# THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

#### Curriculum Vitae for Faculty Members

Date: November, 2024 Initials: AMW

1. SURNAME: Weber FIRSTNAME: Alexander

MIDDLE NAME(S): Mark

2. **DEPARTMENT/SCHOOL:** Pediatrics, Division of Neurology

**3. FACULTY:** Medicine

4. PRESENT RANK: Assistant Professor (Partner)

**SINCE:** 18/06/2020

# 5. POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

Institution	Degree	Subject Area	Supervisors	Dates
University	Honours	Chemistry with double minor in mathematics	Dr. C Goh	2003-
of Toronto	Bachelor of	and philosophy		2007
	Science <sup>1</sup>			
University	Master of	Physiology and Neuroscience <sup>2</sup>	Dr. EF	2007-
of Toronto	Science	Thesis: Single Channel Conductance of the	Stanley	2009
		CaV2.2 Calcium Channel		
McMaster	Doctor of	Biomedical Engineering	Dr. MD	2009-
University	Philosophy	Thesis: Magnetic Resonance Imaging Analysis	Noseworthy	2013
		of Neural Circuit Abnormalities in: Medication	Dr. N Soreni	
		Naïve Children with Obsessive-Compulsive		
		Disorder, and Normal Healthy Adults During		
		Acute Alcohol Intoxication		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Graduated with high distinction

# **Special Professional Qualifications**

Qualification	Dates
Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST), Living Works, Whitehorse, YT	2014
GE Pulse Programming and MRI Science Course	2016
Foundations of Pedagogy 1, Centre for the Integration of Research, Teaching and Learning,	2018
UBC, Vancouver, BC	
Philips Clinical Science Workshop (Sequence Development, Reconstruction, and Pulse	2019
Programming), UBC, Vancouver, BC	
Biostatistics Workshop Series, Research Education, BCCHRI, Vancouver, BC	2019

#### 6. EMPLOYMENT RECORD

# (a) Prior to coming to UBC

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Department of Physiology with a Collaborative Program in Neuroscience

University, Company or Organization	Rank or Title	Dates
University of Toronto, Toronto, ON	NSERC Student Fellowship	May-Aug 2006
Blooming Acres, Barrie, ON	Autistic Residence Front Line	Summer 2007
	Staff	
CUPE Local 3906, McMaster University, Hamil-	Union Bargaining Team –	Jun 2011 – Feb
ton, ON	Post Doctoral Unit	2012
CUPE Local 3906, McMaster University, Hamil-	Executive Member and	Oct 2012 – Aug
ton, ON	Grievance Officer	2013
CUPE Local 3906, McMaster University, Hamil-	Staff Supervisor	Dec 2012 – Aug
ton, ON		2013
Residential Youth Treatment Services, Health	Residential Care Worker	Nov 2013 – Sept
and Safety Services, Whitehorse, YT		2015
What's Up Yukon, Whitehorse, YT	Freelance Writer	Jan 2015 – 2019

#### (b) At UBC

Department	Rank or Title	Dates
UBC Dept. of Pediatrics / Division of Neurol-	Postdoctoral Research Fellow	Oct 2015 – Jun
ogy		2019
BC Children's Research Institute	Staff Scientist / Independent	July 2019 – Present
	Investigator	
UBC Dept. of Pediatrics / Division of Neurol-	Assistant Professor (Partner)	June 2020 –
ogy		Present
UBC Dept. of Neuroscience	Associate Member	July 2020 – Present
UBC School of Biomedical Engineering	Associate Member	July 2020 – Present
UBC Women+ and Children's Health Program	Member and Graduate Stu-	Feb 2022 – Present
	dent Supervisor	
UBC Djavad Mowafaghian Centre for Brain	Full Member	March 2022 -
Health		Present

I was appointed an Independent Investigator at BCCHR in July 2019, and in June 2020 was appointed as Assistant Professor (Partner) in the Dept of Pediatrics, UBC. I spent the first year (2019-2020) setting up my lab, finishing up previous work and publishing papers, as well as started networking and collaborating on potential new projects. I submitted several grants as PI (Brain Canada, CIHR Catalyst Grant, NSERC Discovery Grant) and joined several grants as co-applicant. I also started a monthly MRI Journal Club, taught a course in Clinical Research Methods, and hired a co-op student at the beginning of the summer of 2020.

In 2015-2019, I completed a postdoctoral fellowship in Dr Alexander Rauscher's lab (UBC), where I was able to add a wide variety of MRI techniques to my skill-set, and applied them in various subject groups. My postdoctoral research was mainly focused on combining diffusion tensor imaging (DTI), myelin water imaging (MWI), and susceptibility based imaging techniques (such as quantitative susceptibility mapping (QSM) and R<sub>2</sub>\* mapping) in novel ways to better understand white matter damage and development. Work from that time resulted in a publication in *Frontiers in Neurology*, which used DTI and QSM, along with previously published MWI results from the same study, to persuasively demonstrate that varsity ice-hockey concussion damage seen at two-weeks post-injury was likely a result of myelin sheaths 'loosening', or 'unraveling', as opposed to complete disintegration, as previously thought. This publication gained significant attention in the media, for which I was interviewed for three television interviews (two for Global News and one on CityTV's Breakfast Television).

Imaging the developing brain is an exciting and challenging field that I am passionate about. With greater technological advances in perinatal and neonatal care, more preterm infants are being born and surviving into adulthood. Up to half of preterm infants develop neurological, cognitive, and motor deficits later in life. At the same time, infants born at term are also susceptible to acquired brain injuries. Better understanding of this critical period in brain growth could shed light on both normal fetal brain development and neural plasticity and compensation from injuries. Furthermore, sensitive and specific imaging markers for brain tissue and repair are crucial for measuring potential treatment effects objectively and early.

#### (c) Date of granting of tenure at UBC

N/A

#### 7. LEAVES OF ABSENCE AND DELAYS

March 2020 to March 2022: The global COVID-19 pandemic delayed my progress in establishing my independent research program: it forced me to work from home, affected my mental health, reduced face-to-face interactions with other researchers on a daily basis, reduced time spent at the MRI Centre, made recruitment of volunteers more difficult, and more.

#### 8. TEACHING

#### (a) Areas of special interest and accomplishments

Through teaching, I hope to share with my students a deep understanding of not only why we believe what we believe today, but also show them how we got there, and hopefully motivate them to push into new levels of understanding. In order to properly educate, one must be both informed of and ready to apply the most up-to-date evidence-based pedagogical practices. Thus, I strive to continuously improve upon what I have learned, and to keep up with the field. True learning, however, appears to occur when students are actively engaged with the content (Hake, 1997; Wieman, 2014). This means that, as a lecturer, I aim to fill my class time with activities that have been proven to engage and motivate, encourage collaboration, and reach higher levels of learning - such as analyzing, synthesizing, and evaluating - across factual, conceptual, procedural, and metacognitive knowledge.

My biggest accomplishment in Teaching has been developing, from scratch, a graduate program for the Women+ and Children's Health Sciences: WACH505 - Fundamentals of Magnetic Resonance Imaging. See below for more details.

#### (b) Courses Taught

Year	Course #	Hours	Class Size	Contact Hrs	Taught			
1 ear	Course #	110415	Ciuss 512e	Contact III's	Lec	Tut	Lab	$^{1}Other$
2009W	CHEM 1A03/1E03	130	50			65	65	
2011W	CHEM 1A03/1E03	130	50			130		
2012W	CHEM 1A03/1E03	130	50			130		
2013W	BIOCHEM 3D03	130	140					130
2020	Pediatric Neurology Research Curriculum	100	15		10			90
2020	BMEG 557	20	15		1			19
2021	BMEG 557	20	15		1			19
2022	Pediatric Neurology Research Curriculum	20			2			18
2022	BMEG 557	20	15		1			19
2022	Precision Health Analysis Bootcamp fMRI Analysis Parts I and II	80	30		4			76
2023	Pediatric Neurology Research Curriculum	20			2			18
2023	BMEG 557	20	15		1			19
2023	WACH502	20	23		1.5			18.5
2024	WACH505	520	15	20	50			470
2024	BMEG 557	20	15		1			19

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Other includes preparation time for lectures, meetings, etc.

