

# **NIKKI CROWLEY, PH.D.**

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**EDUCATION** 

2015 University of North Carolina Chapel Hill

Ph.D. in Neurobiology

2011 University of North Carolina Wilmington

M.A. in Psychology

**2008** James Madison University

B.S. in Psychology (major) and Statistics (minor)

## **PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS**

2023 – Associate Director for Postdoctoral Training and Leadership, Center for Neural

Engineering, Penn State

2023 – Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmacology, PSU College of Medicine (by

courtesy)

2022 – Dorothy Foehr Huck and J. Lloyd Huck Early Career Chair in Neurobiology

& Neural Engineering

2020 – Assistant Professor, Departments of Biology and Biomedical Engineering (BME by

courtesy), Penn State

PSU Affiliations: The Center for Neural Engineering; The Center for Neurotechnology in Mental Health

Research; The Center for the Molecular Investigation of Neurological Disorders; The Center for Brain Behavior and Cognition; The Center for Healthy Aging; The Huck

Institutes of the Life Sciences; College of Medicine

PSU Grad Programs: Departmental: Biology, Biomedical Engineering.

Interdisciplinary: Neuroscience Graduate Program; Biomedical Engineering Graduate Program; Molecular, Cellular, and Integrative Biosciences Graduate Program (MCIBs); Integrative and Biomedical Physiology Graduate Program; Medical Scientists Training

Program (through PSU College of Medicine)

**Previous Positions:** 

2018 – 2020 Assistant Research Professor, Department of Biobehavioral Health, PSU

2016 – 2018 Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Biology, Penn State University

2009 – 2011 Post-baccalaureate Intramural Research Training Award Fellow, National Institute on

Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. NIH

2008 Post-baccalaureate Intramural Research Training Award Fellow, National Institute on

Environmental Health Science, NIH

## PUBLICATIONS PubMed Google Scholar

33. Seemiller, Flores-Cuadra, Griffith, Smith, & <u>Crowley [corresponding author]</u> (2024). Alcohol and stress exposure across the lifespan are key risk factors for Alzheimer's Disease and cognitive decline. *Neurobiology of Stress* 

32. Brockway, Moyer, Aloimonos, Clarity, Griffith, Smith, Dao, Hossain, Drew, Gordon, Kupferschmidt & <u>Crowley [corresponding author</u>] (2023). Somatostatin peptide signaling dampens cortical circuits and Promotes exploratory behavior. *Cell Reports* 

31. Sicher, Starnes, Griffith, Dao, Smith, Brockway, & <u>Crowley [corresponding author]</u> (2023). Adolescent binge drinking leads to long-lasting changes in cortical microcircuits in mice. *Neuropharmacology* 

