

# Nelson Spruston

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## Present Position

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Senior Director, Scientific Programs; Laboratory Head  
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## Personal Data

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Born: May 27, 1963; Vancouver, B.C., Canada  
Citizenship: American and Canadian  
Family: Married, three adult children

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## Education and Training

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1981-1985	University of British Columbia; Vancouver, B.C. B.Sc. (Honors), Physiology, 1985
1985-1991	Baylor College of Medicine; Houston, Texas Ph.D., Division of Neuroscience; Advisor: Dr. Daniel Johnston
August 1990	Methods in Computational Neuroscience course Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, MA
June-Aug. 1991	Grass Fellowship Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, MA
1991-1995	Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Cell Physiology Max Planck Institute for Medical Research; Advisor: Prof. Bert Sakmann

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## Research Interests

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Synaptic integration, dendritic computation, plasticity, and cellular organization of the hippocampus. Long-term goals: contribute to an understanding of the cellular, synaptic, molecular, and circuit basis of computations underpinning memory-guided behavior.

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## Research Experience

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1984-1985	Undergraduate research, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada
1985-1991	Ph.D. thesis research, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas, USA
1992-1995	Postdoctoral research, Max Planck Institute, Heidelberg, Germany
1995-2011	Faculty, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, USA
2011-present	Laboratory Head, HHMI Janelia Research Campus, Ashburn, Virginia, USA

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## Leadership Experience

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2017-present	Senior Director, Scientific Programs; Laboratory Head; HHMI Janelia
2011-2017	Scientific Program Director; Laboratory Head; HHMI Janelia

- Scientific priority development and oversight of Group Leader and Fellow recruitment
- Oversight of reviews for group leaders and fellows (~50 labs)
- Oversight of student programs (~20 graduate and ~20 undergraduate students)

- Oversight of visiting scientist program (~100 visitors per year)
- Oversight of conference program (~20 conferences and workshops per year)
- Senior leadership on project team steering committees (esp. MouseLight and GENIE)
- Advising scientists on scientific and career-related issues (~350 scientists at all levels)
- Conflict resolution
- Institutional budgeting
- Website development
- Direct reports:
  - Erik Snapp, Director, Student and Postdoctoral Programs
  - Zarixia Zavala-Ruiz, Director, Visiting Scientist and Recruitment Programs
  - Janine Stevens, Director, Conferences and Workshop Programs
  - Caiying Guo, Director, Gene Targeting and Transgenic Resources
  - Four Fellows at Janelia (independent of my lab)
  - Six postdoctoral fellows in my lab

2009-2011 Department Chair, Neurobiology, Northwestern University

- Led a department of 15 faculty members
- Oversight of research priorities and faculty recruitment
- Oversight of faculty teaching and space assignments
- Oversight of tenure review for faculty members
- Mentoring junior faculty
- Liason to administration (e.g., dean, provost, president, other department chairs)
- Development and oversight of inter-departmental graduate and undergraduate programs

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## Positions

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2017-present	Senior Director, Scientific Programs; Laboratory Head HHMI Janelia Research Campus
2011-2017	Scientific Program Director and Laboratory Head HHMI Janelia Research Campus
2009-2011	Dept. Chair, Martin J. and Patricia Koldyke Outstanding Teaching Professor Department of Neurobiology & Physiology Northwestern University
2006-2009	Professor, Department of Neurobiology & Physiology Northwestern University
2001-2006	Associate Professor, Department of Neurobiology & Physiology Northwestern University
1995-2001	Assistant Professor, Department of Neurobiology & Physiology Northwestern University

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## Fellowships, Honors, and Awards

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2013-present	Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science
2009-2011	Martin J. and Patricia Koldyke Outstanding Teaching Professor
2007-2009	NARSAD Distinguished Investigator Award, Brain and Behavior Res. Found.
1999-2004	NSF Career Award
1998	Klingenstein Fellowship in the Neurosciences
1998	Krieg Cortical Explorer Prize, Cajal Club
1996-1998	Alfred P. Sloan Fellow, Northwestern University
1996	Fellowship Award for the Winter Conference on Brain Research
1994-1995	Max-Planck Fellow, Heidelberg, Germany

1992-1993	Alexander von Humboldt Fellow, Heidelberg, Germany
1991	Grass Fellow in Neurophysiology, Marine Biological Lab, Woods Hole, MA
1990, 1987	Outstanding Presentation, Neuroscience Symposium, Baylor Col. Medicine
1987	Minoru Suzuki Award for Excellence in Neuroscience, Baylor Col. Medicine
1985	Graduate, First Class, Honors, Dept. Physiology, Univ. British Columbia

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### Additional Information

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Additional professional information is listed following publications.