#### Brief Descriptions of the Principal Courses I Taught:

CHEM 1A03/1AA3 & 1E03-Introductory Chemistry I / II & General Chemistry for Engineers: In this large-class undergraduate course, we discussed chemical concepts, theories, and examples of fundamental chemistry, applied these concepts to current examples within the themes of health, energy, the environment, and materials, and helped to develop skills needed to solve chemical problems. I also helped run the first of a now annual 'special lab group' made up of gifted first year students. This group was tasked with choosing a chemistry problem in industry and attempting to solve it.

BIOCHEM 3D03 – Metabolism and Regulation: An introduction to key principles in intermediary metabolism, covering principles of bioenergetics, major pathways for carbohydrates, proteins and lipids in energy production, nitrogen metabolism, biosynthesis of small molecules, as well as the integration and regulation of metabolic activities.

Pediatric Neurology Research Curriculum: Introduction to Clinical Research Methods: In this small seminar style course targeted towards medical residents and fellows in the department of pediatrics, we cover the basics of clinical research methods, ranging from how to formulate a research question, write a study plan, choose study subjects, increase precision and accuracy in measurements, estimating sample size, all the way to designing cohort, cross-sectional, and case-control studies. More advanced topics include how to enhance causal inference in observational studies, how to design a randomized blinded trial, alternative trial designs, and how to design studies of medical tests.

BMEG 557 - Statistical Methods in Evaluating Medical Technologies: The objective of this course is to teach biomedical engineering students the important principles of applied biostatistics. This is an introductory course for those students who will use the knowledge they acquire to continue learning more advanced techniques in future biostatistical course work. The course is designed to help students:

(a) understand and employ the concepts and fundamental principles of one of the core disciplines of healthcare industry, (b) to interact effectively with medical professionals in hospitals, medical clinics, and medical or clinical laboratory research centers in various collaborative endeavors, and (c) to intelligently read and analyze journal articles and technical reports that use biostatistical methods and use them in the advancement of their careers in different medical or healthcare industries.

Precision Health Analysis Bootcamp: Fmri Analysis Parts I & II: The focus of this course/bootcamp is to first explain the basic concepts behind functional MRI, and then focus on the data preprocessing and core tools/file formats. A tutorial portion with live coding helps students understand how to create a python virtual environment, install a singularity image, and how to call singularity inside a PBS script. The second session focused on freesurfer and DTI preprocessing: both as a lecture explaining the basic concepts, and as a tutorial on how to run modules and programs on Sockeye at UBC.

WACH 502: Seminars in Women+ and Children's Health: Biological and social determinants of health, health equity and inclusion. My lecture focuses on Magnetic Resonance Imaging in Child Health and Disease.

WACH 505: Fundamentals of Magnetic Resonance Imaging: This course introduces students to the basic concepts underlying magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). The course starts with a historical overview of medical imaging in general, leading to the development of MRI. It then introduces basic physical concepts used in MRI and some of the basic principles. Expanding on these concepts, we cover image weighting and contrast, special encoding and image formation, parameters and pulse sequences, instrumentation, and equipment. Students learn what magnetic resonance phenomenon is, how magnetic resonance signals are generated, how an image can be made using MRI, and how soft tissue contrast can change with imaging parameters. We also introduce MR imaging sequences of spin echo, gradient echo, fast spin echo, echo planar imaging, inversion recovery, etc. Finally, we cover more advanced MRI techniques such as functional, diffusion, quantitative, phase-based, spectroscopy MRI, and more. As there are no prerequisites for this course, all concepts are taught and explained in an intuitive format with minimal mathematics.

# (c) Other Teaching of Undergraduates, Graduates and Postgraduates

In addition to the teaching described above, I am an associate member in the Department of Neuroscience and The School of Biomedical Engineering at UBC. Through my supervision of students doing research with me, I teach the physics of MR imaging, its application in biomedical research, statistical concepts, software programming and troubleshooting, the philosophy and practice of science, as well as writing skills. This informal teaching occurs in one-on-one discussions, group discussions, weekly lab meetings, and various assignments.

#### (d) Students Supervised

Level	Total	Current	Completed
Undergraduate Students	6	2	4
Graduate Students	5	1	4
Postgraduate MD	1	0	1

#### Summer, Co-op, and Undergraduate Students Supervised

Total: <u>6</u> (2 current, 4 completed)

Summer Student Total: 3 (2 current, 1 completed)

Co-op Student Total:  $\underline{2}$  (0 current, 2 completed)

Undergraduate Student Total: 1 (0 current, 1 completed)

Student Name	Program Type		Year	Supervisory Role	A chievements	
Student Name	Frogram Type	Start	Finish	Supervisory Role	Achievements	
Summer Students						
Anna Pukropski	German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD)	Aug 2016	Nov 2016	Co-Supervisor	- Shared first author publication in Frontiers Neurology - Currently finishing her Masters	
Serafina Ermolenko	Volunteer	May 2024	September 2024	Primary Supervisor		
Floria Lu	Volunteer	May 2024	September 2024	Primary Supervisor		
Co-op Students						
Olivia Campbell	UBC Co-op Student Combined Major in Computer Science, Life Science, and Physics	May 2020	May 2021	Primary Supervisor	BB&D Research Day: Lightning Talk 2020	
Johann Drayne	UBC Co-op Student, Honours Physics	Jan 2021	Aug 2021	Primary Supervisor	ISMRM 2022 Oral presentation; One first-author paper (under review)	
Undergraduate Stu	idents					
Thomas Carmichael	UBC Honours Integrated Sciences	Sept 2023	April 2024	Primary Supervisor		

# Graduate Students Supervised

Total:  $\underline{5}$  (1 current, 4 completed)

M. Sc. Total  $\underline{5}$ ; (1 current, 4 completed) Ph. D. Total  $\underline{0}$ ; (0 current, 0 completed)

Student Name	Program Type	Year		Supervisory Role	Department	A chievements
Diadent Ivante	1 rogram 1 gpc	Start	Finish	Dupervisory Role	Department	Activeoentetics
Masters						
Anna	MASc	May 2021	Aug 2023	Primary	School of	BB&D Research
Zhu				Supervisor	Biomedical	Day: Graduate
					Engineering	Student Poster
						Award 2021.
						ISMRM 2022
						Poster
						One first-author
						paper (submitted)

Allison Mella	MSc	September 2021	Aug 2023	Primary Supervisor	Department of Neuroscience	Syd Vernon Graduate Student Award 2021W (\$3,500); Faculty of Medicine Graduate Award 2021W (\$4,500); Trainee Boost Award (\$5,000); ISMRM 2023 Oral Presentation One first author paper (under review); one second
Olivia Campbell	MASc (May - Oct); MEng	May 2021	April 2022	Primary Supervisor	School of Biomedical Engineering	author paper (under review)  Several posters. Two first-author publications (Frontiers in Physiology; and Human Brain Mapping); one co-author publication (Topics in Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation)
Evelyn Armour	MEng	Nov 2021	Aug 2022	Co- supervisor	School of Biomedical Engineering	Switched to MEng Oct 2021 Internship. Several posters. "Best Poster Award" at DOHaD
Lydia Sochan	MASc	September 2022	June 2024	Primary Supervisor	School of Biomedical Engineering	2022 Effie I. Lefeaux Scholarship in Intellectual Disability 2023W (\$2,100) Syd Vernon Graduate Student Award 2023W (\$2,000) 2023 ISMRM Educational Stipend (\$825) BB&D Trainee Travel Grant Award
PhD						naid

Total:  $\underline{1}$  (0 current, 1 completed)

MD Postdoctoral Fellows Total: 1 (0 current, 1 completed)

Clinical Fellows Total: 0 (0 current, 0 completed) Residents Total: 0 (0 current, 0 completed)

Student Name	Program Type	Ye	ear	Supervisor	Co-Supervisor	A chievements		
Stauent Ivanie	1 rogram Type	Start	Finish	Supervisor	Co-Supervisor	Achievements		
Yuting Zhang	Radiology	Feb 2018	Feb 2019	Weber	Rauscher	Topic: Advanced quantitative brain imaging investigation of preterm and term injured neonates, along with healthy term controls. First author, Am J Neuroradiology; second author, NMR Biomedicine second author, Am J Neuroradiology		
Clinical Fellows	3							
Residents								