- 30. Fleeman, Snyder, Kuhn, Chan, Smith, <u>Crowley</u>, Arnold, & Proctor. Predictive link between systemic metabolism and cytokine signaling in the brain of Apolipoprotein ε4 mice (2022). *Neurobiology of Aging*
- 29. Griffith & <u>Crowley [corresponding author]</u> (2022). An innovative approach to examining the role of neurotransmitters in fear circuitry. *Neuropsychopharmacology*.
- 28. <u>Crowley</u> & Medina <u>[corresponding author]</u> (2022). Targeted and transient opening of the blood brain barrier in discrete neurocircuits and brain regions. *Neuropsychopharmacology*
- 27. Suresh Nair, Dao, Lopez Melean, Griffith, Duerr, Starnes, Moyer, Sicher, Brockway, & <u>Crowley</u> [<u>corresponding author</u>] (2022). Somatostatin neurons in the bed nucleus of the stria terminalis play a sex-dependent role in binge drinking. *Brain Research Bulletin*
- 26. Sicher, Duerr, Starnes, & <u>Crowley [corresponding author]</u> (2022). Adolescent alcohol and stress exposure rewires key cortical neurocircuitry. *Frontiers in Neuroscience*
- 25. <u>Crowley</u> & Joffe <u>[co-corresponding authors]</u> (2021). Developing breakthrough psychiatric treatments by modulating G protein-coupled receptors on prefrontal cortex somatostatin interneurons. *Neuropsychopharmacology*
- 24. Dao, Brockway, Suresh Nair, Sicher, & <u>Crowley [corresponding author]</u> (2021). Somatostatin neurons control an alcohol binge drinking prelimbic microcircuit in mice. *Neuropsychopharmacology* 
  - Received the ACNP NEECA for best Early Career Paper of 2021
  - See also: Neuropsychopharmacology Research Highlight on this work: https://www.nature.com/articles/s41386-021-01103-5
- 23. McSweeney, <u>Crowley</u>, Deng, Jian, Zou, Shi, Vitale, Liu, Luscher, & Mao (2020). An exon junction complex factor, RBM8a, is required for normal interneuron development. *Translational Psychiatry*
- 22. Brockway & <u>Crowley [corresponding author]</u> (2020). Turning the 'tides on neuropsychiatric diseases: the role of peptides in the prefrontal cortex. *Frontiers in Behavioral Neuroscience*
- 21. Dao, Nair, Magee, Moyer, Sendao, Brockway, & <u>Crowley [corresponding author]</u> (2020). Forced Abstinence from alcohol induces sex-specific depression-like behavior and neural adaptations in somatostatin neurons in cortical and amygdalar regions. *Frontiers in Behavioral Neuroscience*
- 20. Torruella-Suarez, Vandenberg, Cogan, Tipton, Teklezghi, Dange, Patel, McHentry, Hardaway, Kantak, <u>Crowley</u>, DiBerto, Faccidomo, Hodge, Stuber, & McElligott (2020) Manipulation of central amygdala neurotensin neurons alter the consumption of rewarding fluids in mice. *Journal of Neuroscience*
- 19. Dao, Brockway, & <u>Crowley [corresponding author]</u> (2019). In vitro optogenetic characterization of neuropeptide release from prefrontal cortical somatostatin neurons. *Neuroscience*
- Crowley [corresponding author], Magee, Bourcier, Dao, & Lowery-Gionta (2019). Animal models of alcohol use disorders and the brain: from casual drinking to dependence. Translational Issues in Psychological Sciences
- 17. Feng, <u>Crowley</u>, Patel, Guo, Bugni, & Luscher (2019). Reversal of a treatment-resistant, depression-related brain state with the Kv7 channel opener retigabine. *Neuroscience*
- 16. <u>Crowley</u>, Magee, Feng, Jefferson, Morris, Dao, Brockway, & Luscher (2019). An antidepressant dosage of ketamine normalizes binge drinking-induced defects in glutamatergic synaptic transmission and ethanol drinking behavior. *Neuropharmacology*
- 15. Lowery-Gionta\*, <u>Crowley\* [Co-First Authorship]</u>, Bukalo\*, Silverstein, Holmes, & Kash (2018). Chronic stress dysregulates amygdalar output to the prefrontal cortex. *Neuropharmacology*
- 14. Caruso, <u>Crowley</u>, Reiss, Caulfield, Luscher, Cavigelli, & Kamens (2018). Adolescent social stress increases anxiety-like behavior and alters synaptic transmission, without influencing nicotine responses, in a sex-dependent manner. *Neuroscience*
- 13. <u>Crowley</u>, Bloodgood, Hardaway, Kendra, McCall, Al-Hasani, McCall, Yu, Schools, Krashes, Lowell, Whistler, Bruchas, & Kash (2016). Dynorphin controls the gain of an amygdalar anxiety circuit. *Cell Reports*
- 12. Al-Hasani, McCall, Shin, Gomez, Schmitz, Bernardi, Pyo, Park, Marcinkiewcz, <u>Crowley</u>, Krashes, Lowell, Kash, Rogers, & Bruchas (2015). Distinct subpopulations of nucleus accumbens dynorphin neurons drive aversion and reward. *Neuron*
- 11. Pleil, Lowery-Gionta, <u>Crowley</u>, Li, Marcinkiewcz, McCall, Maldonado-Devincci, Morrow, & Kash (2015). Effects of chronic ethanol exposure on neuronal function in discrete regions of the prefrontal cortex and extended amygdala. *Neuropharmacology*

- 10. Vardy, Robinson, Li, Olsen, DiBerto, Sassano, Huang, Zhu, Urban, Rittiner, **Crowley**, Pleil, Song, Kash, Malanga, Krashes, & Roth (2015). A DREADD for multiplexing chemogenetic interrogation of neural circuits. *Neuron*
- 9. <u>Crowley</u> & Kash (2015). Kappa opioid receptor signaling throughout the brain: Involved circuitry and implications for treatment. *Progress in Neuro-psychopharmacology and Biological Psychiatry*
- 8. Hardaway\*, <u>Crowley\* [Co-First Authorship]</u>, Bulik, & Kash (2015). Integrated circuits and molecular components for stress and feeding: Implications for eating disorders. *Genes, Brains, and Behavior*.
- 7. Kash, Pleil, Marcinkiecz, Lowery-Gionta, <u>Crowley</u>, Mazzone, Sugam, Hardaway, & McElligott (2014). Neuropeptide signaling in the BNST. *Molecules and Cells*
- 6. Masneuf\*, Lowery-Gionta\*, Colacicco, Pleil, Li, <u>Crowley</u>, Stamatakis, Flynn, Holmes, & Kash (2014). Glutamatergic mechanisms associated with stress-induced amygdala excitability and anxiety related behavior. *Neuropharmacology*
- 5. DePoy, Daut, Wright, Camp, <u>Crowley</u>, Noronha, Lovinger, & Holmes (2014). Chronic alcohol alters reward behaviors and striatal plasticity. *Addiction Biology*
- 4. Parisiadou, Yu, Sgobio, Xie, Lui, Sun, Gu, Lin, <u>Crowley</u>, Lovinger, & Cai (2014). LRRK2 regulates synaptogenesis and dopamine receptor activation of striatal projection neurons through modulation of PKA activity. *Nature Neuroscience*
- 3. <u>Crowley</u>, Cody, Davis, Lovinger, & Mateo (2013). Chronic methylphenidate exposure during adolescence reduces striatal synaptic responses to ethanol. *European Journal of Neuroscience*
- 2. Depoy, Daunt, Brigman, MacPherson, <u>Crowley</u>, Gunduz-Cinar, Pickens, Cinar, Saksida, Kunos, Lovinger, Bussey, Camp, & Holmes (2013). Chronic alcohol produces neuroadaptations to prime striatal learning. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*
- 1. Mathur, <u>Capik</u>, Alvarez, & Lovinger (2011). Serotonin-mediated competitive long-term depression at corticostriatal synapses. *Journal of Neuroscience // paper published under maiden name*

