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Current position

Postdoctoral Researcher New York City, USA
Columbia University
Project title: The neurobiology of abstraction in virtually navigating primates
Advisors: Dr. C Daniel Salzman, Dr. Stefano Fusi
Funding: [NINDS K99/R00 Transition to Independence Award K99NS133475](#)

Education

Doctor of Philosophy Montréal, Canada
McGill University
Thesis title: Hippocampal function in non-human primates
Advisor: Dr. Julio C. Martinez-Trujillo
Funding: CIHR Brain Star Award; Graduate Excellence Award; Graduate Mobility Award; GREAT Travel Award; David G. Guthrie Fellowship; NSERC Doctoral Post-Graduate Scholarship; Ontario Graduate Scholarship

Master of Science Guelph, Canada
University of Guelph
Thesis title: Exercise-induced recovery of skeletal muscle insulin response is independent of adiponectin response in high-fat fed rodents.
Advisor: Dr. David J. Dyck
Funding: Sun Life Financial HH&NS Research Scholarship; Ontario Graduate Scholarships in Science & Technology

Bachelor of Science, Honours Guelph, Canada
University of Guelph
Human Kinetics

Under review

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Published works

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- 2) Busch A, Roussy M, Luna R, Leavitt ML, Mofrad MH, Gulli RA, Corrigan B, Mináč J, Sachs AJ, Palaniyappan L, Muller L. Neuronal activation sequences in lateral prefrontal cortex encode visuospatial working memory during virtual navigation. *Nature Communications*. 2024 May 25;15(1):4471. DOI: [10.1038/s41467-024-48664-9](https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-024-48664-9)
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- 6) Roussy M, Corrigan B, Luna R, Gulli RA, Sachs AJ, Palaniyappan L, Martinez-Trujillo JC. Stable working memory and perceptual representations in macaque lateral prefrontal cortex during naturalistic vision. *Journal of Neuroscience*. 2022 Nov 2;42(44):8328-42. DOI: [10.1523/JNEUROSCI.0597-22.2022](https://doi.org/10.1523/JNEUROSCI.0597-22.2022)
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- 15) Martinez-Trujillo JC & [Gulli RA](#). Dissecting Modulatory Effects of Visual Attention in Primate Lateral Prefrontal Cortex Using Signal Detection Theory. *Neuron* 2018. 97, 1208–1210. DOI: [10.1016/j.neuron.2018.03.012](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.neuron.2018.03.012)
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Honors and Awards

K99/R00 Pathway to Independence Award (NINDS)	June 2023
Elected Gordon Research Seminar Chair	July 2022
CIHR Brain Star Award	January 2021
Graduate Excellence Award	August 2017
Graduate Mobility Award	July 2017
CCN Summer School tuition, board, & lodging	April 2017
GREAT Travel Award	October 2014
David G. Guthrie Fellowship	September 2014
NSERC Doctoral Post-Graduate Scholarship	May 2011
Ontario Graduate Scholarship	Declined; May 2011
Sun Life Financial HH&NS Research Scholarship	August 2010
Ontario Graduate Scholarships in Science & Technology	January 2010
NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Assistantship	May 2009
Undergraduate Research Award	May 2008
University of Guelph Entrance Scholarship	September 2005

Invited Presentations

Special Seminar	New York City, USA
Mount Sinai School of Medicine	June 2024
The episodic memory network in health and disease	
Meet-The-Experts Session	Washington D.C., USA
Mount Sinai School of Medicine	November 2023
A new system for reliable and accurate Neuropixels recordings in the non-human primate	
Special Seminar	New York City, USA
Mount Sinai School of Medicine	June 2023
The neurobiology of flexible behaviour in virtually navigating monkeys	
Nanosymposium talk	San Diego, USA
Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting	Nov 2022
The neurobiology of flexible behaviour in virtually navigating monkeys	
Special Seminar	New York City, USA (virtual)
Columbia University	July 2021
On hippocampal contributions to deliberative choice	
Special Seminar	Bethesda, USA (virtual)
National Institutes of Mental Health	February 2020
Context-dependent representations of objects and space in the primate hippocampus during virtual navigation	

