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#### **EDUCATION**

## **Baylor College of Medicine**

2021 - Present

Ph.D. in Neuroscience

**Rhodes College** 

2013 - 2017

B.S. in Neuroscience

#### **RESEARCH POSITIONS**

## Graduate Student — Laboratory of Jeffrey C. Magee, Ph.D.

Howard Hughes Medical Institute

2022 - Present

Department of Neuroscience, Baylor College of Medicine

Duncan Neurological Research Institute at Texas Children's Hospital

Mechanisms of neocortical learning and memory

## Research Assistant — Laboratory of Shilpa D. Kadam, Ph.D.

Department of Neurology, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

2017 - 2021

Hugo W. Moser Research Institute at Kennedy Krieger Children's Hospital

Development of rationale therapeutic targets for pediatric epilepsy and intellectual disability

## Rhodes Research Fellow — Laboratory of Kelly A. Dougherty, Ph.D.

Department of Biology, Rhodes College

2016 - 2017

Investigation of A-type K<sup>+</sup> channel function and pharmacology

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

## Articles [\* denotes equal contribution]

- 1. Thomas A.\*, Yang W.\*, Wang C., Tipparaju S.L., Chen G., **Sullivan B.J.**, Swiekatowski K., Tatam M., Gerfen C., Li N. (2023) Superior colliculus cell types bidirectionally modulate choice activity in frontal cortex. *Nature Communications* PMID:
- 2. **Sullivan B.J.**, Kipnis P.K., Carter B.M., and Kadam S.D. (2021) Targeting ischemia-induced KCC2 hypofunction rescues refractory neonatal seizures and mitigates epileptogenesis in a mouse model. *Science Signaling*. PMID: 34752143
- 3. **Sullivan B.J.**, Ammanuel S., Kipnis P.K., Araki Y., Huganir R.L., and Kadam S.D. (2020) Low-dose Perampanel rescues cortical gamma dysregulation associated with paravalbumin interneuron GluA2 upregulation in epileptic Syngap1+/- mice. *Biological Psychiatry*. PMID: 32107006
- 4. Kipnis P.K.\*, **Sullivan B.J.**\*, Carter B.M., and Kadam S.D. (2020) TrkB agonists prevent post-ischemic BDNF-TrkB mediated emergence of refractory neonatal seizures in CD-1 pups. *JCI Insight*. PMID: 32427585.
- Kang J., Kadam S.D., Elmore J.S., Sullivan B.J.\*, Valentine H.\*, Malla A.P., Grace A.A., Rahmim A., Loew L.M., Baumann M., Gjedde A., Boctor E.M., and Wong D.F. (2020) Transcranial photoacoustic imaging of NMDA-evoked focal circuit dynamics in rat forebrain. *Journal of Neural Engineering*. PMID: 32084654.
- 6. Carter B.M., Sullivan B.J., Landers J.R., Kadam S.D. (2018) Dose-dependent reversal of KCC2 hypofunction and phenobarbital-resistant neonatal seizures by ANA12. *Scientific Reports*. PMID: 30097625

## Reviews

- 1. **Sullivan B.J.** and Kadam S.D. (2021) Brain Derived Neurotrophic Factor in Neonatal Seizures. *Pediatric Neurology*. PMID: 33773288
- 2. Kadam S.D., **Sullivan B.J.**, Goayal A., Blue M.E., and Smith-Hicks C. (2020) Rett Syndrome and CDKL5 Deficiency Disorder: From Bench to Clinic. *International Journal of Molecular Sciences*. PMID: 31618813
- 3. Kipnis P.K., Sullivan B.J., and Kadam S.D. (2019) Sex Dependent Signaling Pathways Underlying Seizure Susceptibility and the Role of Chloride Cotransporters. *Cells*. PMID: 31085988

## Chapters

- Sullivan B.J. and Kadam S.D. (2021) Protocol for Drug Screening with Quantitative Video Electroencephalography in a Translational Model of Refractory Neonatal Seizures. In Experimental and Translational Models to Screen Drugs Effective Against Seizures and Epilepsy. D. Vohora, Ed. Springer, New York
- 2. **Sullivan B.J.** and Kadam S.D. (2020) The involvement of neuronal chloride transporter deficiencies in epilepsy. In Neuronal Chloride Transporters in Health and Disease. X. Tang, Ed. Elsevier, Amsterdam, Netherlands.

#### **INVITED TALKS**

Johns Hopkins University and Kennedy Krieger Institute, Baltimore, MD Pediatric Neuroscience Collaboration Seminar, Virtual Live Content Event Hitting a moving target: KCC2 and pharmacoresistant seizures in the developing brain.	2022
3rd International SYNGAP1 Conference Young Investigator Workshop, Virtual Live Content Event An early forecast for the SYNGAP1 storm.	2021
<b>14th European Congress on Epileptology, Geneva, Switzerland</b> Platform session, Cancelled due to COVID-19 The KCC2 functional enhancer CLP290 rescues phenobarbital-resistant neonatal seizures.	2020
The Scripps Research Institute, Jupiter, Florida 2nd International SYNGAP1 Conference Perampanel rescues behavioral state-dependent transitions on qEEG in Syngap1 <sup>+/-</sup> mice.	2018
ected amongst the young investigators to present at the Main Symposium.	
The Scripps Research Institute, Jupiter, Florida Young Investigator Day at the 2nd International SYNGAP1 Conference Perampanel rescues behavioral state-dependent transitions on qEEG in Syngap1 <sup>+/-</sup> mice.	2018
Rhodes College, Memphis, TN Summer Undergraduate Research Symposium A hitchhikers guide to voltage-gated K <sup>+</sup> channels and dendritic integration.	2016
AWARDS	
NINDS Curing the Epilepsies Conference Travel Award CURE Epilepsy	2021
14th European Congress on Epileptology Travel Award International League Against Epilepsy	2020
American Epilepsy Society Annual Meeting Travel Award International League Against Epilepsy	2019

Young Investigator Travel Award Syngap1 Foundation	2019	
Undergraduate Research Fellowship Rhodes College	2016	
SERVICE & OUTREACH	_	
Ad-Hoc reviewer for eLife, BRAIN, Molecular Psychiatry, Journal of Neural Engineering, Epilepsy Research, and Neuropharmacology		
Skype a Scientist Volunteer Scientist	2018 - Present	
Baylor College of Medicine Neuroscience Program Bootcamp Volunteer Lecturer and Peer Mentor	2022 - Present	
NINDS-AES Young Investigators Virtual Seminar Seminar Co-Organizer, Emerging neurotechnology to disrupt epilepsy	2021	
Johns Hopkins Internship in Brain Sciences Mentor	2018 - 2020	
International Leauge Against Epilepsy Young Epilepsy Section Member, Research Task Force	2018 - 2020	
Kids Enjoy Exercise Now Volunteer Coach	2017 - 2020	
Rhodes College Board of Trustees Student Representative	2016 - 2017	
Rhodes College Student Goverment Chair, Student Goverment Secondhand Smoke Committee	2016 - 2017	
Rhodes College Athletic Department Board Member, Student-Athlete Advisory Committee Student Associate to the Athletic Director	2014 - 2017	
LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE		
Rhodes College Varsity Men's Basketball Team Captain 2015, 2016, 2017 SAA Conference Champion 2015, 2017 All-Conference Selection 2015, 2016, 2017 Rhodes College Fall Sports Top Men's Athlete 2016	2013 - 2017	