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#### **EDUCATION**

B.Sc., 1970, Calcutta University, India (physiology—honors) M.Sc., 1973, Calcutta University, India (physiology/biophysics) Ph.D., 1975, Calcutta University, India (physiology/endocrinology) D.Phil., 1979, University of Oxford, UK (physiology/neuroendocrinology)

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Postdoctoral Research Assistant, University of Oxford, Department of Anatomy (1979–1980) Visiting Postdoctoral Fellow, Yale University School of Medicine, Section of Neurological Surgery (1979)

Research Associate, Michigan State University, Department of Physiology (1980–1983) Assistant Professor, University of California, San Diego, Department of Reproductive Medicine (1983–1988)

**Associate Professor (Tenured)**, Department of Veterinary and Comparative Anatomy, Pharmacology and Physiology, Washington State University (1988–1996)

Professor, Department of Veterinary and Comparative Anatomy, Pharmacology and Physiology, Washington State University (1996–1999)

Adjunct Professor, Program of Pharmacology and Toxicology and Department of Genetics

and Cell Biology, Washington State University (1989–1999)

Director, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program, Washington State University (1998–1999)
Professor (Tenured), Department of Animal Sciences (4/1999–6/2001); Biotechnology
Centrology (2001) Professor (4/1999–6/2001); Center of Alcohol Studies (07/2000–6/2001), Rutgers–The State University of New Jersey

Chairman Department of Animal Sciences, Rutgers—The State University of New Jersey (4/1999–10/2001)

**Professor II and Distinguished Professor**, Department of Animal Sciences; the Biotechnology Center of Agriculture & Énvironment, Rutgers—The State Úniversity of New Jersey (7/2001–present)

Director, Biomedical Division, Center of Alcohol Studies, Rutgers-The State University of New Jersey (10/2001–Present)

**Director**, Program for Endocrinology, Rutgers—The State University of New Jersey (10/2001–

Faculty member, South Asian Studies Program, Rutgers-The State University of New Jersey (10/2003-Present)

Faculty Advisor, Bengali Student Association, Rutgers—The State University of New Jersey (10/1999–Present)

Co-Chairs, Ad Hoc Faculty Strategic Planning Committee for India (04/2012 – 12/2013) Board of Governor Professor, Department of Animal Sciences; Rutgers-The State

University of New Jersey (12/09/15-Present)

Member, Committee on Academic Planning and Review, Rutgers-The state University of New Jersey

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE TRAINING**

Leadership Workshop, Spring 1999, Washington State University Recently Appointed Administrator Workshop, May 30-June 2, 2000, Institute of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

## **SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZATIONS**

American Association for Advancement of Science

American Association for Cancer Research

American Neuroendocrine Society

The Endocrine Society

International Brain Research Organization

International Society for Biomedical Research on Alcoholism

International Society of Neuroendocrinology

Research Society on Alcoholism

Society for Neuroscience

Society for the Study of Reproduction

Association of Scientist of Indian Origin Indian Academy of Neurosciences International Behavioural and Neural Genetics Society

## RESEARCH AND ACADEMIC HONORS

National Merit Scholarship, Indian Government, 1971–1973

Gold Medal Award, Calcutta University, India, 1973

UGC Research Fellowship, Calcutta University, India, 1973–1975

State Scholarship, West Bengal Government, India, 1975–1978

Wellcome Trust Research Scholarship, UK, 1978–1980

Best Thesis Award, Society for Endocrinology, UK, 1979

Mellon Foundation Faculty Scholar Award, USA, 1983–1986

Basil O'Connor Research Award, March of Dimes, USA, 1985–87

Fellow, American Association for the Advancement of Science, 1996–present

Senior Scientist Award, Association of Scientist of Indian Origin, New Orleans, 1997

Research Scientist Developmental Award, National Institutes of Health, 1997–2002

Sustained Research Excellence Award, Cook College, Rutgers University, 2004

Suva Mukherjee Memorial Oration Gold Medal, Physiological Society of India, 2006

Merit Award, National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, National Institutes of Health, 2009-2019.

Fellow, Indian Academy of Neurosciences (IAN), 2014-present

2013 S.K. Manchanda Memorial FIPS Oration, 2013

Selected Faculty Honor by Rutgers During 2014 University Commencement Ceremony

Research Society on Alcoholism 2017 Distinguished Researcher Award

Nominated by Research Society on Alcoholism (RSA) for Tharp Award (result will be announced in November.

#### SOCIETY BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Membership Committee, Endocrine Society, 1996–1999

Finance Committee, Research Society on Alcoholism, 1997–1998

Charter Member, American Neuroendocrine Society, 1997

President, Society for Neuroscience Northern Rocky Mountain Chapter, 1998–1999

Public Communication Committee, Research Society on Alcoholism, 1999–2001

President and Charter Member, Alcohol Researcher of Indian Origin, 2009

Indian Academy of Neurosciences (IAN)- US Chapter organizing committee, 2015

Secretary international affairs of Indian Academy of NeuroSciences (IAN). 2015

Member, Executive committee of the American Association of Indian Scientists in Cancer Research (AAISCR)

# FEDERAL ADVISORY BOARDS AND GRANT REVIEW

## **Federal Advisory Board**

NIAAA Editorial Advisory Board for Alcohol Research & Health, 2009-2013

Advisory Board of the NIAAA Center for Neurobiology of Adolescent Drinking in Adults (NADIA)

Advisory Board of the NIAAA Center for Alcohol Research in Epigenetics (CARE).

