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- A.M. Chirila, T. E. Brown, N.G. Bellono, J. A. Kauer. (2013) Interleukin 1 β induces long-term potentiation of glycinergic synapses on dorsal horn GABAergic neurons. Soc. Neurosci., online.

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- B. Pradier, D.-S. Kim, D. Lipscombe, J.A. Kauer. (2016) Nociceptive inputs to trigeminal nucleus caudalis neurons – implications for migraine. Soc. Neurosci., online.
- A.M. Polter, R. Chen, P. Dingess, K. Barcomb, T. Brown, J.A. Kauer. (2016) Acute stress induces constitutive activation of kappa opioid receptors. Soc. Neurosci., online.
- M. Kloc, A. Chirila, R. Stevenson, J.A. Kauer. (2016) Potentiation of glycinergic IPSCs in the dorsal horn by Ca²⁺, NMDA and cAMP. Soc. Neurosci., online.
- K. Barcomb, A.M. Polter, A.C. Tsuda, J.A. Kauer. (2016) Circuit-specific plasticity of inhibitory synapses on VTA dopamine neurons. Soc. Neurosci., online.
- B. Pradier, H.-B. Shi, D.-S. Kim, J. A. Kauer (2017) Nociceptive inputs to trigeminal nucleus caudalis neurons - implications for migraine. Soc. Neurosci., online.
- K. Barcomb, A.M. Polter, A.C. Tsuda, J.A. Kauer. (2016) Optogenetic Activation of Specific GABAergic Circuits in the Ventral Tegmental Area. Soc. Neurosci., online.
- R. St. Laurent and J.A. Kauer. (2017) Novel Opioid-Sensitive Inhibitory Long-Term Potentiation, Soc. Neurosci., online.

Invited lectures

Invited Lectures

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| December, 1994 | “Hippocampal interneurons”, University of Chicago School of Medicine, Chicago, IL |
| April, 1996 | “LTP is absent in hippocampal interneurons”, Chicago Medical School, Finch Health Sciences, Chicago, IL |
| November, 1997 | “Synaptic plasticity in hippocampal interneurons”, University of Colorado, Denver, CO |
| December, 1997 | “Synaptic plasticity in hippocampal interneurons”, Conference on Neural Information Processing Systems, Breckenridge, CO |
| January, 1998 | “Synaptic plasticity in hippocampal interneurons”, Salk Institute, San Diego, CA |
| March, 1998 | “LTD in hippocampal interneurons”, University of California, San Francisco, CA |
| March, 1998 | “LTD in hippocampal interneurons”, Stanford University, Stanford, CA |

- April, 1998 "Long-term synaptic depression in hippocampal interneurons", Spring Hippocampal Reserch Conference, Grand Cayman
- July, 1998 "Hippocampal interneurons are excited by serotonin", Fourth IUPHAR Satellite Meeting on Serotonin, Rotterdam, Netherlands
- July, 1998 "Synaptic plasticity in hippocampal interneurons", University of Milan, Milan Italy
- September, 1998 "Long-term Synaptic Depression in Hippocampal Interneurons and Pyramidal Cells", Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD
- October, 1998 "Long-term Synaptic Plasticity in Hippocampal Interneurons and Pyramidal Cells", NINCDS, Bethesda, MD
- February, 1999 "Long-term Synaptic Plasticity in Hippocampal Interneurons and Pyramidal Cells", University of Pennsylvania, Dept. of Biology
- March, 1999 "Amphetamine modulates synaptic transmission in the VTA", University of Colorado, Denver Dept. of Pharmacology
- March, 1999 "Amphetamine blocks long-term depression in the ventral tegmental area", University of Southern California, Dept. of Biology
- April, 1999 "Amphetamine blocks synaptic plasticity in the ventral tegmental area", University of Texas, Austin, Dept. of Neurobiology
- April, 1999 "Amphetamine blocks synaptic plasticity in the ventral tegmental area", Brown University, Dept. of MPPB
- May, 1999 "Amphetamine blocks synaptic plasticity in the ventral tegmental area", University of California, Davis Dept. of Neuroscience
- November, 1999 "Amphetamine blocks synaptic plasticity in the ventral tegmental area", Yale University, Dept. of Psychiatry
- February, 2000 "Plasticity of excitatory synapses in the midbrain dopaminergic reward pathway: block by amphetamine", New York University, Dept. of Neurobiology
- July, 2000 "Synaptic transmission in the ventral tegmental area", International Narcotics Research Conference, Seattle, WA
- December, 2000 "Amphetamine blocks synaptic plasticity in the ventral tegmental area", American College of Neuropsychopharmacology, San Juan, Puerto Rico
- January, 2001 "Amphetamine blocks synaptic plasticity in the ventral tegmental area", Winter Conference on Brain Research Steamboat Springs, CO
- May, 2001 "Amphetamine blocks synaptic plasticity in the ventral tegmental area", University of Pennsylvania, Dept. of Neurobiology