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### Publications: Theses

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1. *Patch-clamp analysis of the passive membrane properties of three classes of hippocampal neurons*. Spruston N. (1992) Ph.D. dissertation, Baylor College of Medicine.
2. *Purification and characterization of new intestinal smooth muscle contractile peptides*. Spruston, N. (1985) Undergraduate honors thesis, University of British Columbia.

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### Publications: Special Projects

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1. *Dendrites*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. Stuart G, Spruston N, Häusser M, eds., [Oxford University Press](#), 2016. (book)
2. *BigNeuron: large-scale 3D neuron reconstruction from optical microscopy images*. Peng H, Hawrylycz M, Roskams J, Hill S, Spruston N, Meijering E, Ascoli GA. [Neuron](#), 87:252-256, 2015.
3. *Pyramidal neuron*. Spruston N, [Scholarpedia](#), 4(5):6130, 2009. (online resource: [www.scholarpedia.org/article/Pyramidal\\_neuron](http://www.scholarpedia.org/article/Pyramidal_neuron))
4. *Dendrites*, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, Stuart G, Spruston N, Häusser M, eds. [Oxford University Press](#), 2008. (book)
5. *Somato-dendritic Integration: Dendritic Integration*. Spruston N. [The New Encyclopedia of Neuroscience](#), edited by Larry Squire et al, Elsevier, 2008. (electronic resource)
6. *Dendritic patch-clamp recording*. Davie JT, Kole MH, Letzkus JJ, Rancz EA, Spruston N, Stuart GJ, Häusser M. [Nature Protocols](#), 1:1235-1247, 2006. (experimental protocol)
7. *Dendrites*, 1<sup>st</sup> edition. Stuart G, Spruston N, Häusser M, eds. [Oxford University Press](#), 1999. (book)
8. *Dendrites: bringing it all together*. Cline H, Spruston N, eds. [Journal of Neurobiology](#), July, 2005. (special issue)

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### Publications: Reviews, Chapters, and Commentaries

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1. *Linking axon morphology to gene expression: a strategy for neuronal cell-type classification*. Winnubst J, Spruston N, Harris JA. [Current Opinion in Neurobiology](#), 65:70-76, 2020.
2. *Heterogeneity within classical cell types is the rule: lessons from hippocampal pyramidal neurons*. Cembrowski MS, Spruston N. [Nature Reviews Neuroscience](#), Feb. 18, 2019.
3. *Illuminating the neuronal architecture underlying context in fear memory*. Cembrowski MS, Spruston N. [Cell](#), 167:888-9, 2016.
4. *Dendritic integration*. Spruston N, Häusser M, Stuart G. In: [Dendrites](#), 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, Stuart G, Spruston N, Häusser M, eds. Oxford University Press, pp. 351-398, 2016.
5. *Conclusion: the future of dendrite research*. Häusser M, Spruston N, Stuart G. In: [Dendrites](#), 3<sup>rd</sup> edition, Stuart G, Spruston N, Häusser M, eds. Oxford University Press, pp. 703-707, 2016.