## **Regular NIH Study Section Member**

Alcohol Biomedical Research Review Committee, Neuroscience and Behavior Subcommittee,

1992-1996

ALTX III, 2001–2003

AA4 -2010-2014

## **Ad Hoc NIH Study Section Member**

Member, Biochemistry, Physiology and Medicine Subcommittee (ALCB1) 1991

Member, Neuroscience and Behavior Subcommittee (ALCB2) 1991–1992

Member, Metabolic Pathology Special Emphasis Panel 1996

Member, ALTX Special Emphasis Panel 1997, 1999

Member, Neurotoxicology 4, July and November 1999; October 2000

Member, NIAAA Center Grant Special Review Panel, 2002–2004

Member, ZRG1 Special Emphasis Panel 1997-2000; Ad hoc member 2002-2008

Chair, ZRG NMB, Neurotoxicology of Heavy Metals Study Section, 2004

Member, ZRG1 IMM, 2005

Member, ZDK1 GRB-4 M, 2005

Member, Neurotoxicity and Alcohol Study Section, 2006

Member, ZDK1 GRB-4 M3, 2006

Member, NIAAA P20 AND P50 Center Grant Special Review Panel, 2007, 2008, 2012

Chair, ZAA1CC16 Study section and NAL, 2007

Member, ZA1CC and NAL, 2008

Member, NAL; MCE, Challenge grants, 2009

Ad hoc member, AA4, 2010

Ad hoc member, ZAA1 DD (05), March, 2015

Ad hoc member, ZAA1 GG (65), June, 2015

Ad hoc member, ZAA1 DD (05), Nov, 2015

Ad hoc member, ZRG1 IFCN-L (02) M, Nov, 2016

Adhoc member, ZRG1 OBT-J (55), ZRG1 OBT-H (07), March 29, 2017

## Ad Hoc Grant Reviewer for other agencies

National Science Foundation, 1987, 1991–2005

The New York Academy of Sciences, 1991

Department of Veterans Affairs, 1995

NSERC, Canada, 2006

Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG), 2010

European Foundation for Alcohol Research, 2013

Prostate Cancer UK, 2013

## **Graduate Program Reviewer**

National Research Council Assessment of Research Doctorate Program, 2007

#### **EDITORIAL BOARDS AND MANUSCRIPT REVIEW**

## **Field Editor:**

2015-2018: Alcoholism: Clinical & Experimental Research

## **Editorial Board Member**

Neuroendocrinology 1987–1990, Endocrinology 1989–1992, Open Endocrinology Journal, 2007-2014, Journal of Stem Cell Research and Transplantation, present; Journal of Hormones, present.

## Ad Hoc Reviewer for Journals

Alcohol; Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research; Biology of Reproduction; Cells, Tissues and Organs; Brain Research; Cancer Research; Endocrine; Endocrinology; Journal of Endocrinology; Journal of Molecular Endocrinology; Journal of Neurochemistry; Journal of Neuroendocrinology; Journal of Neuroscience; Life Sciences; Molecular and Cellular Neurosciences; Molecular Endocrinology; Nature Medicine; Neuroendocrinology; Pharmacological Research; Synapse Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics,

Neuropeptide, Indian Journal of Experimental Biology, Alcohol, BBA - Gene Structure and Expression, Neuroscience, Infection and Immunity, Journal of Physiology, Gene Therapy, Journal of Neuropathology and Experimental Neurology, Journal of Biological Rhythms, International Journal of Cell Biology, Journal of Immunology, Clinical and Experimental Metastasis, Addiction Biology, Frontiers in Genetics, Journal of Neuroimmune Pharmacology, Alcohol Research: Current Reviews, The International Journal of Neuropsychopharmacology, PLoS One.

## **RESEARCH CONSULTANT**

Gynex Corporation, Chicago, 1985–1987

# INVITATION TO INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL MEETINGS & INSTITUTES Plenary Lectures:

- Distinguished Foreign Scientist Lecture, Congress of International Chinese Integrative Medicine Oncology. "Role of Stress Control in Cancer Prevention." Shanghai, China, 18-19 October, 2008
- **Platinum Jubilee Lecture**, "Epigenetic Transgenerational Actions of Alcohol on Stress and Neuroimmune Axes" Platinum Jubilee Celebration of Physiological Society of India, Science City Convention Center, Kolkata, Nov 12-14, 2009.
- **Distinguished Foreign Scientist Lecture**, "Gene and Environment Interaction in Regulating Body Stress and Immune Functions" 98<sup>th</sup> Indian Science Congress, SRM University, Chennai, January 3 7, 2011
- *Keynote Address*, "Male germline carries for many generation some alcohol modified genes that promote stress, anxiety and cancer," at the Indo-US Symposium on Impact of Early Life Adversity on Developing Brain, at the Department of Biochemistry, K. G. Medical University, Lucknow, October 29, 2013.
- **S.K.** Manchanda Memorial Oration lecture, "Beta-Endorphin Neuronal Activation: A Potential Measure to Prevent Cancer Growth, Progression and Metastasis" at the Fifth Congress of the Federation of Indian Physiological Societies (FIPS) in Tirupati, India on December 17, 2013.
- 7th Plenary Lecture, "Alterations in Genes Impacting Circadian Rhythms and Stress Axis: Possible Markers for FASD" at the 7<sup>th</sup> International Conference on FASD, Vancouver, Canada, March 1-4, 2017.
- **Plenary Lecture**, 7th International Conference on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, "Alterations in Genes Impacting Circadian Rhythms and Stress Axis: Possible Markers for FASD", Vancouver, BC, March 1-4, 2017.
- **Plenary Lecture**, International conference on Metabolic Diseases: Genetics, Epigenetic and Proteomics, "Preconception alcohol drinking alters glucose homeostasis and increases diabetes susceptibility in the offspring", Sofia, Bulgaria, May 19-21, 2017.
- *Keynote Address*, 5th Asia-Pacific Society for Alcohol and Addiction Research (APSAAR) conference, "Alcohol epigenetic programming of the stress axis transmits from mother to child with fetal alcohol syndrome disorders" Taipei, Taiwan, May 29<sup>th</sup> until June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017.
- **Plenary Lecture**, Distinguished Researcher Award Lecture, Research society on Alcoholism, 41<sup>st</sup> Annual RSA Scientific Conference, "Understanding health outcomes of excessive alcohol use through the window of the neuro-endocrine-immune system," Denver, Colorado. June 24<sup>th</sup> June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017

## **Chair, Scientific Sessions at International and National Meetings**

Satellite Symposium of Endocrine Society on Brain-Gut-Peptides, Pullman, WA, 1989. FASEB Meeting: "The Recent Progress in Neuroendocrinology," Washington DC, 1990.