July, 2001 "Amphetamine blocks synaptic plasticity in the ventral tegmental area", Gordon Research Conference: Catecholamines
Andover, NH

August, 2001 "Amphetamine blocks synaptic plasticity in the ventral tegmental area", Symposium on Synaptic Transmission
Heron Island, Australia

October, 2001 "Amphetamine blocks synaptic plasticity in the ventral tegmental area", University of Alabama, Birmingham, AL

November, 2001 "Amphetamine blocks synaptic plasticity in the ventral tegmental area", Brandeis University, Waltham, MA

December, 2001 "Amphetamine blocks synaptic plasticity in the ventral tegmental area", Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN

January, 2002 "Amphetamine blocks synaptic plasticity in the ventral tegmental area", Conference on Learning and Memory
Park City, UT

February, 2002 "Amphetamine blocks synaptic plasticity in the ventral tegmental area", Baylor University, Houston, TX

May, 2002 "Amphetamine blocks synaptic plasticity in the ventral tegmental area", University of Rochester, NY

June, 2002 "Synaptic Plasticity of Ventral Tegmental Area Dopamine Neurons", Stanford University, CA

August, 2002 "Long-term depression in the ventral tegmental area requires cyclic AMP dependent protein kinase, Gordon Research Conference: Synaptic Transmission

March, 2003 "Synaptic Plasticity of Ventral Tegmental Area Dopamine Neurons", University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

April, 2003 "Synaptic Plasticity of Ventral Tegmental Area Dopamine Neurons", N.Y. Academy of Science Conference, New Haven, CT

May, 2003 "Synaptic plasticity in the midbrain dopaminergic reward system.", University of Washington, Seattle, WA

November, 2003 "Synaptic Plasticity of Ventral Tegmental Area Dopamine Neurons", NIDA Symposium at Society for Neuroscience Meeting

December, 2003 "Synaptic Plasticity of Ventral Tegmental Area Dopamine Neurons", Boston University, Boston, MA

February, 2004 "Synaptic Plasticity in the Ventral Tegmental Area", Molecular Mechanisms of Plasticity, Washington, DC

February, 2004 "Synaptic Plasticity in the Ventral Tegmental Area", University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT

July, 2004 "Synaptic Plasticity in the Ventral Tegmental Area", FASEB Conference: Modern Scientific Approaches to Drug Addiction, Tucson, AZ

February, 2005 "Synaptic Plasticity in the Ventral Tegmental Area", Tufts University, Boston, MA

March, 2005 "Synaptic Plasticity in the Ventral Tegmental Area", NIH Neuroscience Seminar Series, Bethesda, MD

April, 2005 "Synaptic Plasticity in the Ventral Tegmental Area", Mt. Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY

April, 2005 "Synaptic Plasticity in the Ventral Tegmental Area: target of drugs of abuse", Loyola University, Chicago, IL

April, 2005 "Synaptic Plasticity in the Ventral Tegmental Area: target of drugs of abuse", Northwestern University, Chicago, IL

September, 2005 "Long-term potentiation of GABAergic synapses", University of Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland

September, 2005 "Synaptic Plasticity in the Ventral Tegmental Area", Gordon Research Conference on Excitatory Amino Acids and Brain Function, Aussois, France

October, 2005 "Long-term potentiation of GABAergic synapses blocked by opioids", UCLA, Los Angeles, CA

December, 2005 "Long-term potentiation of GABAergic synapses blocked by opioids", American College of Neuropsychopharmacology Conference, Waikoloa, Hawaii

January, 2006 "Long-term potentiation of GABAergic synapses blocked by opioids", UT Southwestern, Dallas, TX

January, 2006 Long-term depression at synapses on hippocampal interneurons", University of Chicago, IL

January, 2006 "Drugs of abuse modify synapses in the reward pathway", Yale University, New Haven, CT

February, 2006 "Opiates block long-term potentiation of GABAergic synapses", Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC

March, 2006 "Long-term potentiation of GABAergic synapses", Picower / RIKEN Neuroscience Symposium, Cambridge, MA

June, 2006 "Long-term potentiation of GABAergic synapses blocked by opioids", University of California, San Diego, CA

September, 2006 "Opiates Block LTP at Synapses in the Midbrain Reward Pathway", University of Massachusetts, Worcester, MA

October, 2007 "Long-term potentiation of GABAergic synapses", LTP: 40 Unforgettable Years, Atlanta, GA

February, 2007 "Opiates Block LTP at Synapses in the Midbrain Reward Pathway", Keystone Meeting: Neurobiology of Addiction, Santa Fe, NM

March, 2007 "Addiction mechanisms", Brandeis University, Waltham, MA

March, 2007 "Opiates Block LTP at Synapses in the Midbrain Reward Pathway", Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

May, 2007 "Opiates Block LTP at Synapses in the Midbrain Reward Pathway", University of Connecticut

July, 2007 "Opiates Block LTP at Synapses in the Midbrain Reward Pathway", Gordon Research Conference on Inhibition in the CNS

October, 2007 "Opiates Block LTP at Synapses in the Midbrain Reward Pathway", NYU School of Medicine, New York, NY

November, 2007	"Opiates Block LTP at Synapses in the Midbrain Reward Pathway", Journal of Physiology Symposium, San Diego, CA
December, 2007	"A hot new mechanism for long-term depression", Yale University Dept. of Neurology, New Haven, CT
January, 2008	"A hot new mechanism for long-term depression", Washington University, St. Louis, MO
February, 2008	"A hot new mechanism for long-term depression", Harvard University, Boston, MA
February, 2008	"A hot new mechanism for long-term depression", Winter Conference on Neural Plasticity, St. Lucia
March, 2008	"A hot new mechanism for long-term depression", Yale University, Dept. of Physiology, New Haven, CT
March, 2008	"A hot new mechanism for long-term depression", Albert Einstein University, New York, NY
March, 2008	"A hot new mechanism for long-term depression", University of Tennessee, Memphis, TN
May, 2008	"A hot new mechanism for long-term depression", University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC
September, 2008	"TRPV1: Hot channels in hippocampal synaptic plasticity", SUNY Stony Brook, Stony Brook, NY
November, 2008	"Synaptic plasticity: the control of inhibitory circuits", Special Lecture, Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting, Washington, DC
January, 2009	"A hot new mechanism for long-term depression", Baylor School of Medicine, Houston, TX
March, 2009	"TRPV1: a hot new mechanism for long-term depression", NINDS meeting: Synapses: Postsynaptic Mechanisms of Plasticity, Warrenton, VA
April, 2009	"A hot new mechanism for LTP", Washington State University, Pullman, WA
May, 2009	"TRPV1: hot new channels in the hippocampus", Adrian Seminar in Neuroscience, Cambridge University, Cambridge, UK
March, 2010	"A hot new mechanism for long-term depression", Student-Invited Speaker, University of Alabama, Birmingham, AL
March, 2010	"A hot new mechanism for long-term depression", Scripps Institute, La Jolla, CA
May, 2010	"A hot new mechanism for long-term depression", University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA
May, 2010	"A hot new mechanism for long-term depression", Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH
June, 2010	"Stress, drugs, and plasticity: GABAergic synapses in the VTA", Rush Medical School, Chicago, IL
July, 2010	"A hot new mechanism for long-term depression", Gordon Research Conference on Synaptic Plasticity

