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1985-1991	Assistant Professor of Medical Science, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island
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1995-98	Director, Neuroscience Graduate Program, Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island

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- 2011: Estevez, M.E., Weng, S., Chang, E.C., and Berson, D.M. Form and function of M4 and M5 intrinsically photosensitive retinal ganglion cells. Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology
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- 2012: Estevez, M.E., Fogerson, P.M., Ilardi, M.C. and Berson, D.M. Identity and receptive field properties of melanopsin ganglion cells innervating the mouse dLGN. Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology
- 2012: Quattrochi, L.E., Estevez, M.E. and Berson, D.M. Assessment of two cre-lox reporters of melanopsin expression. Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology
- 2012: Fogerson, P.M. and Berson, D.M. Outputs of the olivary pretectal nucleus in relation to photic blink, pain and tears. Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology
- 2012: Renna, J.M., Chew, K., Loevinsohn, G., Weng, S., Hattar, S. and Berson, D.M. Melanopsin ganglion cells are critical for the proper development of the visual system. FASEB Summer Research Conference, Steamboat Springs, CO.
- 2012: Renna, J.M., Chew, K., Loevinsohn, G., Weng, S., Hattar, S. and Berson, D.M. Melanopsin ganglion cells are critical for the proper development of the visual system. Soc. for Neuroscience.
- 2013: Renna, J.; Chellappa, D.; Estevez, M; Berson, D Dendrites of melanopsin ganglion cells transiently extend into the outer retina in early postnatal development. Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology

- 2013: Estevez, M; Quattrochi, L, Dhande, O, Kim, I, Firman, T, Eldanaf, R, Huberman, A, and Berson, D Form and function of the three ON-type direction-selective retinal ganglion cells in the Hoxd10 mouse Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology
- 2013: Chew, K, Renna, J, McNeill, D, Chen, S-K, Zhao, H, Berson, D, and Hattar, S. ipRGCs regulate the development of the circadian pacemaker and vision Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology
- 2013: Quattrochi, L.E., Estevez, M., Kim, I., and Berson, D.M. Structure, function and outputs of a novel type of ganglion-cell photoreceptor Soc. for Neuroscience.
- 2013: . Fogerson, P.M. and Berson, D.M. Two genetically defined luminance pathways linking pretectum to visual thalamus in the mouse. Soc. for Neuroscience.
- 2013: Berg. D.J and Berson, D.M. RNA-seq sheds light on molecular diversity in intrinsically photosensitive retinal ganglion cells (ipRGCs) Soc. for Neuroscience.
- 2014: Quattrochi, L.E., Kim, I., Estevez, M., and Berson, D.M. The M6 cell: a novel bistratified ganglion-cell photoreceptor in the mouse. FASEB Scientific Research Conference
- 2014: Berg, D. and Berson, D. Molecular diversity of ipRGCs: Implications for specialized Ras signaling. FASEB Scientific Research Conference
- 2014: Sabbah, S., Gemmer, J.A., Siegel, J.K., Castro, G., and Berson, D.M. Topographic variation in directional tuning of ON-DS retinal ganglion cells: implications for image stabilization. FASEB Scientific Research Conference
- 2014: Fogerson, P.M and Berson, D.M. Untangling visual circuits in the olivary pretectal nucleus. Janelia Conference: Signal Transforms in the Early Visual System
- 2014: Maloney, R and Berson, D.M. A Viral Method for Optogenetic Control of Intrinsically Photosensitive Retinal Ganglion Cells. ARVO Annual Meeting (submitted)
- 2014: Sabbah, S., Gemmer, J.A., Castro, G., Siegel, J., Jeffery, N. and Berson, D.M. ON-DS retinal ganglion cells encode global motion in vestibular coordinates ARVO Annual Meeting (submitted)
- 2015: European Retina Meeting

g. Invited lectures:

1981: "Subsystems within the visual association cortex as delineated by their thalamic and transcortical affiliations"

Ninth Meeting, International Neurobiology Society

Abbaye Royale de Fontevraud, France

"Anatomical organization of the extrageniculate visual thalamus in the cat" Section of Neurobiology Brown University 1982: "Visual inputs to the deep layers of the cat's superior colliculus"

Department of Psychology University of Connecticut Storrs, Connecticut

1983: "Subsystems within the visual association cortex as delineated by their thalamic and transcortical affiliations"

Symposium on Vision, Brain, and Cooperative Computation University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts

"Visual inputs to the deep layers of the cat's superior colliculus"

Department of Neurobiology

Harvard University School of Medicine

Boston, Massachusetts

"Retinal and non-retinal visual input to the deep layers of the superior colliculus"

Biological Laboratories

Harvard University

Cambridge, Massachusetts

1984: "Retinal and cortical influences on deep tectal neurons in the cat"

NATO Workshop: Functional Mechanisms of the Optic Tectum

University of St. Andrews St. Andrews, Scotland

1985: "Infrared vision in the rattlesnake"

Department of Psychology and Section of Neurobiology

Brown University

1986: "Visual inputs to an oculomotor center of the midbrain"

Section of Physiology and Biophysics

Brown University

1987: "W-cell input to the cat superior colliculus"

Section of Neurobiology

Brown University

"W-cell input to the cat's superior colliculus: functional specificity and

corticotectal convergence"

Symposium on Extrageniculo-striate Visual Mechanisms

Szeged, Hungary

1989: "Physiology of the visual cortex"

Department of Clinical Neurosciences

Brown University

1990: "Sensorimotor transformations in the superior colliculus: maps, magnification,

and movement"

Department of Cognitive and Linguistic Sciences

Brown University

- 1993: "The W-cell conundrum: clues from the retinocollicular pathway"
 Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology
 Boston University
- 1998: "What to expect from a graduate program in neuroscience", 69th Annual Meeting of the Eastern Psychological Association, Boston, MA.
- 2000: "Progress toward a comprehensive taxonomy of mammalian ganglion cells" FASEB Summer Research Conference "Retinal Neurobiology and Visual Processing", Copper Mountain, CO.
- 2000: "What the mammalian retina tells the brain: ganglion cell diversity and parallel visual processing"
 University of Texas, Houston, Department of Neurobiology and Anatomy.
- 2001: "Retinal output channels: a new look at ganglion cell diversity" Brown University, Department of Neuroscience
 - "Intrinsic photosensitivity of retinal ganglion cells setting the circadian clock" Department of Neurology, Thomas Jefferson University
 - "What the eye tells the brain: specializations of retinal output signals" Department of Biology, Boston University
- 2002: "Strange vision: how the retina sets the circadian clock"

 Boston University, Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology, Boston
 University
 - "Phototransduction by ganglion cells of the retinohypothalamic tract," Gordon Research Conference, Pineal Cell Biology, Ventura, CA.
 - "Strange vision: how the retina sets the circadian clock"

 Department of Neurobiology and Behavior, SUNY Stony Brook
 - "Phototransduction by retinal ganglion cells innervating the circadian clock." Sleep Grand Rounds, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School
 - "Strange vision: How the retina sets the circadian clock"
 Society for Research in Biological Rhythms, Amelia Island, FL
 - "Strange vision: phototransduction by ganglion cells that set the circadian clock"
 FASEB Summer Research Conference "Retinal Neurobiology and Visual Processing", Saxton's River, VT
 - "Retinal ganglion cells as circadian photoreceptors "International Congress of Eye Research (ICER), Geneva, Switzerland
 - " Melanopsin and phototransduction by retinal ganglion cells. " 5th International Symposium of the Lighting Research Organization, "Light and Human Health", Orlando, FL

- "What the eye tells the brain's clock"
 Special Lecture, Society for Neuroscience annual meeting, Orlando, FL
- "Strange vision: ganglion cells as circadian photoreceptors"
 Departments of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences and of Anatomy & Neurobiology, Washington University, St. Louis, MO
- 2003: "Strange vision: ganglion cells as circadian photoreceptors"

 Department of Biology, Northeastern University (Feb., 2003)
 - " Ganglion cells as photoreceptors for circadian entrainment," Department of Physiology, University of Minnesota (April, 2003)
 - "Ganglion cells as photoreceptors for circadian entrainment," Gordon Research Conference, Chronobiology, Il Ciocco, Barga, Italy (May 2003).
 - "Retinal ganglion cells as circadian photoreceptors"
 Program in Neuroscience, University of Massachusetts Medical Center,
 Worcester, MA (May, 2003).
 - "Ganglion cells as circadian photoreceptors"
 World Congress of Chronobiology, Sapporo, Japan (Sept., 2003).
 - "Strange vision: what the eye tells the brain's clock"
 Neuroscience Program, University of California, San Francisco, CA (October, 2003).
 - " Ganglion cell photoreceptors: you can set your clock by them " Biological Laboratories, Harvard University (October, 2003).
 - "Ganglion cells as circadian photoreceptors "Guest lecture in course "Circadian Biology: From Cellular Oscillators to Sleep Regulation", Department of Biology, Harvard University (October, 2003).
 - "Ganglion cells as circadian photoreceptors"

 Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary (Dec., 2003).
- 2004: "Strange vision: What the eye tells the brain's clock"
 Neuroscience Program, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL (Feb., 2004).
 - "Strange vision: What the eye tells the brain's clock"
 Program in Neurobiology and Behavior, University of Washington,
 Seattle, WA (March, 2004).
 - "Strange vision: What the eye tells the brain's clock"
 Vision Lecture Series, Tufts University School of Medicine, Boston, MA (March, 2004).
 - "Strange vision: What the eye tells the brain's clock"
 Neuroscience Program, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA
 (April, 2004).

- "Ganglion-cell photoreceptors: Phototransduction, adaptation, synaptic modulation and outputs"

 Annual meeting, American Society of Photobiology, Seattle, WA (July, 2004).
- "Strange vision: What the eye tells the brain's clock"
 Keynote Address, Summer Research Symposium, Sciences, Social Sciences, and Humanities, Division of Biology and Medicine and Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Brown University (August, 2004).
- 2005: "Ganglion cell photoreceptors"

 Winter Conference on Brain Research (Feb. 2, 2005).
 - "What the eye tells the brain's clock "
 Neuroscience Seminar Series, University of California, San Diego (April 26, 2005).
 - "What the eye tells the brain's clock"

 Center for Neuroscience, University of California, Davis (April 27, 2005).
 - "What the eye tells the brain's clock " PSRIG Seminar Series, Bradley Hospital, Providence, RI (May 17, 2005).
 - "Intrinsic photosensitivity of retinal ganglion cells" FASEB Summer Research Conference, Tucson, AZ (June 22, 2005).
- 2006: "Ganglion-cell photoreceptors: Modulating melanopsin's message"
 Gordon Conference, Pineal Cell Biology, Santa Ynez, CA (Jan. 15, 2006).
 - "Strange vision: ganglion cell photoreceptors, melanopsin and the fly in your eye" Dept. of Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology, Univ. of Michigan (March 15, 2006).
 - "Strange vision: ganglion cell photoreceptors, melanopsin and the fly in your eye" Washington University, St. Louis. Neuroscience Institute Seminar Series (April 7, 2006).
 - "Strange vision: ganglion cell photoreceptors, melanopsin and the fly in your eye" Society for Research on Biological Rhythms, Sandestin, FL (May 25, 2006).
 - "Strange vision: ganglion cell photoreceptors, melanopsin and the fly in your eye" Society for Light Treatment and Biological Rhythms (SLTBR), Quebec, Canada (July 14, 2006).
 - "Ganglion cell photoreceptors" Workshop, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, Washington, DC (Sept. 14, 2006).

- 2007: "Ganglion cell photoreceptors: a bit of fly in the mammalian eye" Univ. of Alabama, Birmingham, Dept. of Vision Sciences (Jan 12, 2007).
 - "Ganglion cell photoreceptors: a bit of fly in the mammalian eye" Harvard Univ. School of Medicine, Dept. of Neurobiology (March 6, 2007).
 - "Ganglion cell photoreceptors: a bit of fly in the mammalian eye" Univ. of Maryland, Baltimore County, Baltimore, MD, Dept. of Biology (March 15, 2007).
 - "Ganglion cell photoreceptors: a bit of fly in the mammalian eye" Boston University, Boston, MA, Program in Neuroscience (March 21, 2007).
 - "Ganglion cell photoreceptors: a bit of fly in the mammalian eye" Ohio State Univ. (April 24, 2007).
 - "Ganglion cell photoreceptors: a bit of fly in the mammalian eye" University of Louisville (April 26, 2007).
 - "Ganglion cell photoreceptors: a bit of fly in the mammalian eye" University of California, Los Angeles (May 29, 2007).
 - "Ganglion cell photoreceptors: a bit of fly in the mammalian eye" Northwestern University (June 6, 2007).
 - "Ganglion cell photoreceptors: a bit of fly in the mammalian eye" University of Pennsylvania (October, 2007)
- 2008: "Ganglion cell photoreceptors: a bit of fly in the mammalian eye" Case Western Reserve University (March 4, 2008).
 - "Strange vision: a new retinal photoreceptor and its functional roles" Neurology Grand Rounds, Rhode Island Hospital, Providence, RI (Sept. 24, 2008)
- 2009: "Ganglion-cell photoreceptors: new types, new circuits" FASEB Summer Research Conference: The Biology and Chemistry of Vision (June 17, 2009).
 - Structure, Function and Development of the Visual System Course, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory (July 2, 2009).
 - "Electrophysiology of circadian photoreception" American Society for Photobiology, (July 10, 2009)
 - "Ganglion-cell photoreceptors: curiouser and curiouser" Fall Vision Meeting, Optical Society of America (OSA), Seattle WA. (Sept. 24-27, 2009)
 - SUNY Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, NY. (Nov. 2, 2009).