#### Graduate Student Supervisory Committees

Total: 2 (1 current, 1 completed)

M. Sc. Total:  $\underline{2}$  (1 current, 1 completed) Ph. D. Total:  $\underline{0}$  (0 current, 0 completed)

Student Name	Program Type	Year		Supervisory Role	Department	A chievements
Student Nume	1 rogram Type	Start	Finish	Supervisory Role	Department	Acmevements
Masters			•			
Vanessa	Thesis	Jan 2022	April 2024	Jonathan	Experimental	
Diamond				Rayment	Medicine	
Layan	Thesis	Sep 2022		Sharon Dell	WACH	
Bashi						
PhD		1			1	I
Siara	Thesis	Sep 2023		Jill Zwicker	Rehabilitation	
Kainth					Sciences	
					Program	

#### (e) Continuing Education Activities

- 1) Activities as presenter/facilitator at Continuing Medical Education or Continuing Professional Development courses (UBC and non-UBC)
- 2) CME / CPD activities as an attendee

#### 1. Foundations of Pedagogy

Fall 2018

Centre for Teaching, Learning and Technology, UBC

Learned concepts in evidence-based teaching to effectively teach a lesson in a STEM undergraduate classroom, with emphasis on alignment of learning objectives, activities, and assessment.

#### 2. Teaching and Learning Fellows Development Series

Spring 2019

Faculty of Science and Centre for Teaching, Learning and Technology, UBC Integrated a learning community model to establish networking connections for postdoctoral fellows pursuing pedagogical issues, as well as foster multidisciplinary curricula, and incorporate community into higher education.

#### 3. Biostatistics Workshop Series

Fall 2019

Research Education, BCCHRI, Vancouver, BC

Taught by Boris Kuzeljevic, this workshop covered topics such as data manipulation, non-parametric statistics, correlation coefficients, inferential statistics, linear regression, logistic regression, and ROC curves.

#### 4. Faculty of Medicine Supervision Workshop

Jan 13th, 2021

Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, Faculty of Medicine, UBC, Vancouver, BC Lead by Theresa Rogers and Brianne Howard, this workshop covered topics such as how to be a good supervisor that supports healthy supervisory relationships. Covered challenging case-studies and discussed solutions.

#### **5**. Supporting Excellent Graduate Supervisory Relationships

March 12th, 2021

Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, UBC, Vancouver, BC

Lead by Theresa Rogers and Brianne Howard, this workshop covered topics such as how to be a good supervisor that supports healthy supervisory relationships. Covered challenging case-studies and discussed solutions.

#### 6. SBME Propels: Effective PI-Trainee Relationships

Oct 15th, 2021

School of Biomedical Engineering, UBC, Vancouver, BC

Lead by Brianne Howard and Theresa Rogers (UBC's Faculty of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies). Topic: Building a strong student-supervisor relationship.

#### 7. SBME Propels: Authentic Leadership

Oct 29th, 2021

School of Biomedical Engineering, UBC, Vancouver, BC

Lead by Dr. Anne-Marie Sorrenti, Leadership Consultant & Executive Coach and Lecturer at the University of Toronto's Faculty of Engineering. Topic: Developing your personal authentic leadership style by discovering your values. This session will prepare you to view subsequent SBME Propels leadership sessions through your own personalized lens, informing how you can apply the concepts conveyed through the sessions to your own leadership style.

#### 8. SBME Propels: Situational Leadership

Nov 26th, 2021

School of Biomedical Engineering, UBC, Vancouver, BC

Lead by Pamela Potts, StarFish Medical's Director of People and Culture. Topic:

Personalizing your management style for each member of your team

#### 9. Mentoring for Leadership Tea

Nov 29th, 2021

BCCHR, Vancouver, BC

Lead by Jehannine Austin, the topic of this mentorship session was: Leading a research team, and the role of developing and defining a mission, vision, culture and values.

# 10. SBME Propels: Wellbeing in Intellectually Demanding Careers School of Biomedical Engineering, UBC, Vancouver, BC

Jan 11th, 2022

Lead by Carolina Tropini

#### 11. SBME Propels: Impostor Syndrome and Perfectionism

Feb 4th, 2022

School of Biomedical Engineering, UBC, Vancouver, BC

Lead by Isabeau

#### 12. SBME Propels: Nurturing the Next Generation

March 4th, 2022

School of Biomedical Engineering, UBC, Vancouver, BC Lead by Leonard Foster

#### 13. Mentoring for Leadership Tea

April 1st, 2022

BCCHR, Vancouver, BC

Lead by Laura Sly: Graduate Student Supervision – Let's Rock The Boat

#### 14. Grants Architecture Workshop

May 4th, 2022

BCCHR, Vancouver, BC

In this session, participants will review key aspects of the structure and presentation of a research proposal. Research grants are a visual product, so using concepts of visual and design thinking can help us to develop a better, more easily read and reviewed proposal. Some simple, easy things can make a big difference for the reader. Facilitated by: Dr. Dawn McArthur, Director, Research & Technology Development, RTDO.

#### 15. CIHR Reviewer in Training (RiT) Program

Fall 2022

The RiT program offers Early Career Researchers (ECRs) a learning opportunity to gain a better understanding of the elements of high-quality review and the peer review process through direct participation in the Project Grant competition with the support of a Mentor. RiT participants are assigned three applications to conduct reviews, attend the peer review meeting, present their reviews, and participate in the committee meeting. Following completion of the RiT program, participants will be promoted within CIHR's Reviewer Pathway and are expected to participate in peer review when requested and available to do so.

# 16. Tips and Tricks on Applying to (Interdisciplinary) Grants and Establishing Collaborations as An Early Career Researcher Feb 6th, 2023

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UBC Translational Medicine Research Rounds, UBC, Vancvouer, BC

Lead by Juzer Kakai, this talk spoke about the funding landscape and resources available to Early Career Researchers to apply for grant funding. The discussion will touch on how to cultivate collaborations and participate in interdisciplinary grant applications; meaningfully addressing questions pertaining to EDI and sex/gender considerations in your proposals; and resources available to you to help you succeed in preparing funding applications.

# 17. Grant Cycles: Getting Started, Keeping it Going, and Avoiding the Endless Loops Dec 4th, 2023

BCCHR, Vancouver, BC

Lead by Dawn McArthur

# 18. Supervision Workshop: Managing Effective Relationships with Your Graduate Students Jan 22nd, 2024

WACH, Vancouver, BC

In this interactive session, we will share resources to help refine supervision practices for seasoned faculty members. This will include a framework to guide deeper and more meaningful supervisor and graduate student relationships and space for you to reflect on your supervisory practices to date. The session is designed for faculty members with some existing experience supervising graduate students but is open to all interested faculty and postdoctoral fellows.

19. Early Career Mentorship Workshop: Who's Doing What Now? April 22nd, 2024 BCCHR, Vancouver BC

Project Management and Communication for Successful Projects facilitated by the Research Project Management Unit (RPMU)

#### (f) Visiting Lecturer (indicate university/organization and dates)

- 1. Diffusion Imaging Reveals White Matter Damage in Ice Hockey Players for up to Two Months Post-Concussion. CFRI TGIF Seminar Series, BCCHRI. October, 2016.
- 2. Measuring Sports Head Injuries: A Longitudinal Examination of Hockey Concussions with Conventional and Advanced MRI. BC Neuropsychiatry Grand Rounds, UBC. December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016.
- 3. Magnetic Susceptibility Imaging in the Developing Brain: Probing Health, Injury, and Disease. Department of Pediatrics Grand Rounds, UBC. July  $5^{th}$ , 2019.
- 4. Magnetic Susceptibility Imaging in the Developing Brain: Probing Health, Injury, and Disease. Department of Neuroscience Grand Rounds, UBC. Oct  $2^{nd}$ , 2019.
- 5. Brain Health in Preterm Infants: Cerebral Metabolic Rate of Oxygen Brain Mapping. Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Research Rounds, May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- 6. Functional, Metabolic, and Structural MRI Findings in Rett Syndrome. Anesthesiology Research Rounds. Nov 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
- 7. Brain Health in Preterm Infants: Cerebral Metabolic Rate of Oxygen Brain Mapping. Neonatal Intensive Care Unit Knowledge Translation Rounds. Dec  $1^{st}$ , 2021.
- 8. The WeberLab: Leveraging Quantitative Multi-Model MRI to Study Neonatal Brain Development. BCCH Neuroscience Rounds. Nov  $29^{th}$ , 2023

#### (g) Educational Leadership

- 1. Magnetic Resonance Imaging Journal Club (MRJC) Jan 2020 Present Started a monthly journal club, in which I lead and facilitate monthly discussions on interesting scholarly articles in all things MR related. The MRJC aims to stimulate discussion of emerging MRI technologies, clinical and scientific applications, basic concepts, and its history.
- 2. **Precision Health Data Analysis Bootcamp** Summer 2022 Helped acquire funding, develop, and facilitate the Precision Health Data Analysis Bootcamp with Dr. Phillip Richmond and Lynne Williams.

