It’s been an exciting year for Monell, as we continue to learn more about the link between sensory science and nutrition. In this edition of the Monell Connection, you will read about: a study regarding why children reject life-saving medications, collaborative research between post-docs and physicians, and our newest Monell scientist - a geneticist who focuses on nutrition-related disease.

Thank you for all your support during this past year. We look forward to celebrating with you throughout 2018, as we honor our 50 years of scientific achievement and look ahead to an even bigger and bolder future!

And for those who wish to give to the Center, if you use the donation link at the end of this newsletter to make a contribution to Monell by December 31st, we will send you a taste kit for a hands-on experience of sensory nutrition.

Have a very happy holiday season.

Robert Margolskee, MD, PhD
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**Sensory Responses to Pediatric HIV Medicine**

Bad taste can lead to rejection of life-saving medicines by infants and children. Julie Mennella, PhD, studied the genetic underpinnings of the highly individual sensory responses to an HIV treatment, broadening the scope of precision treatment.

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**Postdoctoral Researchers Team Up with Clinicians**

Alissa Nolden, PhD, and Carolyn Novaleski, PhD, are collaborating with physicians to study emerging connections between the chemical senses and human health.

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**Taste Biologist Yali Zhang "Flies" into Monell**

Monell’s newest faculty member uses the fruit fly to understand how oral perception impacts feeding behavior and nutrition-related disease.

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Researching Smell, From Someone Who Can't
Daniel Schein, who was born without a sense of smell, spent the last two summers researching olfaction at Monell. Here, he shares his thoughts about the experience.

David Macnair, PhD, Joins Board of Directors
Macnair brings decades of multinational industry and management experience to the board at a time of exciting change for the Center.

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