

CV for Thomas Jhou

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Lab site:

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Education:

BS Massachusetts Institute of Technology 1995 Computer Science
PhD Harvard University 2003 Neurobiology (Dr Clifford Saper)

Post-doctoral training:

2004-2005 University of California at San Francisco, Ernest Gallo Clinic and Research Center, Dr Howard Fields
2005-2008 Johns Hopkins University, Dept of Psychological and Brain Sciences, Dr Peter Holland
2008-2010 National Institute on Drug Abuse, Behavioral Neuroscience Branch, Dr Satoshi Ikemoto

Appointments:

2010-2019 Assistant professor, Dept of Neurosciences, Medical University of South Carolina
2019-2023 Associate professor, Dept of Neurosciences, Medical University of South Carolina
2023-present Associate professor, Dept of Neurobiology, University of Maryland School of Medicine

Current Extramural Funding (most recent first):

2021-2026 NIH/NIDA 1 R37 DA054370 (was previously R01, converted to R37 upon receipt of NIH MERIT award), \$1.6M direct costs, \$2.4M total, "Neural mechanisms of cocaine avoidance". Role: Principal Investigator.
2021-2023 NIH SBIR, R44 NS107142, \$249k direct costs, \$366k total. "Low Cost, Fully Implantable Wireless Implantable Neural Recording Device". Role: subcontract.
2018-2024 NIH/NIDA 1 U01 DA044468, \$2.2M direct costs, \$3.27M total, "Genomic Analysis of Avoidance Learning in Addiction". Role: Principal Investigator.

Completed Extramural Funding (oldest first):

- 2012-2017 \$200k direct costs, subcontract from NIH/NIMH R01MH094489, PI Dr. Paul Shepard, University of Maryland, "Habenulomesencephalic role in depression and anhedonia".
- 2012-2014 \$250k direct costs, NIH/NIDA, 1R21DA89501, "Neural mechanisms by which punishment modulates drug-seeking", Role: Principal Investigator.
- 2012-2014 \$100k direct costs, NIH/NIDA, 1R03DA034431, "Gene expression and drug targets in the rostromedial tegmentum", Role: Principal Investigator.
- 2013 \$25,000. Pilot project for Alcohol Research Center at the Medical University of South Carolina. Role: Principal Investigator.
- 2015-2016 \$31,316 direct costs, NIH/NIDA 1R21DA037744, PI Rachel Smith, Texas A&M University, "Opposing roles of distinct output projections from prefrontal cortex". Role: subcontract
- 2015-2018 \$360k direct costs, project on NIH/NIDA P50DA015369, "Neurobiology of Addiction Research Center". Role: Principal Investigator on project 3.
- 2017-2018 \$30,000 direct costs. NIH/NINDS 1R41NS102049 (Small Business Innovation Research), "A Unified System for Wireless Optogenetics and Brain Microdialysis for Small Molecules: Prototype Development and Validation". Role: subcontract.
- 2014-2019 \$1.125M direct costs, \$1.6M total. NIH/National Institute on Drug Abuse, R01 DA037327-01 "Cocaine-Conditioned Avoidance Behavior". Role: Principal Investigator.
- 2016-2019 \$600k direct costs, \$894k total. W911NF-16-0070, Army Research Labs, Department of Defense, "Genetic Anatomy of Sleep". Role: Principal Investigator.
- 2018-2019 \$54,107 direct costs. NIH/NINDS 1R41NS107142 "Wireless implantable neural recording device". Role: subcontract.

Peer-reviewed publications

11329 total citations, h-index 31 (as of June 2022).

Items 1-14 (prior to 2005) are published under earlier spelling of my last name, "Chou".

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2. Cusack B, **Chou T**, Jansen K, McCormick, DJ, Richelson E, "Analysis of binding sites and efficacy of a species-specific peptide at rat and human neurotensin receptors." *J. Peptide Research* Jan; 55(1):72-80, 2000.
3. Estabrooke IV, McCarthy MT, Ko E, **Chou TC**, Chemelli RM, Yanagisawa M, Saper CB, Scammell TE, Fos expression in orexin neurons varies with behavioral state. *J Neurosci.* 2001 Mar 1;21(5):1656-62. PMID: PMC6762959.

