# Matias Leandro Andina

### **Personal Information**

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### Education

Current | PhD Student, University of Massachusetts Amherst, USA

2016

Current

2016

Advisor: GPA: 3.83

2010-2015 | Biology Degree [MSc.], 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, Dr Arturo

Romano GPA: 8.4/10.0

# **Research Experience**

PhD Student - Neuroscience and Behavior Program

University of Massachusetts Amherst, USA

Study of neural circuits and gene expression 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.

# **Teaching Experience**

2017 (Fall) Instructor of Record

Animal Behavior: stay fit, survive another day. First year, 1 credit seminar, supported

by College of Natural Sciences (CNS) fellowship.

2017 (Fall) **Teaching Assistant** 

Interdisciplinary Methods in Psychology.

### **Invited Talks and Lectures**

2017 Parenting Behaviors - Behavioral Neuroendocrinology, UMass

2017 Neural Basis of Maternal Behavior - Neuroscience club, UMass

### **Conferences and Presentations**

Andina, M.; Romano, A.; Feld, M. Two-trial long-term memory in the crab Neohelice granulata. Presented at the 30th Annual Meeting of the Argentinean Society of Neuroscience Research. Mar del Plata, Buenos Aires, 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, Córdoba, Argentina.

## **Scholarships and Awards**

2017 College of Natural Sciences Fellowship, University of Massachusetts

2016 Neuroscience and Behavior Program Fellowship, University of

Massachusetts. Amherst

2015 Young ISN Neurochemistry Award.

### Mentoring

#### University of Massachusetts Amherst

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.

### **Service**

#### University of Massachusetts Amherst

Current - 2016 | NSB Seminar Committee. Organization of invited Faculty talks at UMass.

Current - 2017 | NSB Mentoring Committee. Organization of first year PhD student activities

and mentoring events.

### Outreach

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

### Languages

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

# **Computer Skills**

Software: Microsoft Office, ImageJ, iLastik, Inkscape. Languages: R, Matlab, Markdown, Latex, C (Arduino).

#### Interests and Activities

Sports: Running. Playing Football.

Music: Drum player, studied drums for 3 years.

Writing: Short stories and novels.

Travel: Hiking and nature exploration.