

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

- 2015 Ph.D., Neuroscience, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Dissertation Title: "Mechanochemical regulation of growth cone motility"
- 2007 B.A., Biology (with Honors), Ripon College
Minor: Chemistry

RESEARCH POSITIONS

- 2021- Assistant Professor, School of Health Sciences, Purdue University
2021- Investigator, Purdue Institute for Integrative Neuroscience (PIIN), Purdue University
2021- Investigator, Center for the Environment (C4E), Purdue University
2015-21 Post-doctoral Fellow, Vollum Institute, Oregon Health and Science University
Advisor: Kevin M. Wright, Ph.D.
2009-15 Graduate Research Assistant, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Advisor: Timothy M. Gomez, Ph.D.
2007-09 Research Technologist, Medical College of Wisconsin
Advisor: Cheryl L. Stucky, Ph.D.
2006-07 Undergraduate Research Assistant, Ripon College
Advisor: Robert L. Wallace, Ph.D.

FELLOWSHIPS & AWARDS

Fellowships

- 2019- 21 NIH NRSA Postdoctoral Award (F32 EY029974)
2018-19 Knights Templar Eye Foundation Career Starter Award
2018-19 Collins Medical Trust Research Grant
2012-14 NIH NRSA Predoctoral Award (F31 NS074732)
2011 Neuroscience Training Grant Award, UW-Madison (T32 GM007507)

Awards

- 2018 National Eye Institute Travel Award
2017 N.L. Tartar Trust Award, OHSU
2014 Vilas Travel Award, UW-Madison
2012 Neuroscience Training Program Travel Award, UW-Madison
2004-07 Academic All-Midwest Conference, Men's Soccer, Ripon College
2003-07 Honors Scholarship, Ripon College

PUBLICATIONS

1. **Kerstein PC**, Leffler J, Sivyer B, Taylor WR, Wright KM. "Gbx2 identifies two amacrine cell subtypes with

distinct molecular, morphological, and physiological properties.” (2020) *Cell Rep.* 33(7):108382.

2. Schaser AJ, Stackhouse TL, Weston LJ, **Kerstein PC**, Osterberg VR, López CS, Dickson DW, Luk KC, Meshul CK, Woltjer RL, Unni VK. “Trans-synaptic and retrograde axonal spread of Lewy pathology following pre-formed fibril injection in an in vivo A53T alpha-synuclein mouse model of synucleinopathy.” (2020) *Acta Neuropathol Commun.* 8(1):150.
3. O’Sullivan ML, Punal VM, **Kerstein PC**, Brzezinski JA, Glaser T, Wright KM, Kay JN. “Astrocytes Follow Ganglion Cell Axons to Establish an Angiogenic Template During Retinal Development.” (2017) *Glia.* 65(10):1697-1716.
4. **Kerstein PC**, Patel KM, Gomez TM. “Calpain cleavage of FAK and Talin regulates adhesion dynamics during axon guidance.” (2017) *J. Neurosci.* 37(6): 1568-1580.
5. **Kerstein PC**, Nichol RH, Gomez TM. “Mechanochemical regulation of growth cone motility.” (2015) *Front. Cell. Neurosci.* 9:244.
6. Lehto SG, Weyer AD, Zhang M, Youngblood BD, Wang J, Wang W, **Kerstein PC**, Davis C, Wild KD, Stucky CL, Gavva NR. “AMG2850, a potent and selective TRPM8 antagonist, is not effective in rat models of inflammatory mechanical hypersensitivity and neuropathic tactile allodynia.” (2015) *Naunyn Schmiedebergs Arch Pharmacol.* 388(4):465-76.
7. **Kerstein PC**, Jacques-Fricke BT, Rengifo J, Mogen BJ, Williams JC, Gottlieb PA, Sachs F, Gomez TM. “Mechanosensitive TRPC1 channels promote calpain proteolysis of talin in filopodia to regulate spinal axon outgrowth.” (2013) *J. Neurosci* 33(1): 273-285.
8. Hillary CA, **Kerstein PC**, Vilceanu D, Barabas M, Retherford D, Brandow AM, Wandersee NJ, Stucky CL. “Mechanical hypersensitivity and nociceptor sensitization in murine sickle cell disease are mediated by TRPV1.” (2011) *Blood.* 118(12):3376-83.
9. **Kerstein PC**, del Camino D, Moran MM, Stucky CL. “Pharmacological blockade of TRPA1 inhibits mechanical firing in nociceptors.” (2009) *Mol Pain.* 5:19.