## **FUNDING**

## **CURRENT FUNDING**

**R01 NIAAA/NIH** (Award #R01AA029403-01A1) 2022-2027 total: \$1,604,953 *Prelimbic somatostatin peptide signaling in binge ethanol consumption* Role: PI (Co-I: Dr. Patrick Drew, PSU Engineering Science and Mechanics)

**R01 NIA//NIAAA/NIH administrative supplement** (Award #3R01AA029403-01A1) 2023-2024 total: \$304,741 *Prelimbic somatostatin peptide signaling in binge ethanol consumption* 

Alzheimer's-Focused Administrative Supplements for NIH Grants that are Not Focused on Alzheimer's Disease Role: PI (Co-I: Dr. Patrick Drew, PSU Engineering Science and Mechanics; Dr. Marty Sliwinski, PSU Human Development and Family Studies; Dr. Elizabeth Proctor, Neurosurgery)

## **NIAAA/NIH** 2019-2024

National Institutes of Health LRP (2<sup>nd</sup> renewal award)

Investigation of key pathways modulated by juvenile chronic variable social stress

Role: PI

## TRAINEE EXTERNAL FUNDING (CURRENT)

F32 NRSA NIAAA/NIH (Award #F32AA031396-01A1) 2024-2027 total: \$207,264

Sex differences in transcriptomics, cell dynamics, and behavior after adolescent binge drinking in mice PI: Dr. Laurel Seemiller

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Role: Sponsor. Co-Sponsor: Dr. Patrick Drew

F31 NRSA NIAAA/NIH (Award #F31AA0304550-01) 2022-2025 total: \$142.452

Investigating the effects of adolescent binge drinking on prelimbic somatostatin circuitry

PI: Avery Sicher, Neuroscience PhD Program Role: Sponsor. Co-Sponsor: Dr. Patrick Drew

#### SUBMITTED FUNDING

## The Kaufman Foundation 2024-2026 (letter of intent)

Spatially and temporally resolved neuropeptide signaling in the brain

Role: PI (Co-Investigator: Dr. Janine Kwapis, PSU Biology)

#### R21 NIA/NIH 2024-2026

Epigenetic and cellular mechanisms of age-related impairments in memory updating

Role: co-Investigator (PI: Dr. Janine Kwapis, PSU Biology)

## U01 NINDS/NIH 2025-2029

Seamless integration of ultrasound neuromodulation and multiscale recording platform for in vivo and ex vivo applications

Role: contact PI (MPI: Dr. Raj Kothapalli, PSU Biomedical Engineering; Dr. Patrick Drew, PSU Engineering Science and Mechanics)

#### **Brain Research Foundation 2025-2027**

Low-intensity pulsed ultrasound stimulation for brain disorders

Role: PI (selected as Penn State finalist)

#### R01 NIAAA/NIH 2024-2029

Sex dependent shifts in behavioral profiles and cortical signaling following adolescent binge drinking

Role: contact PI (MPI: Dr. Nanyin Zhang, PSU Biomedical Engineering)

A0 percentile: 30%

## R01 NIA/NIH 2023-2028

Immunometabolic dysfunction in the APOE4 brain

Role: co-I (PI: Dr. Elizabeth Proctor, PSU College of Medicine)

## **COMPLETED FUNDING**

P50 NIAAA/NIH (Award #P50AA017823) 2021-2023 subaward total: \$140,700

Binghamton University Developmental Exposure to Alcohol Research Center

Title: Impact of Adolescent Alcohol on Prefrontal Circuits

Role: PI of PSU subaward (Binghamton on-site co-PI: Dr. David Jentsch)