#### (g) Curriculum Development & Innovation

- 1. **BMEG 557** Fall 2020 Helped develop this course with Dr. Sharareh Bayat (the primary lecturer). I helped with writing and developing the syllabus, the assignments, quizzes, and taught one lecture in December
- 2. Precision Health Analysis Bootcamp: fMRI Analysis Parts I and II Summer 2022

Along with Phillip Richmond and Lynne Williams, helped develop this section (fMRI Analysis Parts I and II) for the Precision Health Analysis Bootcamp that was run over the summer of 2022. Originally Lynne Williams was supposed to present. However, after she sustained a bike-related concussion, I was asked to replace her. Lynne provided me with her fMRI slides from previous years, which I used as a framework to develop my course. However, I found there was not too much that was useful from those slides, and I prepared the 4 hours of slides and tutorials almost from scratch.

3. WACH 505 (Fundamentals of Magnetic Resonance Imaging) Winter 2023 Developed an MRI course for the new Women+ and Children's Health Graduate Program (2023) from scratch. This course introduces students to the basic concepts underlying magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). The course starts with a historical overview of medical imaging in general, leading to the development of MRI. It then introduces basic physical concepts used in MRI and some of the basic principles. Expanding on these concepts, we then cover image weighting and contrast, special encoding and image formation, parameters and pulse sequences, instrumentation, and equipment. Students learn what magnetic resonance phenomenon is, how magnetic resonance signals are generated, how an image can be made using MRI, and how soft tissue contrast can change with imaging parameters. Also introduced are MR imaging sequences of spin echo, gradient echo, fast spin echo, echo planar imaging, inversion recovery, etc. Finally, we cover more advanced MRI techniques such as functional, diffusion, quantitative, phase-based, spectroscopy MRI, and more.

#### (i) Other Teaching & Learning Activites

#### 1. Toronto District School Board Teaching Assistant

Spring 2008

May 2009

Center for Addiction and Mental Health and Toronto District School Board, Toronto, ON Volunteered one-on-one with high-school students with first episode schizophrenia and assisted each one according to their individual needs and challenges. Was able to assess which way each student dealt best with frustration, initiating work, creating a plan of action and seeing problems from different angles.

2. Physiology Science Demonstrator at Science Rendezvous
Department of Physiology, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON

Demonstrated physiological concepts to children, students, and the community. Learned to communicate scientific concepts to a general audience.

#### 3. Let's Talk Science

Sept 2010 – May 2011

Let's Talk Science National, Hamilton, ON Created and presented talks geared towards high school students in order to engage them and create an interest in the sciences.

#### 4. Universe of the Brain

Dec 2018

Planetarium Star Theatre, HR MacMillan Space Centre, Vancouver, BC Along with several other colleagues from the UBC MRI Research Centre, prepared and presented an interactive multi-media show on the 'universe of the brain'. Presented various original images and videos from multi-model MRI brain scans, and discussed how MRIs can be used to examine structural, functional, and metabolic properties of the CNS.

#### 9. SCHOLARLY AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

#### (a) Areas of special interest and accomplishments

#### Research Keywords

MRI, pediatrics, brain development, functional MRI, long-range temporal correlations, brain criticality, complexity, cerebrovascular brain health, myelin, white matter, mild traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury, susceptibility weighted imaging,  $R_2^*$ , quantitative susceptibility mapping, diffusion weighted imaging, orientation dependence, magnetic resonance spectroscopy, medical imaging, neuroimaging, neuroscience.

#### Summary

As a pediatric imaging researcher, my main goals are to better understand MRI contrast mechanisms in order to develop novel imaging and post-processing techniques that aim to improve sensitivity and specificity of biophysical properties of the brain. My goal is to then use these techniques to better understand differences or changes in white matter in the injured or unhealthy pediatric brain, which can then be used to improve our basic knowledge of the brain, early diagnoses, and to track disease progress with new treatments. I will work to create infrastructure to provide access and education to clinical researchers who want to engage in using imaging to understand complex neurological and developmental disorders, and to create knowledge translation pathways, such as simple-to-use pipelines in order to better integrate advanced post-processing into the clinical imaging arsenal at BCCH.

Over the next 5 years, my intent is to develop excellence in imaging research so that UBC/BCCHRI becomes a leader in pediatric imaging. I believe we have a centre and the resources to achieve this goal. My aim is to serve as a Scientific Lead by: 1) developing my own independent career research interests; and 2) taking on the development and management of affiliated onsite research projects.

#### Research Development

#### New MRI Data Analysis Methods

- 1. Quantitative Susceptibility Mapping: with this technique, we are able to map the magnetic properties of tissue.
- 2. Tissue orientation dependent analysis of  $R_2^*$  signal in neonates: by resolving the signal by angle, we can investigate white matter development in infants.
- 3. RespiractTM: by using a gas control system, we can alter end-tidal gas concentrations in the lungs and blood of subjects, in order to investigate brain blood vessel health and oxygen extraction fraction.
- 4. Myelin water fraction filtering: in collaboration with Dr. Grabner, we are investigating whether certain advanced filtering methods can lead to better noise reduction in myelin water fraction analysis.
- 5. Hurst exponent and fractal dimension analysis of resting state fMRI time series: with this technique, we may be able to compute the complexity of fMRI time series in the grey matter. This may be helpful as a clinical diagnostic measure of traumatic brain injuries, epilepsies, and in mental health disorders such as obsessive-compulsive disorder.

#### Biomedical Applications

- 1. Creating an MRI protocol for neonatal brain MRI at BC Children's Hospital.
- 2. By combining DTI, MWI and QSM imaging, myelin health in concussed ice hockey players can be explored in ways that would not be possible if you were to use any one of those imaging methods on their own.
- 3. The RespiractTM is being used in spinal cord injured subjects in order to investigate potential brain damage post injury.

#### Current Projects Related to Pediatric Imaging

1. Imaging of focal cortical dysplasias (FCD): FCD is very difficult to detect in brain scans. We are working to develop MRI scans for their detection, with the goal of improving post-surgery outcomes.

- 2. Advanced imaging in neonates: susceptibility-based MRI has been underutilized and explore in term and preterm neonatal brains. Several different quantitative and qualitative maps can be processed from this scan, which may be useful for investigating cortical maturation, diffuse white matter injury, brain tissue oxygenation, hemorrhage, and magnetic susceptibility (iron, calcification, myelin).
- 3. Imaging of Rett Syndrome: We are working to develop MRI scans for a study looking at Rett Syndrome and its subtypes. We hope to be able to develop a quantitative MRI protocol that will help classify and study different subtypes and severities of Rett Syndrome in children.
- 4. Iron imaging in sleep and concussion: using QSM, measure iron levels in children with concussions, and correlate with sleeplessness and recovery.
- 5. Develop innovative artificial intelligence tools to analyze cohorts with very large number of variables, integrating neuroimaging, clinical and socio-demographic data.