4. Lu J, Zhang YH, **Chou TC**, Gaus SE, Elmquist JK, Shiromani P, Saper CB, "Contrasting effects of ibotenate lesions of the paraventricular nucleus and subparaventricular zone on sleep-wake cycle and temperature regulation.", *J. Neurosci.*, 21(13):4864-74, 2001. PMID: PMC3508730.
5. **Chou TC**, Lee CE, Lu J, Elmquist JK, Hara J, Willie JT, Beuckmann CT, Chemelli RM, Sakurai T, Yanagisawa M, Saper CB, Scammell TE, "Orexin neurons contain dynorphin", *J. Neurosci.*, 21(19): RC168, 2001. PMID: PMC6762880.
6. Saper, CB, **Chou, TC**, Scammell, TE, "The sleep switch: hypothalamic control of sleep and wakefulness," *Trends in Neurosci.*, 12:726-31, 2001.
7. Gooley JJ, Lu J, **Chou TC**, Scammell TE, Saper CB. "Melanopsin in cells of origin of the retinohypothalamic tract", *Nat Neurosci.* 2001 Dec;4(12):1165.
8. **Chou, TC**, Bjorkum, A, Gaus, SE, Lu, J, Scammell, TE, Saper, CB, "Afferents to the ventrolateral preoptic nucleus," *J. Neurosci.*, 22(3):977-90, 2002, PMID: PMC6758527.
9. Saper, CB, **Chou, TC**, Elmquist, JK, "The Need to Feed: Homeostatic and hedonic control of feeding", *Neuron*, 36(2):199, Oct. 2002.
10. Chamberlin NL, Arrigoni E, **Chou TC**, Saper CB, "Effects of adenosine on GABAergic synaptic inputs to identified ventrolateral preoptic neurons", *Neuroscience*, 119(4), 913-918, 2003.
11. **Chou, TC**, Scammell, TE, Gooley, JJ, Gaus, SE, Saper, CB, Lu, J, "Critical role of the dorsomedial hypothalamic nucleus in a wide range of behavioral circadian rhythms", *J. Neuroscience*, 23(33):106910-702, 2003. PMID: PMC6740926.
12. **Chou TC**, Rotman SR, Saper CB., Lateral hypothalamic acetylcholinesterase-immunoreactive neurons co-express either orexin or melanin concentrating hormone., *Neurosci Lett.* 2004 Nov 11;370(2-3):123-6.
13. Gerashchenko D, **Chou TC**, Blanco-Centurion CA, Saper CB, Shiromani PJ., Effects of lesions of the histaminergic tuberomammillary nucleus on spontaneous sleep in rats., *Sleep.* 2004 Nov 1;27(7):1275-81. PMID: PMC1249486.
14. Saper CB, Lu J, **Chou TC**, Gooley J., The hypothalamic integrator for circadian rhythms., *Trends Neurosci.* 2005 Mar;28(3):152-7.
15. **Jhou, T**, "Neural mechanisms of freezing and passive aversive behaviors", *J. Comp. Neurol.* Dec. 2005, 493(1):111-4.
16. Lu, J, **Jhou, TC**, Saper, CB, "Identification of Wake-Active Dopaminergic Neurons in the Ventral Periaqueductal Gray Matter", *J. Neurosci.*, January 4, 2006; 26(1): 193 - 202.
17. Phillips, PEM, Walton, ME, **Jhou, TC**, "Calculating Utility: Preclinical evidence for cost-benefit analysis by mesolimbic dopamine", *Psychopharmacology*, 2007; 191(3):483-95.
18. Greco MA, Fuller P, **Jhou TC**, Martin-Schild S, Zadina JE, Hu Z, Shiromani P, Lu J. Opioidergic projections to sleep-active neurons in the ventrolateral preoptic nucleus. *Brain Res.* 2008.
19. **Jhou TC**, Geisler S, Marinelli M, DeGarmo BA, Zahm DS, "The rostromedial tegmental nucleus: a mesopontine structure targeted by the lateral habenula that projects to the ventral tegmental area and substantia nigra compacta". *J. Comp. Neurology*, 513(6):566-96, 2009.
20. **Jhou, TC**, Fields, HL, Baxter, MG, Saper, CB, Holland PC, "The rostromedial tegmental nucleus (RMTg), a major GABAergic afferent to midbrain dopamine neurons, encodes aversive stimuli and promotes behavioral inhibition". *Neuron*, 61(5):786-800, 2009.
21. Hong S, **Jhou TC**, Smith M, Saleem KS, Hikosaka, O, "Negative reward signals from the lateral habenula to dopamine neurons are mediated by rostromedial tegmental nucleus in primates", *J. Neurosci.* 31(32):11457-71, 2011.
22. **Jhou TC**, Xu SP, Lee MR, Gallen CL, Ikemoto S., Mapping of reinforcing and analgesic effects of the mu opioid agonist Endomorphin-1 in the ventral midbrain of the rat. *Psychopharmacology*, 2012.

