# **BRENT SCOTT**

#### **About Me**

I am a PhD Candidate in the Kinesiology department at UMass Amherst with a research emphasis in single molecule biophysics and molecular muscle physiology. Specifically, I am interested in understanding how myosin transduces chemical energy into the mechanical forces that drive human motion with additional interest in the regulation of this process via the proteins troponin and tropomyosin. The primary experimental techniques I use are the laser trap and in vitro motility assays.



#### **EDUCATION**

ETA Spring 2022

### **University of Massachusetts Amherst**

PhD in Kinesiology (currently pursuing)

Amherst, MA

Thesis: What is the relative timing between myosin's powerstroke and phosphate release?

2019

#### **University of Massachusetts Amherst**

MS in Kinesiology

Amherst, MA

Thesis: Tropomyosin-based effects of acidosis on thin-filament regulation during fatigue.

2016

### **Belmont University**

BS in Exercise Science

Nashville, TN



#### RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2016-Current

### **Graduate Research Assistant**

Muscle Biophysics Lab - University of Massachusetts Amherst

Amherst, MA

- Perform single molecule/mini-ensemble laser trap experiments and large ensemble experiments with the in vitro motility assay
- · Protein isolation (myosin and actin)
- Programmed apps to automate the workflows for the analysis of laser trap and in vitro motility data using R.

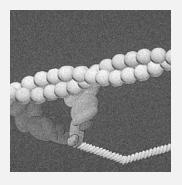
2015-2016

#### **Undergraduate Research Assistant**

Neuromuscular Physiology Lab - Vanderbilt University Medical Center

Nashville, TN

• Used non-invasive techniques to study skeletal muscle blood flow in vivo.



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#### **SKILLS**

Highly trained in collection and analysis of single molecule laser trapping data

Experience in isolation and purification of proteins

Computer programming: proficient in R. Familiar with Bash. Markdown, HTML, and CSS.

# **₽** TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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3x	•	Exercise Physiology - KIN 470 (online) Instructor of Record for course using Moodle.	<b>♀</b> UMass Amherst
3x		Human Performance & Nutrition - KIN 110 Instructor of Record for course using Moodle.	<b>♥</b> UMass Amherst
2x	•	Human Performance & Nutrition - KIN 110 (or Instructor of Record for course using Blackboard.	nline) ♥ UMass Amherst
6x	•	Human Performance & Nutrition - KIN 110 Graduate teaching assistant leading discussion sec	ctions. • UMass Amherst
3x	•	<b>Applied Exercise Testing - KIN 394</b> Teaching assistant for online and in-person labs.	<b>♥</b> UMass Amherst
1x		Exercise Physiology - KIN 470 (online) Teaching assistant for online labs.	<b>♥</b> UMass Amherst
1x	•	Intro to Kinesiology - KIN 100 Graduate teaching assistant leading lab sections.	<b>♀</b> UMass Amherst

## **■** SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

Myosin's powerstroke occurs prior to the release of phosphate from the active site.

 $Cytoskeleton.\ https://doi.org/10.1002/cm.21682.$ 

Scott B, Marang C, Woodward M, Debold EP.

FRET and optical trapping reveal mechanisms of actinactivation of the power stroke and phosphate-release in myosin V.

J Biol Chem. https://doi.org/10.1074/jbc.RA120.015632.

Gunther LK, Rohde JA, Tang W, Cirilo JA Jr, Marang CP, **Scott BD**, Thomas DD, Debold EP, Yengo CM.

Positional Isomers of a Non-Nucleoside Substrate
Differentially Affect Myosin Function.

Biophysical Journal 119(3), 567-580. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.bpj .2020.06.024.

Woodward M, Ostrander E, Jeong S, Liu X, **Scott B**, Unger M, Chen J, Venkataraman D, Debold EP.

## PRESENTATIONS

2021 • Biophysical Society 65th Annual Meeting

Platform: Actin and Associated Proteins - Myosins

• Myosin's powerstroke occurs with phosphate still in the active site

**♀** Virtual

**ACSM National Meeting** 2019 Orlando, FL Rapid Fire Presentation • Tropomyosin based effects of acidosis on thin- filament regulation during muscle fatigue **GRANTS UMass KIN Travel Grant** 2020 \$150 **UMass UMOVE Callaboration Seed Grant** 2017 \$5,000 (for MS Thesis) **CERTIFICATIONS Certified Strength & Conditioning Specialist (CSCS)** 2016-2021 National Strength & Conditioning Association (NSCA) **UMass Continuing & Professional Education Online** 2018 **Instructor Certification MENTORSHIP Undergraduate Teaching Assistantships** 2018 Human Performance & Nutrition - KIN 110 **Q** UMass Amherst • Joshua Robert, B.S. Kinesiology 2018 • Mary Griffin, B.S. Kinesiology 2019 • Sara Keelan, B.S., Kinesiology 2019 • Emily Donovan, B.S. Kinesiology 2020 • Joseph Howard, B.S. Kinesiology 2020 **Undergraduate Research Projects** 2018-2020 **Q** UMass Amherst Muscle Biophysics Lab • Sabrina Harrath, B.S. Biology 2020

• Cindy Nguyen, B.S. Kinesiology 2020