# (b) Research or equivalent grants (indicate under COMP whether grants were obtained competitively (C) or non-competitively (NC)) BOLD = current funding

$Granting \ Agency$	Title	Grant Type	Amount Per Year	Duration	PI	$Co ext{-}PI(s)$
BCCHRI –	Cerebral Perfusion And	С	\$5,000	02/2016-	Alexander	Cristina Mignone
Clinical &	Oxygenation in			02/2017	Weber	
Translational	Hypoxic Ischemic					
Research Seed	Neonates					
Grant						
<sup>1</sup> BCCHRI -	Magnetic Resonance	С	\$10,000	02/2017-	Alexander	Dewi Schrader,
Brain,	Imaging of Focal			02/2019	Rauscher	Alexander
Behaviour and	Cortical Dysplasia					Weber
Development						
Catalyst Grant						
<sup>2</sup> CIHR	A prospective and	C	\$220,000	03/2020	Lyndia	Alexander
	longitudinal		$/{ m yr}$ for 5	- 2025	$\mathbf{W}\mathbf{u}$	Rauscher,
	investigation of		years			Peter Cripton,
	concussive and		(\$1.1 M			William
	subconcussive mild		total)			Panenka, Jack
	traumatic brain					Taunton, Paul
	injury mechanisms		$\mathbf{M}\mathbf{y}$			van Donkelaa,
	in ice hockey players		portion:			Alexander
			<b>\$0</b>			Weber
BCCHRI -	Brain Health in	С	\$20,000 for	03/2021 -	Alexander	Ruth Grunau
Brain,	Preterm Infants:		one year	03/2023	$\mathbf{Weber}$	
Behaviour and	Cerebral Metabolic &					
Development	Rate of Oxygen					
Catalyst Grant	(CMRO2) Brain					
	Mapping					

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O.R.S.A.	Functional, Metabolic,	С	\$28,000	02/2021 -	Alexander	Anita Datta,
Research Grant	and Structural MRI			02/2023	Weber	Gabriella
	Findings in Rett					Horvath,
	Syndrome					Alexander
						Rauscher
<sup>3</sup> BCCHRI -	Translational	С	\$95,000	06/2022	Gabriella	Alexander
BB&D	Collaborative		My		Horvath	Weber,
Establishment	Informatics Platform		portion: \$0			Alexander
Fund	for Precision Health					Rauscher, Anita
Competition						Datta, Jessica
						Dennis, + 13
						more
BCCHRI -	Precision Health Data	С	\$1,000	07/2022	Alexander	Lynne Williams
BB&D Event	Analysis Bootcamp		, , , , , , , ,		Weber	and Phillip
Support Fund						Richmond
British	fMRI Temporal	NC	\$25,000	04/2023	Alexander	
Columbia	Dynamics: Their		, , , , , ,	-	Weber	
Children's	Origins and			03/2024		
Hospital	Development in			,		
Foundation	Newborns					
$^{4}$ DMCBH	New Magnetic	$\mathbf{C}$	\$40,000	06/2023	Deborah	Alexander
Kickstart	Resonance		$\mathbf{M}\mathbf{y}$	,	Giaschi	Weber, Tamara
Grant with	Approaches To		portion:			Vanderwal,
Dept of	Understanding		\$6,000			Hee Yeon Im,
Pediatrics	Developmental		40,000			Miriam
1 calaures	Visual Disorders					Spering
British	fMRI Temporal	NC	\$25,000	03/2024	Alexander	Spering
Columbia	Dynamics: Their	110	Ψ20,000	-	Weber	
Children's	Origins and			02/2025	Webei	
Hospital	Development in			02/2020		
Foundation	Newborns					
BCCHRI -	Cerebrovascular	С	\$2,000	2024	Alexander	
BB&D Open	Reactivity Following		Ψ2,000	2024	Weber	
Access	Spinal Cord Injury				Weber	
Publication	Spinar Cord injury					
Fund						
NSERC	Mapping the	$\mathbf{C}$	\$33,000 /	06/2024	Alexander	
Discovery	Structural and		yr for 5	00/2024	Weber	
Grant	Functional			$\frac{1}{06/2029}$	AACDEI	
Grani	Development of the		years	00/2029		
	Brain in the First		+ \$12,500			
	Year of Life: A		ECR			
			supp.			
	State-of-the-Art					
	Quantitative MRI					
	Approach		1			

 $<sup>^{1}</sup>$  I supported in grant preparation, recruitment, and data analysis  $^{2}$  I supported in grant preparation, study design, and am currently involved in data analysis  $^{3}$  I supported in grant preparation, and MRI data advice

# Grants Submitted and Currently Under Review

Granting	Title	Grant	Amount	Duration	PI	Co-PI(s)
Agency		Type	Per Year			
NFRF	An interdisciplinary	С	Minimum	LOI	Paul van	Vicky
	approach to		\$2,000,000	January	Donkelaar	Bungav,
	translating evidence		per year	10, 2024		Peter
	into practice for		(including			Cripton,
	survivors of brain		indirect			Sandy
	injury caused by		costs)			Shultz,
	intimate partner		Maximum			Cheryl
	violence		\$4,000,000			Wellington,
			/ yr			Alexander
			(including			$\mathbf{Weber}$ , +
			indirect			10 more
			costs)			

- (c) Research or equivalent contracts, including funding for clinical trials (indicate under COMP whether grants were obtained competitively (C) or non-competitively (NC). BOLD = current funding.
- (d) Invited Presentations

	Presentation Title	Institution/Organizat	Date
	Local		
1.	Diffusion Imaging Reveals White Matter Damage in	UBC Postdoctoral	September,
	Ice Hockey Players for up to Two Months	Research Day	2016
	Post-Concussion		
2.	Diffusion Entropy Reveals White Matter Damage	MRI Research Centre	May $25^{th}$ ,
	from Mild Concussions in Ice Hockey Players.	Annual Retreat	2016
3.	Diffusion Imaging Reveals White Matter Damage in	CFRI TGIF Seminar	October,
	Ice Hockey Players for up to Two Months	Series	2016
	Post-Concussion.		
4.	Unravelling the Pathological Insights From	BC CAN Meeting	December
	Quantitative Susceptibility Mapping and Diffusion		$6^{th}, 2018$
	Tensor Imaging in Ice Hockey Players Pre and		
	Post-concussion.		
5.	Myelin Water Imaging and R <sub>2</sub> Mapping in Neonates	Brain, Behaviour &	December
		Development:	$14^{th}, 2018$
		Neuroscience Day	
6.	Adventures in Susceptibility Imaging	Brain, Behaviour &	March $7^{th}$ ,
		Development: Research	2018
		in Progress	
7.	Myelin Water Imaging and R <sub>2</sub> Mapping in Neonates	UBC MS Connect	March $12^{th}$ ,
		Presentation	2019

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> I supported in grant preparation, and methods design.

8.	Magnetic Susceptibility Imaging in the Developing	Brain, Behaviour &	Oct $3^{rd}$ ,
	Brain: Probing Health, Injury, and Disease	Development: Research	2019
		Day	
9.	Cerebrovascular Health in Spinal Cord Injuries	Brain, Behaviour &	February
		Development: Research	$5^{th}, 2020$
		in Progress	
10.	Pick My Brain: An Imaging Brain Scientist's	BCCHR Summer	July $17^{th}$ ,
	Perspective	Student Research	2020
		Program	
11.	Imaging Focal Cortical Dysplasia	Neuroradiology	September
		Networking Discussion	$15^{th}, 2020$
		Panel	
12.	Measuring Brain Criticality Through the Hurst	14 <sup>th</sup> Annual UBC MRI	May $30^{th}$ ,
	Exponent of the BOLD Signal In Preterm Infants: A	Research Centre &	2022
	Longitudinal fMRI Study	Researchers' Retreat	
13.	The WeberLab: Leveraging Quantitative Multi-Model	Dr. Steven Miller's Lab	Oct, 2023
	MRI to Study Neonatal Brain Development		
14.	How Current Incentives for Scientists Lead to Poor	NeuroImagersWest:	May $18^{th}$ ,
	Science for Everyone	Mental Health in	2024
		Science Meeting	
15.	Investigating the Development and Disruption of	BB&D Research Day	Nov $25^{th}$ ,
	Brain Dynamics and the Critical Brain Hypothesis		2024
16.	Reproducible Manuscripts	UBC MRI Research	Nov 27th,
		Centre and MRI	2024
		Physics Group	

