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Education

Post-doctoral Fellow in Neuroscience; Mentor: Dr. Yishi Jin, UC Santa Cruz, HHMI	1996-2000
PhD in Biochemistry; Mentor: Dr. Peter Candido, University of British Columbia	1990-1995
BSc in Biochemistry, Wuhan University, China	1986-1990

Appointments

Co-Director, the Nanoscale Biomedical Imaging Facility, Sinai Health System and the Hospital for Sick Children	2018-
Professor of Molecular Genetics, University of Toronto	2012-
Senior Scientist, the Lunenfeld-Tanenbaum Research Institute	2006-
Associate Professor of Molecular Genetics, Physiology, University of Toronto	2006-2012
Scientist, the Lunenfeld-Tanenbaum Research Institute	2001-2006
Assistant Professor of Molecular Genetics, University of Toronto	2001-2006

Distinctions

Fellow, the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research	2023-2028
Canada Research Chair (Tier 1) in Neural Circuit Development and Function	2018-2025
Fellow, The Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study, Harvard University	2013-2014
Lawrence and Judy Tanenbaum Research Chair in Neuroscience, MSH	2008-2011
Mobility Program in Science and Technology, the Government of France	2008
Early Researcher Award, the Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation	2007-2011
EJLB Scholar, the EJLB Foundation	2007-2010
Canada Research Chair (Tier 2) in Neuroscience	2001-2011
Long-term Post-doctoral Fellowship, the Human Frontier Science Foundation	1996-1998
University Graduate Fellowship, the University of British Columbia	1991-1995

Service

Scientific Advisory Board Member, Channeling Hope Foundation	2023-
Reviewing Editor, eNeuron	2023-2026
Faculty Appointments Advisory Committee, Temerty Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto	2023-2026
Graduate Advisory Team, Department of Molecular Genetics, University of Toronto	2019
Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Molecular Genetics, University of Toronto	2018
Advisory Board Member, WormBase	2018
Steering Committee, Research Coordination Network on Comparative Neurobiology, NSF	2017-

Review Committee, Canadian Gairdner Foundation	2015-2018
Review Committee, Radcliffe Institute, Harvard University	2014
Graduate Admissions Committee, Department of Physiology, University of Toronto	2014-2016
Graduate Awards Committee, Department of Physiology, University of Toronto	2014-2016
Graduate Awards Committee, Department of Molecular Genetics, University of Toronto	2010-2017
Steering Committee, Collaborative Graduate Program in Developmental Biology, University of Toronto	2006-2012
Reviewer for Journals (eNeuron, Nature, Science, Neuron, eLife, Current Biology, Nature Methods, PLoS Genetics, PLoS Biology, Development, Genetics)	2001-
Reviewer for Grant Panels (NIH, NSF, the Brain Initiative, CIHR, CRC, NSERC, ERC, Human Frontier Science Program, Allen Foundation)	2001
Supervisory Committee for thesis studies, University of Toronto (BSc, MSc, PhD)	2001-

International Conferences, Courses, Workshops

Workshop lectures, Brain Initiative, NIH	2020-2022
Course Coordinator, Neural Systems & Behaviour, MBL	2018-2019
Organizing Committee, International <i>C. elegans</i> Meetings and Workshops	2008-2017
Session Chair, American Society for Cell Biology	2013
Program Advisor, 2012 Gairdner Award Neural Symposium	2012
Course Coordinator, <i>C. elegans</i> course, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory	2008-2010

Teaching

International

<i>C. elegans</i> , from genome editing to imaging, EMBL, Heidelberg, Germany	2022
Neural Systems & Behavior, Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, MA, USA	2019
Developmental Neurobiology, Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology, Japan	2017-2019
The <i>C. elegans</i> Course, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Cold Spring, NY, USA	2008-2010

University of Toronto

JDB1025H: Developmental Biology (Collaborative Program in Developmental Biology)
JYG1555H: Cellular and Molecular Neurobiology (Physiology)
MMG1012H: Advanced Imaging: Techniques and Application in Biological Systems (Molecular Genetics)
MMG1012H: Developmental Neurobiology (Molecular Genetics)
MGY480Y: Undergraduate Research Thesis Course (Fourth Year)
MGY399Y: Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (Third Year)
MGY299Y: Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (Second Year)

Publications *: correspondence

Connectomics

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Mulcahy B*, Witvliet D, Holmyard D, Mitchell J, Chisholm A, Samuel ADT*, Zhen M*. (2018). **A Pipeline for Volume Electron Microscopy of the *Caenorhabditis elegans* Nervous System.** *Frontiers in Neural Circuits* 12:94. PMID: 30949033.

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Markert SM, Britz S, Proppert S, Lang M, Witvliet D, Mulcahy B, Sauer M, Zhen M, Bessereau JL, Stigloher C. (2016). **Filling the gap: adding super-resolution to array tomography for correlated ultrastructural and molecular identification of electrical synapses at the *C. elegans* connectome.** *Neurophotonics* 3(4): 041802. PMID: 27175373.

Circuits

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exclusive motor states at different timescales. Under review, *bioRxiv* 2022.04.06.487231.

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