23. Webb SM, Vollrath-Smith FR, Shin R, **Jhou TC**, Xu S, Ikemoto S, "Rewarding and incentive motivational effects of excitatory amino acid receptor antagonists into the median raphe and adjacent regions of the rat", *Psychopharmacology* 224(3):401-12, 2012.
24. Barrot M, Sesack SR, Georges F, Pistis M, Hong S, **Jhou TC**, "Braking dopamine systems: a new GABA master structure for mesolimbic and nigrostriatal functions". *J. Neurosci.* 32(41):14,094-101, 2012.
25. **Jhou, TC**, Good CH, Rowley CS, Xu SP, Wang H, Burnham N, Hoffman AF, Lupica CR, Ikemoto S, "Cocaine drives aversive conditioning via delayed activation of dopamine-responsive habenular and midbrain pathways", *J. Neurosci.* vol. 33(17):7501-12, 2013.
26. Bentzley BS, **Jhou TC**, Aston-Jones G, "Economic demand predicts addiction-like behavior and therapeutic efficacy of oxytocin in the rat." *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci, USA*, 2014, PMC4136574.
27. Quina LA, Tempest L, Ng L, Harris JA, Ferguson S, **Jhou TC**, Turner EE., "Efferent pathways of the Mouse Lateral Habenula", *J. Comp. Neurol.* 2014, 253(1):32-60, PMCID: PMCID: PMC4232452.
28. Vujovic N, Gooley JJ, **Jhou TC**, Saper CB. Projections from the subparaventricular zone define four channels of output from the circadian timing system. *J Comp Neurol.*, 2015, 523(18):2714-37, 2015, PMCID: PMC4607558.
29. Glover EJ, McDougle MJ, Siegel GS, **Jhou TC**, Chandler LJ, Role for the rostromedial tegmental nucleus in signaling the aversive properties of alcohol. *Alcohol Clin Exp Res*, Aug 2016, 40(8):1651-61. PMCID: PMC4961514.
30. Baker PM, **Jhou T**, Li B, Matsumoto M, Mizumori SJ, Stephenson-Jones M, Vicentic A. The Lateral Habenula Circuitry: Reward Processing and Cognitive Control. *J Neurosci.* 2016 Nov 9; 36(45):11482-11488. PMCID: PMC5125215.
31. Brown RM, Kupchik YM, Spencer S, Garcia-Keller C, Spanswick DC, Lawrence AJ, Simonds SE, Schwartz DJ, Jordan KA, **Jhou TC**, Kalivas PW. Addiction-like synaptic impairments in diet-induced obesity. *Biol Psychiatry*, 2017, PMCID: PMC4889544.
32. Vento PJ, Rowley CS, Burnham NW, **Jhou TC**. Learning from one's mistakes: A dual role for the rostromedial tegmental nucleus in the encoding and expression of punished reward seeking. *Biological Psychiatry*, 2017, PMID27931744, PMCID 5400739.
33. Dennis TS, **Jhou TC**, McGinty JF, Cocaine self-administration and time-dependent decreases in prelimbic activity. *bioRxiv*, Jan 30, 2018.
34. Smith RJ, Vento PJ, Chao YS, Good CH, **Jhou TC**, Gene expression and neurochemical characterization of the rostromedial tegmental nucleus (RMTg) in rats and mice. *Brain Structure and Function*, 224(1):219-238, Jan 2019, PMCID PMC6467516.
35. Li H, Pullmann D, Cho JY, Eid M, **Jhou TC**, Generality and opponency of rostromedial tegmental (RMTg) roles in valence processing. *eLife*, Jan 22, 2019; 8. pii: e41541, PMCID: PMC6361585.
36. Elmer GI, Palacarolla H, Mayo CL, Brown PL, **Jhou TC**, Brady D, Shepard PD. The rostromedial tegmental nucleus modulates the development of stress-induced helpless behavior, *Behav Brain Res*, Feb 1, 2019, 359:950-957, PMID29932954.