R21 NIAAA/NIH (Award# AA028088-01) 2020-2022 total: \$392,244

Title: Investigation of a novel prelimbic cortical peptidergic population in binge drinking behavior

Role: PI

NIH Office of the Director (Administrative Supplement #AA028088-02S1) 2021-2023 total: \$80,250

Investigation of a novel prelimbic cortical peptidergic population in binge drinking behavior

Role: PI

Benkovic Research Initiative 2022-2023 total year 1: \$150,000

Novel methods for non-invasive neuropeptide administration to the brain

Role: PI (Co-PI: Scott Medina, PSU Biomedical Engineering)

The Brain and Behavior Research Foundation 2019-2022 total: \$70,000

NARSAD Young Investigator Award (Award #27200)

Title: Investigating the role of prelimbic somatostatin neurons in binge ethanol consumption

Role: PI

## Penn State Consortium to Combat Substance Abuse 2019-2021

Investigation of key opioid pathways modulated by adolescent chronic variable social stress

Role: PI

#### NIAAA/NIH 2017-2019

National Institutes of Health LRP Awardee

Investigation of Key Pathways Modulated by Juvenile chronic variable social stress

Role: PI

## Penn State Social Science Research Institute 2016-2019

Investigation of the role of somatostatin neurons in alcohol consumption

Role: PI

#### **UNC School of Medicine** 2015

Dissertation Completion Fellowship

Role: Fellow

Awarded at the recommendation of the Graduate School for Excellence in Research

## NIAAA/NIH NRSA (Award #1F31AA022280-01) 2013-2015

Ruth L. Kirschstein NRSA

Alcohol Regulation of kappa opioid receptor systems in the extended amygdala

Role: Fellow (Mentors: Dr. Thomas Kash, Dr. David Lovinger)

#### **National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism**

June 2009-August 2011

Intramural Research Training Award

Role: Fellow (Mentor: Dr. David Lovinger) area: systems neuroscience

### **National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences**

May 2008-September 2008

Intramural Research Training Award

Role: Fellow (Mentor: Dr. Lawrence Lazarus) area: chemistry

## **GRADUATE STUDENT and POST DOC FELLOW-LED INTERNAL FUNDING**

T32 Award NINDS/NIH Cross-Disciplinary Neural Engineering (Award #T32NS115667) 2023-2025

PI: Shubham Mira, Biomedical Engineering

Role: Co-Mentor. Primary Mentor: Dr. Raj Kothapalli

T32 Award NIGMS/NIH Physiological Adaptations to Stress (Award #T32GM108563) 2023-2025

PI: Julio Flores Cuadra, Neuroscience PhD Program

Role: Mentor (co-advised with Dr. Patrick Drew)

T32 Award NINDS/NIH Cross-Disciplinary Neural Engineering (Award #T32NS115667) 2023-2025

PI: Michael Wenke, Neuroscience MD/PhD Program (MSTP with PSU College of Medicine)

Role: Co-Mentor. Primary Mentor: Dr. Patrick Drew

T32 Award NINDS/NIH Cross-Disciplinary Neural Engineering (Award #T32NS115667) 2022-2024

PI: Md Shakhawat Hossain, Biomedical Engineering PhD Program

Role: Co-Mentor. Primary Mentor: Dr. Patrick Drew

T32 Award NIGMS/NIH Physiological Adaptations to Stress (Award #T32GM108563) 2021-2023

PI: Avery Sicher, Neuroscience PhD Program

Role: Mentor

Second year declined to accept F31 NRSA funding

# INVITED PRESENTATIONS, SEMINARS, ETC.

#### 2024

- (committed) Illinois Institute of Technology Department of Biology. August 2024
- (committed) The Research Society on Alcohol, Annual Meeting (symposium). June 2024
- (committed) Penn State Neuroscience Institute Annual Retreat. Hershey, PA May 2024

- (committed) The Center for Healthy Aging at Penn State. University Park, PA April 2024
- Alcohol and the Nervous System Gordon Research Conference. Galveston TX February 2024
- Eberly College of Science Penn State 30th Anniversary of the Ashtekar Frontiers of Science Lecture Series: Exploring Scientific Progress Over Three Decades: The Human Brain and the Human Mind. State College PA February 2024

## 2023

- Penn State Addiction Center for Translation Symposium, Hershey, PA December 2023
- Penn State Biological Sciences Society, University Park PA October 2023
- Binghamton University Developmental Exposure to Alcohol Research Center, Binghamton, NY September 2023
- Center for Neural Engineering Annual Retreat, State College PA, August 2023
- The Research Society on Alcohol, Annual Meeting (symposium). Bellvue WA June 2023
- NIAAA Special Topics Meeting: Alcoholism and Stress: A Framework For Future Treatment Strategies (Young Investigator Award Symposium) Volterra, Italy, May 2023
- Society of Biological Psychiatry Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA April 2023
- Department of Neurobiology & Anatomy, Drexel University, Philadelphia PA, March 2023

