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| Person | Research | Questions |
| Yang Dan, UCB | Identification of neuronal circuits that regulate sleep/wake. Identified basal forebrain and ventral medulla neurons that control aspects of sleep. | * At what point did you want to become a PI? * What regrets, if any, do you have about being a PI? * Advice on picking a postdoc for someone that wants to be a PI (not other careers)? Three tenants? Publish in Nature, K award, collab with big PIs? * What part of your day do you dislike the most? * When you begin a project from scratch, do you start with the behavior and then find the cell type/circuit or vice versa? * Are you interested in directly testing if your circuit is involved in a specific disease? If so, would you go to a mouse model or collab to human? * In your experience, what has been the more successful outcome (defined as becoming a PI), your postdoc that proposes new work, or your postdoc that begins with a specific project assigned from you? * To achieve a highly interdisciplinary impact paper, how do you stimulate collaboration within your lab? * If forced to chose, would you give independence to a postdoc or enforce following a funded project? |
| Adam Kepecs, Cold Spring Harbor | Identification of neuronal circuits that predict reward outcome or decision. |
| Mike Halassa, NYU NI | Identification of neuronal circuits (TRN-Cort) that filter information during attention and sleep. |
| Josh Gordon,  Columbia | Identification of neuronal circuits that underlie spatial working memory (PFC-HC) AND how they are disrupted in SZ. |
| Brian Litt, UPenn | Develops new technology to study epilepsy (people and rodents). Some examples include flexible high-density, Brain-machine interfaces and cloud data storage/access. | Translational Neuroengineering  How do you balance the building of tools and using tools for a specific biological/disease question? If funding existed for only one, which would you chose initially?  Preferred funding source? |

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