37. Li H, Pullmann D, **Jhou TC**, Valence-encoding in the lateral habenula arises from the entopeduncular nucleus, *eLife*, Mar 11 2019, 8. pii: e41223, PMC6456292.
38. **Jhou TC**, Vento PJ, Bidirectional regulation of reward, punishment, and arousal by dopamine, the lateral habenula, and the rostromedial tegmentum (RMTg). *Current Opinion in Behavioral Sciences*, April 1, 2019, 26:90-96. PMCID N/A.
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- A, Kash TL. Central Amygdala Prepronociceptin-Expressing Neurons Mediate Palatable Food Consumption and Reward. *Neuron*. 2019 Jun 5;102(5):1037-1052.e7. PMC6750705.
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 42. Wright KM, **Jhou TC**, Pimpinelli D, McDannald MA, Cue-inhibited ventrolateral periaqueductal gray neurons signal fear output and threat probability in male rats. *eLife*. Sep 30, 2019. PMCID: PMC6821491.
 43. Glover EJ, Starr EM, Chao Y, **Jhou TC***, Chandler LJ*, Inhibition of the rostromedial tegmental nucleus reverses alcohol withdrawal-induced anxiety-like behavior. *Neuropsychopharmacology*, 44(11):1896-1905, Oct 2019. PMC6785010. (* indicates equal last-author contribution)
 44. Li H, Vento PJ, Parrilla-Carrero J, Pullmann D, Chao YS, Eid M, **Jhou TC**, Three rostromedial tegmental afferents drive triply dissociable aspects of punishment learning and aversive valence encoding, *Neuron*, Dec 4, 2019: 104(5):987-999. PMCID: PMC6989096
 45. Vento PJ, **Jhou TC**, Bidirectional valence encoding in the ventral pallidum (preview). *Neuron*, Mar 4; 105(5):766-768. PMCID N/A.
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 47. Li H, Eid M, Pullmann D, Chao YS, Thomas AA, **Jhou TC**, Entopeduncular nucleus projections to the lateral habenula contribute to cocaine avoidance, *J. Neuroscience*, Jan 2021, 41(2):298-306. PMC7810656
 48. Cruz AM, Spencer HF, Kim TH, **Jhou TC**, Smith RJ., Prelimbic cortical projections to rostromedial tegmental nucleus play a suppressive role in cue-induced reinstatement of cocaine seeking, *Neuropsychopharmacology*, 2021 Jul; 46(8):1399-1406, PMC8209220.
 49. Zhao YN, Yan YD, Wang CY, Qu WM, **Jhou TC**, Huang ZL, Yang SR., The Rostromedial Tegmental Nucleus: Anatomical Studies and Roles in Sleep and Substance Addictions in Rats and Mice, *Nat Sci Sleep*. 2020 Dec 24; 12:1215-1223. PMC7769149.
 50. Parrilla-Carrero J, Eid M, Li H, Chao Y, **Jhou TC**, Synaptic adaptations at the rostromedial tegmental nucleus underlie individual differences in cocaine avoidance, *J. Neuroscience*, 41(21):4620-30, 2021, PMC8260244.
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 52. **Jhou TC**, "The rostromedial tegmental "brake" on dopamine and behavior: a decade of progress but also much unfinished work", *Neuropharmacology*, Oct 2021, 198:108763.
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55. Chao YS, Parrilla-Carrero J, Eid M, Culver OP, Jackson TB, Lipat R, Taniguchi M, **Jhou TC**, Innate cocaine-seeking vulnerability arising from loss of serotonin-mediated aversive effects of cocaine in rats, *Cell Rep.* 2023 May 30;42(5):112404. PMCID: N/A

