

CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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EDUCATION

- Postdoctoral Fellow, UNC-Chapel Hill, 2008-2013
- Ph.D., UNC-Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill NC, 2008, Biology
- B.S., University of Rochester, Rochester NY, 2002, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE AND EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- Research Associate Professor 2021-present
- Associate Director, Systems Genetics Core Facility, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, July 2018-present
- Research Assistant Professor, Department of Genetics, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, April 2013 – present
- Member, Curriculum in Genetic and Molecular Biology, University of North Carolina, May 2014-present
- Member, Curriculum in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology, University of North Carolina, May 2014-present

HONORS AND AWARDS

2016 NIH early career reviewer, GHD study section

2012 UNC Office of Postdoctoral Affairs Service Award for Mentoring, 2012

2011 Travel Scholarship, Mouse Genetics 2011 Meeting, 2011

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2011	UNC Office of Postdoctoral Affairs Service Award for Mentoring, 2011
2007	Tri-Beta Teaching Assistant Award, University of North Carolina, 2007
2004	Scholarship to attend NCSU Summer Institute in Statistical Genetics, 2004
1998-2002	Dean's List, The University of Rochester (3 semesters), 1998-2002

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BOOK CHAPTERS

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INVITED PRESENTATIONS

- B.A.A.G.s workshop “Genetic control of homeostasis in the Collaborative Cross mouse model”, May 23rd, 2022
- NIAID Genetically Engineered Mouse Models to Accelerate **HIV** Vaccine Development Workshop “The Collaborative Cross as a resource for studying respiratory virus pathogenesis and immunity”, March 31, 2021
- University of Vermont, Vermont Center for Immunobiology and Infectious Diseases “Genetic control of immune homeostasis in the Collaborative Cross mouse model”, December 19, 2020
- Tectonic Plates, Alamance County’s Science Café “CoVID and research: fast is slow and slow is fast”, November 10, 2020
- NC RTP Lab Animal Medicine Residency Didactic program “Mouse Genetic Characterization, QC and Genetic Mapping”, March 2, 2020
- Improving the Assembly of Genetically Diverse Mouse Genomes, Nov 11 2019, BioNano Genomics Informational Seminar; Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center
- Complex genetic regulation of gene therapy and immune homeostasis, Oct 1 2018, UNC Cell Biology and Physiology seminar series.
- Complex genetic regulation of gene therapy and immune homeostasis, April 8, 2019, Texas A&M University Genetics and Genomics Seminar series.
- Collaborative Cross Mouse Models, March 12, 2019, NC Academy of Laboratory Animal Medicine (seminar)
- 2017 The Scripps Research Institute “Genetic Regulation of Multiple Aspects of Host Immunity”
- 2016 Emory University “Lessons in Immunogenetics: Complex complexity”
- 2015 Complex Trait Consortium “Genetic Control of Extreme Influenza Disease”
- 2015 NIEHS, “Genetic Diversity in Ebola Response”
- 2014 Christopher Newport University, “Simple viruses causing complex diseases”

- 2014 Oregon Health Sciences University, “Systems genetics and viral pathogenesis: The Collaborative Cross model of host immune responses”
- 2013 University of Massachusetts Medical School, “Systems approaches uncover novel host genetic regulation of respiratory pathogens”
- 2013 Saint Louis University, “Systems approaches uncover novel host genetic regulation of respiratory pathogens”
- 2010 Oregon Health Sciences University, “New insight into influenza pathogenesis using the Collaborative Cross.”
- 2010 Rutgers University Department of Ecology, Evolution and Natural Resources Departmental Seminar "Dissecting the complex genetic architecture of virus-host interactions during influenza virus infection."
- 2009 UNC Department of Microbiology and Immunology Departmental Seminar “Complex host genetic contributions to influenza infection”

TEACHING RECORD

- Instructor, GNET645/BCB645: Quantitative Genetics of Complex Traits, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Spring 2019-present (BCB crosslisting as of 2021)
- Lecturer: Host genetics of pathogenesis, MCRO640 Microbial Pathogenesis II, University of North Carolina, Spring 2008-2018
- UNC Biological and Biomedical Sciences Program student mentor. 2011-2012
- Teaching Assistant, Department of Biology, UNC-CH, Introduction to Evolution and Ecology; Evolutionary Mechanisms. 2002-2007
- Course Developer, BIOL842 “Teaching and Course Development,” University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. 2006

MENTORING/GRADUATE TRAINING

Graduate Students

Ellen Risemberg	2021-Present (Curriculum in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology [BCB]; Co-Mentored with Dr. Will Valdar)
Marta Cruz Cisneros	2019-Present (Curriculum in Genetics and Molecular Biology [GMB]; Co-Mentored with Dr. Mark Heise)
Brea Hampton	2017-Present (Curriculum in Genetics and Molecular Biology [GMB]; Student Co-Mentored with Dr. Mark Heise)
Kelsey Noll	2015-2020 (Microbiology & Immunology; Student Co-Mentored with Dr. Mark Heise) -Currently: Fellow at IMPACT Pharmaceuticals