Magnetic Resonance Imaging Core Meeting Columbia University High fidelity reconstruction of skull morphology using an Ultrafast TE sequence	New York City, USA February 2020
Columbia University Hippocampus Club Columbia University Objects, context, memory & space: Neuronal representations in the hippocampus of virtually navigating primates	New York City, USA June 2019
Nanosymposium talk Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting Single-neuron and population encoding of objects and space in the hippocampus and PFC during virtual navigation	San Diego, USA Nov 2018
Special Seminar Salk Institute Understanding hippocampal function in non-human primates	La Jolla, USA Jan 2018
Special Seminar Columbia University Understanding hippocampal function in non-human primates	New York City, USA Dec 2017
Robarts Research Institute Data Club University of Western Ontario Signatures of the cognitive map in the hippocampus in virtually navigating monkeys	London, Canada Jan 2017
Center for Visual Science Symposium: The Future of Attention University of Rochester Exploring the cognitive map: Hippocampal activity in virtually-navigating non-human primates	Rochester, USA May 2016
Canadian Association for Neuroscience Satellite Symposium Place coding in the primate hippocampus is task-dependent during virtual navigation	Toronto, Canada May 2016
Brain and Mind Institute Annual Symposium University of Western Ontario Contextual learning in the monkey hippocampus during virtual navigation: From behaviour to single units	London, Canada June 2015
Western University Systems Neuroscience Symposium University of Western Ontario Hippocampal codes for associative memory and navigation through virtual environments in rhesus monkeys	London, Canada November 2014
Montreal Optogenetics Club McGill University Excitatory optogenetics in non-human primates	Montréal, Canada November 2013

GSAN Student Experimental Research Forum
McGill University
Optogenetics

Montréal, Canada
October 2013

Montreal Optogenetics Club
McGill University

Montréal, Canada
July 2012

Optogenetics in the non-human primate: Methods and advancements in targeting cortical and non-cortical structures

Graduate Student Symposium
University of Guelph

Guelph, Canada
May 2010

Restoration of adiponectin response is not necessary for the exercise-induced recovery of insulin response: preliminary results

Academic Appointments

Visiting Graduate Student
University of Western Ontario

London, Canada
May 2015-Oct 2018

Research Assistant
University of Guelph

Guelph, Canada
Sept 2010-Apr 2011

Research Focus: Conducted a research project to determine whether adipose tissue hypoxia is a determinant to altered adipokine secretion in obesity. Responsibilities include experimental design and organization, methodologies including primary cell culture, ELISA procedures and Western blotting.

Supervisor: Dr. David Wright

Research Assistant
University of Guelph

Guelph, Canada
May 2010-Sept 2011

Research Focus: Conducted radio-immuno assays of blood insulin for inclusion in research conducted by the Human Nutraceutical Research Unit, University of Guelph.

Supervisor: Dr. Allison Duncan

Research Assistant
University of Guelph

Guelph, Canada
May 2009-Sept 2009

Research Focus: Conducted research funded by an Undergraduate Student Research Award through NSERC (a federal funding agency). Became practiced in surgical procedures including implantation of mini-osmotic pumps into the rats as well as mitochondrial isolation and purification techniques. Work contributed to the manuscript of Stefanik et al. (2011).

Supervisor: Dr. David J. Dyck

Research Assistant
University of Guelph

Guelph, Canada
Sept 2008-May 2009

Research Focus: Assisted in animal care procedures, exposure of rats to experimental treatments, tissue harvest, tissue analysis, and data interpretation. Work contributed to the manuscript of Ritchie et al. (2011)

Supervisor: Dr. David J. Dyck

Research Assistant

Guelph, Canada

University of Guelph

May 2008-Sept 2009

Research Focus: Designed and completed a study examining the effects of intermittent hyperoxic gas exposure on blood erythropoietin and red blood cell concentration in elite runners. Study design, and organization, running experimental trials, sample collection and analysis, and data analysis. Conducted trials examining sweat rates and fluid and sodium balance. Provided subjects with feedback to optimize performance in competition. Among athletes tested were 40 players of the 2008 selection camp for the Canadian World Junior hockey team.

Supervisor: Dr. Lawrence Spriet

Educational Contributions

Justice Through Code
Columbia University
42 students
Contact time: 44 hours
New York City, USA
Fall 2022

Justice Through Code
Columbia University
42 students
Contact time: 44 hours
New York City, USA
Spring 2021

Justice Through Code
Columbia University
25 students
Contact time: 44 hours
New York City, USA
Fall 2020

PHIL3993, The Ethics of Science
University of Western Ontario
40 students
Contact time: 4 hours
Guest lecture: Applied Ethics of Biomedical Research
London, Canada
October 2016

PHYS*4680, Cellular/Molecular Neurobiology
University of Western Ontario
50 students
Contact time: 3 hours
Guest lecture: Conducting animal research in non-human primates
London, Canada
October 2016