6. *Dendritic integration: 60 years of progress*. Stuart GJ, Spruston N. Nature Neuroscience, 18:1713-1721, 2016.
7. *Assembling cell ensembles*. Spruston N. Cell, 157:1502-1504, 2014.
8. *Information processing in dendrites and spines*. Spruston N, Häusser M, Stuart G. In: Fundamental Neuroscience, 231-260, Elsevier, 2013.
9. *Questions about STDP as a general model of synaptic plasticity*. Lisman J, Spruston N. Frontiers in Neuroscience, 2:140, 1-5, 2010.
10. *Timing isn't everything*. Spruston N, Cang J. Nature Neuroscience 13:277-279, 2010.
11. *Out of control in the dendrites*. Spruston N, Johnston D. Nature Neuroscience, 11:733-4, 2008.
12. *Neuroscience: strength in numbers*. Spruston N. Nature, 452:420-1, 2008.
13. *Pyramidal neurons: dendritic structure and synaptic integration*. Spruston N. Nature Reviews Neuroscience, 9:206-221, 2008.
14. *Somato-dendritic Integration: Dendritic Integration*. Spruston N. In: The New Encyclopedia of Neuroscience, edited by Larry Squire et al, Elsevier, 2008.
15. *Dendritic integration*. Spruston N, Häusser M, Stuart G. In: Dendrites, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, Stuart G, Spruston N, Häusser M, eds. Oxford University Press, 2008.
16. *Conclusion: the future of dendrite research*. Häusser M, Spruston N, Stuart G. In: Dendrites, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, Stuart G, Spruston N, Häusser M, eds. Oxford University Press, 2008.
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18. *Postsynaptic depolarization requirements for LTP and LTD: a critique of spike timing dependent plasticity*. Lisman J, Spruston N. Nature Neuroscience, 8:839-841, 2005.
19. *Introduction: Overview of dendrites*. Cline H, Spruston N. Journal of Neurobiology, 64:1-3, 2005.
20. *Peering into the dendritic machinery of striatal medium spiny neurons*. Surmeier DJ, Spruston N. Neuron. 44:401-402, 2004.
21. *Dendritic arithmetic*. Spruston N, Kath WL. Nature Neuroscience, 7:567-569, 2004.
22. *Branching out: a new idea for dendritic function*. Spruston N. Journal of Neurophysiology, 90:2887-2888, 2003
23. *Axonal gap junctions send ripples through the hippocampus*. Spruston N. Neuron 31:669-671, 2001.
24. *Diversity and dynamics of dendritic signaling*. Häusser M, Spruston N, Stuart G. Science, 290:739-744, 2000.
25. *Distant synapses raise their voices*. Spruston N. Nature Neuroscience, 3:849-851, 2000.
26. *Dendritic integration*. Spruston N, Häusser M, Stuart G. In: Dendrites, 1<sup>st</sup> edition, Stuart G, Spruston N, Häusser M, eds. Oxford University Press, pp. 231-270, 1999.
27. *Conclusion: the future of dendrite research*. Häusser M, Spruston N, Stuart G. In: Dendrites, 1<sup>st</sup> edition, Stuart G, Spruston N, Häusser M, eds. Oxford University Press, 1999.
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31. *Action potential initiation and backpropagation in neurons of the mammalian central nervous system.* Stuart G, Spruston N, Sakmann B, Häusser M. Trends in Neurosciences, 20:125-131, 1997.
32. *Cracking the neuronal code.* Ferster D, Spruston N. Science, 270:756–757, 1995.
33. *Probing dendritic function with patch pipettes.* Stuart G, Spruston N. Current Opinion in Neurobiology, 5:389–394, 1995.
34. *Dendritic attenuation of synaptic potentials and currents: the role of passive membrane properties.* Spruston N, Jaffe DB, Johnston D. Trends in Neurosciences, 17:161–166, 1994.
35. *Mechanisms shaping glutamate-mediated excitatory postsynaptic currents in the CNS.* Jonas P, Spruston N. Current Opinion in Neurobiology, 4: 366–372, 1994.
36. *Acutely exposed hippocampal neurons: A preparation for patch clamping neurons from adult hippocampal slices.* Gray R, Fisher R, Spruston N, Johnston D. In: In Vitro Preparations From Vertebrate Nervous Systems. Jahnsen, H. (ed.), John Wiley: England, 3–24, 1990.

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### Publications: Original Research

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Preprints of unpublished work (preprints of published papers listed after publications):

1. *Organizing memories for generalization in complementary learning systems.* Sun W, Advani M, Spruston N, Saxe A, Fitzgerald J. bioRxiv, Oct. 2021. (>3000 downloads to date)