- Research Society on Alcoholism & International Society for Biomedical Research on Alcoholism Meeting: "Neuroendocrine-Immune Axis of Alcoholics," Washington DC, 1996.
- International Society for Biomedical Research on Alcoholism and Research Society on Alcoholism—ISBRA: "Role of Estrogen in Alcohol Promotion of Breast Cancer and Prolactinoma," Japan, 2000.
- Gordon Research Conference on Hormonal Carcinogenesis, "Role of Cell-Cell Communication in Hormonal Carcinogenesis," Colby, CT, 2001.
- Research Society on Alcoholism National Meeting, "Circadian Rhythms," Vancuver, Canada, June 2004.
- 12th World Congress Biomedical Alcohol Research, International Society for Biomedical Research on Alcoholism Congress, "Clock Genes and the Interaction with Alcohol," Heidelberg, Germany, September 2004.
- 50th Anniversary of Deaddiction Center, National Institute of Mental Health and Neuroscience, "Chronic Alcohol drinking alters body's innate immunity", Bangalore, India, November 2005.
- 13th World Congress Biomedical Alcohol Research, ISBRA, Alcohol effects on neuronal stem cell differentiation, Sydney, Australia, September, 2006.
- International Update on Basic and Clinical Neuroscience Advances and the XXIV Annual Meeting of Indian Academy of Neurosciences. "Mother's alcohol drinking habit may make the baby susceptible to sleep trouble, stress-hyperreactivity and immune problem," Lucknow, India, December 17 20, 2006.
- International Symposium on Advances in Neurosciences & Silver Jublee Conference of Indian Academy of Neurosciences, Conference on Molecular and Cellular Basis of Brain Functions and Disorders, "Why Stress Promotes Drug Abuse". Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, India, November 22-25, 2007.
- Research Society on Alcoholism National Meeting, "Epigenetic of Alcohol Effects on the Nervous System," San Diego, California, June 2009.
- Research Society on Alcoholism National Meeting, "Molecular mechanism of alcohol-induced fetal programming," San Francisco, California, June 2012.
- 2012 International Society for Biomedical Research on Alcoholism Biomedical Alcohol Research, ISBRA, "Fetal Programming effect of alcohol" Sapporo, Japan., September, 2012.
- Research Society on Alcoholism National Meeting, "Neuroimmune, microglia and alcohol addiction," Orlando, Florida, June 2013.
- International Symposium on Translational Neuroscience and 32nd Annual Conference of Indian Academy of Neurosciences. "Neurobiology of Addiction," National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), Bangalore from November 1-3, 2014.
- 7th International Conference on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, "Alterations in Genes Impacting Circadian Rhythms and Stress Axis: Possible Markers for FASD", Vancouver, BC, March 1-4, 2017.
- 41st Annual RSA Scientific Conference "Impact of Brain-Gut-Liver Axis and Alcohol Induced Neuroinflammation on Organ Injury" June 2017, Denver, Colorado.
- 5th Asia-Pacific Society for Alcohol and Addiction Research (APSAAR) conference, "Alcohol epigenetic programming of the stress axis transmits from mother to child with fetal alcohol syndrome disorders" Taipei, Taiwan, May 29<sup>th</sup> until June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017.
- 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the International Drug Abuse Research Society, ''Alcohol tissue injury and addiction" September 5, Dubrovnik, Croatia.

- Eleventh International Symposium, Division of Brain Sciences: "The Mechanisms of the Action of Prolactin on Gonadotropin Release," The Taniguchi Foundation, Kyoto, Osaka, Japan, 1987.
- New York Academy of Sciences, Oxytocin in Maternal Sexual and Social Behavior: "Pituitary Portal Plasma Levels of Oxytocin during the Estrous Cycle, Lactation and Hyperprolactinemia," Arlington, VA, May 1991.
- Alberta Heritage Foundation for Medical Research, Department of Physiology: "Transforming Growth Factor in the Pituitary Gland: A Possible Role in Tumorigenesis," University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada, October 1991.
- Cascades Chapter Neuroscience Society Meeting: "Transforming Growth Factor Regulated Function of Lactotropes in the Pituitary Gland," Portland, OR, May 1992.
- Gordon Research Conference on Prolactin: "Role of Transforming Growth Factor," Oxnard, CA, January 1994.
- International Society of Psychoneuroendocrinology: "Alcohol Actions on β-endorphin Neuronal Differentiation and Neurotransmission," Munich, Germany, August 1995.
- International Society for Biomedical Research on Alcoholism and Research Society on Alcoholism: "Effects of Ethanol in Immune Signal-Modulated Secretion of a Hypothalamic Opioid Peptide β-endorphin," Washington, DC, June 1996.
- Research Society on Alcoholism: "Ethanol Effects on Intracellular Calcium Signaling," Denver, CO, June 2000.
- International Society for Biomedical Research on Alcoholism and Research Society on Alcoholism: "Evaluation of the Role of Estrogen in Mediation of Ethanol Effect on Prolactinoma: Studies Using Animals," Yokohama, Japan, July 2000.
- Gordon Research Conference on Hormonal Carcinogenesis, "A New Role of Folliculo-Stellate Cells in Controlling Pituitary Prolactin Cells Tumor," Kimbal Union Academy, New Hampshire, July 2001.
- National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism and the Office of Rare Diseases, NIH sponsored Research Society on Alcoholism Satellite Workshop, "Detection of Prenatal Fetal Alcohol Exposure: Signaling Cascades." Montreal, Canada, June 2001.
- International Symposium and 10th Annual Convention of the Indian Society for Veterinary Immunology and Biotechnology, Tamil Nadu Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Madras, India, December 2003.
- Annual Scientific Meeting of the Research Society on Alcoholism, "Astroglia protect neurons from ethanol-induced apoptotic death by a paracrine mechanism in the developing hypothalamus," Vancouver, Canada, June 2004.
- Annual Scientific Meeting of the Research Society on Alcoholism, "Laser capture microdissection analysis of proopiomelanocortin and clock-regulating gene expression in β-endorphin neurons: effects of ethanol and cAMP," Vancouver, Canada, June 2004.
- 12th World Congress Biomedical Alcohol Research, ISBRA, "Ethanol effects on the central and peripheral clock machineries and the circadian rhythm of the neuroendocrine-immune axis" and "Clock Genes and the Interaction with Alcohol," Heidelberg, Germany, September 2004.
- Annual Scientific Meeting of the Research Society on Alcoholism, "Chronic alcohol exposure impairs the circadian expression of arginine vasopressin and *Per* Genes in suprachiasmatic nucleus and paraventricular nucleus of the hypothalamus," Santa Barbara, California, June 2005.
- Pituitary today: Molecular, physiological and clinical aspects, "TGF-beta regulation of prolactinomas', Iguazu, Argentina-Brazil, November, 2005.

