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EDUCATION

08/2018 - Present Columbia University, PhD, Neurobiology and Behavior, Department of Biological Sciences 08/2013 - 05/2018 The City College of the City University of New York, BS, Biology, Division of Science

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Columbia University, Department of Biological Sciences – Program in Neurobiology and Behavior

01/2019 - Present

Graduate student in the laboratories of Attila Losonczy, M.D., Ph.D and Franck Polleux, Ph.D. Project summary: Combining non-invasive optical methods with molecular approaches to characterize mechanisms of subcellular integration and plasticity in the dendrites of hippocampal CA1 pyramidal cells during behavior

The City College Center for Discovery and Innovation, Division of Science - Department of Biology

06/2015 – 08/2018 Undergraduate Research Assistant in the laboratory of Mark Emerson, Ph.D.

Project summary: Investigating gene regulatory networks used by retinal progenitor cells to generate cone photoreceptors and horizontal cells

Harvard Medical School, Division of Medical Sciences – Department of Neurobiology

05/2017 - 08/2017

Participant in Summer Honors Undergraduate Research Program. Advisor: Lisa Goodrich, Ph.D. Project summary: Identifying molecular cues driving dendritic arborization during development in retinal amacrine cells

PUBLICATIONS

Published

- O'Hare J.K., Gonzalez K.C.*, Herrlinger S.A.*, Hirabayashi Y.*, Hewitt V.L., Blockus H., Szoboszlay M., Rolotti S.V., Geiller T., Negrean A., Chelur V., Polleux F., Losonczy A. (2022) Compartment-specific tuning of dendritic feature selectivity by intracellular Ca2+ release. Science, DOI: 10.1126/science.abm1670. *co-second authorship
- Gonzalez K.C., Losonczy A., Negrean A. (2022) Dendritic Excitability and Synaptic Plasticity In Vitro and In Vivo. Neuroscience, DOI: 10.1016/j.neuroscience.2021.12.039
- Rolotti S.V., Ahmed M.S., Szoboszlay M., Geiller T., Negrean A., Blockus H., Gonzalez K.C., Sparks F.T., Canales A.S.S., Tuttman A.L., Peterka D.S., Zemelman B.V., Polleux F., Losonczy A. (2022) Local feedback inhibition tightly controls rapid formation of hippocampal place fields. Neuron, DOI: 10.1016/j.neuron.2021.12.003
- 4. Schick E.*, Gonzalez K.C.*, Dutta P., Hossain K., Emerson M.M. (2021) Early cis-regulatory events in the formation of retinal horizontal cells. Developmental Biology, DOI: 10.1016/j.ydbio.2021.03.016. *co-first authorship
- Ghinia-Tegla M.G., Buenaventura D.F., Kim D.Y., Thakurdin C., Gonzalez K.C., Emerson M.M. (2020) OTX2 represses sister cell fate choices in the developing retina to promote photoreceptor specification. eLife, DOI: 10.7554/eLife.54279

Preprint

Virga D.M., Hamilton S., Osei B., Morgan A., Zamponi E., Park N.J., Hewitt V.L., Zhang D., Gonzalez K.C., Bloss E., Polleux F., Lewis T.L. Activity-dependent subcellular compartmentalization of dendritic mitochondria structure in CA1 pyramidal neurons. *bioRxiv*, DOI: 10.1101/2023.03.25.534233

TEACHING & TUTORING EXPERIENCE

Columbia University

01/2021 - 05/2021 Recitation instructor for undergraduate student course (Developmental and Systems Neurobiology) taught by Darcy Kelley, Ph.D.

01/2020 - 05/2020 Recitation instructor for advanced undergraduate and graduate students course (Neurobio II: Development and Systems Neuroscience) taught by Rafael Yuste, M.D., Ph.D.

The City College of the City University of New York

02/2016 - 05/2016 General and Organic Chemistry Tutor for the Student Support Services Program

02/2015 - 12/2015 Chemistry Tutor for City College Academy for Professional Development

Head Chemistry Teaching Assistant and Liaison for the CCNY Chemistry Department 08/2014 – 05/2016

AWARDS & FELLOWSHIPS

2021 - 2023T32 NIH-NINDS Training Grant for Advanced Graduate Students in Neurobiology and Behavior 2016 - 2018T34 NIH-MARC Maximizing Access to Research Careers Trainee