- 2010: "Strange vision: the peculiar biology of ganglion-cell photoreceptors" University of Manchester, UK. (March 10, 2010).
 - "Strange vision: the peculiar biology of ganglion-cell photoreceptors" Institute of Ophthalmology, University College London, UK. (March 12, 2010)
 - "TRP-channels in melanopsin ganglion cells" Invited talk for mini-symposium *TRP-channel function and their role in vision*, ARVO annual meeting, Ft. Lauderdale, FL. (May 5, 2010).
 - "Ganglion-cell photoreceptors: what are they good for?" American Society for Photobiology, (June 12, 2010)
- 2011: "What do ganglion-cell photoreceptors tell the clock?" UCSD Center for Chronobiology Symposium "From Cells to the Clinic" Feb. 11, 2011
 - "Ganglion-cell photoreceptors: The architecture of a unique visual channel" Virginia Commonwealth University, "October 7, 2011.
 - "Ganglion-cell photoreceptors: The architecture of a unique visual channel".

 Boston University Dept. of Physiology and Biophysics, November 8,
 2011
 - "The peculiar biology of ganglion-cell photoreceptors" "VisioNYC" (Columbia-NYU-Cornell joint vision seminar series); December 12, 2011.
 - "The peculiar biology of ganglion-cell photoreceptors" Gordon Research Conference, Photosensory Receptors and Signal Transduction, Galveston TX, 1/22 1/27/2012
- 2012: "The peculiar biology of ganglion-cell photoreceptors" Dept. of Physiology, Yale University, May 31, 2012
 - "A vestibulocentric visual channel for image stabilization" FASEB Summer Research Conference, "Retinal Neurobiology and Visual Processing," Steamboat Springs, CO, July-Aug., 2012
 - George Washington University Institute for Neuroscience/Children's National Medical Center-Center for Neuroscience Research Seminar Series, Dec. 13, 2012
- 2013: International Workshop on Circadian and Neurophysiological Photometry, Manchester, UK., Jan. 10, 2013
 - "Ganglion-cell photoreceptors: New types, new functions" SUNY Stony Brook, Neuroscience Seminar Series, Dept. of Neurobiology and Behavior, Feb. 14, 2013
 - "Ganglion-cell photoreceptors: New types, new functions" Colorado State University, Molecular, Cellular and Integrative Neurosciences Seminar Series, Feb. 19, 2013

- "Sensory Signaling in Model Organisms", HHMI/Janelia Farm Research Campus, April, 2013
- Cold Spring Harbor Course: "Vision: a platform for linking, circuits, perception and behavior", June 13, 2013.
- 2014: 'Retinal output channels: distinct networks for synching the clock and stabilizing the visual world' Univ. of California, Berkeley, March 17, 2014
 - 'Retinal output channels: distinct networks for synching the clock and stabilizing the visual world' Univ. of Southern California, March 19, 2014
 - 'Diversity of ganglion cells: distinct networks for synching the clock and stabilizing the visual world' Johns Hopkins University, Department of Neuroscience, Oct. 2014
 - Presidential Faculty Award Lecture, Brown University, November 5, 2014
- 2015: Panelist, Day of Biology, Brown University 250th Anniversary event
 - Light InSight Lecture Series, New England College of Optometry, Boston, MA, April 7, 2015
 - 'The Brain in Your Eye', 250th Anniversary Symposium, *The Next 250 Years*, Brown University, May 15, 2015.
 - "The architecture of visual reflex circuits" Kroon Lecture (keynote address),
 Dept. of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, University of Nebraska
 Medical Center, Omaha, NE. May 28, 2015
 - "Bipolar inputs to intrinsically photosensitive retinal ganglion cells: A serial electron-microscopice analysis". Invited platform talk, European Retina Meeting, Brighton, UK.
 - "Ultrastructural labeling of neuronal types defined by gene expression or axonal projection", Special Symposium "Advanced Microscopy Techniques in Biomedical Research", Brown Institute for Brain Science, Brown University, Sept. 14, 2015
 - "Ways of Seeing: The Eye's Diverse Output Channels" Keynote Address, Upstate Medical University Annual Research Day, SUNY Upstate, Syracuse, NY, Sept. 17, 2015