Awards and Honors:

- 2010 Travel fellowship for Winter Conference on Brain Research (WCBR).
- 2013 Young Investigator Award (formerly Herrick Award) from American Association of Anatomists.
- 2022 NIH Method To Extend Research In Time (MERIT) award for R01 DA 054370 “Neural mechanisms of cocaine avoidance”.

Talks and symposia:

- May, 2005 *Anatomy of the Soul* conference, “*Neural Mechanisms of Freezing and Passive Aversive Behaviors*”, Hosted by Drs. Clifford Saper and Gert Holstege, Ameland, Netherlands
- Jan, 2008 St. Louis University. “*The Good and the Bad: aversive processing by a GABAergic afferent to midbrain dopamine neurons*”. Hosted by Dr. Daniel S. Zahm
- April, 2009 Maryland Psychiatric Research Center, Hosted by Dr. Paul Shepard, “*A convergence of aversion, pathways linking aversive and appetitive brain systems*”
- Jan, 2010 Speaker and travel award recipient, Winter Conference on Brain Research, Breckenridge, CO. Session chaired by Dr. Susan Sesack: “*A Newly Discovered Collection of GABA Neurons in the Brainstem Tegmentum that Projects Strongly to Midbrain Dopamine Cells and Influences Aversive Behavior*”
- Feb, 2010 “Role of the habenula”, at Banbury Center, Cold Spring Harbor, New York. Hosted by Dr. Fritz Henn
- April, 2010 Co-chair, workshop panel at 5th Motivational Neural Networks Meeting, Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina. Panel organized by Daniel S. Zahm.
- May, 2010 University of Texas, San Antonio. Hosted by Drs. Hitoshi Morikawa and Michael Beckstead.
- May, 2010 Center for Neuroeconomics, New York University. Hosted by Dr. Nathaniel Daw.
- Sept, 2010 Symposium speaker, 33rd Annual Japan Neuroscience Meeting, Kobe Japan. Hosted by Drs. Masayuki Matsumoto and Hitoshi Okamoto.
- Oct, 2010 Symposium speaker, “Brain Circuits and Behavioral Control”, NIH Research Day, National Institute on Mental Health, Bethesda MD. Hosted by Dr. Heather Cameron.
- April 2011 Duke University. Hosted by Drs. Ben Hayden and Michael Platt.
- Feb, 2012 University of Washington, Seattle Children’s Research Institute, Center for Integrative Brain Research. Hosted by Dr. Eric Turner. “An ‘anti-dopamine’ nucleus:

- role of the rostromedial tegmental nucleus (RMTg) in aversive processes and behavioral inhibition.”
- March, 2013 International Basal Ganglia Society (IBAGS) meeting, Eilat, Israel. Hosted by Dr. Peter Redgrave. “Basal ganglia interactions with the RMTg”.
- April, 2013 Young Investigator Award Symposium, Boston, MA. “Dopamine and anti-dopamine systems: polar opposite roles in behavior”
- Jan, 2014 Co-organizer with Marisela Morales, panel “Habenula and beyond”, Winter Conference on Brain Research
- April, 2014 UT Austin, hosted by Dr. Michela Marinelli, “Central role of RMTg in motivated behavior”.
- April, 2014 The Scripps Research Institute, hosted by Dr. Bert Weiss. “Interactions of Reward and Aversion”
- July, 2014 INRC (International Narcotics Research Conference), Montreal, Canada, “Nociceptin in the rostromedial tegmental nucleus”
- June, 2015 University of Chicago, *Rat Genetics and Genomics for Psychiatric Disorders and Addiction*, organized by NIDA and Center for GWAS in Outbred Rats.
- Sept, 2015 University of Helsinki, hosted by Mikko Airavaara, “Interactions of reward and aversion: habenular and RMTg roles in fear, aversive learning, and opponent responses to abused drugs”
- Sept, 2016 Texas A&M, hosted by Rachel Smith
- Nov 15, 2016 SFN symposium on habenula, hosted by Susan Volman, NIDA. “Habenulo-mesencephalic roles in opponent processes of motivated behavior”
- Jan 30, 2017 Panel at Winter Conference on Brain Research, chaired by Carl Lupica, NIDA. “Novel interactions between lateral habenula (LHb) and RMTg, and implications for aversive learning”
- Feb 14, 2017 University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, “Addiction and avoidance”, hosted by Kate Reissner
- April 20, 2017 University of Pennsylvania, hosted by Mariela de Biasi, “Make no mistake: new findings on RMTg, addiction”
- April, 2017 University of Pittsburgh, hosted by Susan Sesack and Alan Sved
- Aug 3, 2017 NASA Ames Research Center, “Genetic markers of sleep-regulatory brain sites”
- Feb 1, 2018 Winter Conference on Neural Plasticity, Curacao, speaker panel chaired by Sheri Mizumori, “Make no mistake: new findings on RMTg, LHb, and aversive processing
- Dec 12, 2018 Departmental seminar at University of Tennessee, Health Science Center, hosted by Dr Hao Chen
- March, 2019 Fudan University, Shanghai, China, symposium “Cellular and circuit mechanisms of motivated behaviors”, hosted by Drs. Bo Li and Ping Zheng
- April, 2019 University of Washington, Seattle, hosted by Dr. Jeansok Kim.
- Feb, 2022 Session chair: “Appetitive-Aversive Influences on Cocaine-Seeking - Possible Convergence on Striatal D2 Neurons”. Winter Conference on Brain Research, Snomass, CO.
- June, 2022 College on Problems in Drug Dependence 84th annual meeting, Minneapolis, MN.
- Aug, 2022 Addiction Gordon Research Conference, Sunday River, Maine, “Rostromedial tegmental roles in punishment and cocaine aversion”, conference organized by Dr. Yavin Shaham, session led by Dr. Anjali Rajadhyaksha.
- April, 2024 Medical College of Wisconsin, hosted by Dr. John Mantsch

