

Publications

JOURNAL ARTICLES

- 1. Orsini, C. A., Pyon, W. S., Dragone, R. J., Faraji, M., Wheeler, A.-R., Pompilus, M., Febo, M., Bizon, J. L., & Setlow, B. (2023). Age-related changes in risky decision making and associated neural circuitry in a rat model. *Eneuro*, 10(1), ENEURO.0385–22.2022. https://doi.org/10.1523/eneuro.0385–22.2022
- 2. Truckenbrod, L. M., Cooper, E. M., & Orsini, C. A. (2022). Cognitive mechanisms underlying decision making involving risk of explicit punishment in male and female rats. *Cognitive, Affective, & Behavioral Neuroscience*. https://doi.org/10.3758/s13415-022-01052-6
- 3. Orsini, C. A., Brown, T. E., Hodges, T. E., Alonso-Caraballo, Y., Winstanley, C. A., & Becker, J. B. (2022). Neural mechanisms mediating sex differences in motivation for reward: Cognitive bias, food, gambling, and drugs of abuse. *The Journal of Neuroscience*, 42(45), 8477–8487. https://doi.org/10.1523/jneurosci.1378-22.2022
- 4. Orsini, C. A., Truckenbrod, L. M., & Wheeler, A.-R. (2022). Regulation of sex differences in risk-based decision making by gonadal hormones: Insights from rodent models. *Behavioural Processes*, 200, 104663. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.beproc.2022.104663
- 5. Blaes, S. L., Shimp, K. G., Betzhold, S. M., Setlow, B., & Orsini, C. A. (2022). Chronic cocaine causes age-dependent increases in risky choice in both males and females. *Behavioral Neuroscience*, *136*(3), 243–263. https://doi.org/10.1037/bne0000509
- 6. Hernandez, C. M., Orsini, C. A., Blaes, S. L., Bizon, J. L., Febo, M., Bruijnzeel, A. W., & Setlow, B. (2020). Effects of repeated adolescent exposure to cannabis smoke on cognitive outcomes in adulthood. *Journal of Psychopharmacology*, 35(7), 848–863. https://doi.org/10.1177/0269881120965931
- 7. Garman, T. S., Setlow, B., & Orsini, C. A. (2020). Effects of a high-fat diet on impulsive choice in rats. *Physiology & Behavior*, 229, 113260. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.physbeh.2020.113260
- 8. Orsini, C. A., Blaes, S. L., Hernandez, C. M., Betzhold, S. M., Perera, H., Wheeler, A.-R., Eyck, T. W. T., Garman, T. S., Bizon, J. L., & Setlow, B. (2020). Regulation of risky decision making by gonadal hormones in males and females. *Neuropsychopharmacology*, 46(3), 603–613. https://doi.org/10.1038/s41386-020-00827-0
- 9. Orsini, C. A., & Simon, N. W. (2020). Reward/punishment-based decision making in rodents. *Current Protocols in Neuroscience*, 93(1). https://doi.org/10.1002/cpns.100
- 10. Hernandez, C. M., Orsini, C., Wheeler, A.-R., Eyck, T. W. T., Betzhold, S. M., Labiste, C. C., Wright, N. G., Setlow, B., & Bizon, J. L. (2020). Testicular hormones mediate robust sex differences in impulsive choice in rats. *eLife*, 9. https://doi.org/10.7554/elife.58604
- 11. Setlow, B., Blaes, S. L., Burns, M. R., Dragone, R. J., & Orsini, C. A. (2020). Using rodent models to understand interactions between gambling and substance use. *Current Opinion in Behavioral Sciences*, 31, 37–41. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.cobeha.2019.10.012
- 12. Orsini, C. A., Blaes, S. L., Dragone, R. J., Betzhold, S. M., Finner, A. M., Bizon, J. L., & Setlow, B. (2020). Distinct relationships between risky decision making and cocaine self-administration under short- and long-access conditions. *Progress in Neuro-Psychopharmacology and Biological Psychiatry*, 98, 109791. https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pnpbp.2019.109791

PREPRINTS

1. Truckenbrod, L. M., Betzhold, S. M., Wheeler, A.-R., Shallcross, J., Singhal, S., Harden, S., Schwendt, M., Frazier, C. J., Bizon, J. L., Setlow, B., & Orsini, C. A. (2023). *Circuit and cell-specific contributions to decision making involving risk of explicit punishment in male and female rats*. https://doi.org/10.1101/2023.01.15.524142

Books

BOOK CHAPTERS

Professional Presentations

The relationship between chronic opioid exposure and changes in risk taking.

