

# Curriculum Vitae

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## Positions

**University of Utah**  
2022 – Assistant professor of Neurobiology

## Education and Training

**Harvard University**  
2016 – 2022 Postdoctoral Fellow, Molecular and Cellular Biology Department, Advisor: Catherine Dulac, Ph.D.

**University of California, San Diego**  
2010-2015 Ph.D. in Biological Sciences, Advisor: Andrew Huberman, Ph.D.  
*Thesis: Axon target matching in the developing visual system*

**University of Oregon**  
2006-2010 B.S. in Biology, minor in Chemistry, Research Advisor: Chris Doe, Ph.D.

## Honors, Prizes and Fellowships

2021 Y. Eva Tan Postdoctoral Fellowship  
2021 Meselson Prize for “The most beautiful experiment of the year”,  
Molecular and Cellular Biology Department, Harvard University  
2020 NIH Pathway to Independence Award (K99/R00)  
2019 Best Poster Award, Ascona Circuits Meeting  
2016 Jane Coffin Childs Memorial Fund Postdoctoral Fellowship  
2016 Damon Runyon Postdoctoral Fellowship (declined)  
2011 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship  
2012 Fine Science Tools Travel Award  
2010 GAANN fellowship, US Department of Education

## Grant Support

### Active

1/2020-1/2026 NIH K99/R00 Pathway to Independence Award. “Molecular and functional characterization of the cells and circuits underlying the fever response” \$993, 348 total costs. Role: PI

## Publications

**Osterhout JA**, Kapoor V, Eichhorn SW, Vaughn E, Moore JD, Lui D, Lee D, DeNardo LA, Luo L, Zhuang X, Dulac C (2022). A preoptic neuronal population controls fever and loss of appetite during sickness. *Nature* (606): 937-944.

Li Y, Mathis A, Grewe BF, **Osterhout JA**, Ahanonu B, Schnitzer MJ, Murthy VN, Dulac C (2017) Neuronal representation of social information in the medial amygdala of awake behaving mice. *Cell* (5): 1176-1190.

**Osterhout JA**, Nguyen PL, Yoshihara Y, Huberman AD (2015) Contactin-4 mediates axon-target specificity and functional development of the accessory optic system. *Neuron* (4): 855-57.

**Osterhout JA**, El-Danaf RN, Nguyen PL, Huberman AD (2014) Birthdate and outgrowth timing predict cellular mechanisms of axon-target matching in the developing visual pathway. *Cell Reports* (8):1-12.

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**Osterhout JA**, Josten N, Yamada J, Pan F, Wu SW, Nguyen PL, Panagiotakos G, Inoue YU, Egusa SF, Volgi B, Inoue T, Bloomfield SA, Barres BA, Berson DM, Feldheim DA, Huberman AD (2011) Cadherin-6 mediates axon-target matching in a non-image-forming visual circuit. *Neuron* (71):632-9.

Carney TD, Miller MR, Robinson KJ, Bayraktar OA, **Osterhout JA**, Doe CQ (2012) Functional genomics identifies neural stem cell sub-type expression profiles and genes regulating neuroblast homeostasis. *Dev Biol* (36):137-46.

## Invited Research Talks

2023 **Columbia University**, Naomi Berrie Diabetes Center, New York City, NY  
 2023 **International Society of Neuroimmunology Annual Congress**, Quebec City, Canada  
 2023 **American Association of Immunology Annual Meeting**, Washington D.C.  
 2022 **University of New Mexico**, Center for Evolutionary and Theoretical Immunology  
 2022 **Northwestern University, Children's Hospital of Chicago**, Neurobiology of Disease Series  
 2022 **Gordon Research Conference**, Optogenetic approaches to understanding neural circuits  
 2022 **Open Box Science Seminar**  
 2021 **Tan-Yang Center Scientific Advisory Board meeting**  
 2020 **Harvard University**, Department of Molecular and Cellular Biology seminar series  
 2019 **Jane Coffin Childs annual symposium**  
 2018 **Postdoc Science Café**, Cambridge, MA  
 2013 **Biological Sciences retreat**, Lake Arrowhead, CA  
 2012 **Neurodevelopment Interest Group Symposium**, San Diego, CA

## Mentorship and Advising (\* denotes underrepresented minority)

### Graduate Students

(2022 - ) Jacklyn Nguyen, University of Utah, Neurobiology program  
 (2022 - ) Michelle Swarovski, University of Utah, Neuroscience Program

### Postdoctoral Scholars

(2024 - ) Danielle Germundson-Hermanson, PhD

### Post-Bac Research Technicians

(2023 - ) Robert Ettaro, University of Utah  
 (2021-2022) Josie Emery, Harvard University, Research technician, Dulac Lab  
 (2019-2021) Ashely Emery, Emory University, Psychology Ph.D. student  
 (2018-2019) Dean Lee, M.S., HiFiBio Therapeutics, Group Leader, Single Cell Data Scientist

### Undergraduates

(2022 - ) Marie Slater, University of Utah  
 (2019-2021) Isabella Beckett, MCR Laboratory of Molecular Biology, Ph.D. student  
 (2019-2021) Aba Sam\*, University of Oxford, Clinical and Therapeutic Neuroscience Masters program  
 (2018-2019) Melonie Vaughn\*, University of California, San Diego, Biological Sciences Ph.D. student  
 (2017-2019) Rajdeep Trilokekar, Brigham Young University Law, J.D. student  
 (2016) Ibtihal Elfaki\*, Stanford Medicine M.D./Ph.D. student  
 (2011-2013) Pritha Multani M.D., Department of pediatrics, UC Davis, resident

### Graduate Student Thesis Advisory Committees

(2023 - ) Samantha Stone, Microbiology and Immunology Graduate Program, University of Utah  
 (2023 - ) Becca Schnabel, Neuroscience Graduate Program, University of Utah  
 (2023 - ) Qwynn Landfield, Neuroscience Graduate Program, University of Utah

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- (2022 – ) Uchechukwu Mgbike\*, Bioscience Graduate Program, University of Utah  
(2022 – ) Maddie Swall, Bioscience Graduate Program, University of Utah

### Service and Outreach

- 2023 – *Recruitment Committee Chair*: Neuroscience Graduate Program, University of Utah  
2023 *Retreat Committee Chair*: Neurobiology Department, University of Utah  
2014-2015 *Graduate Research Seminar Organizer*: Neurobiology series, Univ. of Calif., San Diego  
2012 *Guest Lecturer*: Advanced Placement Genetics laboratory, Southwest High School, San Diego  
2011 *Judge*: Greater San Diego Science and Engineering Fair

### Teaching experience

- 2019 Teaching Fellow: Molecular basis of behavior, Harvard University  
2014-2015 *Teaching Assistant Instructor*: Biological Sciences, University of California, San Diego  
Graduate teaching mentor; Trained, observed, evaluated PhD-level teaching assistants  
2015 *Guest Lecturer*: Healthy and Diseased Brain, University of California, San Diego  
2014 *Lead Teaching Assistant*: Healthy and Diseased Brain, University of California, San Diego  
2014 *Guest Lecturer*: Healthy and Diseased Brain, University of California, San Diego  
2013 *Teaching Assistant*: Bacteriology, University of California, San Diego  
2012 *Teaching Assistant*: Biochemical Techniques Laboratory, University of California, San Diego