Planned:

- Harvard University, Dept. of Molecular and Cellular Biology, Spring 2016
- Distinguished Scientist lecture, Dept. of Ophthalmology, Medical College of Wisconsin; April 4, 2016
- Neurobiology Seminar Series, University of Chicago, May 19, 2016

h. Papers read:

See abstracts

i. Work in review:

Chew, KS, Renna, JM, McNeill, DS, Van Dunk, C, Gray, P, Herzog, E, Zhao, H, Berson, DM, and Hattar, S. M1 ipRGCs regulate the development of the circadian pacemaker and vision. Submitted to Science

Walker, MT, Rupp, A., Elsaesser, R., Güler, A.D., Sheng, W., Weng, S, Berson, D.M., Hattar, S. and Montell, C. Rod-driven light input into retinal ganglion cells depends on a mouse homolog of *Drosophila* RDGB. Submitted to <u>J. Neurosci</u>.

Gallagher, S.K., Renna, J.M., Berg, D., Hartwick, A.T., Berson, D.M., and Vigh, J. μ-opioid receptors directly modulate intrinsically photosensitive retinal ganglion cells. Submitted to <u>J. Physiol</u>.

j. Work in progress:

My research concerns the structural and functional organization of retinal ganglion cells, the output cells of the retina whose axons make up the optic nerve. Ganglion cells exhibit great diversity both in their morphology and in their responses to light stimuli. On this basis, they are divisible into a large number of types (>20). Each ganglion-cell type appears to send its outputs to a specific set of central visual nuclei. This suggests that ganglion-cell heterogeneity has evolved to provide each visual center in the brain with preprocessed representations of the visual scene tailored to its specific functional requirements. Though the outline of this story has been appreciated for some time, it has received little systematic exploration. My laboratory is addressing three sets of related questions: 1) How many types of ganglion cells are there in a typical mammalian retina and what are their structural and functional characteristics? 2) What combination of synaptic networks and intrinsic membrane properties are responsible for the characteristic light responses of individual types? 3) What do the functional specializations of individual classes contribute to perceptual function or to visually mediated behavior? To pursue these questions, we use mouse genetics, viral methods, or axon-transport tracing to label specific populations of ganglion cells with fluorescent dyes or indicators for intracellular calcium or extracellular glutamate. Such cell-type-specific labeling allows us to trace the axonal projections specific ganglion-cell types to the brain. It lets us target these cells for high-resolution intracellular recording, for assessing the synaptic networks and cell types that affect them. Dye-filling during recording reveals cell morphology in great detail. Multiphoton imaging of the calcium or glutamate indicators provides an alternative window on how cell activity is affected by other cells or visual stimuli. We also isolate thousands of ganglion cells of a specific type from the rest of the retina by cell dispersion, then conduct

differential transcriptional profiling by high-throughput sequencing (RNAseq) to probe the molecular basis of ganglion-cell identity and function.

Just over a decade ago, we discovered a novel ganglion cell that is intrinsically photosensitive. These ganglion cells exhibit robust light responses even when all influences from classical photoreceptors (rods and cones) are eliminated. We now know that they use a novel photopigment called melanopsin to generate their intrinsic light responses and they are a universal feature of the vertebrate visual system. It is now clear that that they are essential for a variety of reflexive or homeostatic responses to environmental illumination, including photic synchronization of circadian rhythms, constriction of the pupil or modulation of hormones by light, photic pain, and modulation of sleep and mood. These findings help to explain why various physiological responses to light responses appear in young animals before rods and cones are functional and why they persist in mammals, including humans, with retinal blindness resulting from loss of rods and cones. We are pursuing many new lines of inquiry about these cells, including their unexpected diversity (there appear to be at least five types), their diverse functional roles in visually driven behavior, and their surprising ability to distribute their output signals within the retina itself. We are particularly interested in the capacity of such intraretinal feedback to affect retinal circadian rhythms and sensitivity. Such 'centrifugal' signals from these cells also appear to modulate spontaneous waves of activity that sweep across the developing retina and, through this, to help to establish normal connections in the developing visual regions of the brain.