Uncovering the neurobiological and hormonal basis of sex differences in risk taking. Medical University of South Carolina.	2024
	2024
The role of dopamine D2 receptors in the basolateral amygdala in punishment-based risky decision making.	
Amygdala Gordon Research Conference, Barcelona, Spain.	2023
Amygdala-striatal circuitry in risky decision making.	
Baylor University, Department of Psychology & Neuroscience Seminar series.	2022
Amygdala-striatal circuitry in risky decision making.	
University of Texas at San Antonio, Spring Neuroscience Seminar series	2022
Hormonal basis of sex differences in reward-based decision making.	
Society for Neuroscience, San Diego, CA.	2022
Hormonal regulation of decision making involving risk of punishment.	
International Behavioral Neuroscience Society, Glasgow Scotland.	2022
Hormonal regulation of risk-based decision making: implications for decision making	
impairments associated with substance use disorders.	
NIDA Women's Sex and Gender Workgroup seminar.	2022
Sex differences in dopaminergic modulation of punishment-based risky decision making.	
International Behavioral Neuroscience Society, Glasgow Scotland.	2022
Uncovering the neurobiological and hormonal basis of sex differences in risk taking.	
University of Buffalo, Department of Psychology.	2022
Amygdala-striatal circuitry in risky decision making.	
Andrews Genomics Scholar Lecture Series, Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, OR (virtual).	2021
Chronic cocaine causes age-dependent increases in risk taking in rats of both sexes.	
PAVLOVIAN SOCIETY MEETING, ANN ARBOR, MI.	2021
Hormonal regulation of risky choice in males and female rats.	
SOCIETY FOR THE QUANTITATIVE ANALYSES OF BEHAVIOR	2021
Sex differences in dopaminergic modulation of punishment-based risky decision making.	
American College of Neuropsychopharmacology, Puerto Rico.	2021
Uncovering the neurobiological and hormonal basis of sex differences in risk taking.	
Waggoner Center for Alcohol and Addiction Research seminar series, Austin, TX.	2021
Uncovering the neurobiological and hormonal basis of sex differences in risk taking.	
DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS, MEMPHIS, TN.	2021
Amygdala-striatal circuitry in risky decision making.	
Waggoner Center for Alcohol and Addiction Research seminar series, Austin, TX.	2020
Amygdala-striatal circuitry in risky decision making.	
FLORIDA CONSORTIUM ON THE NEUROBIOLOGY OF COGNITION.	2020
Amygdala-striatal circuitry in risky decision making.	
Texas A&M University Institute for Neuroscience, College Station, Texas. *cancelled due to COVID.	2020
Representation of risk salience in the basolateral amygdala.	
WINTER CONFERENCE ON BRAIN RESEARCH, BIG SKY, MONTANA.	2020
Conference Abstracts	
Cocaine intake affects estrous cycling and correlates with risk-taking behavior in female rats.	

SOCIETY FOR NEUROSCIENCE MEETING, SAN DIEGO, CA.

2022

Cognitive relationships underlying risky decision making in male and female rats.	2022
International Society for Behavioral Neuroscience, Glasgow, Scotland. Contributions of ventral tegmental area dopamine neurons to decision making under risk of	2022
punishment	
Society for Neuroscience meeting, San Diego, CA	2022
Fentanyl self administration increases risk taking behavior in male rats.	
SOCIETY FOR NEUROSCIENCE MEETING, SAN DIEGO, CA.	2022
Sex differences in dopaminergic regulation of risky decision making.	
International Society for Behavioral Neuroscience, Glasgow, Scotland.	2022
Chronic cocaine causes age-dependent increases in risk taking in rats of both sexes.	
American College of Neuropsychopharmacology, virtual.	2021
Cognitive relationships underlying risky decision making in male and female rats.	
SOCIETY FOR NEUROSCIENCE, VIRTUAL	2021
Sex differences in dopaminergic regulation of decision making.	
WAGGONER CENTER FOR ALCOHOL AND ADDICTION RESEARCH ADVANCE SYMPOSIUM, UT AUSTIN, VIRTUAL.	2021
Sex differences in dopaminergic regulation of risky decision making.	
SOCIETY FOR NEUROSCIENCE, VIRTUAL	2021
Temporally-specific inhibition of ventral tegmental area dopamine neurons during decision	
making under risk of punishment.	2021
SOCIETY FOR NEUROSCIENCE, VIRTUAL	2021
Honors	
Associate Member	TN, US
American College of Neuropsychopharmacology	2022
Faculty Travel Grant	Austin, US
The University of Texas at Austin	2022
Faculty Travel Grant	Austin, US
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN	2021
Funding	
	National Institute on Alcohol Abuse
Reducing alcohol-seeking behavior in a rat model of alcohol dependence	and Alcoholism, R01AA029386
FUNDING: \$353,582	2022 - 2027
Examination of fentanyl-induced insensitivity to risk of punishment during decision making	National Institute on Drug Abuse,
and the potential use of methadone and buprenorphine in attenuating risk-taking deficits	R21DA053462
FUNDING: \$235,139	2022 - 2024
Neural circuits and mechanisms underlying maladaptive risk-taking following cocaine	National Institute on Drug Abuse,
self-administration	R00DA041493
FUNDING: \$744,605	2019 - 2023
Service	
National Institute of Mental Health	Bethesda, US
Grant Reviewer, Pathway to Independence Awards (K99/R00)	2023 - presen
National Institute of Mental Health	Bethesda, US