September, 2010	Keynote Speaker, "Stress, drugs, and plasticity: GABAergic synapses in the VTA", Washington University Neuroscience Retreat, St. Louis, MO
December, 2010	"Stress, drugs, and plasticity: GABAergic synapses in the VTA", Tufts University, Boston, MA
April, 2011	"Stress, drugs, and plasticity: GABAergic synapses in the VTA", Gallo Clinic and Research Center, UCSF, Emeryville, CA
May, 2011	"TRPV channels in long-term depression", Gordon Research Conference on Endocannabinoids, Les Diablerets, Switzerland
June, 2011	"Hippocampal LTD and TRPV channels", Gordon Research Conference on Excitatory Amino Acids
August, 2011	"Stress, drugs, and plasticity: GABAergic synapses in the VTA", Gordon Research Conference on Catecholamines
December, 2011	"Stress, drugs, and plasticity: GABAergic synapses in the VTA", Rosalind Franklin School of Medicine, North Chicago, IL
April, 2012	"Stress, drugs, and plasticity: GABAergic synapses in the VTA", NYU School of Medicine, New York, NY
May, 2012	"Stress, drugs, and plasticity: GABAergic synapses in the VTA", Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Bethesda, MD
July, 2012	"Stress, drugs, and plasticity: GABAergic synapses in the VTA", Synaptic Basis of Disease, Geneva, Switzerland
November, 2012	Keynote Speaker, "Stress, drugs, and plasticity: GABAergic synapses in the VTA", Center for the Neural Basis of Cognition retreat, Carnegie-Mellon U. and U. Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA.
February, 2013	"Stress, drugs, and plasticity: GABAergic synapses in the VTA", MIT, Cambridge, MA
February, 2013	"Stress, Drugs and Synaptic Plasticity in the VTA", University of Texas, San Antonio, TX
March, 2013	"Stress, drugs, and plasticity: GABAergic synapses in the VTA" Rhode Island College, Providence, RI
April, 2013	"Synaptic plasticity in the dorsal horn: clues to pain?", University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY
April, 2013	'Acute stress activates kappa opioid receptors and triggers persistent synaptic changes in the VTA", Kappa Therapeutics 2013, Cambridge, MA
May, 2013	"History of Long-term potentiation in the hippocampus" Invited Faculty, Neuroscience School of Advanced Studies, "Synaptic plasticity and neural circuit remodeling", Cortona, Italy
September, 2013	"Glycine synapse LTP in the dorsal horn", Stanford University Conte Center Research Symposium, Stanford, CA

October, 2013	"Synaptic plasticity in the dorsal horn: clues to pain?", University of Connecticut Health Center, Farmington, CT
April, 2014	"Stress, drugs, and plasticity: GABAergic synapses in the VTA", University of Colorado School of Medicine, Denver, CO
May, 2014	"Stress, drugs, and plasticity: GABAergic synapses in the VTA", University of Indiana, Indianapolis, IN
July, 2014	"Acute stress activates kappa opioid receptors and triggers persistent synaptic changes in the VTA", International Narcotics Research Conference 2014, Montreal, Quebec
August, 2014	"Stress, drugs, and plasticity: GABAergic synapses in the VTA" Invited Faculty, Summerschool Utrecht, Universiteit Utrecht, Netherlands
January, 2015	"Long-term potentiation of glycine synapses in the pain pathway", University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Pittsburgh, PA
February, 2015	"Drugs and stress: synaptic plasticity in the reward pathway", George Washington University School of Medicine, Washington, DC
March, 2015	"Blocking kappa opioid receptors, even after stress, rescues LTP-GABA and prevents reinstatement of cocaine seeking", Janelia Farms meeting: "Motivational Circuits in Natural and Learned Behaviors", Ashburn, VA
May, 2015	"Long-term potentiation of glycine synapses in the pain pathway", Thomas Jefferson University School of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA
May, 2015	"Long-term potentiation of glycine synapses in the pain pathway" AND "Stress, drugs, and plasticity: GABAergic synapses in the VTA" Invited Faculty, Neuroscience School of Advanced Studies, "Synaptic plasticity and neural circuit remodeling", Florence, Italy
June, 2015	"Long-term potentiation of glycine synapses in the pain pathway", Gordon Research Conference on Excitatory Amino Acids and Brain Function, Newport, RI
July, 2015	"Long-term potentiation of glycine synapses in the pain pathway", Grass Fellows Lecture Series, Woods Hole, MA
August, 2015	"Long-term potentiation of glycine synapses in the pain pathway", Symposium: From Synapses to Circuits and Behavior, Cairns, Australia
September, 2015	"Long-term potentiation of glycine synapses in the pain pathway", Tufts University School of Medicine, Medford, MA
January, 2016	"Long-term potentiation of glycine synapses in the pain pathway", Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, CT
April, 2016	"Acute stress activates kappa opioid receptors and triggers persistent synaptic changes in the VTA", Carlson Symposium, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