PRESENTATIONS

Invited Talks

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| 2022 | Neuroscience & Physiology Seminar, Dept. of Biological Sciences, Purdue Univ. |
| 2022 | Chemical Exposures Seminar, Center for the Environment, Purdue Univ. |
| 2022 | Neuroscience & Behavior Colloquium, Dept. of Psychological Sciences, Purdue Univ. |
| 2021 | Fall Seminar Series, School of Health Sciences, Purdue University |
| 2021 | Faculty Candidate Seminar, School of Health Sciences, Purdue University (virtual) |
| 2020 | CSHL meeting on Molecular Mechanisms of Neuronal Connectivity, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories, NY (Virtual). |
| 2018 | Northwest Developmental Biology meeting, Friday Harbor Laboratories, WA. |
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| 2014 | CSHL meeting on Axon Guidance, Synapse Formation, and Regeneration, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories, NY. |
| 2014 | National Graduate Student Symposium, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, Memphis, TN. |
| 2013 | Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA. |
| 2013 | MidBrains Neuroscience Conference, Carleton College, Northfield, MN. |

Poster Presentations

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| 2021 | Retinal Circuits Symposium (virtual) |
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- 2019 Association for Vision Research and Ophthalmology Annual Meeting, Vancouver, BC, Canada.
- 2019 Keystone Symposium on Mammalian Sensory Systems, Allen Institute, Seattle, WA.
- 2018 GRC Neural Development, Newport, RI.
- 2018 Association for Vision Research and Ophthalmology Annual Meeting, Honolulu, HI.
- 2016 CSHL meeting on Axon Guidance, Synapse Formation, and Regeneration, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratories, NY.
- 2014 Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting, Washington DC.
- 2012 Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
- 2011 American Society for Cell Biology Annual Meeting. Denver, CO.
- 2010 Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA.
- 2009 Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

MENTORSHIP

PhD Primary Mentorship

Labony Khandokar (Toxicology PhD Program)

PhD Thesis Committees

Sydney Stradtman (Committee Member, Toxicology, Mentor: Dr. Jennifer Freeman)

Undergraduate Students

Katlynn Mistina '24 (Major: BMHS)
 Jonah Chang '25 (Major: BMHS)
 Caleb Klopfenstein '25 (Major: BMHS)

TEACHING & SERVICE

Teaching

- 2022 Invited Lecturer, HSCI 562: Analytical Toxicology & Pathology, Purdue Univ.
- 2022 Invited Lecturer, HSCI 390: Everyday Toxicology, Purdue Univ
- 2021 Invited Lecturer, HSCI 195: Health Sciences Freshman Honors Seminar, Purdue Univ.
- 2017-19 Invited Lecturer, Summer Undergraduate Neuroscience Course, Vollum Institute, OHSU
- 2016-17 Organizer, Vollum Friday Seminar Series, Vollum Institute, OHSU (2 speakers/week)
- 2013-15 Elected Student Member, Neuroscience Training Program Steering Committee, UW-Madison
- 2011-14 Invited Lecturer, BME 619: Microscopy of Life, UW-Madison
- 2010 Teaching Assistant, Neuro 625: Brain Cell Culture & Imaging, UW-Madison

Service

- 2022- Program Committee, Ocular Toxicology Specialty Section, Society for Toxicology
- 2021- Awards Committee, School of Health Sciences, Purdue Univ.
- 2021- Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Taskforce, School of Health Sciences, Purdue Univ.

Journal Peer-Reviewer

- 2021 Neurotoxicology

Other Training Experience

- 2016 Brain Data Intensive Workshop, Allen Institute for Brain Science, Seattle, WA
- 2012 Developmental Neurobiology Course, OIST, Okinawa, Japan

FUNDING

Completed

F32 EY029974 (PI: Kerstein) 7/1/2019-8/15/2021
 NIH/NEI \$183,234
Gbx2 regulates the development of an atypical amacrine cell
 The major goal of this project is to define the molecular mechanisms by which Gbx2 regulates the morphology and connectivity of amacrine cells.

KTEF Career Starter Grant (PI: Kerstein) 7/1/2018-6/30/2019
 Knights Templar Eye Foundation \$64,895
Transcriptional control of retinal circuit development
 The major goal of this project is to determine the transcriptional role of Gbx2 in amacrine cells.

CMT Fellowship (PI: Kerstein) 3/1/2018-12/31/2019
 Collins Medical Trust (CMT) \$29,920
The role of Robo receptors during visual circuit development
 The major goals of this project are to characterize the gross anatomical and synaptic layer phenotypes in knockout mice where Robo receptors were ablated from the entire retina.

F31 NS074732 (PI: Kerstein) 12/07/2012-12/06/2014
 NIH/NINDS \$66,516
Mechanisms of Mechanical Force Evoked Ca²⁺ Influx in Developing Neurons
 The major goal of this project is to identify the roles of Transient Receptor Potential Channels and the downstream protease Calpain have on growth cone motility and neuronal morphogenesis.

T32 GM007507 (PI: T. Yin) 1/1/2011-12/31/2011
 NIH/NIGMS \$39,068
Neuroscience Training Program
 This provided 1-year of graduate training support in neuroscience based on the student's merit.