Study section/Grant review activity:

- March, 2013 NIH: Cutting Edge Brain Research Awards (CEBRA)

June, 2013 NIH: F02A-J(20) Fellowships: Behavioral Neuroscience
 May, 2013 ANR (L'Agence nationale de la recherche), France, SAMENTA 2013.
 April, 2014 Grant reviewer for MUSC Specialized Center of Research (SCOR) on Sex and Gender Factors Affecting Women's Health.
 Dec, 2014 Grant reviewer for MUSC Specialized Center of Research (SCOR) on Sex and Gender Factors Affecting Women's Health.
 June, 2014 NIH: ETTN-C(10) Small Business: Clinical Neurophysiology, Devices, Neuroprosthetics, and Biosensors
 July, 2014 Grant review for Medical Research Council (MRC), UK.
 Oct, 2014 Grant review for NSF CAREER awards
 June, 2015 NIH: study section, Neurobiology of Motivated Behavior (NMB)
 July, 2015 Grant review for Medical Research Council (MRC), UK.
 Nov, 2016 NIH: ETTN-C(10) Small Business: Clinical Neurophysiology, Devices, Neuroprosthetics, and Biosensors
 Oct, 2018 Grant reviewer for National Science Center in Poland.
 June 2019 Grant reviewer for NIH/NIDA special emphasis panel, U01.
 March 2020 Grant reviewer for NIH/NIDA ZDA1 TXT-V(16)R, special emphasis panel. "The Rat Opioid Genome Project" (U01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed).
 June 2020 Grant reviewer for NIH/NIDA ZDA1 IXR-Q(05)S, special emphasis panel, "Genetic analysis of non-human animal models to understand the genomic architecture of substance abuse disorders and addictive behaviors (U01 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)".
 June 2021 Grant reviewer for NIH/NIDA ZDA1 IXR-Q (05) "Genetic Analysis of non-human animal models to understand the genomic architecture of substance use disorders and addictive behaviors (U01 clinical trial not allowed)"

Journal/Editorial activity:

Reviewer for journals (112 articles reviewed from 2010-2020):

Behavioral Brain Research
 Biological Psychiatry
 Brain Research
 Cell Reports
 Current Biology
 Current Opinion in Behavioral Sciences
 European Journal of Neuroscience
 eNeuro
 iScience
 Journal of Comparative Neurology
 Journal of Neurophysiology
 Journal of Neuroscience
 Journal of Visualized Experiments
 Nature Communications
 Nature Neuroscience
 Neuropsychopharmacology
 Neuroscience and Biobehavioral Reviews
 Pharmacology Biochemistry and Behavior
 PLoS One
 Progress in Neuropsychopharmacology

Psychopharmacology
Science Advances
Synapse
Translational Psychiatry
Trends in Neurosciences

Member of Editorial Board:

PLoS One

Teaching and mentoring:

Member of thesis committees:

P. Leon Brown, PhD 2014, Dept. of Psychiatry, University of Maryland, advisor Dr. Paul Shepard.
(I am external committee member)

