are associated with beneficial effects on cognition and mood, such as learning, environmental enrichment, exercise... (Sahay et al (2011))
- Cardiovascular fitness (supports brain health)
 - "Physical exercise, particularly aerobic exercise, is documented as providing a low cost regimen to counter well-documented cognitive declines including memory, executive function, visuospatial skills, and processing speed in normally aging adults" (Chapman et al (2013))
- · Options (Exercise after Parkinson's?)
 - http://youtu.be/aaY3gz5tJSk
- · Community connection



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