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1. *Rapid synaptic plasticity contributes to a learned conjunctive code of position and choice-related information in the hippocampus.* Zhao X, Hsu CL, Spruston N. Neuron, 110:96-108, 2022.
2. *Hippocampal and thalamic afferents form distinct synaptic microcircuits in the mouse infralimbic frontal cortex.* Graham K, Spruston N, Bloss EB. Cell Reports, online Oct. 2021.
3. *Membrane potential dynamics underlying context-dependent sensory responses in the hippocampus.* Zhao X, Wang Y, Spruston N, Magee JC. Nature Neuroscience, 23:881-891, 2020.
4. *A Sparse, spatially biased subtype of mature granule cell dominates recruitment in hippocampal-associated behaviors.* Erwin SR, Sun W, Copeland M, Lindo S, Spruston N, Cembrowski MS. Cell Reports, 31:107551, 2020.
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7. *Functional clustering of dendritic activity during decision-making.* Kerlin A, Mohar B, Flickinger D, MacLennan BJ, Davis C, Spruston N, Svoboda K. eLife, 8:e46966, 2019.
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  11. *Astrocytes integrate and drive action potential firing in inhibitory subnetworks astrocytes integrate and drive neural activity.* Deemyad T, Lüthi J, Spruston N. Nature Communications, 9:4336, 2018.
  12. *Voltage dependence of spatial coding in hippocampal pyramidal neurons mediated by persistent sodium current.* Hsu CL, Zhao X, Milstein A, Spruston N. Neuron, 99:1-16, 2018.
  13. *A novel pyramidal cell-type triggers sharp-waves in the hippocampus.* Hunt DL, Linaro D, Si B, Romani S, Spruston N. Nature Neuroscience, 21:985-995, 2018.
  14. *Dissociable structural and functional hippocampal outputs via distinct subiculum cell classes.* Cembrowski MS, Phillips MG, DiLisio SF, Shields BC, Winnubst J, Chandrashekar J, Bas E, Spruston N. Cell, 173:1-13, 2018.
  15. *Single excitatory axons form clustered synapses onto CA1 pyramidal cell dendrites.* Bloss EB, Cembrowski MS, Karsh B, Colonell J, Fetter RD, Spruston N. Nature Neuroscience, 15:353-363, 2018.
  16. *Integrating results across methodologies is essential for producing robust neuronal taxonomies.* Cembrowski MS, Spruston N. Neuron, 94:747-751, 2017.
  17. *Brain derived neurotrophic factor differentially modulates excitability of two classes of hippocampal output neurons.* Graves AR, Moore SJ, Spruston N, Tryba AK, Kaczorowski CC. Journal of Neurophysiology, 116: 466-71, 2016.
  18. *Hipposeq: a comprehensive RNA-seq database of gene expression in hippocampal principal neurons.* Cembrowski MS, Wang L, Sugino K, Shields BC, Spruston N. Elife, 5:e14997, 2016.
  19. *Structured dendritic inhibition supports branch-selective integration in CA1 pyramidal cells.* Bloss EB, Cembrowski MS, Karsh B, Colonell, Fetter RD, Spruston N. Neuron, 89:1016-1030, 2016.
  20. *Spatial gene expression gradients underlie prominent heterogeneity of CA1 pyramidal neurons.* Cembrowski MS, Bachman JL, Wang L, Sugino K, Shields BC, Spruston N. Neuron, 89:351-368, 2016.
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  22. *Age-dependent changes in intrinsic neuronal excitability in subiculum after status epilepticus.* Chung S, Spruston N, Koh S. PLoS One, 10(3): e0119411, 2015.
  23. *Balanced synaptic impact via distance-dependent synapse distribution and complementary expression of AMPARs and NMDARs in hippocampal dendrites.* Menon V, Musial TF, Liu A, Katz Y, Kath WL, Spruston N, Nicholson D. Neuron, 80:1451-63, 2013.