- 13th World Congress Biomedical Alcohol Research, ISBRA, Alcohol effects on neuronal stem cell differentiation, "In vitro differentiation of embryonic neuronal stem cells into beta-endorphin neurons: potential use in preventing hyperresponsiveness of the stress axis in fetal alcohol exposed offspring," Sydney, Australia, September, 2006.
- International Update on Basic and Clinical Neuroscience Advances and the XXIV Annual Meeting of Indian Academy of Neurosciences. "Mother's alcohol drinking habit may make the baby susceptible to sleep trouble, stress-hyperreactivity and immune problem," Lucknow, India, December 17 20, 2006.
- Association of Scientist of Indian Origin in America, Recent Advnces in Basic and Clinical Neuroscience. "The potential use of stem cell therapy in stress disorders", Chicago, May 11, 2007.
- Annual Scientific Meeting of the Research Society on Alcoholism, Symposium on Signaling mechanisms in alcohol dependence and neurotoxocity. "Alcohol-induced neurotoxicity is caused by the imbalance in the production of cytokines and cAMP from glia and neuronal cells," Chicago, Illinois, July, 2007
- International Symposium on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder and Stress: New Insight from Basic Science Studies. "Circadian Clocks, Neuroendocrine-Immune-Stress Axis, and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders,' Volterra, Tuscany, Italy, May 6-8, 2008.
- Pituitary Today II. "The Communication Between Dopamine D2S Receptor and TGF-ß type II Receptor is Vital for Normal Lactotrope Function." Angra dos Reis (Brasil) November 12-14, 2008.
- International Conference on Advances in Neurosciences & XXVI Annual Meeting of Indian Academy of Neurosciences at Center for Neuroscience. "Molecular and Epigenetic Mechanisms Involved in Alcohol-Induced Stress Axis Dysfunction." Cochin, India 12-14 December, 2008.
- 41st Annual Conference of the Indian Pharmacological Society, "Alcohol Effect on the Neuroendocrine-immune system." New Delhi, India 18-20 December, 2008.
- 100th Annual Meeting of American Association of Cancer Research, "Neural stem cell-derived beta-endorphin neuron transplants into the brain increase natural killer cell activity, decrease antiinflammatory cytokines and prevent metastatic colonization in rats" Denver, Colorado, April, 2009.
- 32nd Annual RSA Scientific Conference, "Epigenetic Trangenerational Action of Alcohol on Stress and Immune Axes, San Diego California June, 2009
- Platinum Jubilee Celebration of Physiological Society of India, Science City Convention Center, Kolkata, Nov 12-14, 2009.
- 15th World Congress Biomedical Alcohol Research, ISBRA, Mechanisms of alcohol on carcinogenesis and tumor progression, "Increased susceptibility to prostate cancer in fetal alcohol exposed offspring: Role of the neuroendocrine-immune axis," September 13-16, 2010, Paris.
- European Society for Biomedical Research on Alcoholism (ESBRA), Nordmann Award Meeting 2010, Role of Neuroendocrine-immune axis in alcohol promotion of cancer, September 17-18, 2010, Heidelberg.
- 34nd Annual RSA Scientific Conference, "Fetal alcohol-induced hypermethylation of proopiomelanocortin gene in the hypothalamus transmits through germline, Atlanta, June, 2011

