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Research Experience

Graduate Student, Department of Genetics, Genomics, and Systems Biology
Nobrega Lab, University of Chicago
September 2017-present

IRTA Post-baccalaureate fellow, National Institute of Mental Health
Clinical and Translational Neuroscience Branch
July 2013-May 2016

Research Manager, University of Utah
Visual Perception and Spatial Cognition Lab
August 2012-May 2013

Experiment Director, College of William and Mary
Cognitive Psychophysiology Lab
June 2011- May 2012

Education

University of Chicago Medical Scientist Training Program (MD/PhD program)

PhD specialization: Genetics

FAES Graduate School at NIH

College of William and Mary, 2008-2012

Bachelor of Science, Cognitive Neuroscience

Bachelor of Arts, English

Honors and Awards

American Heart Association Predoctoral Award, 2017-present

Top Poster Award, Society of Biological Psychiatry Annual Meeting 2016

Top Abstract Award, NIMH Training Day 2015

Magna Cum Laude, College of William and Mary

Honors in Psychology, College of William and Mary

Honors Thesis Award: High Honors, College of William and Mary
(possible awards: No Honors, Honors, High Honors)

Dean's List, College of William and Mary

Presentations and Publications

Publications

- Sobreira, D. R., Joslin, A.C., Zhang, Q., Williamson, I., Hansen, G.T. et al., et al. Extensive pleiotropism and allelic heterogeneity mediate metabolic effects of IRX3 and IRX5. *Science* 372, 1085–1091 (2021).
- Joslin, A. C., Sobreira, D.R., Hansen, G.T. et al. A functional genomics pipeline identifies pleiotropy and cross-tissue effects within obesity-associated GWAS loci. *Nature Communications* 12, 5253 (2021).
- Helling, B.S., Sobreira, D.R., Hansen, G.T., ... & Ober, C.A. (2020). Transcriptional and Chromatin Responses of Bronchial Epithelial Cells to RV are Altered in Asthma. *Communications Biology*.
- Montefiori, L. E., Sobreira, D. R., Sakabe, N. J., Aneas, I., Joslin, A. C., Hansen, G. T., ... & Nobrega, M. A. (2018). A promoter interaction map for cardiovascular disease genetics. *eLife*, 7, e35788.
- Padilla, L., Hansen, G., Ruginski, I., Kramer, H., Thompson, W., and Creem-Regehr, S. (2014). The influence of different graphical displays on non-expert decision making under uncertainty. *The Journal of Experimental Psychology: Applied*.
- Creem-Regehr, S., Payne, B., Rand, K. and Hansen, G. (2013). Scaling space with the mirror illusion: The influence of body plasticity on perceived affordances. *Psychonomic Bulletin and Review*.

Presentations

- Hansen, G.T., Sobreira, D.R., Joslin, A.C., Ye, L., Haddad, G.A., Li, Y. Battaglino, R.A. & Nobrega, M.A. Female waist-to-hip ratio is affected by an evolutionary novel adipogenesis-related gene regulatory program. Poster presented at the 2021 Biology of Genomes Meeting, Cold Spring Harbor, MA
- Hansen, G.T., Sobreira, D.R., Joslin, A.C., Shah, A., Haddad, G.A., Li, Y. & Nobrega, M.A. Identifying sex-specific mechanisms of metabolism. Poster presented at the 2020 Biology of Genomes Meeting, Cold Spring Harbor, MA
- Hansen, G.T., Sobreira, D.R., Joslin, A.C., Montefiori L.E., Li Y.I., and Nobrega, M.A. Misregulation of gene expression and splicing in adipocytes underlies population-level obesity risk. Poster presented at the 2019 Cell Symposia: Transcriptional Regulation, Chicago, IL
- Hansen, G.T., Sobreira, D.R., Joslin, A.C., Shah, A., Montefiori L.E., Li Y.I., and Nobrega, M.A. Misregulation of gene expression and splicing in adipocytes underlies population-level obesity risk. Poster presented at the 2019 Mechanism of Eukaryotic Transcription Meeting, Cold Spring Harbor, MA
- Hansen, G.T. Sobriera, D.R., Joslin, A.C., Shah, A., Zeng, T.K., Li, Y. & Nobrega, M.A. Systematic Identification of Genes Underlying Obesity Risk in Adipocytes. Poster

presented at the 2018 American Society for Human Genetics Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA.

Hansen, G., Kippenhan, J.S., Giedd, J., Gregory, M., Kolochana, B., Rapoport, J., and Berman, K.F. Williams Syndrome gene *LIMK1* impacts regional human gray matter developmental trajectories in healthy children. Poster presented at the 2015 Society for Biological Psychiatry Annual Meeting, Toronto, CA.

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Hansen, G., Nguyen, T., Kippenhan, J. S., Kolachana, B., Mattay, A., Weinberger, D. and Berman, K.F. Different oxytocin receptor polymorphisms are associated with independent effects on gray and white matter volume in the human brain. Poster presented at the 2014 Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting, Washington, DC.

Hansen, G., Nguyen, T.V., Reuter, J., Lipska, B., Kleinman, J., Schmidt, P., and Berman, K. Developmentally-specific interactions between the expression of genes coding for prosocial peptides and dopamine D2 receptor gene expression in the postmortem human brain. Poster presented at the 2014 Society for Biological Psychiatry Annual Meeting, New York, NY.

Clinical Experience

Sexual Assault Crisis Counselor, *Resilience*

May 2019-Present

Provide emergency legal and medical counseling for individuals presenting to emergency rooms in the Chicago area as the result of a sexual assault.

Volunteer, Bridgeport Free Clinic

September 2016-Present

Provide free primary care services to individuals presenting to the clinic for medical care, including taking histories of present illness, providing physicals, and performing point-of-care medical testing.

Volunteer, NLVS Free Clinic

September 2016-Present

Provide free primary care services to individuals presenting to the clinic for medical care, including taking histories of present illness, providing physicals, and performing point-of-care medical testing.

NIMH Psychiatric Inpatient Unit

October 2013-May 2016

Participation in and supervision of group therapy, individual therapy, and recreational therapy programs. Observation of physician care, medication

management, and diagnosis.

NIH Intensive Care Unit

November 2013-May 2016

Observation of NIH internal medicine physicians during care of inpatients on protocol at the NIH in critical condition.

Teaching Experience

Instructor, *Horizon Academic Research Program*, 2020

Course Title: Neurobiology of Sleep

Designed course on the possible neurological necessity of sleep. Taught a high-school student and directed an independent research project on the primary literature on the function of sleep.

Teaching Assistant, September 2018-December 2018

Course Title: Human Genetics

Mentored junior graduate students as they developed scientific writing skills, evaluated scientific design, and suggested improvements to the design of proposed research.

Teaching Assistant, September 2018-September 2019

Course Title: Quantitative Analysis Bootcamp

Taught basic programming in R and Unix to 90 incoming biological science graduate students.

Software Carpentry Assistant, January 2019, January 2020

Worked with students in the biological sciences as they learned basic programming in R and Unix.

Leadership, Mentorship, and Diversity in STEM Advocacy

Mentor, American Physician Scientist Association, 2020-present

Member, BSD Diversity Committee, 2020-present

Member, Graduate Recruitment Initiative Team (GRIT), 2020-present

Dean's Council, University of Chicago Biological Sciences Division, 2017-2019

Student Health Advisory Board, University of Chicago, 2017-2019

Director, Students for a National Health Program (Pritzker chapter), 2016-2017

Mentor, Health Professions Recruitment Program, 2017

References

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Chair, University of Chicago Medical Scientist Training Program
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