7. Research Grants:

a: Current grants

NIH RO1 EY12793
National Eye Institute, National Institutes of Health
"Structure and function of mammalian ganglion cells"
02/07/2000 – 01/31/2019
Role: principal investigator
\$1,500,000 total direct costs over 5 years

NIH 1 R01 EY017137 National Eye Institute, National Institutes of Health "Biology of photosensitive ganglion cells" 9/1/2011-8/31/2015 Role: Principal investigator \$900,000 direct costs over 4 years

b: Completed grants

NSF BNS 841156 National Science Foundation "Infrared vision in snakes" 1984-1985 \$151,800 Role: co-principal investigator PHS 1 S15 DK39381-01 National Institutes of Health "Biomedical Research Support Grant" 1986 \$4,222

Role: principal investigator

NIH RO1 EY06108
National Eye Institute, National Institutes of Health
"Visual circuitry of the superior colliculus"
1986-1990
\$169,289

Role: principal investigator

NIH RO1 EY06108
National Eye Institute, National Institutes of Health
"Visual circuitry of the superior colliculus"
1990-1994
\$253,453
Role: principal investigator

PHS 1 S15 CA53754-01 -National Institutes of Health " Biomedical Research Support Grant " 1990 \$8.972

Role: principal investigator

NIH RO1 EY06108 National Eye Institute, National Institutes of Health "Visual circuitry of the superior colliculus" 1995-1999 \$540,682 Role: principal investigator

NIH RO1 EY12793
National Eye Institute, National Institutes of Health
"Structure and function of mammalian ganglion cells"
2/1/2000-1/31/2004
\$791,922 (direct + indirect)
Role: principal investigator

c: Proposals submitted

7. Service:

i. To the University:

1986 Search Committee, Faculty Appointment, Section of Neurobiology

1987	Organizing Committee, Symposium on Neuroscience at Brown
1987-91 & '95-98	Training Committee, Graduate Program in Neural Science
1988	Interviewer for Premedical Advisory Committee
1988-93	Program Committee, Physiology and Neurobiology Graduate Progam
1988-92 & '94-5	Program Committee, Neural Science Graduate Program Seminar Series, Chair (1991-92)
1990-	Ad Hoc Proposal Reviewer, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee
1992	Ad Hoc Member of Program in Biology Executive Committee, search for Dean of Medicine and Biological Sciences
1992-97	Space Committee, Department of Neuroscience.
1993 -	Coordinator, Instructional Computing, Department of Neuroscience
1994	Search Committee; Lab Preceptor position; Dept. of Neuroscience
1994-95	Chair, Comprehensive Examining Committee, Graduate Program in Neuroscience.
1995-8	Program Director, Graduate Program in Neuroscience
1995-6	Undergraduate Awards Committee; Division of Biology and Medicine
1997-8	Protocol reviewer, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee
1998	Faculty Marshal, Graduate School Commencement Exercises
1998	Whalen Award Committee
1998-9	Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)
1999-2004	Chair, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)
2000	Panelist, Management Development Program, Office of Training and Development
2000	Admissions Committee, MD/PhD program
2001	Neuroscience Department Prize Committee
2002	Organizer, Oral Presentation Workshop, Neuroscience Graduate Program
2002	Fox Postdoctoral Fellowship Committee
2002	Search Committee, Associate University Veterinarian