- European Society for Biomedical Research on Alcoholism (ESBRA), 2011, Fetal alcoholinduced hypermethylation of proopiomelanocortin gene in the hypothalamus transmits through germline, September 3-7, 2011, Vienna, Austria.
- NIAAA workshop on Epigenetic Inheritance and the Transmission of Acquired traits: Implications for Alcohol Use Disorders. A satellite workshop to the International Behavioral and Neural Genetics Society Annual Meeting, Transgenerational epigenetic effect from fetal alcohol exposure. May, 2012, Boulder, CO.
- Society for Research on Biological Rhythms (SRBR), Circadian Regulation of Natural Killer Cell Functions, May 2012, Destine, Florida.
- 36<sup>th</sup> Annual RSA Scientific Conference, "Alcohol fetal programming for stress and immune abnormalities and tumorigenesis," June 2012, San Francisco, CA.
- 19<sup>th</sup> Society on NeuroImmune Pharmacology, "Microglial mediation of alcohol programming of the neuroendocrine-stress axis." April 2013, San Juan, Puerto Rico.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Alcohol and Cancer Conference, "Fetal alcohol exposure increases susceptibility to carcinogenesis and promotes tumor progression in endocrine tissues, "May 2013, Breckenridge, Colorado.
- 37<sup>th</sup> Annual RSA Scientific Conference, "Prenatal alcohol exposure increases susceptibility to mammary and prostate carcinogenesis and alters tumor phenotypes in adults," June 2013, Orlando, FL.
- International Symposium on Neurosciences and XXXI Annual Conference of Indian Academy of Neurosciences, "Male germline carries for many generation some alcohol modified genes that promote stress, anxiety and cancer," October 25th-27th, 2013, Allahabad, India.
- National Meeting for the American Association of Cancer research. Mini Symposium on Prevention Research. "Hypothalamic Beta-endorphin Neuron Suppress Pre-neoplastic and Neoplastic Lesions and Modulates Colonic Pro-Inflammatory Cytokines and Epithelial-Mesenchymal Transition (EMT) in 1,2-dimethylhydrazine Induced Colon Cancer Model" April, 2014, San Diego, CA.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Alcohol and Cancer Conference, "Alcohol programming of the stress axis suppresses innate immune function and promote carcinogenesis" May 29- June 2, 2015, Crete, Greece.
- 39<sup>th</sup> Annual RSA Scientific Conference, "Fetal alcohol programming of the neuroendocrine-immune axis increases the susceptibility to carcinogenesis" June 2015, San Antonio, TX.
- 39<sup>th</sup> Annual RSA Scientific Conference –Sattellite meeting on Concept to Drug Development Translational Approaches in Alcoholic Liver Disease, "Targeting the neuroimmune system to control liver disease" June 2015, San Antonio, TX.
- 4th APSAAR/5th IDARS Conference, "Endocrine, metabolic and immune disorders in fetal-alcohol-exposed adult animals" August, 2015, Sydney, Australia.
- European Society for Biomedical Research on Alcoholism (ESBRA), "Transgenerational epigenetic inheritance in alcoholism", September 17-18, 2015, Valencia, Spain.
- 103rd Indian Science Congress, University of Mysore, "Transgenerational epigenetic inheritance: Evidence from alcoholism", January 3-7, 2016. Mysore, India.
- 40<sup>th</sup> Annual RSA Scientific Conference "Trangenerational epigenetic inheritance: Evidence from fetal alcohol exposures," June 2016, New Orleans, LA.
- The 2017 Genes, Brain and Behavior meeting of the International Behavioral and Genetics Society, "Neural Alcohol induced epigenetic modifications of stress regulatory genes transmit via germline," May 14-18, 2017
- 41<sup>st</sup> Annual RSA Scientific Conference "Alcohol induced epigenetic modification of stress regulatory genes transmit via germline" June 2017, Denver, Colorado.

6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the International Drug Abuse Research Society, "Alcohol epigenetic marks transmits for multiple generation" September 4-8, Dubrovnik, Croatia.

## **Invited Speaker at Various institutes and Universities**

- Center for Biomedical Research, The Population Council, The Rockefeller University, New York, June 1978
  - Vincent Research Laboratories, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, June 1978.
- Oxford Endocrine Group: "Neuroendocrine Control of Gonadotropin Secretion in Rats," University of Oxford, England, March 1979.
- Department of Neuroanatomy, School of Medicine: "Hypothalamic Control of the Pituitary," Yale University, New Haven, CT, November 1979.
- Second Department of Anatomy, Semmelweis University Medical School, Budapest, Hungary, July 1980.
- Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine: "Transforming Growth Factor in the Pituitary Gland: A Possible Role in Tumorigenesis," Albany Medical Center, Albany, NY, September 1996.
- Department of Physiology: "Catecholamine Control of Gonadotropin Secretion," University of Calcutta, Calcutta, India, October 1980.
- Animal Science, Department of Physiology: "Control of the Secretion of Hypothalamic LHRH," Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, April 1981.
- Department of Zoology: "A Novel Concept for the Development of Prolactin Adenomas," Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, August 1981.
- Department of Physiology: "Control of the Secretion of LHRH in Pituitary Portal Blood," School of Medicine, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI, September 1981.
- Department of Physiology: "Degeneration of Tuberoinfundibular Neurons: A Novel Concept for the Development of Pituitary Tumor," Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, November 1981.
- Endocrine Research Unit, Department of Physiology: "Techniques for Neuroendocrine Research," Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, December 1981.
- College of Physicians and Surgeons, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology: "Does LHRH Meet the Criteria for a Hypothalamic Releasing Factor?" Columbia University, New York, April 1982.
- Department of Anatomy, School of Medicine: "Neuroendocrine Control of LHRH Release," University of California, Los Angeles, CA, November 1985.
- Reproductive Neuroendocrinology Section: "Hypothalamo-Pituitary Portal Vascular System: A Window for Peptidergic and Aminergic Neurotransmission," National Institute Environmental Health Science, Research Triangle Park, NC, December 1984.
- Fishberg Research Center for Neurobiology: "Mechanism of the Action of Prolactin on Gonadotropin Release," The Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York, NY, April 1988.
- Department of Animal Science: "Role of Neuropeptide Y in the Initiation of Puberty," Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick, NJ, April 1991.
- Section of Neuroscience: "Transforming Growth Factor in the Pituitary Gland: A Possible Role in Tumorigenesis," Oregon Regional Primate Center, Beaverton, OR, July 1991.

  Department of Zoology: "Regulation of LHRH Release during Reproductive Cycle and Hyperprolactinemia," University of Alberta, Edmonton, Canada, October 1991.
- Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproduction, Division of Reproductive Endocrinology: "Transforming Growth Factor in the Pituitary Gland: A Possible Role in Tumorigenesis," Beth Israel Hospital, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA, July 1994.

- Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Albany Medical Center: "Transforming Growth Factor in the Pituitary Gland: A Possible Role in Tumorigenesis," Albany, NY, September 1996.
- Center for Reproductive Biology: "Cell–Cell Communication in the Anterior Pituitary Controlling Estrogen-Induced Lactotropic Cell Proliferation," Washington State University, Pullman, WA, February 1997.
- Pharmaceutical Sciences Seminar Series: "Can Alcoholism Lead to a Predisposition for Hormonal Carcinogenesis?" Washington State University, Pullman, WA, March 1997.
- Department of Bioregulation, Institute of Gerontology, Nippon Medical School: "Estrogen-Induced Prolactinomas," Kawasaki, Japan, July 2000.
- Department of Veterinary Pathobiology, University of Minnesota: "Stress-related Diseases: Cellular Perspectives," St. Paul, Minnesota, October 2000.
- Department of Physiology and Biophysics, UMDNJ-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Piscataway, NJ. "Stress-related Diseases: Cellular Perspectives," November 2000.
- The Advances in Therapeutic Agents, Discovery and Development Workshop, Rutgers University and the New Jersey Agriculture Experiment Station: "Novel Potential Therapeutic Approaches in Treatment of Pituitary Tumors," NJ, January 2002.
- Department of Developmental & Molecular Biology, Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Bronx, NY. "Role of cell-cell communication in estrogen-induced carcinogenesis in the pitutiary gland. "April, 2005.
- Department of Neural and Behavioral Sciences, Penn State College of Medicine, Hershey, PA. "Targeting β-endorphin neuron differentiation in repairing stress axis dysfunction in fetal alcohol exposed offspring." May, 2005.
- Department of Cell Biology, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH. "Role of cell-cell communication in estrogen-induced tumorigenesis in the pituitary gland." September, 2005.
- Mental Health Research Institute, Parkville, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia. "Mother's alcohol drinking habit may make the baby susceptible to sleep trouble, stress-hyperreactivity and immune problem, September 2006.
- Fifth Tripartite Workshop in Biotechnology and BioEnergy, The potential use of stem cell therapy in stress disorders, 9-12 April 2007, Hilton Hotel, East Brunswick, NJ.
- Department of Pharmacology, College of Medicine, Howard University, Washington DC, "Clock gene regulation of neuroendocrine- immune function," October 10, 2007.
- Division of Endocrinology, Metabolism and Clinical Nutrition, Medical College of Wisconsin, MCW Clinic, Froedhert East, E4950, Milwaukee, Wisconsin. "The potential use of betaendorphin cell therapy in controlling stress and prostate cancer progression." June 5th, 2008.
- Dept. of Psychiatry, National Drug Dependence Treatment Centre, All India Institute Medical Sciences, New Delhi-110029, India, "Epigenetic Transgenerational Actions of Alcohol on Stress and Neuroimmune Axes." November 9, 2009.
- LSUHSC School of Medicine, New Orleans, LA, Physiology Seminar Series, "Use of betaendorphin cell therapy in the treatment of cancer and immune diseases." March 4, 2010.
- Center for Substance Abuse Research, Temple University, Use of beta-endorphin cell therapy in the treatment of cancer and immune diseases." May 18, 2010.
- Texas A&M University, College of Veterinary Medicine, Toxicology Program, "Role of neuroendocrine-immune axis in alcohol promotion of cancer." January 31, 2011.
- Center for Cancer Prevention Research, Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, "Controlling cancer growth by endorphin cells." February 18, 2010.

- The Cancer Institute of New Jersey, New Jersey, Cancer Center Ground Rounds, "Protective role of endorphin neurons against metastatic diffusion and cancer progression,' September 21, 2011.
- Department of Neuroscience, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico, "fetal alcohol programming of the neuroendocrine-immune axis may contribute to the etiology of chronic diseases for generations," March 20-22, 2013.
- Department of Psychiatry, College of Medicine, University of Illinois at Chicago, "Can alcohol effects be inherited", October 8, 2014.
- Department of Neuroscience, Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University, Transgenerational epigenetic effects of fetal alcohol exposures,"September 20, 2017

## **MEETINGS ORGANIZED**

## **Symposia and Workshops**

- Member of Organizing Committee: "Satellite Symposium of Endocrine Society on Brain-Gut-Peptides," July 1989.
- Organizer, Theme Symposium: "The Recent Progress in Neuroendocrinology," American Physiological Society, FASEB Meeting, February 1990.
- Organizer: "Symposium on Neuroendocrine-Immune Axis of Alcoholics," Research Society on Alcoholism and ISBRA, July 1996.
- Member of Organizing Committee: SSR Annual National Meeting, August 1998.
- Chair of Organizing Committee: "21st Century Workshop on Animal Biotechnology," Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New Brunswick, NJ, April 2000.
- Organizer: "Role of Estrogen in Alcohol Promotion of Breast Cancer and Prolactinoma," ISBRA, Yokohama, Japan, July 2000.
- Organizer: "Circadian Rhythms," Annual Scientific Meeting of the Research Society on Alcoholism, Vancouver, Canada, June 2004.
- Organizer: "Clock Genes and the Interaction with Alcohol," 12th World Congress Biomedical Alcohol Research, International Society for Biomedical Research on Alcoholism Congress, Heidelberg, Germany, September 2004
- Organizer: International Naltrexone-Immunology Research Meeting, Rutgers University, June, 2005.
- Organizer: "Why Stress Promotes Drug Abuse". International Symposium on Advances in Neurosciences & Silver Jubilee Conference of Indian Academy of Neurosciences, Conference on Molecular and Cellular Basis of Brain Functions and Disorders, Varanas Hindu University, Varanasi, India, November, 2007.
- Organizer: "Epigenetic of alcohol effect on the nervous system." Annual Scientific Meeting of the Research Society on Alcoholism, San Diego, California, June, 2009.
- Organizer: "Pioneers in Endocrinology Workshops." Rutgers University, 2008-present.
- Organizer: "Molecular mechanism of alcohol-induced fetal programming," Research Society on Alcoholism National Meeting, San Francisco, California, June 2012.
- Organizer: "Fetal Programming effect of alcohol," International Society for Biomedical Research on Alcoholism Biomedical Alcohol Research, ISBRA, Sapporo, Japan, September, 2012.
- Organizer: "Developmental Alcohol and Neuroinflammation." 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Research Society on Alcoholism, New Orleans, Louisiana, June, 2016.
- Organizer: "Role of early life environment, co-morbid depression, neurochemical regulation and epigenetic reprogramming in stress abnormalities in fetal alcohol spectrum disorders" Stress and Alcoholism meeting, Volterra, Italy, May, 2017

Organizer: "Impact of brain-gut-liver axis and alcohol-induced neurinflammation on organ injury." 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Scientific Meeting of the Research Society on Alcoholism, Denver, Colorado, June, 2017.