June, 2016	"Glycine receptor LTP at synapses in the dorsal horn", Pain Mechanisms and Therapeutics Conference, Taormina, Sicily
August, 2016	"Glycine receptor LTP at synapses in the dorsal horn", Gordon Research Conference on Synaptic Transmission, Waterville Valley, NH
September, 2016	"Acute Stress Persistently Activates Kappa Opioid Receptors in the VTA", University of Michigan School of Medicine, Ann Arbor, MI
October, 2016	"Glycine synapses in the pain pathway", Amgen, Cambridge, MA
November, 2016	"Long-term potentiation of glycine synapses in the pain pathway", University of Rhode Island, South Kingston, RI
December, 2016	Invited Keynote Speaker, "Acute Stress Persistently Activates Kappa Opioid Receptors in the VTA", Front Range Neuroscience Conference, Fort Collins, CO
March, 2017	"Acute Stress Persistently Activates Kappa Opioid Receptors in the VTA", Medical College of South Carolina, Charleston, SC
May, 2017	"Stress, kappa receptor activation, and synaptic plasticity at GABAergic synapses", University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta
August, 2017	Invited Faculty, Neuroscience School of Advanced Studies, "Synaptic plasticity and neural circuit remodeling", Siena, Italy
September, 2017	"Acute stress persistently activates kappa opioid receptors in the VTA", Northwestern University School of Medicine, Chicago, IL
April, 2018	TBA, Stanford University Neurosciences Institute, Stanford, CA
May, 2018	TBA, Jack Diamond Memorial Lecture, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario

Research in Progress

We currently have two major research areas.

The first project focuses on inhibitory GABAergic synapses in the ventral tegmental area (VTA), and their modulation by stress and drugs of abuse. We were the first to identify a form of long-term potentiation at these synapses, and have characterized the molecular mechanisms underlying the LTP. The VTA is essential for the development of addiction to drugs of abuse, and we find that morphine entirely blocks LTP at GABAergic synapses. This work defines a novel mechanism by which morphine can modulate the firing of dopamine neurons in the VTA known to be required for addiction. Moreover, we discovered that a brief stressful experience also entirely blocks this form of LTP. Intriguingly, we have found that kappa opioid receptors become

persistently active after acute stress, for a period lasting at least five days. We have linked this observation to stress-induced relapse to cocaine-seeking in rats; blocking kappa opioid receptors even days after the initial stress insult prevents relapse. We are currently exploring the mechanisms by which stress triggers this neurobiological adaptation. We are collaborating with Dr. Travis Brown at the University of Wyoming on the behavioral experiments. We are also using optogenetic and cell-marking tools to begin to delineate the VTA circuits responsive to opioid drugs.

In a second major project, we are also investigating synaptic plasticity in pain circuitry. We are exploring pain circuits in the dorsal horn of the spinal cord, the trigeminal nucleus caudalis, and the insular cortex. We have described a new type of synaptic plasticity triggered by the pro-inflammatory cytokine, interleukin-1 β or by a rise in intracellular Ca²⁺ triggered either by membrane depolarization or by NMDAR activation. These mechanisms rapidly potentiate glycinergic synapses on neurons in superficial dorsal horn. This form of potentiation occurs during inflammatory pain. We have pioneered expression of channelrhodopsin in trigeminal ganglion neurons, and have begun using optogenetic selective neuronal stimulation to probe nociceptive circuitry that may contribute to migraine pain and other trigeminal pain syndromes. We have also begun to explore the effects of inflammatory cytokines on synapses in the insula. Our work in the area of nociception has been a collaboration with Dr. Diane Lipscombe.

Service:

I. To the University

- MPPB Graduate Program Steering Committee (2000-present)
- Neuroscience Department Search Committees (2002, 2003, 2007, 2008, 2013)
- Neuroscience Department Graduate Admissions Committee (2000-2005)
- Dean's Committee on Strategic Review of Biomedical Research (2002)
- Summer PLME Research Assistantships Review (2002-2015)
- Biomed IT Advisory Group (2004-2006)
- Medical Committee on Academic Standing (2004-2012)
- Undergraduate Academic Advising (2005-present)
- University Committee on Academic Standing (2006-2010)
- University IACUC (2006-2010)
- Undergraduate prize committee (2008)
- Co-director of MPP Graduate program (2009-10)
- Director of MPP Graduate Program (2010)
- Biology Curriculum Committee (2011-present)
- University Nominations Committee (2011-2014)
- Conflict of Interest Review Board (2011-present)
- Chair, Conflict of Interest Review Board (2014-present)

BioMed Space Committee (2011- present)
Brown Institute for Brain Science Molecular Search co-chair, 2015 and 2017
PI on T32 Training Grant, “Predoctoral Training Program in Trans-Disciplinary Pharmacological Sciences” (2014- present)
Co-director, Brown Institute for Brain Science Center for Neural Circuits (2014-present)
Brown Institute for Brain Science Executive Committee member (2014-present)