#### (e) Invited Participation

- 1. Poster judge for Brain, Behaviour & Development: Research Day Oct 3rd, 2019
- 2. Lightning Talks judge for Brain, Behaviour & Development: Research Day Nov 23rd, 2023
- 3. Poster judge for WACH Research Day April 16, 2024

# (f) Conference Participation (Organizer, Chair, Moderator, etc.)

#### (g) Other Presentations

	Presentation Title	Institution/Organizat	Date
	Local		
1.	Partial Least Squares Correspondence Analyis: A	SMGG Journal Club	Dec 4th,
	Framework to Simultaneously Analyze Behavioral and		2019
	Genetic Data		
2.	A "Gentle" Intro to Deep Learning in Medical Imaging	MR Journal Club	Jan 28th,
			2020
3.	Deep Learning Workshop Using Python and	MR Journal Club	Feb 25th,
	m JupyterNotebook		2020

4.	My Sisyphean Quest to Learn How to Highline	Dept of Physics -	June 9th,
		Hobbies and Special	2020
		Interests	
5.	Dead salmon and voodoo correlations: should we be	MR Journal Club	July 28th,
	sceptical about functional MRI?		2020
6.	Motion Correction in MRI of the Brain	MR Journal Club	Mar 2nd,
			2021
7.	Philosophical Issues in Neuroimaging	MR Journal Club	Oct 26th,
			2021
8.	Brain Imaging Data Structure Tutorial	MR Journal Club	April 26th,
			2022
9.	Diffusion MRI fiber tractography of the brain	MR Journal Club	Feb 28th,
			2023
10.	Brain Extraction Methods Comparisons	MR Journal Club	Sept 26th,
			2023
11.	Reproducible Manuscripts	MR Journal Club	June 26th,
			2024

- (h) Scholarship of Education Activites
- (i) Professional Contributions
- 10. SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY
- (a) Areas of special interest and accomplishments

I am interested in helping BC Children's Hospital and the MRI Research Centre at UBC become a leader in pediatric MR Imaging. This work includes networking with clinicians and other researchers interested in advancing UBC's capabilities in terms of state-of-the-art advanced imaging. Educating, communicating, writing grants, purchasing new equipment, running brainstorm sessions, seminars and mini-conferences; these and more are needed in order to bring us up to a world-class level. As well, I strive to reach out to national and international researchers in order to collaborate on multi-site projects. I have spent the last nine years collaborating and working with people from both Children's Hospital and UBC MRI Research Centre, as well as attending and presenting at meetings, conferences, update sessions, and more. I have developed, from scratch, a graduate course teaching the fundamentals of MRI (Women+ and Children's Health Program). I created this course because I have seen how many students begin and conduct their research in magnetic resonance imaging without ever knowing how an MRI actually works. Thus, I saw a need to develop a course that would be open to all students from any department and with no prerequisites. This course has also provides a much needed opportunity for other faculty to teach: in its inaugural year (W2024), I had five Faculty members give guest lectures (Alexander Rauscher, Shannon Kolind, Andrew Yung, Rachel Eddy, Thiviya Selvanathan).

#### (b) Memberships on committees, including offices held and dates

Committee Role Description	Date
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1.	UBC MRI Research	member	Meet once a week to discuss and present	2015 -
	Centre and MRI Physics		problems in MRI and physics	present
	Group			
2.	Brain, Behaviour &	member	Meet once a month for various conferences	2015 -
	Development at		and seminars to share and discuss brain	present
	BC-CHRI		development in pediatrics	
3.	V-Brain	member	Help setup a neuroimaging database	2019 -
			across BC	present
4.	BCCHR IT Road-map	member	Help develop better IT solutions for	2020 -
			researchers at BCCHRI	present
5.	EDI Dept Pediatrics	member	Help battle discrimination and racism in	2020 -
			the Dept of Pediatrics	present
6.	College of Reviewers	associate	The College of Reviewers is a	2023 -
	(CIHR)	member	member-focused resource designed to	present
			professionalize peer review, enhance	
			review quality, and provide a more stable	
			base of experienced reviewers for all	
			funding competitions.	
7.	PhD Rotation	member	Help rank applicants to the PhD rotation	2023-
	Committee for the		program in the School of Biomedical	present
	School of Biomedical		Engineering	
	Engineering			

#### (c) Faculty Mentoring

#### (d) Other services, including dates

- 1. Helped Drs Ruth Grunau and Steven Miller set up an imaging protocol at BCCH to mirror one that Dr. Miller was running at Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto. This included reducing the BCCH magnetic transfer imaging (MTR) sequence from 20 minutes to 5 minutes, making the T1 mapping faster, improving spectroscopy and setting up a SWI scan. August 2016.
- 2. Helped Dr. Vesna Sossi (PI) and her team Dr. Rebecca Williams (Post doc at the University of Calgary) and Connor Bevington (PhD candidate) set up and run the Respiract Unit at the new MRI facility at the Centre for Brain Health. This was a multi-day project involving training Dr. Williams and Connor on how to use the Respiract Unit, how to analyze the data, and attempting to set-up the unit on the PET/MRI. August 2019.
- 3. Together with GE Scientist Dr. Jing Zhang, helped improve the way the BCCHRI MRI Centre performed its proton MRS sequence. Whereas before they were acquiring their pulse sequence without an unsuppressed water reference, Dr. Zhang and I were able to reveal why this significant piece of information was not being acquired. This will markedly improve future MRS scans. 2019
- 4. Wrote an easy-to-use post-processing script for the BCCHRI MRI Centre to use in order to analyze their MRS sequences; something they were unable to do before and were instead sending data to Dr. Steven Miller's group in Toronto to analyze.
- 5. Helped setup a Github for BCCHR with Lynne Williams. 2020. https://github.com/BCCH-MRI-Research-Facility

6. Helping Danny Kim setup Nifti-to-DICOM viewing on the PACS system at BCCHRI. 2020.

- 7. Helping Bruce Bjornson and the MRI Centre at BCCHR develop low TR / long timeseries functional MR Imaging. 2020.
- 8. DCMH Neuroscience Endowment Awards Committee. 2020.
- 9. DCMH Neuroscience Endowment Awards Committee. 2021.
- 10. Developing a J-Editing Sequence to detect GABA for Debbie Giaschi's lab. 2022.
- 11. Setting up a Virtual Environment with Lynne Williams for MRI Researchers to aid with MRI processing on UBC's Sockeye High Performance Computing Cluster. 2022
- 12. WACH PROGRAM Focus. April 2022
- 13. Adjudicate the 2022 Faculty of Medicine Graduate Student Awards
- 14. Adjudicate the 2023 Faculty of Medicine Graduate Student Awards

#### 11. SERVICE TO THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS / HEALTH AUTHORITIES

- (a) Areas of special interest and accomplishments
- (b) Memberships on committees, including offices held and dates
- 1. Member, Search Committee for the position of Director, Research Informatics, BCCHR. September-November 2022
- 2. Member, Search Committee CRC Tier 2 Digital Health, BCCHR. Feb 2023
- 3. Member, Review Committee: 2024 Trainee Outstanding Achievement Awards, BCCHR. May 2024

#### (c) Other service, including dates

- 1. BCCHR BB&D Theme Review Nov 4 and 5th 2020. In late 2020, BCCHR brought in external reviewers for all four Themes to review the Themes on various areas. I was part of the group "BB&D Theme Investigators Group #1", a 45 minute session so reviewers could hear directly from Theme Investigators. Link
- 2. Canadian Research Chair Tier 2 in Digital Health. Jan 2021. I was part of the Clinical Investigators interview panel for all three candidates for 45 minutes each, as well as six hours of talks we were also expected to attend (two one-hour talks for all candidates).
- 3. ID Clinician-Scientist Candidate Interview for BC Children's and UBC. Nov 2021
- 4. BCCHR Clinical & Translational Research Seed Grants Review Committee. 2022

#### 12. SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

#### (a) Areas of special interest and accomplishments

My service to the community has generally been in mental health. I started volunteering in undergrad in a neuroscience nursing ward, which helped spark a passion of mine for both neuroscience and mental health in general, but also for working directly with clients who are dealing with these issues on a daily basis. I believe that volunteering gives us an opportunity to give back to the community, but also to see a side of the world that we may be privileged enough not to have had to see. Thus, there is so much to learn from volunteering in different fields and getting to know people who struggle with various issues.