Organizer: "Current Status and Diagnosis of Fetal Alcohol Research" Indian Academy of Neurosciences, Cuttack, Odisha, India, Oct 29-31, 2017

#### **SEMINARS AND JOURNAL CLUBS**

In charge, Departmental Weekly Seminars, WSU, 1995

In charge, Departmental Seminars, University of California at San Diego, 1985-1986

In charge, Neuroendocrine Journal Club at WSU, 1992-1994

In charge, Cell Biology Journal Club at WSU, 1997–1999

In charge, Endocrine Journal Club at Rutgers, 1999-Present

Organizer, Endocrine Interest Group, Rutgers-UMDNJ, 2000-Present

In charge, Departmental Weekly Seminars, Rutgers, 2004-2005

In charge, Departmental Weekly Seminars, Rutgers, Fall, 2008

#### **UNIVERSITY SERVICE AND COMMITTEES**

Member, Physiology/Pharmacology Graduate Program, 1984

Member, Proposition Committee, 1984

Member, Review Committee for Summer Graduate Research Assistantships, 1989

Member, Review Committee for Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program, 1990–1997

Representative, Graduate Studies Committee, 1989, 1992, 1993, 1995

Member, Faculty Search Committee for Theriogenologist, 1992

Member, Space Committee, VCAPP, 1990–1991

Member, Information Technology Committee, School of Vet. Medicine, 1990–1995

Chair, Space Committee, VCAPP, 1993–1995

Member, Resource Committee, VCAPP, 1992–1994

Member, Curriculum Committee, Neuroscience Graduate Program, 1994

Member, Search Committee, Director of Center for Reproductive Biology, 1996

Chair, Wegner Vivarium Committee, 1989–1998

Member, Pharmacology Toxicology Curriculum and Policy Committee, 1996–97

Member, Steering Committee, Center for Reproductive Biology, 1996–1999

Chair, Resource Committee, VCAPP, 1996–1999

Member, VCAPP 5-year Planning Committee, 1997–1999

Chair, Molecular Neurobiology Faculty Search Committee, 1997–98

Member, Vet School Tenure and Promotion Committee, 1997–1999

Member, Genetics and Cell Biology Graduate Affairs Committee, 1997–1999

Member, Curriculum Committee, Neuroscience Undergraduate Program, 1997–1999

Member, Cook/NJAES Award Committee, 2000

Member, Cook/NJAES Research Committee, 1999–2002

Chair, Agricultural Animal Facility Advisory Committee, 1999–2002

Member, Cook/NJAES Research/Planning Committee, 2000–2001

Member, Food, Nutrition and Health Council, 2000–2001

Chair, Agricultural Animal Facility Advisory Committee, 1999–2001

Faculty Adviser, Bengali Student Association, 2001–Present

Faculty Adviser, Animal Science Undergraduate Majors, 2002-Present

Member, Conflict of Interest Committee, 2003–2005

Associate Member, South Asian Studies Initiative, 2003–2009

Member, Food & Agriculture Biosecurity Institute, 2003–2005

Member, Exploratory Research Grants Review Committee-EOHSI, 2004

Member, Various departmental PII Promotion Committees, 2004, 2005, 2007

Member, Curriculum Committee, Graduate Program in Physiology, 2004–Present

Member, Cook/NJAES Award Committee, 2005

Member, Cook PII Promotion Committee, 2005-2006, 2009-2011.

Member, Endocrinolgy and Animal Biosciences Admission Committee, 2007-2014

Chair, Bengali Cultural and Language initiative Committee (Raised \$38,000 for the Rutgers

Bengali language program), 2007

Member, Endocrine Faculty Search Committee, 2009

Steering Committee for the Animal Sciences Departmental retreat, 2009

Chair, Graduate Admission Committee, 2009-2011.

Member, Rutgers' Strategic Planning Committee: Understanding and creating a sustainable world through discovery, innovation, engineering, and technology, 2014

Member, Rutgers' Committee on Academic Planning and Review, 2014-2017.

Member, Endocrine Faculty Search Committee, 2016

Member, Endocrinology Division Chair Search Committee, 2016

#### MENTORING JUNIOR FACULTY

Carey A. Williams, Assistant Professor, Department of Animal Sciences, 2005-2009 Andrzej Pietrzykowski's KO8 grant from NIH, 2009-2014

Nicolas Bello, Assistant Professor, Department of Animal Sciences, 2010 – present William Belden, Assistant Professor, Department of Animal Sciences, 2013 – present Nadia Rachdaoui, Research Assistant Professor, Department of Animal Sciences, 2014 – present

## **ADVISING STUDENT ORGANIZATION**

Bengali Student Association, 2000-present

## **FUNDRAISING**

- 1. Raised fund to construct the Endocrine Research Facilities (A new research building at Cook Campus of Rutgers University)
- 2. Raised \$45,000 to establish the Hahn-McGuire State-of-the-Art Lectureship in Endocrinology
- 3. Chair, Bengali Language and Culture Initiative Fund Raising Committee. Raised \$38,000.

#### **FORMAL COURSE TEACHING**

1984	Instructor, 151 Physiology, Endocrinology Section
1985–1987	Course Director, 227 Reproductive Medicine (Neuroendocrinology)
1986–1987	Instructor, 234 Neurosciences, Neuroendocrine Systems Section
1988–1991	Instructor, VPH 557 Advanced Mammalian Physiology, Endocrine Section, Fall
1989	Course Director, P/T 599 Graduate Student Seminar, Fall
1989–1995	Instructor, VM 406 Vet Cell Biology, Endocrine Section, Fall
1990–1997	Course Director, VPH 538/AnSc 538, Neuroendocrinology, Spring
1993, 1995	Course Director, VPH 592, Research Topics in Physiology
1995–1997	Instructor, PT 501, Perspectives in Pharmacology/Toxicology, Spring