PGHY*213, Introductory Physiology
McGill University
255 students
Contact time: 100 hours
Responsibilities: Exercise Physiology lab section: set up equipment, led lab talks, instructed students through collection, analysis and discussion of data; marked completed lab reports; led review a review session prior to examination
Montréal, Canada
Winter 2014

HK*4600, Applied Human Biology II

Guelph, Canada

University of Guelph

Winter 2010

118 students

Contact time: 40 hours

Responsibilities: Set up equipment, led lab talks, and instructed students while working with equipment and collecting data; marking lab reports and midterms. Labs included: pulmonary function testing; 12-lead electrocardiograms; non-invasive manual calculation of cardiac output, and; automated calculation of cardiac output

NUTR*4210, Nutrition, Exercise and Energy Metabolism

Guelph, Canada

University of Guelph

Fall 2010

278 students

Contact time: 70 hours

Responsibilities: Attended all lectures, marked all midterms and final exams, met with students to review material, moderated online discussions

KIN*2070, Biochemistry II

Toronto, Canada

University of Guelph-Humber

Fall 2010

38 students

Contact time: 70 hours

Evaluation Score: 4.97/5.00

Responsibilities: Designed and led independent seminars; designed marking schemes for oral and written presentations; marked oral presentations and written assignments

KIN*2070, Biochemistry II

Toronto, Canada

University of Guelph-Humber

Fall 2009

35 students

Contact time: 70 hours

Evaluation Score: 4.88/5.00

Responsibilities: Independently structured and led lab periods; extensive use of lab equipment including metabolic carts, cycle ergometers, sphygmomanometers and respirometers; designed of marking schemes for written laboratory reports; and marked lab reports

Educational Administration & Leadership

Gordon Research Seminar: The Neurobiology of Cognition

Waterville Valley, NH

Conference Chair

July 2024

I was elected to chair this Gordon Research Seminar by my peers. The Neurobiology of Cognition GRS provides a unique forum for young doctoral and post-doctoral researchers to present their work, discuss new methods, cutting edge ideas, and pre-published data, as well as to build collaborative relationships with their peers. Experienced mentors and trainee moderators will facilitate active participation in scientific discussion to allow all attendees to be engaged participants rather than spectators.

Columbia Hippocampus Club

New York City, USA

Columbia University

July 2022-present

Organizes a monthly seminar series focused on understanding hippocampal evolution and function across through

studies of disease, anatomy, activity, and computation. The aim of this series is to foster discussion and collaborations between the wide array of researchers at Columbia University studying the hippocampus, learning, and memory.

Zuckerman Institute Postdoctoral Seminar Series
Columbia University

New York City, USA
May 2020-present

Co-organizes a regular seminar featuring postdoctoral researchers from across the Columbia campus. The aim of this symposium was to give postdoctoral researchers a chance to present their work with a special emphasis on engaging feedback from senior faculty and administrators.

Western University Systems Neuroscience Symposium
University of Western Ontario

London, Canada
Nov 2014

Co-organized a symposium spanning molecular, systems, and behavioural neuroscience at Western University for researchers from Western University, McGill University, and industry partners. The aim of this symposium was to foster collaborations and initiatives amongst researchers between campuses and across systems neuroscience.

McGill Brain Oscillations Club
McGill University

Montréal, Canada
May 2013-Apr 2014

Co-organized a bi-weekly discussion of new, unpublished data from McGill University neuroscientists studying the functional role of low-frequency fluctuations recorded from the brains of humans and other mammals.

McGill University Research Advisory Council
McGill University

Montréal, Canada
Sept 2011-Sept 2013

Represented the McGill graduate students and the Post-Graduate Student Society at meetings of the Research Advisory Council, chaired by the McGill Vice-Principal of Research & Innovation.

Board of Directors
University of Guelph, Graduate Student Association

Guelph, Canada
Sept 2009-May 2011

Represented the Department of Human Health and Nutritional Sciences.

Constitution and By-laws Committee
University of Guelph, Graduate Student Association

Guelph, Canada
Sept 2009-May 2011

Critically examined any changes to the GSA governing policy and to ensure the integrity of the GSA Constitution and By-laws.

Canadian Federation of Students' Advisory Committee
University of Guelph, Graduate Student Association

Guelph, Canada
Sept 2009-May 2011

An ad-hoc committee formed to critically evaluate the membership of the GSA within the federal and provincial branches of the Canadian Federation of Students.