II. To the Profession

Woods Hole Neurobiology course instructor, 1992, 1994
Woods Hole Neurobiology course lecturer, 1995-2002, 2008
Lecturer, Biotechnology for Business course, Duke University, 1993-2004
NIH Internal Review Group MDCN-5, 2000-2004
Associate Editor, Journal of Neuroscience, 2001-2006
Associate Editor, Journal of Neurophysiology, 2002-present
Society for Neuroscience Program Committee, 2003-2007
Society for Neuroscience Jacob P. Waletzky Award Committee 2003
Editorial Board, Physiology, 2006-2012
NIH Neuroscience Blueprint Neuroplasticity Workshop (8/2007)
NIH Neuroscience Blueprint Pain Workshop (9/2008)
NINDS Board of Scientific Counselors, 2008- 2013
Editorial Board, Physiological Reviews, 2010- present
Society for Neuroscience Axelrod Award Committee, 2014, 2015
NIH Internal Review Board NTRC (2017-present)
Ad hoc reviewer: Alzheimer’s Association, Ireland Health Review Board, Wellcome Trust, Grass Fellowships, MRC fellowships (UK), NIDA Program Project (2005), Research Grants Council Hong Kong, MDCN-C Drug Development panel (2005), NIEHS review panel (2008), NICHD intramural review panel (2008), NIDA CEBRA review panel (2014), NIH CMND review panel (2014), NIH LAM review panel (2014), NINDS Board of Scientific Counselors (2014), NIH review panel ZRG1 MDCN-P (2015), NIH review panel ZRG1 MDCN-R (2015), NIH review panel NTRC (3/2017 and 9/2017).

Academic Honors and Awards

Scholar in Residence, University of Pennsylvania Systems and Integrative Behavior, 4/2001
Elected Vice Chair, Gordon Research Conference “Synaptic Transmission”, 8/2004
Elected Chair, Gordon Research Conference “Synaptic Transmission”, 8/2006
Special Lecture, Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting, Washington, DC 11/2008

Adrian Seminar in Neuroscience, Cambridge University, Cambridge, UK
5/2009
Keynote Speaker, Washington University Neuroscience Retreat, St. Louis, MO,
9/2010
Keynote Speaker, Center for Neural Basis of Cognition Retreat, Carnegie-
Mellon/University of Pittsburgh, 11/2012
Elected AAAS Fellow 11/2012
Keynote Speaker, Front Range Neuroscience Conference, Fort Collins, CO,
12/2016

Research Grants

a) Past:

NRSA, 1989-91

DuPont Co.

"Mechanism of action of DuP 996" \$38,631 total costs/year
07/01/91- 06/30/93

NIH R29

"Modulation of hippocampal interneurons"
\$347,126 total costs/year
04/01/92 - 03/31/97

Epilepsy Foundation of America

"Mechanisms underlying synaptic depression in hippocampal inhibitory
interneurons following high-frequency stimulation"
\$30,000 total costs/year
07/01/96-06/30/97

Cephalon, Inc.

"Mechanism of action of modafinil"
\$45,000 total costs/year
10/01/96 - 10/01/97

NIH/NINDS RO1

"Excitability of hippocampal inhibitory interneurons"
\$567,354 total costs/year
9/01/97-6/30/00

NIH/NIDA RO1

"Glutamate synapses in sensitization to drugs of abuse"
\$94,699 direct costs/year
07/15/97-05/31/00

2 R01DA11289-08
"Glutamate synapses in sensitization to drugs of abuse"
\$175,000 direct costs/year
07/01/00-03/31/06

NARSAD Independent Investigator Award
"Synaptic plasticity in the ventral tegmental area"
\$50,000 direct costs/year
9/15/2002 – 9/14/2005

R03 DA15447-02
"Synaptic plasticity in the VTA studied in vivo"
\$50,000 direct costs/year
07/01/03 - 06/30/06

R01 NS050570-01
"Glutamatergic synapses on hippocampal interneurons"
\$200,000 direct costs/year
8/01/05 - 7/31/09

1P30RR031153 Atwood (PI) Kauer: Pilot project co-PI: 01/07/2011-3/31/2012
"Center for cancer signaling networks" [pilot project: "Lighting up synapses in the spinal dorsal horn", \$70,000]