#### 2022

- Annual Meeting of the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology (ACNP) Phoenix, AZ, December 2022
- Medical Scientists Training Program, PSU College of Medicine, Hershey PA, October 2022
- Department of Nutrition seminar series, PSU University Park PA, October 2022
- Medical University of South Carolina Addiction Research Seminar Series (joint with Department of Neuroscience). Charleston SC, October 2022
- Department of Kinesiology seminar series, PSU University Park PA, September 2022
- Center for Biodevices, PSU University Park PA, September 2022
- B. Brodie Lectureship in Pharmacology, PSU College of Medicine, Hershey PA, March 2022
- National Institute on Mental Health, Bethesda MD, March 2022
- Department of Biomedical Engineering seminar series. PSU University Park PA, February 2022.

## 2021

- Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (US Army Medical School), Bethesda MD, November 2021
- Molecular, Cellular, and Integrative Biosciences Annual Retreat, PSU University Park PA, August 2021
- Center for Neural Engineering, PSU University Park PA, April 2021

#### 2020

- Developmental Exposure Alcohol Research Center (DEARC) Binghamton University, Binghamton NY, November 2020
- University of Delaware Neuroscience Group. September 2020
- Penn State Addiction Center for Translation, Hershey PA, January 2020

#### 2019

- Integrative Neuroscience Research Center Seminar, Marquette University, Milwaukee WI October 2019
- Department of Biology, Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA. November 2019.

## 2018

- Department of Biobehavioral Health, University Park, PA. March 2018
- Guest speaker at Westfield High School, Chantilly, VA. November 2018

#### 2017

Center for the Investigation of Neurological Disorders Annual Retreat, University Park, PA. June 2017

## 2016

Symposium at the Second Annual Penn State Addiction Symposium, Hershey, PA. December 2016

- Center for the Investigation of Neurological Disorders Annual Retreat, University Park, PA. 2016
- Center for the Investigation of Neurological Disorders Symposia, University Park, PA. 2016

#### 2015

Symposium at the annual meeting on the Therapeutic Potential of Kappa Opioids in Pain and Addiction, Chapel Hill, NC. 2015

#### 2014

- Arizona State University, Phoenix, AZ. 2014
- Nanosymposium, Annual Meeting for the Society for Neuroscience, Washington, DC. 2014

## **TEACHING & MENTORING ACTIVITIES**

SUPFRVISION	OF STUDENTS	FFLLOWS

Post-Doctoral Fellows Dr. Gwen Burgess Dr. Laurel Seemiller Dr. Dakota Brockway		2024-present 2022-present 2023-2024
Post-Doctoral Fellows -	- formal advisory committee member or consultant	
Dr. Bryan Cruz	The Scripps Research Institute	2023-present
•	(advisors: Drs. Marisa Roberto and Eric Zorrilla)	•
	MOSAIC K99/R00 application: mentoring committee	

Current	Graduate	Studente	(Drimary	Montor)
Current	Graduate	Students	(Pilmary	Menton

<b>Current Graduate Students</b>	(Primary Mentor)	
Victoria Nudell	MD/PhD MSTP with PSU College of Medicine	2023-present
	Molecular, Cellular, and Integrative Biosciences PhD Prog	ıram
Julio Flores Cuadra	Neuroscience PhD Program	2022-present
	Physiological Adaptations to Stress T32 Fellow	
	Huck Graduate Fellow	
	Jointly mentored with Dr. Patrick Drew	
Grace Smith	Biomedical Engineering MS Program	2022-present
	PSU University Graduate Fellow	
Avery Sicher	Neuroscience PhD Program	2020-present
•	NIH NRSA Fellow	•
	Physiological Adaptations to Stress T32 Fellow	
	Huck Graduate Fellow	

## Graduate Students (Primary Mentor) - Graduated

Dakota Brockway	Neuroscience PhD Program	2018-2023
	Thesis: The Role of Somatostatin in the Prefrontal Cortex	

Huck Graduate Fellow

Graduata	Studente	(Dissertation	Committee	Mamhar)