24. *Mechanisms of retroaxonal barrage firing in hippocampal interneurons.* Sheffield ME, Edgerton G, Heuermann RJ, Deemyad T, Mensh BD, Spruston N. J Physiology, 591: 4793-805, 2013.
25. *Hippocampal pyramidal neurons comprise two distinct cell types that are countermodulated by metabotropic receptors.* Graves AR, Moore SJ, Bloss EB, Mensh BD, Kath WL, Spruston N. Neuron, 76:776-789, 2012.
26. *Synaptic amplification by dendritic spines enhances input cooperativity.* Harnett MT, Makara JK, Spruston N, Kath WL, Magee JC. Nature, 491:599-602, 2012.
27. *Synergistic actions of metabotropic acetylcholine and glutamate receptors on the excitability of hippocampal CA1 pyramidal neurons.* Park J, Spruston N. Journal of Neuroscience, 32:6081-6091, 2012.
28. *Target-specific output patterns can be predicted by the distribution of regular-spiking and bursting pyramidal neurons in the subiculum.* Kim Y, Spruston N. Hippocampus, 22:693-706, 2012.
29. *Slow integration leads to persistent action potential firing in distal axons of coupled interneurons.* Sheffield MEJ, Best TK, Mensh BD, Kath WL, Spruston N. Nature Neuroscience, 14:200-207, 2011.
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31. *A state-mutating genetic algorithm to design ion-channel models.* Menon V, Spruston N, Kath WL. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A., 106:16829-16834, 2009.
32. *Synapse distribution suggests a two-stage model of dendritic integration in CA1 pyramidal neurons.* Katz Y, Menon V, Nicholson D, Geinisman Y, Kath WL, Spruston N. Neuron, 63:171-177, 2009.
33. *Synaptic depolarization is more effective than back-propagating action potentials during Induction of associative long-term potentiation in hippocampal pyramidal neurons.* Hardie J, Spruston N. Journal of Neuroscience, 29:3233-3241, 2009.
34. *Plasticity of burst firing induced by synergistic activation of metabotropic glutamate and acetylcholine receptors.* Moore S, Cooper DC, Spruston N. Neuron, 61:287-300, 2009.
35. *Compartmental neural simulations with spatial adaptivity.* Rempe M, Spruston N, Kath WL, Chopp D. Journal of Computational Neuroscience, 25:465-480, 2008.
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37. *Coincidence detection of place and temporal context in a network model of spiking hippocampal neurons.* Katz Y, Kath WL, Spruston N, Hasselmo ME. PLoS Computational Biology, 3:e234-248, 2007.
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41. *Distance-dependent differences in synapse number and AMPA receptor expression in hippocampal CA1 pyramidal neurons.* Nicholson D, Katz Y, Trana R, Kath WL, Spruston N, Geinisman Y. Neuron, 50:431-442, 2006.
42. *Conditional dendritic spike propagation following distal synaptic activation of hippocampal CA1 pyramidal neurons.* Jarsky T, Roxin A, Kath WL, Spruston N. Nature Neuroscience, 8: 1667-1676, 2005.
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### Research Funding

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2011-present	The Spruston lab is exclusively funded by HHMI (~\$1.2M per year; Janelia does not allow any funding from outside sources).
2011	“CRCNS: Collaboration on high-resolution maps of synapses on hippocampal neurons”, National Institutes of Health (NINDS R01, PIs: Spruston, Kath, Smith, Remy; grant continued to 2014 without Spruston as a collaborator instead of a PI because of Janelia rules).
2002-2011	“Modeling realistic microcircuits of hippocampal neurons” National Institutes of Health (NINDS R01, PI: Spruston)
1996-2011	“Synaptic integration and propagation in CA1 dendrites” National Institutes of Health (NINDS R01, PI: Spruston)
2006-2011	Two-Photon Imaging Center (NIH/NINDS Institutional P30, PI: Surmeier, Co-I: Spruston)
2003-2011	“Neurobiology of Information Storage” (NIH/NIMH training grant, PI: Routtenberg, Co-Director: Spruston)
2010-2013	NIH National Research Service award to Austin Graves
2007-2009	NARSAD Distinguished Investigator Award
2006-2009	NIH National Research Service award to Jason Hardie
2002-2005	NIH National Research Service award to Alexia Metz
2002-2005	NIH National Research Service award to Tim Jarsky
2000-2003	NIH National Research Service award to Don Cooper
2000-2004	NIH National Research Service award to Nathan Staff
1999-2009	“Slow outward currents and learning in aging hippocampus” National Institutes of Health (NIA R01, PI: John Disterhoft, Co-I: Spruston)
1998-2001	NIH National Research Service award to Nace Golding
1996-1999	Human Frontiers in Science Program

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### Teaching Activities

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2018-present	Founder and Director, ChIRP training program, Janelia
1996-2009	Instructor (sole), Fundamentals of Neurobiology (undergraduate)
2008	Instructor, Great Experiments in Neurophysiology (graduate)
2001-2005	Co-director, Ion Channel Physiology course, Cold Spring Harbor Lab
1999-2004	Instructor, Fundamentals of Neuroscience (Cell & Molecular Neuro.)
1987-1999	Several other courses (full list available on request)

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### Committees & Administrative Activities

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*Janelia Research Campus, Howard Hughes Medical Institute*