2 RO1 DA011289 Kauer (PI) 04/01/06 - 03/31/2011
\$188,000 direct costs/year
"Inhibitory synaptic transmission and drugs of abuse"

Brown Institute for Brain Science Pilot Award Kauer/Lipscombe (co-PIs):
"Synaptic Remodeling in the Spinal Cord in Chronic Pain"
06/03/2011 - 06/01/12
\$15,000 direct costs

R01NS065251-01
"TRPV1 channels in hippocampal neurons" \$272,587 direct costs/year
08/01/09 - 07/31/2012

Brown University Seed Fund Award Kauer/Lipscombe (co-PIs):

“Molecular and Cellular Mechanisms Underlying the Transition from Acute to Chronic Pain”
03/15/2012 – 06/30/2014
\$85,000 direct costs

Simons Award #239834
Simons Foundation & Lurie Marks Foundation (Morrow, PI; Kauer co-PI)
07/01/2012 -06/30/2014
“Endosomal NHE6 in Long Range Connectivity and Autism”
Kauer: ~\$10,000 direct costs

NIH Blueprint for Neuroscience Research (**Kauer**/Lipscombe(Multi-PI)
NIDA 07/01/13 – 06/30/14
\$75,000 direct costs

“Inhibitory Synaptic Transmission, Stress and Drugs of Abuse”

Pilot Award (**Kauer**/Saab: co-PIs) 06/03/2013 - 06/01/14
Brown Institute for Brain Science \$30,000 direct costs
“CNS mechanisms of spinal cord stimulation for pain”

Current

2 RO1 DA011289 (PI: Kauer) 12/01/2011–12/31/2017
(NCE)
NIH/NIDA
“Inhibitory synaptic transmission, stress and drugs of abuse”

1R01NS088453-01 (PI: Kauer) 7/1/2014- 6/30/2019
NIH/NINDS
“Glycine receptor synaptic plasticity”

3R01NS088453-01S1 (PI: Kauer) 1/1/2015–6/30/2019
NIH/NINDS
“Glycine receptor synaptic plasticity - Supplement”
This is a diversity supplement request to the parent grant (funded) to fund a graduate student.

2RO1 NS055251-09A1 (PI: Lipscombe) 08/02/2006–07/31/2019
NIH/NINDS
“N-type Calcium Channels in Nociceptive Neurons
Role: Co-PI

W.M. Keck Foundation (PI: Moore) 07/1/2015-06/30/2018
Award #: 004538
"Bioluminescent Optogenetics to Autoregulate Excitable Cells"
Role: Co-PI

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"Labile LTP in short-term memory circuits"

Teaching

At Brown University:

1. Spring, 2001: Bio 110, Cell Physiology and Biophysics
Undergraduate course, 27 students. Met weekly Wednesdays 3:00-5:20pm
2. Spring, 2001: BN294, Special topics in Neurobiology: Synaptic plasticity, co-taught with Mark Bear.
Graduate seminar course. Met weekly Tuesdays 6:00-8:30pm.
3. Spring, 2002: Bio 274, Organ System Pharmacology
Medical school pharmacology course, met bi-weekly Tu/Th 10:30-11:50am.
4. Fall, 2003: BI 217 Receptors, Ion Channels, and Synapses. Graduate/
undergraduate course. Met weekly Tuesdays 10:00 am-12:30.
5. Spring, 2004: Bio 110, Cell Physiology and Biophysics Undergraduate course,
19 students. Met weekly Wednesdays 3:00-5:20pm.
6. Fall, 2004: Bio 119, Synaptic transmission and plasticity. undergraduates and
two graduate students. Met bi-weekly Tu/Th 1:00- 2:20 pm.
7. Fall, 2005: Bio 119, Synaptic transmission and plasticity. 13 undergraduates
and one graduate student. Met bi-weekly Tu/Th 1:00-2:20 pm.
8. Fall, 2006: Bio 119, Synaptic transmission and plasticity. 18 undergraduates
and two graduate students. Met bi-weekly Tu/Th 1:00-2:20 pm.
9. Fall, 2007: Bio 119, Synaptic transmission and plasticity. 18 undergraduates
and two graduate students. Met bi-weekly Tu/Th 1:00-2:20 pm.