Although it can be seen below that I have not had much service to the academic community, I believe that service to the oppressed or disadvantaged community is as important.

#### (b) Memberships on scholarly societies, including offices held and dates

- 1. Chemistry Students' Union Vice President, Sept 2006 Aug 2007, Chemistry Students' Union, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON. Planned, organized, advertised and implemented social and academic activities for chemistry students.
- 2. Graduate Association Executive Member, Sept 2007 Aug 2009, Graduate Association of Students in Physiology, University of Toronto, Toronto, ON. Contributed and participated in all meetings/events. Seminar coordinator for the 2008/2009 term; website coordinator for the 2007/2008 term.
- 3. BME Graduate Association Co-President, Sept 2010 Aug 2011, School of Biomedical Engineering, McMaster University, Hamilton, ON. Organized various social and academic events for graduate students in the Biomedical Engineering program.
  - (c) Memberships on other societies, including offices held and dates
- 1. Vice President, Feb 2014 August 2015, Yukon Youth Outdoor Leadership Association, Whitehorse, YT. Created partnerships with organizations that focus on disadvantaged youth. Provided funding for these youth to engage in athletic and outdoor activities, such as mountain biking and ropes courses in the summer, and skiing and snowboarding in the winter. Wrote, applied and secured funding for the summer and winter programs.
  - (d) Memberships on scholarly committees, including offices held and dates
  - (e) Memberships on other committees, including offices held and dates
- 1. Human Rights and Peace Committee, Jun 2011 Dec 2011, Hamilton District Labour Council, Hamilton, ON. Inform, promote and educate the HDLC on all matters pertaining to human and civil rights, peace issues and women's issues.
- 2. Health and Safety Representative, Jan 2014 September 2015, Residential Youth Treatment Services, Health and Social Services, Whitehorse, YT. Acted as a link between workers and employers in supporting occupational health and safety.
  - (f) Editorships (list journal and dates)
  - (g) Reviewer (journal, agency, etc. including dates)
- 1. European Radiology, International Journal March 15th 2019
- 2. NeuroImage, International Journal August 27th 2019
- 3. Pediatric Research, International Journal March 27th, 2020
- 4. European Radiology, International Journal June 25th, 2020

- 5. PLOS One, International Journal September 9th, 2020
- 6. Neuroimage: Clinical, International Journal January 9th, 2021
- 7. Journal of Clinical and Translational Research April 15th, 2021
- 8. Neuroimage: Clinical, International Journal September 1st, 2021
- 9. Neuroimage: Clinical, International Journal February, 2022
- 10. NMR in Biomedicine, International Journal September, 2022
- 11. CIHR Reviewer in Training 3 submissions reviewed Fall 2022
- 12. Magnetic Resonance Imaging January, 2023
- 13. Neurotrauma Reports February, 2023
- 14. Human Brain Mapping June, 2023
- 15. CIHR Reviewer 1 submission reviewed November, 2024
- 16. CIHR Fellowship November, 2024

#### (h) External examiner (indicate universities and dates)

- 1. Peter Stenfen MSc, Dept Neuroscience UBC Nov 13th 2020
- 2. Meighan Maria Roes PhD, Dept of Psychology UBC Dec 15th 2021
- 3. Jessica Archibald PhD, Dept of Experimental Medicine UBC Jan 2023
- 4. Jacob Stubbs PhD, Dept of Psychiatry UBC Jan 2023
- 5. Michelle Medina MSc, Dept of Physics and Astronomy UBC July 2023
- 6. Breanna Nelson PhD Comprehensive Exam, Dept of Experimental Medicine UBC April 2024
- 7. Sam Connolly MSc, Dept of Physics and Astronomy UBC July 2024
- 8. Cristina Schaurich PhD Comprehensive Exam, Dept of Experimental Medicine UBC January 2025

#### (i) Consultant (list organization and dates)

#### (j) Other service to the community

- 1. Patient Care Neuroscience Nursing Ward, Sept 2006 Aug 2007, Toronto Western Hospital, Toronto, ON. Alleviated patients' anxiety by making conversation, playing games and/or getting them things they needed: water, magazines, food, etc.
- 2. Patient Care Emergency Department, Sept 2007 Aug 2008, Toronto Western Hospital, Toronto, ON. Greeted patients entering the ER, explained the triage process, and provided various things like wheelchairs, ice, water, blankets, etc. Was able to successfully support patients who were confused or in pain, and to relax patients who were tense, angry or frustrated.
- 3. Team Leader for Toronto Street Needs Assessment Program, Apr 2009, City of Toronto, Toronto, ON. Lead a team of three around a designated area in Toronto, interviewing every single individual we came across. Learned to be a team leader and to talk to complete strangers.
- 4. Telephone Support Line, Sept 2008 Aug 2009, Center for Addiction and Mental Health, Toronto, ON. Learned to implement active listening in order to support callers with mental health or addiction issues and help them to achieve independence and control over their life decisions.

5. Big Brother, Nov 2009 – Nov 2010, Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Hamilton and Burlington, Hamilton, ON. Spent time once a week participating in low cost activities with my matched 'Little Brother'. Learned to take on the role of a mentor and role model.

- 6. Books to Bars, Aug 2011 Aug 2013, Books to Bars, Hamilton, ON. Created a partnership with a local used bookstore to lend me any extra books they had every month, which I then donated to the books to prisons program, Books to Bars.
- 7. Salvation Army Suicide Crisis Line, Feb 2013 Aug 2013, Salvation Army Suicide Prevention Services, Hamilton, ON. Talked to and helped a diverse range of clients throughout the community facing various issues including critical suicidal emergencies, addictions, loneliness, and mental health.
- 8. Yukon Distress & Support Line, Sept 2014 September 2015, The Second Opinion Society, Whitehorse, YT. Provided assistance, support and resource information over the phone for people in distress Yukon-wide. Employed active listening and applied suicide intervention skills to help clients with various issues, including trauma, critical suicidal emergencies, addictions, mental health, loneliness, and family issues.

#### Communications and Media Interactions

- 1. Suicide Crisis Line Interview for CTV News 2014. Link
- 2. Interview about QSM and DTI imaging in concussion with Global News, Sept 4th, 2018
- 3. Live interview about QSM and DTI imaging in concussion with *Global News*, Sept 4th, 2018
- 4. Interview about QSM and DTI imaging in concussion with City TV's Breakfast Television, Sept 4th, 2018
- 5. Interview about QSM and DTI imaging in concussion with *Ubyssey*, Sept 21st, 2018. Link
- 6. O.R.S.A 30th Anniversary Rett Syndrome Podcast, June 4th, 2021. Link
- 7. Interview about an ultramarathon I ran in the North Shore mountains (80 km, 7,300 m elevation, 29 hours) with *North Shore News*, Sept 21st, 2024. Link

#### 13. AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS

# (a). Awards for Teaching (indicate name of award, awarding organizations, and date)

	Name of Award	Amount	Awarding Institution	Date
1.	Supervisor Recognition		UBC Science Co-op	Dec 2021
	Award			

#### (b). Awards for Scholarship (indicate name of award, awarding organizations, date)

	Name of Award	Amount	Awarding Institution	Date
1.	NSERC Undergraduate Student	\$6,500	Natural Sciences and	Summer
	Research Award		Engineering Research Council	2005
2.	David L. Coffen Memorial	\$800	Department of Chemistry,	Feb 2006
	Scholarship in Organic Chemistry		University of Toronto	
3.	UofT Dept. of Physiology	\$2,000	Department of Physiology,	Sept 2007
	Scholarship		University of Toronto	

4.	UofT Fellowship	\$1,600	University of Toronto	Sept 2008
5.	UofT Neuroscience Program	\$500	Neuroscience Program,	May 2009
	CAN-2009 Travel Award		University of Toronto	
6.	NSERC Postgraduate Scholarship	\$63,000	Natural Sciences and	2010-2012
	(PGS D)		Engineering Research Council	
7.	Dr. David Williams Award in	\$1,000	School of Biomedical	Nov 2012
	Biomedical Engineering		Engineering, McMaster	
			University	
8.	Child & Family Research Institute	\$100,000	BC-Children's Research	Jul 2016 –
	M.I.N.D. Postdoctoral Fellowship		Institute	Jul 2018