2022 - present

GRANT REVIEWER, PATHWAY TO INDEPENDENCE AWARDS (K99/R00)

National Institute of Mental Health	Md., US
GRANT REVIEWER, PATHWAY TO INDEPENDENCE AWARDS (K99/R00)	2022 - present
Promotion and Tenure Revamp Committee	Austin, US
Мемвег	2022 - present
Encyclopedia of the Human Brain	N/A, US
Co-Section Editor	2021 - present
PLoS One	N/A, US
Member	2021 - present
Cerebral Cortex	N/A, US
Manuscript Reviewer	2020 - present
Neuropharmacology	N/A, US
Manuscript Reviewer	2020 - present
IDEAS Committee	Austin, US
Мемвек	2020 - present
Institutional Biosafety Committee	Austin, US
Мемвег	2020 - present
Behavioral Neuroscience	N/A, US
Manuscript Reviewer	2019 - present
Neurobiology of Aging	N/A, US
Manuscript Reviewer	2019 - present
Behavioural Brain Research	N/A, US
Manuscript Reviewer	2019 - present
Physiology & Behavior	N/A, US
Manuscript Reviewer	2019 - present
Psychopharmacology	N/A, US
MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER	2019 - present
Neuropsychopharmacology	N/A, US
MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER	2019 - present
The Journal of Neuroscience	N/A, US
MANUSCRIPT REVIEWER	2019 - present
National Institute on Drug Abuse	Bethesda, US
GRANT REVIEWER, CUTTING-EDGE BASIC RESEARCH AWARDS (R21),	2019 - present
Department Colloquium Committee CHAIR	Austin, US 2022 - 2023
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WM Keck Science Center	Claremont, US
GRANT REVIEWER	2021 - 2021
Executive Committee	Austin, US
Member Member	2020 - 2021
National Institute on Drug Abuse	Bethesda, US
GRANT REVIEWER, CUTTING-EDGE BASIC RESEARCH AWARDS (R21),	2020 - 2020
	2020 2020

Mentoring and Teaching _____

MENTORING

PSY353 Instructor	2021 - 2021
PSY353 Instructor	2023 - 2023
INSTRUCTOR	2019 - present
PSY353	
Instructor	2021 - present
Institute for Neuroscience Bootcamp	2022 - present
Institute for Neuroscience Bootcamp	2022
Teaching	
Undergraduate Research mentor	2020 - 2021
Stephanie Root	
Xinyu Jia Undergraduate Research mentor	2020 - 2021
Undergraduate Research mentor Vinyu, Lia	2020 - 2022
Adrian Boehnke	2022
Undergraduate Research mentor	2020 - 2022
Merrick Garner	
Megan Thomas Undergraduate Research mentor	2020 - 2022
Undergraduate Research mentor	2020 - 2022
Kyla Gruenberger	
DISSERTATION SUPERVISOR	2020 - present
Leah Truckenbrod	
April Ju Undergraduate Research mentor	2020 - present
DISSERTATION SUPERVISOR	2021 - present
Alexa-Rae Wheeler	
Undergraduate Research mentor	2022 - present
Nadia Carlos	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
Allison Greer Undergraduate Research mentor	2022 - present
Undergraduate Research mentor	2022 - present
Isabelle Tseng	
Undergraduate Research mentor	2022 - present
Allison Lau	2022 - present
Erin Brill Undergraduate Research mentor	2022 - present
Undergraduate Research mentor	2022 - present
Hannah Cutright	
Undergraduate Research mentor	2023 - present
Undergraduate Research mentor Sydney Tu	2023 - present
Giselle Pedraza	

 Instructor
 2020 - 2020