2003	Whalen Award Committee
2003-04	Chair, Neuroscience Undergraduate Curriculum Committee
2003-04	Chair, Search Committee, Assistant/Associate Professor of Neuroscience
2004-	Information Technology Advisory Committee, Div. of Biology and Medicine
2005-	Acting Director, Neuroscience Postdoctoral Training Grant
2005-6	Action Group/Search Committee, Associate Dean of Research, Div. of Biol. & Medicine
2006-7	Action Group; Policy on Faculty Reappointment and Tenure, Div. of Biol. & Medicine
2006-7	Chair, Search Committee, Senior Associate Dean for the Program in Biology, Div. of Biol. & Medicine
2007	Salomon Awards Review Committee
2008-09	Committee on Medical Faculty Affairs
2008	Admissions Committee, Neuroscience Graduate Program
2008	Ad hoc committee on evaluation of teaching mission, Dept. of Neuroscience
2008	Selections Committee, Undergraduate Teaching and Research Awards (UTRA)
2009-12	Academic Priorities Committee
2009-10	Chair, Search committee, faculty, Dept. of Neuroscience
2010	Admissions Committee, Neuroscience Graduate Program
2010	Internal review committee, departmental review, Dept. of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
2011	Reviewer for internal (Brown Univ.) evaluation, IGERT proposals for NSF graduate training
2011-13	Salomon Awards Review Committee
2012	Strategic Planning Committee; Division of Biology and Medicine
2012	Admissions Committee, Neuroscience Graduate Program
2013	Ad hoc committee, Brown Institute for Brain Science, Multiphoton Microscopy for the Leduc Imaging Facility.
2014	Conflict of Interest Review Board, Office of the Vice President for Research

ii. To the Profession:

Field Referee:

- Nature
- Science
- Neuron
- Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences (USA)
- PLoS Biology
- Journal of Neuroscience
- Science Translational Medicine
- Journal of Comparative Neurology
- Journal of Neurophysiology
- Visual Neuroscience
- Vision Research
- Synapse
- Journal of Biological Rhythms
- Experimental Brain Research
- Neuroscience
- NeuroReport
- American Journal of Anatomy
- Experimental Neurology
- Journal of Experimental Zoology
- Journal of Neuroscience Methods
- Journal of Chemical Neuroanatomy
- Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism
- Brain Research

Ad Hoc grant proposal referee (since 1982)

- National Science Foundation (U.S.A.)
- National Sciences and Engineering Research Council (Canada)
- Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (UK)
- Wellcome Trust (UK)
- Israel Science Foundation
- Aard- en Levenswetenschappen (Netherlands)
- March of Dimes

External referee, faculty promotions

- Yale University
- Harvard University
- Stanford University
- Johns Hopkins University
- Washington University
- The Salk Institute
- Northwestern University
- University of California, Los Angeles
- University of California, Santa Cruz
- Oregon Health and Sciences University
- Friedrich Miescher Institute for Biomedical Research, Basel, Switzerland
- Weitzmann Institute
- Technion
- Ben Gurion University
- University of Utah

- University of Virginia
- University of Maryland
- UT Houston
- University of Southern California
- York University, Ontario, Canada
- Louisiana State University Medical Center
- Boston University
- Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
- Center of Advanced European Studies and Research (CAESAR); Bonn, Germany
- Wayne State University
- Member, Educational Outreach Committee, Association of Neuroscience Departments and Programs (1997-99)
- Session chair, Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting (1998)
- Session chair, Association for Research and Ophthalmology Annual Meeting (2000, 2005)
- Member, Editorial Board, Visual Neuroscience (2000-2005)
- Member, Biology and Diseases of the Posterior Eye (BDPE) Study Section, NIH (ad hoc: 2003-2005; regular member: 2005-2009; chair 2006-2009).
- Participant, Neuroscience Open House, Center for Scientific Review, NIH. (March, 2007)
- Session Chair; Non-Rod/Non-Cone Photoreceptors; FASEB Summer Research Conference; Biology and Chemistry of Vision; Snowmass, CO (2009)
- Reviewer NIH CSR ZRG1 MDCN-N 02 (M) Special Emphasis Panel, Neuronal Development, Synaptic Transmission and Neuropathy, 2009.
- Reviewer NIH CSR ZRG1 CB-N (58) R Challenge Grants Panel # 3, June, 2009.
- Grant referee, Jeffress Memorial Trust (2010).
- Session Chair: "Photosensitive ganglion cells" Thirteenth Annual Vision Research Conference on Retinal Ganglion Cells: Development, Function, and Disease, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, April 30 May 1, 2010.
- Moderator, Poster session, "Everything you want to know about ipRGCs", Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology, 2010.
- Member, Annual Meeting Program Committee, Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO; elected 2011)
- Biology and Diseases of the Posterior Eye (BDPE) Study Section, CSR-NIH, ad hoc member, Sept. 2011.
- Session Chair, "Developments in Optical Switches" Optogenetic Therapies for Vision, Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Boston, MA, May, 2012