10. Spring, 2007: Bio 110, Cell Physiology and Biophysics Undergraduate course, 30 students. Met weekly Wednesdays 3:00-5:20pm.
11. Fall, 2008: Bio 1190, Synaptic transmission and plasticity. 18 undergraduates and two graduate students. Met bi-weekly Tu/Th 1:00-2:20 pm.
12. Spring, 2009: Bio 1100, Cell Physiology and Biophysics Undergraduate course, 30 students. Met weekly Wednesdays 3:00-5:20pm.
13. Spring, 2011: Biol 1100, Cell Physiology and Biophysics Undergraduate course, 30 students. Met weekly Wednesdays 3:00-5:20pm.
14. Fall, 2011: Bio 1190, Synaptic transmission and plasticity. 19 undergraduates and one graduate student. Meets weekly Th 1:00-3:50 pm.
15. Fall, 2012: Bio 1190, Synaptic transmission and plasticity. 20 undergraduates. Met TuTh 1:00-2:20 pm.
16. Spring, 2013: Biol 1100, Cell Physiology and Biophysics Undergraduate course, 29 students. Meets weekly Wednesdays 3:00-5:20pm.
17. Fall, 2014: Bio 1190, Synaptic transmission and plasticity. 22 undergraduates. Met TuTh 1:00-2:20 pm.
18. Summer, 2014: Co-taught an IMSD module with Anita Zimmerman on Scientific Writing, three 2-hour sessions.
19. Spring, 2015: Bio 1190, Synaptic transmission and plasticity. 22 undergraduates. Met TuTh 1:00-2:20 pm.
20. Spring, 2016: Bio 1190, Synaptic transmission and plasticity. 17 undergraduates. Met TuTh 1:00-2:20 pm.
21. Spring, 2017: Bio 1190, Synaptic transmission and plasticity. Meets TuTh 1:00-2:20 pm.

Lectures in courses directed by others:

1. Small group instructor, BI273: 2001, 2002, 2003
2. Two lectures, BI 274: 2003
3. One lecture, BI 2740: 2004, 2008, 2011
4. One lecture, NB 1020: 2001, 2003, 2004, 2011, 2014, 2015, 2016
5. Two lectures, BI 217: 2006
6. One lecture, NB 0010: 2003-17
7. One 2-3 hour lecture, NB 2030: 2006-2017
8. One three hour lab demonstration, NB 2030: 2011

Independent study students (*indicates published paper from work):
 Suyearn Hong, 2000-1 (UTRA)

Cindy Poo, 2002-3 (UTRA)
*Tina Udaka, 2003-4 (UTRA)
Alison Hwong, 2004-5 (UTRA)
*Robert Mair, 2005-6 (UTRA)
Arlene Chang, 2005-2006
Janet Lee, 2006-7
Katherine Lanning, 2006-7 (UTRA)
Katherine Tsubota, 2007-8 (UTRA)
*Rachel Page, 2007-8 (UTRA)
Colin Feuille 2008-9 (UTRA)
*Francesco Pucci 2008-2010 (PLME summer fellowship)
Kelly Duong, 2010-11 (UTRA)
Mark Nagy, 2010-11 (UTRA)
*Benjamin Schrank, 2010-11 (UTRA)
Roy Ruttiman, 2010-2011 (UTRA)
Joshua Chu, 2010-2011
*Jingyi Gong, 2011- (UTRA)
Lorraine Fei 2011-2012 (UTRA)
*Rachel Bishop 2012- (UTRA)
Anant Gharpure 2012- (UTRA)
*Rudy Chen 2013 (PLME summer fellowship)
Laura Van Dyck 2013 (UTRA)
Elodi Healy 2014 (UTRA)
Oladele Ojo 2014 (UTRA)
Shahena Polynice 2015 (UTRA)
*Ayumi Tsuda 2015 (UTRA)
Ronan O'Shea 2016

Undergraduate Honors Theses:

Suyearn Hong, 2000-1
Cindy Poo, 2002-3
Tina Udaka, 2003-4
Alison Hwong, 2004-5
Robert Mair, 2005-6
Katherine Lanning, 2006-7
Katherine Tsubota, 2007-8
Colin Feuille, 2008-2009
Kelly Duong, 2010-2011
Benjamin Schrank, 2010-2011
Rachel Bishop, 2012-2013
Anant Gharpure, 2013-2014
Laura Van Dyck, 2013-2014
Rudy Chen 2013-2015

M.S./Ph.D. Thesis students:

Johanna Gutlerner, 2004 (degree granted from Duke University)
Nathan Riley, 2006
Manjari Murali, 2009
Anda Chirila, 2014

Rachel Stevenson, current
Robyn St. Laurent, current

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