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Personal Information

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Education

2016-2018

MSc Student, University of Massachusetts Amherst, USA

Thesis: Mapping a pup-resposive pathway from medial preoptic area to ventral

tegmental area.

Advisor: Dr Mariana Pereira.

GPA: 3.87

2010-2015

Biology Degree, University of Buenos Aires, Argentina

Thesis: Study of different long-term memories and participation of synaptic

ERK/MAPK in memory consolidation.

Advisor: Dr Mariana Feld

GPA: 8.4/10.0

Research Experience

Current

Technical Associate

2018 Massachusetts Institute of Technology, USA

Study of inflammatory-induced and genetic deficits on social behavior.

2016-2018

MSc Student - Neuroscience and Behavior Program

University of Massachusetts Amherst, USA

Study of neural circuits involved in maternal behavior using a rat model.

2013-2015

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Neurobiology of Memory Lab, IFIByNE-CONICET, Argentina

Contextual Pavlovian Conditioning, long term memory consolidation and molecular mechanisms involved in crab's escape response to a visual danger stimulus.

Publications

Yim Y.S., **Andina M.**, (...), Choi G.B. IL-17a regulates the social interaction by acting on somatosensory cortex in the mouse model of ASD. *In preparation*.

Ojea Ramos S., **Andina M.**, Romano A., Feld, M. Two spaced training trials induce associative ERK-dependent long term memory in Neohelice granulata. *In preparation*.

2020

Reed M.D., Yim Y.S., (...), **Andina M.**, (...), Huh J.R., Choi G.B. Interleukin-17a restores sociability in several mouse models for neurodevelopmental disorders. Nature 577, 249–253.

DOI: https://doi.org/10.1038/s41586-019-1843-6.

Skills

Laboratory

Stereotaxic surgery, Brain localized injections, Perfusion, Brain tissue collection, Cryosectioning, Immunohistochemistry, Epifluorescence and Confocal Microscopy, Microdialysis probe implant and sample collection, Tissue homogenates, ELISA, HPLC, Gel electrophoresis.

Computer

Software: Microsoft Office, SPSS, Inkscape, ImageJ, Illustrator. Languages: R, Python, MATLAB, Markdown, Latex, C(Arduino).

Teaching Experience

University of Massachusetts Amherst

2018 Teaching Assistant

Methods of Inquiry in Psychology.

2017 Instructor of Record

Animal Behavior: stay fit, survive another day. First year 1 credit seminar, supported by College of Natural Sciences (CNS) fellowship. CIRTL Associate.

2017 Teaching Assistant

Interdisciplinary Methods in Psychology.

Invited Talks and Lectures

- 2019 Data Visualization Philanthropy Advisory Fellowship, Harvard.
- 2017 Parenting Behaviors Behavioral Neuroendocrinology, UMass
- 2017 Neural Basis of Maternal Behavior Neuroscience club, UMass.

Conferences and Presentations

- 2019 Reed M.D., Yim Y.S., (...), Andina M., (...), Huh J.R., Choi G.B. Interleukin-17a restores sociability in several mouse models for neurodevelopmental disorders. Presented at the Society for Neuroscience, Chicago, USA.
- 2018 Ojea Ramos S., **Andina M.**, Feld M. Long-term memory induced by two training trials in the crab Neohelice granulata. Presented at the FENS forum, Berlin, Germany.
- Andina M., Romano A., Feld M. Two-trial long-term memory in the crab Neohelice granulata. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Argentinean Society of Neuroscience Research. Mar del Plata, Argentina.
- Andina M., Klappenbach M., Locatelli F., Pedreira E., Romano A., Feld M. Measuring crab's memory: improving conditioning. Presented at the Annual Meeting of the Argentinean Society of Neuroscience Research. Huerta Grande, Argentina.

Scholarships and Awards

- 2017 College of Natural Sciences Fellowship, University of Massachusetts Amherst.
- 2016 Neuroscience and Behavior Program Fellowship, University of Massachusetts Amherst.
- 2015 Young ISN Neurochemistry Award.

Mentoring

University of Massachusetts Amherst

2017 - 2018	Idil Tuncali Projects(s): Ultrasonic vocalization analysis. Statistics. R.
2017	Nneka Southwell Technique(s): Perfusion, Tissue Collection, Cryosectioning.
2016 - 2017	Thomas Riley Potter Project(s): Microdialysis probe calibration.
2016	Dar Alon Project(s): Automated cell counting.

Software Development

- R package author of *stepfinder*. Detection of steps in 1 dimensional data. https://github.com/matiasandina/stepfinder
- R package author of *choices*. User-friendly menu options in R. https://github.com/matiasandina/choices
- R package contributor of *SMART*. Semi-manual alignment to reference templates (SMART): An open source pipeline in R for whole brain mapping. https://github.com/matiasandina/SMART and https://github.com/mjin1812/smart
- Python GUI for scoring of behavior and TTL synchronization. https://github.com/matiasandina/annotate_behavior_video
- Python Camera https://github.com/matiasandina/python_camera.

Service

Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Current | Organization of the first AI Latin America sumMIT.
2019 | Sponsor Coordinator http://ailatinsum.mit.edu/

University of Massachusetts Amherst

2018 - 2016 | NSB Seminar Committee. Organization of invited Faculty talks at UMass.
2018 - 2017 | NSB Mentoring Committee. Organization of first year graduate student activities and mentoring events.

Outreach

2018 - 2016 | That's Life [Science] Blog. Article writing and editing.

Languages

Spanish: Native Proficiency
English: Bilingual Proficiency
Portuguese: Intermediate Proficiency