Dissertation Committees

Richard Green	2022-Present	University of Washington, Advisors: Peter Tarczy-Hornoch, Michael Gale
Logan Whitehouse	2021-Present	BCB; Advisor: Dan Schreider (MTF is Committee chair)
Hang Su	2020-Present	BCB; Advisor: Leonard Mc Millan
John Sebastian Sigmon	2020-Present	Computer Science; Advisor: Leonard McMillan
Christiann Hill	2018-Present	Neuroscience; Advisor: Lisa Tarantino
Anwica Kashfeen	2020-2021	Computer Science; Advisor: Leonard McMillan
Yanwei Cai	2017-2020	BCB; Advisor: Will Valdar
Amelia Clayshulte	2015-2017	GMB; Advisor: Fernando Pardo-Manuel de Villena
Anne Beall	2014-2017	Microbiology and Immunology, Advisor: Ralph Baric
Heather Vincent	2014-2017	Microbiology and Immunology; Advisor, Nat Moorman

Faculty Mentoring

Johanna Smeekens, PhD	2022-present	Department of Pediatrics
Sam Wolff, PhD	2020-present	Department of Genetics

GRANTS

Active

- NIH R01AI57253. 9/25/2020-8/31/2025. Genetic Analysis of COVID-19 susceptibility and resistance determinants in the Collaborative Cross (PI: Dr. Mark Heise, PhD). \$748,384. 5% effort, Co-Investigator.
- NIH U01DA050243. 9/1/2020-6/30/2025. A reduced complexity cross in BALB/C substrains to identify the genetic basis of oxycodone dependence phenotypes (PI: Dr. Camron Bryant, PhD, Boston University). \$602,148. 5% effort, Co-Investigator.
- NIH R21DA052171. Rapid identification of cocaine sensitivity genes using a novel reduced complexity cross. Co-Investigator (PI. Dr. Lisa Tarantino, PhD). 2020-present
- NIH U01AI149644. Respiratory Virus Vaccine and Adjuvant Exploration. (PI: Dr. Ralph S Baric, PhD) Subcontract. \$144,071 Directs. 2019-present
- NIH U42OD010924 A Carolina Center to Characterize and Maintain Mutant Mice. Co-Investigator (PI Dr. Terry Magnuson, PhD). 2020-present
- NIH P01AI132130. Systems Genetics of Tuberculosis. Co-Director, Core A (PI: Dr. Chris Sasetti, PhD UMass School of Medicine). \$225,000 Directs. 2017-present
- NIH U19 AI100625. Systems Immunogenetics of Biodefense Pathogens in the Collaborative Cross. Co-Director Core B (PIs: Drs Mark T. Heise, Ralph S. Baric, PhD). \$250,188 Directs. 2012-present

Completed

- NIH R01 HL128119. Lentiviral Vector-Based Gene Therapy and the Host Genetic Background. Co-Investigator (PI Dr. Tal Kafri, UNC). \$127,516 Directs. 2015-2019

- NIH U19AI109761 CETR. Diagnostic and Prognostic Biomarkers for Viral Severe Lung Disease. Co-Investigator (PI: Ian Lipkin, Columbia Univ). 2014-2019
- NIH R01 ES024965. Gene-Environment Interactions with Ozone in Experimental Asthma. Co-Investigator (PI Dr. Samir Kelada, UNC) 2015-2018
- NIH R21 AI119933. Host Genetic Control of Chikungunya Virus-induced Arthritis. Co-Investigator (PI. Mark Heise). 2016-2018
- NIH R21 AI113485. Identifying host genetic determinants that regulate dendritic cell activation. Co-Investigator (PI Dr. Mehul Suthar, Emory University). 2015-2017
- NIH U54 Pacific Northwest Regional Center for Excellence in Biodefense and Emerging Infectious Diseases. Project 3.1: Systems Pathogenomics of Acute Respiratory Virus Infection (Co-Investigator). 2009-2014
- F32 NSRA Postdoctoral Fellowship AI084322-01 “Investigation host genetic polymorphisms contributing to influenza virus disease”. 2011-2009
- NSF Doctoral Dissertation Improvement Grant DEB-0709823 “Characteristics of viral host niche evolution”. 2007-2008

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES AND SERVICE

- Ad hoc reviewer American Institute of Biological Sciences 2/2022-present
- NIH Exploratory Data Science Methods and Algorithm Development Special Review Panel (ZAI1 SB-x(J1), 2021/10)
- NIH Computational Models of Immunity Special Review Panel (11/2019)
- Member (2013-present, Chair of Nominations and Elections Committee (2019)) International Mammalian Genome Society
- Member (2015-present, GSA working group on Science Advocacy (2018)) Genetics Society of America
- NIH CSR Anonymization Study reviewer (2019)
- NIH GHD study section, Early Career Reviewer (2016)
- Graduate Student Admission, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, ‘Q’ committee 2016-2018
- Guest Editor, Mammalian Genomes 2016-2018
- Ad hoc NSF grant review, 2008-2010
- Ad hoc reviewer: PLoS Genetics, PLoS Pathogens, Genetics, G3, Nature Genetics, Journal of Pediatric Infectious Diseases, BMC Genetics, BMC

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