Graduate Students (Disserta	uon Commuee wember)	
Rachel Kang	Biomedical Sciences, College of Medicine (PI: Proctor)	2023-present
Jiajing (Tim) Teng	Integrative and Biomedical Physiology (PI: Rolls)	2023-present
Fatemeh Salehi Shahrbabaki	i Biomedical Engineering (PI: Drew)	2023-present
Michael Wenke	MD/PhD MSTP with PSU College of Medicine	2023-present
	Neuroscience PhD Program (PI: Drew)	
	co-mentored by Crowley for CDNE T32	
Shubham Mirg	Biomedical Engineering (PI: Kothapalli)	2023-present
	co-mentored by Crowley for CDNE T32	
Denver Greenawalt	MCIBS (PI: Drew)	2023-present
	Co-sponsored by Crowley for NIH F31 NRSA	
Chad Brunswick	Neuroscience (PI: Kwapis)	2022-present
Chad Smies	Biology (PI: Kwapis)	2022-present
Md Shakhawat Hossain	Biomedical Engineering (PI: Drew)	2021- present

co-mentored by Crowley for CDNE T32 MCIBS (PI: Kwapis) Lauren Bellfy 2021- present Tong Jiang Biology (PI: Luscher) 2021-present Laurel Seemiller MCIBS (PI: Gould) 2020-2022 Undergraduate Student (Primary Mentor) Kaleah Tuttle Biomedical Engineering (Clark Scholar) 2023-present Roy Wu Biochemistry and Molecular Biology 2023-present 2023-present Blake Baughman Biology (Schreyer Honors College) Co-advised with Mike Russel, BBH Damini Nair Biology (Schreyer Honors College) 2023-present Biological Sciences & Health Professions Emily McDonald 2023-present Erin Wolfanger Biology (Schreyer Honors College) 2023-present Biomedical Engineering (Clark Scholar) Obi Nnabugwu 2022-present Matthew Springer Biology (Schrever Honors College) 2021-present <u>Undergraduate Students (Primary Mentor) - Graduated</u> Sophie Anderlind Biology (Schreyer Honors College) 2022-2023 Andrew Kacala Biology (Schreyer Honors College) 2021-2023 Ariana Almarez Psychology (SROP with Cal State San Marcos) 2023 **David Starnes** Biology (Schreyer Honors College) 2019-2023 next: medical student, Cooper Rowan Biological Sciences (SROP with Cal State San Marcos) Renee Laurenzana 2022 next: Neuroscience PhD Program, ASU summer student mentored with Dr. Yuval Silberman Nicole Lookfong 2021 Daniela Lopez Melean Biology (Millennium Scholar) 2019-2022 Corey Zimmer Biobehavioral Health 2019-2022 **Brody Moyer** Biochemistry and Molecular Biology 2018-2022 Veronica Sendao Biobehavioral Health 2018-2022 next: Research assistant, Boston University Malini Suresh Nair 2018-2019 **Biology** next: medical student. Wake Forest Biology (Millennium Scholar) 2016-2019 Sarah Magee next: Neuroscience PhD Program, UNC Alexandre Bourcier Biology (Schreyer Honors College) 2016-2019 next: medical student, UCLA Other previous trainees Keith Griffith Research Technician 2021-2024

next: MD/PhD MTSP, PSU College of Medicine

Grace Smith Research Technician 2021-2022

next: PSU Biomedical Engineering program

Research Technician Nigel Dao 2018-2021

next: NYU PhD program (PI: Adam Carter)

Malini Suresh Nair Research Technician 2020-2021

next: Wake Forest Medical School MD Program

High School Students (Health Professions Department, State College High School, Supervised in conjunction

with Ms. Kathleen Seeland)

Lydia Fry Currently: undergraduate student 2020-2021

University of Colorado

## **UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT-LED FUNDING AND AWARDS**

All undergraduate awards have always been used 100% to support student stipends

## 2023

- Norman Freed Undergraduate Research Award in the Eberly College of Science: Awarded to Andrew Kacala (\$600)
- Eberly post session: 1<sup>st</sup> place in life sciences, Awarded to Andrew Kacala
- Engineering Undergraduate Scholarship, Awarded to Obi Nnabugwu (Crowley: faculty mentor), \$5,000
- Eberly Exhibit Award, 1<sup>st</sup> place for Data Visualization, awarded to Andrew Kacala for *The Role of Binge Alcohol Consumption On Somatostatin Cell Density and Signaling*, \$175
- Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE), Awarded to Emily McDonald (supervised by Dr. Seemiller, post-doc; Crowley: faculty co-mentor), \$4,800
- Erikson Award, Awarded to Matthew Starnes (Crowley: faculty mentor), \$3,500
- The Edmund and Virginia Hunsicker Collins Undergraduate Research Award Awarded to David Starnes (Crowley: faculty mentor), \$2,000

#### 2022

- Eberly College of Science Undergraduate Research Award, Awarded to Andrew Kacala (Crowley: faculty mentor), \$1250
- Eberly College of Science Undergraduate Research Award, Awarded to David Starnes (Crowley: faculty mentor), \$1250
- Engineering Equity Scholar's Program, Awarded to Obi Nnabugwu (Crowley: faculty mentor), \$3,500
- Schreyer Honor's College Summer Research Fund, Awarded to David Starnes (Crowley: faculty mentor), \$750
- Schreyer Honor's College Summer Research Fund, Awarded to Andrew Kacala (Crowley: faculty mentor), \$750