2017-present	Senior Scientific Director, Scientific Programs
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2011-2017 Scientific Program Director  
 2017-2019 Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion working group, HHMI  
 2019-2020 Co-chair and founder, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion committee, Janelia  
 2014-present GENIE Steering Committee  
 2014-present MouseLight Steering Committee  
 2013-2016 Neuroseq Steering Committee

*Department of Neurobiology & Physiology, Northwestern University*

2009-2011 Department Chair  
 2006-2007 Faculty Search Committee  
 2005-2006 Faculty Search Committee  
 2004-2005 Faculty Search Committee  
 2003-2004 Faculty Search Committee  
 2001-2006 Seminar Committee (Chair)  
 1996-2009 Appointment Review Committee  
 1995-1996 Faculty Search Committee  
 1997-1999 Seminar Committee (Chair)  
 1997-1999 Department Future Committee

*Institute for Neuroscience, Northwestern University*

2006-2009 Member, NUIN Advisory Board  
 1999-2004 Chair, Curriculum Committee  
 1998-2003 Student Advisory Committee, NUIN  
 1997-2004 Graduate Admissions Committee

*Weinberg College of Arts & Sciences, Northwestern University*

2005-2007 Tenure Committee  
 2003-2004 Chemistry of Life Processes Planning Committee  
 2001-2005 Committee on Superior Students and Honors  
 1999 Life Science Vision Committee  
 1997 Life Science Core Facilities Committee

*Office of Research, Northwestern University*

2003-2009 Instrument Shop Committee  
 2003-2004 Research Effort Reporting Committee  
 2002-2003 Research Roles and Responsibilities Committee

*Other Departments and Programs, Northwestern University*

2007-present Presidential Fellowship Committee  
 1998-present Review Committee, Undergraduate Program in Biological Science  
 1999-2000 Faculty Search Committee, Dept. Biochemistry, Mol. Biol., and Cell Biology  
 1997-2004 Admissions Committee, Medical Scientist Training Program  
 1997-1998 Graduate Admissions Committee, Interdepartmental Program in Biol. Sci.

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**Advisory Panels and Program Review**

2018-present Scientific Advisory Board, Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, Human Cell Atlas  
 2016-2017 Scientific Advisory Board, Max Planck Florida Institute, Jupiter, Florida, USA  
 April 2014 University of Toronto, Faculty of Medicine, Canada  
 2014-present Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn, Germany  
 2011 Univ. Texas Southwestern, Neuroscience Program, Dallas, Texas, USA

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**Professional Development Workshops**


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April 2014      Leading Through Communication, Linkage, Inc.  
 April 2014      Collaborative Leadership, Glaser & Associates, Inc.  
 January 2014    Improvisation for Scientists, Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science

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**Students and Postdocs Supervised**


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*Former students and postdocs (highlights only)\**

Xinyu Zhao, Ph.D.      Postdoctoral fellow, 2011-2021; currently Asst. Prof. at Tsinghua University

Ching-Lung Hsu, Ph.D.      Postdoctoral fellow, 2011-2020; currently Asst. Research Fellow at Academia Sinica, Taiwan, [link](#)

David Hunt, Ph.D.      Postdoctoral fellow, 2012-2020; currently Asst. Prof. at Cedars Sinai, Los Angeles, CA, USA, [link](#)

Erik Bloss, Ph.D.      Postdoctoral fellow, 2012-2020; currently Asst. Prof. at Jackson Laboratory, Bar Harbor, ME, USA, [link](#)

Mark Cembrowski, Ph.D.      Postdoc, 2012-2018; currently Assistant Prof. at Univ. British Columbia, Vancouver, BC, Canada, [link](#)

Stefan Remy, M.D.      Postdoc, 2005-07; currently Director, Leibniz-Institut für Neurobiologie, Magedburg, Germany, [link](#)

Yael Katz, Ph.D.      Graduate student, 2004-2008; currently CEO and Co-Founder of BrainCheck, Houston, TX and Austin, TX, [link](#), [link](#)

Mark Sheffield, Ph.D.      Graduate student, 2006-2011; currently Assistant Professor at the University of Chicago, [link](#)

Tim Jarsky, Ph.D.      Graduate student, 2001-2006; currently Associate Director of Electrophysiology at Allen Institute for Brain Science, [link](#)

Catherine Kaczorowski, Ph.D.      Graduate student, 2001-06; currently Professor and Endowed Chair at Jackson Laboratory, Bar Harbor, ME, USA, [link](#)

Tara Deemyad, Ph.D.      Postdoc, 2012-16; currently Research Associate Professor at Johns Hopkins University.

