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Research Interests

Evolution of morphology, development and physiology, with an emphasis on the morphogenesis of ecologically relevant traits. Comparative approaches to the study of organogenesis.

Education Harvard University

2009 - 2016

PhD. Supervisor: James Hanken

Department of Organismic and Evolutionary Biology

and Department of Herpetology, Museum of Comparative Zoology Dissertation: "Causes and consequences of lung loss in salamanders."

Reed College 2002 - 2006

Bachelor of Arts in Biology

Professional Appointments

Postdoctoral Associate, Brown University 2016 -

Mentors: Casey Dunn and Erika Edwards

Postdoctoral Associate, Harvard University 2016 - 2016

Mentor: James Hanken

Publications

Lewis ZR, Hanken J. 2016. Convergent evolutionary reduction of atrial septation in lungless salamanders. Journal of Anatomy 230: 16-29. [Cover Article] doi:10.1111/joa.12535.

McCarroll MN, Lewis ZR, Culbertson MD, Martin BL, Kimelman, D, Nechiporuk AV. 2012. Graded levels of Pax2a and Pax8 regulate cell differentiation during sensory placode formation. Development 139: 2740-2750.

Culbertson MD, **Lewis ZR**, Nechiporuk AV. 2011. Chondrogenic and Gliogenic Subpopulations of Neural Crest Play Distinct Roles During the Assembly of Epibranchial Ganglia. PLoS ONE 6(9): e24443. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0024443

Lewis ZR, McClellan MC, Postlethwait JH, Cresko WA, Kaplan RH. 2008. Female-Specific Increase in Primordial Germ Cells Marks Sex Differentiation in Threespine Stickleback (*Gasterosteus aculeatus*). Journal of Morphology 269(8): 909-921. [Cover Article]

Grants and Awards

NSF Graduate Research Fellowship

Sep. 2011 - Jun. 2015

Title: "A developmental understanding of lung loss in salamanders."

Honorable Mention, Brian K. Hall Award

May. 2015

From the Canadian Society of Zoologists. Runner up for best student talk.

Harvard University Certificate of Distinction in Teaching

Sep. 2014

For Herpetology, Spring 2014.

E.E. Williams Award, Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles Apr. 2014 For plethodontid transcriptome sequencing.

Barbour Award, Museum of Comparative Zoology

Apr. 2014

Support for plethodontid fieldwork and collection.

Robert G. Goelet Award, Museum of Comparative Zoology

Apr. 2013

For summer fieldwork and plethodontid embryo collection.

First prize, Harvard Integrated Life Sciences Gallery Night

Mar. 2013

Photo submission to display of science artwork by Harvard graduate students.

Sigma Xi Grant-in-Aid of Research

Jan. 2013

Support for Next Generation Sequencing.

Kenneth Miyata Award, Museum of Comparative Zoology

Apr. 2012

Support for fieldwork.

The William F. Milton Fund Award, Harvard Medical School

2011 - 2012

\$39,940 awarded to ZRL and James Hanken for reagents and equipment for the project "Lung Development in Lungless Salamanders."

Elected to Phi Beta Kappa

May 2007

Class of '21 Award

May 2007

Awarded by Reed College upon graduation, in recognition of "creative work of notable character, involving an unusual degree of initiative and spontaneity."

Betty C. Liu Memorial Biology Research Fellowship

Feb. - Jul. 2007

For the investigation of primordial germ cell proliferation in threespine stickleback.

Selected Oral Presentations

Lewis ZR, Dorantes JA, Hanken J. "Neofunctionalization of a lung gene paralog may facilitate respiration in lungless salamanders." Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology annual meeting, Portland, OR, Jan. 2016.

Lewis ZR, Hanken J. "A transcriptional and morphological investigation of lung loss in salamanders." Invited talk. Canadian Society of Zoologists annual meeting, Calgary, AB. May 2015.

Lewis ZR, Hanken J. "Take Another Little Piece of my Heart: Convergent heart evolution in independent lineages of lungless salamanders." 6th Conference on the Biology of Plethodontid Salamanders, Tulsa, OK. May 2014.

Lewis ZR, Kerney RK, Dorantes JA, Hanken J. "Lung loss: Molecular and morphological Consequences." International Congress of Vertebrate Morphology, Barcelona, Spain. July 2013.

Lewis ZR, Kerney RK, Dorantes JA, Hanken J. "Genetic and morphological vestiges of lost lungs in plethodontid salamanders." Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology annual meeting, San Francisco, CA. Jan. 2013.

Lewis ZR, Kerney RK, Dorantes JA, Hanken J. "Pulmonary surfactant proteins are expressed in lungless salamanders." Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology annual meeting, Charleston, SC. Jan. 2012.

Selected Poster Presentations

Lewis ZR, Hanken J. "A salamander model for atrial septal defects and cardiopulmonary evolution." American Association of Anatomists annual meeting, Boston, MA. Mar. 2015.

Lewis ZR, Hanken J. "Co-evolution of heart and lung development in lungless salamanders." Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology annual meeting, Austin, TX. Jan. 2014.

Lewis ZR, Kerney RK, Dorantes JA, Hanken J. "Extrapulmonary expression of surfactant proteins in lungless salamanders" Keystone Symposium: Lung Development, Cancer and Disease, Taos, NM. Feb. 2013.

Lewis ZR, Kerney RK, Hanken J. "Lung development in lungless salamanders!" Society for Developmental Biology annual meeting, Chicago, IL. Jul. 2011.

Lewis ZR, Kerney RK, Hanken J. "Lung Development in Lungless Salamanders!" Keystone Symposium: Lung Development and Repair, Santa Fe, NM. Feb. 2011.

Lewis ZR, Nechiporuk AV. "Origins of the epibranchial placodes and ganglia in zebrafish." RIKEN CDB Symposium 2010 "Frontiers in Organogenesis," Kobe, Japan. Mar. 2010.

Teaching

Teaching Fellow for "Foundations of Biodiversity" (OEB 10), Harvard University. Professors Elena Kramer, Brian Farrell, Andrew Richardson. Fall 2015.

Teaching Fellow for "Herpetology" (OEB 167), Harvard University. Professors James Hanken and Jonathan Losos. Two sections. Spring 2014.

Teaching Fellow for "Life Sciences 1b: Genetics, Genomics, and Evolution," Harvard University. Spring 2013.

Teaching Fellow for "From Egg to Embryo to Organ" (MCB 118/SCRB 118), Harvard University. Professor Andrew McMahon. Fall 2010.

Professional Service	Peer Review: PNAS, Transactions of the Royal Society of South Afric Curator and content contributor for the Encylopedia of Life	ca 2010 - present
Outreach	Oral presentation, Shore Collaborative Henry Owens School, Chelsea, Oral presentation, Science at the Seashore, Cape Cod National Seash Oral presentation, Pioneer Charter School of Science, Everett, MA Active member of Harvard Life Sciences Outreach and Gradwagon	•
Selected Work Experience	Oregon Health and Science University Portland, OR Investigated the morphogenesis of the peripheral nervous system in a beling and fate-mapping, working with Dr. Alex Nechiporuk.	Research Assistant II Feb. 2008 - Aug. 2009 zebrafish by single cell la-
	Reed College Portland, OR Feb Jul. 2007 Researched gonadal sex differentiation in threespine stickleback under the guidance of Dr. Robert Kaplan and Dr. Maryanne McClellan.	
Society Membership	The Society for Integrative and Comparative Biology Society for Developmental Biology American Association of Anatomists The Herpetologists' League Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles Canadian Society of Zoologists	2010 - 2011 - 2013 - 2013 - 2013 - 2015 -