- Member, Neurotransporters, Receptors and Calcium Signaling Study Section (NTRC), NIH (July 2012 June 2014).
- Board of Scientific Counselors, National Eye Institute, National Institutes of Health (ad hoc member, 2013)
- Member, Scientific Advisory Board, Center for Vision Research, Upstate Medical University, Syracuse, NY (2014)
- Ad hoc reviewer NIH CSR ZRG1 CB-G 02 M Special Emphasis Panel, Member Conflict, Developmental Cell Biology, 2015.
- Ad hoc reviewer NIH CSR ZRG1 MDCN-R (04) M Transporters & Receptors (Teleconference) Special Emphasis Panel, 2015

8. Academic Honors:

- 1975 Graduation Magna Cum Laude, with Honors, Brown University
- 2004- Sidney A. Fox and Dorothea Doctors Fox Professor of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
- 2008- Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)
- 2013 Finalist, Alcon Research Award
- 2014 Finalist, Alcon Research Award
- 2014 Boycott Prize, FASEB Scientific Research Conference
- 2014 Presidential Faculty Award, Brown University
- 2015 Friedenwald Award, Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology
- 2015 Dean's Excellence in Teaching Award, Alpert Medical School

Fellowships:

1975-1978	National Science Foundation
	Individual Predoctoral Fellowship

1980-1983 National Institutes of Health

Individual Postdoctoral Fellowship

1984 National Science Foundation Travel Awardee

1988-1992 Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellowship

Honorary Societies:

Phi Beta Kappa Sigma Xi

Professional Societies:

Society for Neuroscience American Association for the Advancement of Science Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology Society for Research on Biological Rhythms

9. Teaching (past 10 years; course director*):

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2003-2004
           - I.
                 BN 165* (29 students)
                 BN 195 (2 students)
                 Bio 195 (1 student)
                 BN 296 (3 students)
                 BN 196 (2 students)
                 BI 196 (1 student)
2004-2005
           Ι.
                 BN 165* (41 students)
                 BN 195 (1 students)
                 BN 296 (2 students)
            II.
                 BN 296 (1 student)
                 BN 196
                         (1 student)
                 BN 260 (2 lectures; 2 labs)
2005-2006
           Ι.
                 BN 165* (55 students)
                 BN 195 (2 student)
                 BN 203 (1 guest lecture; 1 discussion section)
                 BN 205 (1 guest lecture; 1 discussion section)
                 BN 296 (2 students)
                 BN 294 (quest lecture)
            II.
                 BN 194 (12 students)
                 BN 296 (2 students)
                 BN 196 (3 students)
                 BN 260 (2 lectures; 2 labs)
                 BN 165* (48 students)
2006-2007 I.
                 BN 195 (3 students)
                 BN 205 (1 guest lecture)
                BI 365 (3 quest lectures)
2007-2008
            Ι.
                <sabbatical>
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BN212 (7 students)

BI 365 (2 guest lectures)

2008-2009 I. BN 165* (56 students)

II. BI 365 (1 guest lecture)

2009-2010 I. Neur 1650* (58 students)

II. BI 365 (1 guest lecture) Neur 2120* (12 students)

2010-2011 I. Neur 1650* (51 students)

II. BI 365 (2 guest lectures) Neur 1020* (2 guest lectures)

2011-2012 I. <sabbatical>

II. BI 365 (2 guest lectures) Neur 2120* (10 students)

2012-2013 I. Neur 1650* (55 students)

II. BI 365 (2 guest lectures)

2013-2014 I. Neur 1650* (47 students)

II. Neur 2120* (12 students)

2014-2015 I. BI 3650 Medical Brain Sciences

Faculty Advising:

Undergraduate:

Concentration advising

Sc.B. in Biology, Classes of '89, '90, and '92 A.B in Human Biology (Brain and Behavior); Classes of '95 - '00 Sc.B in Neuroscience; Classes of '96-present

Freshman advising 2001-2002 (6 students)

Sophomore advising

1995-6 (1 student) 2002-3 (2 students) 2004-5 (1 student) 2008-9 (2 students) 2013-14 (1 student)

Undergraduate research projects supervised 43 students since 1988

Undergraduate honors theses (second reader) >20 since 1988

Graduate:

Master's research projects supervised 2 since 1992

Graduate student advisory committees/ first year advisor >30 since 1988

Graduate student first year faculty advisor 9 since 1988

Doctoral comprehensive examination committees >23 since 1988

Doctoral thesis committees 30 since 1989