Alexia Metz, Ph.D.      Graduate student, 2001-06; currently Associate Professor at the University of Toledo, [link](#)

Nace Golding, Ph.D.      Postdoc, 1996-2002; currently Professor and Director at Univ. Texas, Austin, TX, USA, [link](#)

Nathan Staff, M.D., Ph.D.      Graduate student, 1998-2002; currently Neurologist at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN, USA, [link](#)

Tara Thiagarajan, Ph.D.      Undergraduate researcher, 1997-1998; currently Founder and Chief Scientist of Sapien labs, [link](#)

*Current postdocs at Janelia (2011-present)*

Yuhan Wang      Postdoctoral fellow, 2022-present  
 Gabriela Michel      Postdoctoral fellow, 2019-present  
 Boaz Mohar      Postdoctoral fellow, 2016-present (joint with Karel Svoboda)  
 Weinan Sun      Postdoctoral fellow, 2017-present  
 Johan Winnubst      Postdoctoral fellow, 2019-present

*Summer undergraduates at Janelia (2011-2019)*

Jessica Passlack      Summer undergrad, 2018, 2019  
 Reem Azar      Summer undergrad, 2017  
 Karla Montejo      Summer undergrad, 2017

Matthew Phillips	Summer undergrad, 2015, 2016
Lara Reid	Summer undergrad, 2015
Joel Lüethi	Summer undergrad, 2014, 2015
Rachel Tillage (nee, Pearcy)	Summer undergrad, 2014
Josh Fass	Summer undergrad, 2013

*Former postdocs at Janelia (2011-2021)*

Xinyu Zhao	Postdoctoral fellow, 2011-2021
Ching-Lung Hsu	Postdoctoral fellow, 2011-2020
David Hunt	Postdoctoral fellow, 2012-2020
Erik Bloss	Postdoctoral fellow, 2012-2020
Mark Cembrowski, Ph.D.	Postdoctoral fellow, 2012-2018
Tara Deemyad, Ph.D.	Postdoctoral fellow, 2012-2016
Julia Bachman	Postdoctoral fellow, 2013-2016
Austin Graves, Ph.D.	Postdoctoral fellow, 2012
Yujin Kim, Ph.D.	Postdoctoral fellow, 2012

*\*While at Northwestern University (1995-2011) I mentored 17 Postdocs, 15 Graduate Students, and 18 Undergraduates. I actively participated on 22 Thesis Committees at Northwestern, excluding my own students; and was an external member of 4 Thesis Committees at other institutions. A complete list is available upon request.*

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**Collaborators (Past and Present)**

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2019-present	Andrew Saxe, PhD, University College London
2018-present	James Fitzgerald, PhD, HHMI Janelia Research Campus
2017-2019	Sandro Romani, PhD, HHMI Janelia Research Campus
2015-present	Karel Svoboda, PhD, HHMI Janelia Research Campus
2015-2018	Jeff Magee, PhD, HHMI Janelia Research Campus
1997-2013	William L. Kath, PhD, Northwestern University
2010-present	Brett D. Mensh, MD, PhD
2013-2017	Dezhe Z. Jin, PhD, Penn State University
2011-2014	Stephen Smith, PhD, Stanford University
2005-2013	Daniel A. Nicholson, PhD, Rush University Medical Center
2013-2014	Ted Abel, PhD, University of Pennsylvania
2014-2016	Haining Zhong, PhD, Vollum Institute

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**Professional Affiliations**

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1987–present	Society for Neuroscience
1998–present	American Association for the Advancement of Science
1998–present	American Physiological Society

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**Editorial and Referee Duties**

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2017-present	Editorial Board, Current Opinion in Neurobiology
2008-2012	Associate Editor, Frontiers in Neuroscience
2004-2011	Reviewing Editor, Journal of Physiology
1998-present	Grant review for NIH, NSF, Israeli Science Foundation, Medical Research Council (UK), Swiss National Science Foundation
1995-present	Reviewer for numerous journals, including Cell, Nature, Nature Neuroscience, Neuron, Science, eLife

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**Invited Talks**

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***Invited Seminars and Conferences (future)***