## 2021

- Eberly Undergraduate Research Support (2021), Awarded to David Starnes (Crowley: faculty mentor), \$1,000
- Erickson Award, Awarded to Brody Moyer (Crowley: faculty mentor), \$3,500
- Student Engagement Network, Awarded to David Starnes (Crowley: faculty mentor), \$2,000
- Schreyer Honor's College Summer Research Fund, Awarded to David Starnes (Crowley: faculty mentor), \$750

## 2019

- Student Engagement Network (SEN), Awarded to Malini Suresh Nair (Crowley: faculty mentor), \$1,000
- Anita M. Collins Undergraduate Research Fund, Awarded to Malini Suresh Nair (Crowley: faculty mentor), \$478
- Rock Ethics Institute Rise Up Award, Awarded to Alexandre Bourcier (Crowley: faculty mentor), \$1,000
- Anita M. Collins Undergraduate Research Fund, Awarded to Alexandre Bourcier (Crowley: faculty mentor), \$1,800
- Schreyer Honor's College Summer Research Fund, Awarded to Alexandre Bourcier (Crowley: faculty mentor), \$1,800
- Edward C. Hammond Jr. Memorial Scholarship, Awarded to Alexandre Bourcier (Crowley: faculty mentor), \$2,000

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

## COURSE INSTRUCTOR OF RECORD

2023-present BIO/BBH 469 Cellular and Molecular Neuroscience (Course Director and Instructor: Spring 2023, Fall 2023, Spring 2024)

2023-present PHSIO 510 Integrative & Cellular Physiology I (Instructor)

2023-present PHSIO 510 Physiological Adaptations to Stress (Instructor)

NEURO 521 Systems Neuroscience (Course Director: Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Spring 2023) 2021-2023 2020-present NEURO 521 Systems Neuroscience (Instructor: Instructor: Spring 2020, Spring 2021, Spring

2022, Spring 2023)

**GRADUATE TRAINING GRANT PARTICIPATION** 

Program Committee, Cross Disciplinary Neural Engineering T32 2022-current

NINDS Award #T32NS115667

2022-current Training Faculty, Medical Scientists Training Program T32 (MD/PhD program)

NIGMS Award #T32GM118294

Training Faculty, Cross Disciplinary Neural Engineering T32 2021-current

NINDS Award #T32NS115667

2020- current Training Faculty, Physiological Adaptations to Stress T32

NIGMS Award #T32GM108563

**GUEST LECTURES** 

2022-present Training Faculty, Cross Disciplinary Neural Engineering T32 (weekly meetings/ 1-2 lectures per

semester)

2021-present Training Faculty, Physiological Adaptations to Stress T32 (participate in team teaching)

Neuro 590 (PSU College of Medicine) (one lecture per semester) 2022

Graduate course, Instructor of record: Dr. Yuval Silberman

2021-2022 Engineering/Neuro 526 Cellular and Molecular Neuroscience (multiple lectures each year)

Graduate course. Instructor of record: Dr. Patrick Drew

2016-present BIO/BBH 470: Functional and Integrative Neuroscience (multiple lectures each year)

Undergraduate course, Instructors of record: Dr. David Vandenbergh, Dr. Janine Kwapis,

Dr. Nina Lauharatanahirun

2016-2021 BIO/BBH 469: Neurobiology (multiple lectures each year)

Undergraduate course, Instructor of record: Dr. Beni Luscher

## **AWARDS & HONORS**

2023 Whitaker Center "Women of Impact: Woman to Watch in STEM" Award

> Recognizes a professional woman under 40 who has significant accomplishments and success in her STEM field

**NIAAA Young Investigator Award** 

Special NIAAA Meeting "Alcoholism and Stress: a Framework for future treatment strategies" (Volterra Meeting, May 2023)

**Brain Research Bulletin** 

Journal cover art selection (Special Issue – Addiction III: From Mouse to Man)

2022 Neuropsychopharmacology Editors Early Career Award (NEECA)

Selected as the top paper published in NPP in the previous year by the Editors

American College on Neuropsychopharmacology (ACNP)

**Senior Investigator Travel Award** 

American College on Neuropsychopharmacology (ACNP) (provides financial support for 2022 meetina)

2021 American College on Neuropsychopharmacology (ACNP)

Senior Investigator Travel Award Recipient (provides financial support for 2021 meeting and allows for attendance at 2022-2025 meetings)

2019 **NIH Center for Scientific Review** 

Early Career Reviewer Program (NAL – October 2019)

**Neuroscience** 

Journal cover art selection (Issue #419C)

2018 **NARSAD Young Investigator Award** 

Brain and Behavior Research Foundation (funding 01/2019-01/2021)