- (c). Awards for Service (indicate name of award, awarding organizations, and date)
- (d). Other Awards
- 14. OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION (Maximum One Page)

#### THE UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

#### **Publications Record**

Date: November, 2024 Initials: AMW

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FIRSTNAME: Alexander MIDDLE NAME(S): Mark

#### **Authorship Statement**

\* Most Important papers

<u>Underline</u> – Trainees under my direct supervision

Italic – My doctoral Supervisor

SURNAME: Weber

**Bold Italic** – My postdoctoral supervisor

Key to my contribution:

- FA First Author typically performed the majority of the experiments in the manuscript, wrote the first draft
- CA Contributing Author typically helped with experimental design, completed some experiments, edited the draft manuscript
- SA Senior Author typically conceived the experimental approach, supervised the writing of the manuscript, corresponding author for the paper

In the field of MRI, publication is mainly in specialized journals which have impact factors ranging between 2 and 6. For example, Magnetic Resonance in Medicine, which is the leading journal in the field, has an impact factor of 3.6. It is very rare that MRI scientists publish in the top journals Nature and Science. I am only aware of two recent papers ("Travelling-wave nuclear magnetic resonance", Brunner et al. Nature 2009 and "Magnetic resonance fingerprinting", Ma et al. Nature 2013.) The highest impact an MRI method can have is when it is adopted by MRI scanner manufacturers and used in thousands of patients.

#### 1. REFEREED PUBLICATIONS

#### Summary (November 2024):

Number of publications = 20 Number of citations = 351

h-index = 10

Journal Name	Impact Factor	Category	Rank	Referred Publication List Number
American Journal of Neuroradiology	3.65	Neuroimaging	6/14	8,10
Canadian Medical Association Journal Open	6.94	Medicine	13/160	3
Cerebral Cortex	4.86	Cognitive Neuroscience	31/115	20

Frontiers in Neurology	4.00	Clinical Neurology	100/199	7
Frontiers in Human	2.33	Neuropsychology	21/76	16,17
Neuroscience		and Physiological		
		Psychology		
Frontiers in Physiology	4.56	Physiology	32/113	11
Human Brain Mapping	4.55	Neurosciences	23/134	12
Journal of Magnetic	4.81	Radiology, Nuclear	30/333	13
Resonance Imaging		Medicine and		
		Imaging		
MAGMA	2.84	Radiology, Nuclear	43/129	6
		Medicine & Medical		
		Imaging		
Nature Neuroscience	21.13	Neurosciences	2/267	1,2
Neuroimage	7.4	Cognitive	7/115	14
		Neuroscience		
NMR in Biomedicine	4.04	Spectroscopy	9/44	9
Nutrients	5.72	Food Science	40/389	18
PLOS Complex Systems	n/a	Biology		19
Progress in	5.067	Clinical Neurology	38/199	5
Neuropsychopharmacology &				
Biological Psychiatry				
Psychiatry Research	11.22	Psychiatry	85/146	4
Topics in Spinal Cord Injury	2.9	Rehabilitation	51/161	15
Rehabilitation				

#### (a) Journals

- 1. Gardezi SR, Weber AM, Li Q, Wong FK, & Stanley EF. PDLIM5 Is Not a Neuronal CaV2.2 Adaptor Protein. *Nature Neuroscience*, August 2009; **12(8)**:957–958. doi: 10.1038/nn0809-957a. CA (IF 21.126; Citations 15)
- 2. \*Weber AM, Wong FK, Tufford AR, Schlichter LC, Matveev V, & Stanley EF. N-Type Ca2+ Channels Carry the Largest Current: Implications for Nanodomains and Transmitter Release. *Nature Neuroscience*, November 2010; **13(11)**:1348–1350. doi: 10.1038/nn.2657. FA (IF 21.126; Citations 129)
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- (b) Conference Proceedings
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- 3. BOOKS
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  - 6. ARTISTIC WORKS, PERFORMANCES, DESIGNS
  - 7. OTHER WORKS
  - (a) Adventure Journalism

In my spare time, I like to get outdoors and learn new things. I am passionate about exploring mountains in different seasons and in different forms: hiking, trail running, rock climbing, ice climbing, skiing, canoeing, etc. Not only are these sports challenging, fun and exciting, but they often involve complex skill and technical knowledge building, humility, preparedness, first aid and survival know-how, determination, the willingness to fail over and over again in safe environments in order to learn, leaderships skills, teamwork, trust, and more. As well, more and more studies are showing not only the physical and mental health benefits of exercise, but also of being in nature. I enjoy sharing my stories of success and failure, of learning and growth, and the benefits of challenging yourself and the beauty of the outdoors.

- 1. Ice Climbing Ain't for the Faint of Heart, What's Up Yukon, Yukon, Jan 21, 2015 link
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- 4. <u>Carmichael</u> T, <u>Zhu</u> A, Grunau RE, & **Weber** AM. The Application of Magnetic Susceptibility Separation for Measuring Cerebral Oxygenation in Preterm Neonates *Editing phase. Plan to submit to* Pediatric Radiology.
- 5. Alexander Mark **Weber**, Alexander **Rauscher**, & Lyndia C Wu. Investigating Head Impacts and Concussions in Ice Hockey Players We are currently in the data analysis period. I have helped with designing the pulse sequences and with data analysis.
- 6. Evelyn <u>Armour</u>, Mia McLean, Ruth Grunau, & Alexander Mark **Weber**. Fractal Analysis of Resting State fMRI Signal in Preterm Infants Scanned at Eight Years *Data analysis complete*; *M McLean is writing two papers*.

#### 10. ONGOING COLLABORATIONS

#### Local

- 1. Ruth Grunau, Neonatal brain MRI
- 2. Dewi Schrader, Focal cortical dysplasia detection
- 3. Andrei Krassioukov, ICORD: Spinal cord injury
- 4. Stefan Reinsberg, Physics & Astronomy: Brain oxygenation using cerebro vascular reactivity
- 5. David Li, Radiology: Neurotrauma
- 6. Jack Taunton, Sports Medicine: Concussion
- 7. Todd Woodward, Principal component analysis of fractional anisotropy in white matter of subjects with schizophrenia
- 8. Osman Ipsiroglu, Iron deficiency in children and adolescents with restless leg syndrome
- 9. Tim Oberlander, Gut microbiome and brain MRI
- 10. Tammy Vanderwal, fractal dynamics of fMRI
- 11. Evelyn Stewart, fractal dynamics of fMRI in children with OCD
- 12. Donna Lang, impact of e-cigarettes containing nicotine on white matter microstructure in young adults
- 13. Osman Ipsiroglu, Sleep and concussion study
- 14. Ruth Grunau, Canadian Brain Platform (CNBP): a next-generation framework for the early identification of behavioural deficits in at-risk newborns
- 15. Anita Datta: Rett Syndrome MRI
- 16. Jonathan Rayment: hyperpolarized xenon lung MR imaging
- 17. Shannon Kolind: Hyperfine portable 64mT MRI Scanner
- 18. Tamara Vanderwal: Mutli-echo fMRI pulse sequence development and data analysis
- 19. Deborah Giaschi: MEGA-PRESS J-editing for GABA measurement
- 20. Jess Archibald: ASL-prep help with ASL processing

- 21. Jess Archibald: ShinyR Open Source Spectroscopy
- 22. Jill Zwicker: processing large imaging datasets on high performance computing clusters (UBC's Sockeye or BCCHR's GPCC)
- 23. Jill Zwicker: VBM analysis of children with Developmental Coordination Disorder

#### National and International

- 1. Günter Grabner, Department of Radiologic Technology, Carinthia University of Applied Sciences, Klagenfurt, Austria: Denoising of myeling water imaging
- 2. Steven Miller, Toronto: Neonatal brain MRI
- 3. Yuting Zhang, Department of Radiology, Children's Hospital of Chongqing Medical University: Neonatal brain MRI,
- 4. Department of Radiology, Vienna Medical University: Advanced MRI for the detection of focal cortical dysplasia