Michael Stefanik, PhD 2014, Dept. of Neurosciences, MUSC, advisor Dr. Peter Kalivas.
Zachary Cope, PhD 2014, Dept. of Neurosciences, MUSC, advisor Dr. Gary Aston-Jones.
Brandon Bentzley (MD-PhD) Dept of Neurosciences, MUSC, advisor Dr. Gary Aston-Jones.
Ellen McGlinchey, PhD 2015, Dept of Neurosciences, MUSC, advisor Dr. Gary Aston-Jones.
Douglas Wolfe, MD-PhD 2015-7, Dept of Neurosciences, MUSC, advisor Dr. Peter Kalivas
Jasper Heinsbroek, PhD 2015-8, Dept of Neurosciences, MUSC, advisor Dr. Peter Kalivas
Spencer Bell, PhD 2016-7, Dept of Neurosciences, MUSC, advisor Dr. Brett Froeliger
Brandon Vaughan, MS 2016-7, Dept of Neurosciences, MUSC, advisor Dr. Jane Joseph
Zahraa Sabra, PhD 2017-2019, Dept of Neurosciences, MUSC, advisor Dr. Thomas Naselaris
Jessica Breedlove, PhD 2017-2019, Dept of Neurosciences, MUSC, advisor Dr. Thomas Naselaris
Harold Haun, PhD 2018-2020, Dept of Neurosciences, MUSC, advisor Dr. Howard Becker
Kevin Braunscheidel, PhD 2019-2020, Dept of Neurosciences, MUSC, advisor Dr. John Woodward
Brandon Hughes, PhD 2019-2022, Dept of Neurosciences, advisor Dr. Chris Cowan
Graham Warner, PhD 2019-2021, Dept of Neurosciences, advisor Dr. Jane Joseph
Vivian Chioma, PhD 2020, Dept of Neurosciences, MUSC, advisor Dr. Peter Kalivas
Daniel Wood, PhD 2020-2024, Dept of Neurosciences, MUSC, advisor Dr. Chris Cowan
Reda Chalhoub, PhD 2020-2023, Dept of Neurosciences, MUSC, advisor Dr. Peter Kalivas
Stewart Cox, PhD 2020-2021, Dept of Neurosciences, MUSC, advisor Dr. Carmela Reichel
Heyam Saleh, PhD 2020-present, Dept of Neurosciences, advisor Dr. Judson Chandler
Allen Chang, PhD 2020-2023, Dept of Neurosciences, advisor Dr. Nathan Rowland
Kristen O'Hara, PhD 2021-present, Dept of Neurosciences, MUSC, advisor Dr. Patrick Mulholland
Sissi Huang, PhD 2024-present, Dept of Neurobiology, UMB, advisor Dr. Marco Venniro

Graduate students:

Taylor S. Hoover, MS candidate, 2014-2015
Hao Li, PhD candidate, Fall 2014-2019
Maya Eid, MD-PhD candidate, Fall 2015-2020
Ying Chao, MD-PhD candidate, Fall 2016-2022
Oliver (Paul) Culver, MD-PhD candidate, Fall 2020-present
Madeline Hohmeister, PhD candidate, Summer 2022-present

Post-doctoral fellows/Junior faculty:

Peter Vento, March, 2013 – 2021 (now faculty at University of South Carolina)
Rachel Smith, June, 2013 – Feb, 2015 (now faculty at Texas A&M University)
Jennifer L. Thompson, Oct, 2014 – June 2016 (now working in industry)
Torry Dennis, Sept 2016 – August 2017 (co-mentor with Dr. Jakie McGinty)
Jeffrey Parilla-Carrero, Sept, 2017 – present (converted to research-track faculty in Nov 2021)
Zachary Hough, June 2022 – present.

Summer Undergraduate Research Program (SURP) students:

Dominika Pullmann, summer 2014
Samantha Black, summer 2016
Eslie Aguilar, summer 2017
Alen Thomas, summer 2017
Katie Jimenez, summer 2018
Stephanie Davis, summer 2022
Deyana Underwood, summer 2022

High school volunteers in lab:

Leonardo Awgulewitsch, Academic Magnet High School, summer 2014
Shivani Kakadia, Palmetto Scholars Academy, fall 2020-spring 2021.

Lectures/Classes taught:

Spring 2012-present. Fundamentals of Neuroscience. 3 lectures on neuroanatomy, thalamus, hypothalamus, and brainstem.
Fall 2013-2019. Clinical and Systems Neuroscience. 3 lectures on circuits of motivated behavior, animal cognition, and opioids.
Spring 2013, Cognitive Neuroscience, 1 lecture on reward prediction error
Fall 2013, Neuroscience journal club.
Fall 2015, and 2019-present: Mathematical Methods in Neuroscience, quarter elective.
Fall 2023. Biostatistics and Proseminar in Experimental Design, University of Maryland.

Publications in the humanities:

Jhou TC, “René Descartes and modern science – a legacy in retrospect”. Preface to the Chinese translation of *Descartes and the Meditations*, by Gary Hatfield, translated by Clayton Chou. Routledge, New York, 2009.