Nominee, 2017 Dean's Climate and Diversity Award 2017

2014	Awarding Organization: Eberly College of Science, Penn State University <b>Best Poster Award</b>
2014	Door Footor Award
2042	Awarding Organization: International Congress on Alcoholism and Stress
2013	Student Merit Award
	Awarding Organization: Research Society on Alcoholism
	Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award
	Awarding Organization: National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
2012	Student Merit Award
	Awarding Organization: Research Society on Alcoholism
2010	Graduate Research Award
	Awarding Organization: University of North Carolina – Wilmington
	Student Merit Award
	Awarding Organization: Research Society on Alcoholism
2008	Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Scholarship
	Awarding Organization: James Madison University Department of Psychology
	Travel Award
	Awarding Organization: Association for Behavior Analysis – International
2007	Best Poster Award
	Awarding Organization: Eastern Psychological Association
	Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Scholarship
	Awarding Organization: James Madison University Department of Psychology
	Travel Award
	Awarding Organization: Association for Behavior Analysis – International
2006	Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Scholarship
	Awarding Organization: James Madison University Department of Psychology
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# **SERVICE & OUTREACH**

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<b>EXTERNAL</b>	
2024	Alcohol and the Central Nervous System Gordon Research Conference – poster judge 2/2024
2023	NIH Reviewer- Study Section: Special Emphasis Panel, Fellowship Applications ZAA1 GG (32);
	2/2023
	NIH Reviewer- Study Section: NIDA Special Emphasis Panel; ZDA1 MXS-T (O2); 6/2023
2022	NIH Reviewer- Study Section: Special Emphasis Panel ZAA1 DD (04)); 3/2022 and 11/2022
2022	Reviewer, Swiss National Science Foundation
2021	NIH Reviewer- Study Section: Special Emphasis Panel [ZAA1 DD (04)])
2019	Early Career Reviewer, NIH Center for Scientific Review (Study Section: NAL)
2017	Guest speaker, Westfield High School, Chantilly Virginia
2010-2015	UNC Biological & Biomedical Science's Student Liaison Committee
2013	UNC Perl Prize Committee
2012-2015	UNC School of Medicine Graduate Student Recruitment
2009-2010	NIH Scientific Careers Community Outreach
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2023	FaculTEA Panel, College of Engineering Center for Engineering Outreach and Inclusion
2023	Search committee member, Eberly College of Science Associate Dean for Research
2023	PSU Presidential Goals Task Force (Growing Interdisciplinary Research Excellence Work
	Group). Leads: Justin Schwartz, Executive Vice President and Provost; Lora Weiss, Senior Vice
	President for Research; Kevin Black, Dean, College of Medicine
2023	"Launch Committee" mentoring committee for junior faculty; Department of Nutrition, College of
	Health and Human Development
2023-present	Associate Director for Postdoctoral Training and Leadership, Center for Neural Engineering
2023-present	Program Committee, Cross Disciplinary Neural Engineering T32 Training Award
	(NINDS Award #T32NS115667)

2022	The Huck Institutes of the Life Science HITS (Huck Innovative and Transformative Seed Funds) grant reviewer and panelist
2022	Junior Faculty Advisory Committee to PSU Interim Vice President & Provost Justin Schwartz selected as Eberly College of Science representative
2021	Search committee member, Department of Biology tenure-track neurobiologist
2021	Biomedical Engineering Graduate Program Admissions Committee
2021	Biology Graduate Program Admissions Committee
2019 -present	Neuroscience Graduate Program Admissions Committee
2021	Biology Department Graduate Admissions Committee
2017	PSU Smoke Free Task Force (silent observer)
2017	PSU Communications and Onboarding Working Group (Research Computing and
	Cyberinfrastructure Advisory Council to the Provost)

## **DEI-RELATED TRAINING AND ACTIVITIES**

2022-2023 PSU Summer Research Opportunities Program Mentor 2021 Millennium Scholars Program Faculty Advisory Network

2016-Present PSU Undergraduate Neighbor-Neighbor Outreach

Penn State Safer People Safer Places: Transgender and Gender Inclusion 101

2016-Present PSU Program for Translation Research on Adversity and Neurodevelopment (P-TRAN)

Penn State Safer People Safer Places: Foundations Workshop

## **PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

## Editorial Experience

Alcohol (2023-2024 special issue on sex differences, co-edited with Dr. Erin Calipari)

## Ad Hoc Journal Reviewer

Addiction Neuroscience

Alcohol

Journal of Neuroscience

**Nature Communications** 

Neurobiology of Stress

Neuropharmacology

Neuropsychopharmacology

Physiology and Behavior

Psychopharmacology

**Society Memberships** Society for Biological Psychiatry (2019-present) International Congress on Alcoholism and Stress (2011-present) Society for Neuroscience (2010-present) Research Society on Alcoholism (2010-present) Society for Behavior Analysis (2006-2009), Eastern Psychological Association (2006-2009)