MIT, Boston, Massachusetts, October 2022

***Invited Seminars at Universities and Research Institutes (past nine years)\****

INMED-UNIS, Marseilles, France, April 2022

University of British Columbia, May 2022

University of Montreal, Montreal, Canada, March 2022

Duke University, Chapel Hill, North Carolina, February 2022

Yale University (remote), November 2021

University of Hamburg, Germany (remote), June 2021

Australian National University, Canberra, Australia (remote), Dec. 2020

National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, Maryland, January 2020

Scripps Institute, La Jolla, California, December 2019

Allen Institute for Brain Science, September 2019

Case Western Reserve University, September 2019

Stanford University, May 2019

Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee, May 2019

Univ. Colorado Health Science Center, Denver, March 2019

EMBO Neuroscience meeting (keynote), NCBS, Bangalore, India, February 2019

Georgia Tech & Emory Neuroscience, Atlanta, Georgia, January 2019

Johns Hopkins Neuroscience Retreat (keynote), September 2018

Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory (course), June 2018

University of Chicago, May 2018

University of Texas Southwestern Neuroscience retreat (keynote), April 2018

Bonn Brain Symposium (keynote), March 2018

Yale University, April 2017

Institute of Science and Technology, Vienna, March 2016

Columbia University, New York, February 2016

University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, January 2016

Pennsylvania State University Neuroscience Seminar, College State, September 2015

Université de Montréal, Neuroscience Seminar, September 2015

Int'l Conference on Brain Informatics & Health, Imperial College London, September 2015

Spring Hippocampal Research Conference, Taormina, Sicily, June 2015

Open Source Brain 2015, Sardinia, Italy, May 2015

SFB 1089, Bonn Brain 3, Bonn, Germany, April 2015

McGill University, Centre for Research in Neuroscience, Montreal, Dec 2014

Laval University, Quebec Mental Health Institute Research Centre, Quebec, Dec 2014

Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, South Carolina, April 2014

Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, Texas, April 2014

Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn, Germany, March 2014

Stanford University, Stanford, California, March 2014

Stowers Institute for Medical Research, Kansas City, Missouri, Dec. 2013

Sanford-Burnham Medical Research Institute, La Jolla, California, Dec. 2013

New York University, New York, Oct. 2013

National Institute of Biological Sciences (NIBS), Beijing, China, May 2013

Institute of Neuroscience (ION), Shanghai, China, May 2013

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Jerusalem, April 2013

Technion - Israel Institute of Technology, Haifa, Israel, April 2013

Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel, April 2013  
University of North Carolina, Durham, Oct. 2012  
Korea Institute of Science and Technology, Seoul, May 2012  
Korea Brain Research Institute, Daegu, May 2012  
Daegu Gyeongbuk Institute of Science and Technology, Daegu, May 2012  
Tufts University, Boston, Apr. 2012  
University of Utah, Salt Lake City, Apr. 2012  
Champalimaud, Lisbon, Portugal, Jan. 2012  
Univ. California San Diego, Nov. 2011  
Vollum Institute, Portland, Oregon, Oct. 2011

*\*While at Northwestern University (1995-2011) I gave 94 talks at universities and research institutes and as a postdoc I gave 7 talks. A complete list is available upon request.*

***Invited Presentations at National and International conferences (past five years)\****

BICCN meeting, San Diego, California, November 2018  
National Institutes of Health (Memorial for Wil Rall), November 2018  
Synaptic Inhibition Gordon Conference, Les Diablerets, Switzerland, June 2017  
Mathmem Workshop, Barcelona, Spain, March 2017  
Dendrites Gordon Conference, Tuscany, Italy, March 2017  
Electrical Synapses Conference, Janelia, April 2017  
AREADNE Conference, Santorini, Greece, June 2016  
Dendrites Conference, Crete, Greece, June 2016  
Dendrites Conference, Paris, France, March 2016  
Frontiers in Neurophotonics Symposium, Quebec, October 2015  
AAALAC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Symposium, Washington DC, September 2015  
Scottish Neuroscience Group Meeting, University of St. Andrews, Scotland, August 2015  
IFM Colloquim on Neuronal signal integration, computation and transduction, Paris, Oct. 2014  
Francis Crick Symposium on Neuroscience, Suzhou, China, May 2013  
Winter Conference on Neural Plasticity, Curacao, Feb. 2013  
Dendrites Conference, Janelia Farm Research Campus, March 2012

*\*While at Northwestern University (1995-2011) I gave 44 invited talks at national and international conferences. A complete list is available upon request.*