1998	Instructor, PT 506, Principles of Pharmacology, Spring
1999	Instructor, 16:067:502, Reproductive Physiology, Fall
1999–2001	Instructor, 01:119:407, Research in Biology, Fall and Spring
1999–2001	Instructor, 11:015:497, Cook Honors Program, Spring and Fall
2000–2006	Instructor, 11:067:450, General Endocrinology, Fall
2001–2006	Course Director, 16:067:510, Neuroendocrinology
2001-Present	Instructor, 11:067:494 and 701, Research in Animal Sciences
2003-2005	Instructor, Medical Physiology, Neuroendocrinology, UMDNJ
2007-2016	Solo teacher, 11:067:410, Neuroendocrinology (alternate spring semester)
2007-2016	Solo teacher, 16:067:510, Neuroendocrinology (alternate spring semester)
2008-present	Solo teacher, 11:090:101, Endocrine Health and Diseases (every fall)
2008-2010	Insructor, Pysiological basis of diseases, spring
2016	Solo teacher, 11:067:410, Neuroendocrinology (Fall semester)
2016	Solo teacher, 16:067:510, Neuroendocrinology (Fall semester)

## **RESEARCH TRAINING**

## **Training Programs**

Faculty, Physiology and Pharmacology Graduate Program, UCSD

Faculty, Neuroscience Graduate Program, UCSD

Faculty, NIH-funded pre- and postdoctoral training in Reproductive Medicine, UCSD

Faculty, Veterinary Sciences Graduate Program, WSU

Faculty, Pharmacology and Toxicology Graduate Program, WSU

Faculty, Genetics and Cell Biology Graduate Program, WSU

Faculty, Neuroscience Graduate Program, WSU

Faculty, Center for Reproductive Biology Graduate Program, WSU

Faculty, NIH institutional short-term training for students in health science, WSU

Faculty, NIH institutional short-term training for minority high school students, WSU

Faculty, NIH-funded pre- and postdoctoral training in Alcohol and Immunity, WSU

Sponsor, NIH/NIAAA Minority Faculty Research Training (Dr. German Torres)

Sponsor, NIH/NINDS International Neurological Science Fellowship (Dr. Nadka Boyadjieva)

Faculty, Animal Sciences Graduate Program, Rutgers

Faculty, Molecular Biology and Neuroscience Graduate Program, Rutgers

Faculty, Physiology Graduate Program, Rutgers

Sponsor, NIH/NIAAA Minority Graduate Student Research Training (Maria Agapito), Rutgers

Sponsor, NIH/NCI Minority Graduate Student Research Training (Tiffany Polanco), Rutgers

Sponsor, NIH/NIAAA Minority Graduate Student Research Training (Tina Franklin), Rutgers

Sponsor, NIAAA Graduate Student Research Training (Rola Bekdash), Rutgers

Sponsor, NIAAA Rentry training (Nadia Rachdaoui), Rutgers

Sponsor, NIAAA F32 grant (Lucy Chastain), Rutgers

## Ph.D. Graduate Students

Major Professor

Balakrishna Prasad, VCAPP, 1992–1993

Greg Fraley, VCAPP, 1992–1993

Shane Hentges, Neuroscience, 1995–1999

Madhavi Dokur, Animal Sciences, 2000–2004

Alvaro Arjona, Animal Sciences, 2002–2006

Jason Marano, Animal Sciences, 2003–2005

Maria Agapito, Neuroscience, 2006-2013

Tiffany Polanco, Animal Science (Co-advisor with Cohick), 2007-2011

Rola Bekdash, Neuroscience, 2007-2011

Changqing Zhang, Endocrinology and Animal Biosciences, 2007-2013

Tina Franklin, Physiology and Integrative Biology, 2009-2013

Shaima Jabbar, Endocrinology and Animal Science, 2013-present

Miguel Cabrera, Endocrinology and Animal Science, 2013-present

Ali Al-Yasari, Endocrinology and Animal Science, 2013-present

## Ph.D. Graduate Students

## **Committee Member**

Han Insuk, Biochemistry/Biophysics, member, 1991–1993

Deanna Russell, Genetics & Cell Biology, member, 1992–1993

Cao Zhiping, Neuroscience, member, 1993-1994

B. Craig Prince, Animal Science, member, 1993-1994

Setu Sankaranarayanan, Neuroscience, 1995–1996

Amanda Moore, Pharmacology Toxicology, 1996–1997

Carleton Buck Jones, Phamacology Toxicology, 1997–98

Mark Clements, Pharmacology Toxicology, 1997–98

Nomeli Nunez, Pharmacology Toxicology, 1997–98

Keith W. Sockman, Zoology, 1997–98

Michael Zimber, Neuroscience, 1997–98

Michele Nicols, Animal Sciences, 2005-2006

Catina Crismale-Gann, Cell and Developmental Biology, 2009-2014

Elizabeth Kuhn Spiegler, Nutritional Science, 2011-2014

Lisa Maeng, Psychology, 2012-2014

Amar Hekmat Mahdl, Physiology and Integrative Biology, 2015-present

## **Rotation Graduate Students**

Tallie Z. Baram, PhD, Rotation Student, 1979

Adrian Harris, PhD, Rotation Student, 1987

Mark Roman, PhD, Rotation Student, 1988

Lisa Teodecki, PhD, Rotation Student, 1996

Sonia Cohen, Physiology and Neurobiology, 2001

Piya Ghose, Animal Sciences, 2005-2006

Luci Terenin, Molecular Biosciences, 2004

Shannon M. Smith, GSBS, 2007

Changqing Zhang, Endocrinology and Animal Science, 2008

Kathleen M. Ferio, Endocrinology and Animal Sciences, 2008

Lydia Louis, Toxicology Graduate Program, 2009

Srilatha Simhadri, Physiology and Integrative Biology, 2009

Hilary Stires, Endocrinology and Animal Science, 2011

Jennifer Perfater, Toxicology, 2012, fall.

Amar Hekmat, Physiology and Integrative Biology, 2013

Gregory Berger, Endocrinology and Animal Science, 2017

## M.S. Graduate Students

Major Professor

Richard Bailey, Master's thesis, 1985–1986

Mark Rothrock; Gary Kroft, Master's thesis, 1984–1985

Sonia Cohen, Master thesis, 2004-2005

## **International Student**

Claudia Hereñú, PhD student from Argentina, 2002

Daniela Radl, PhD student from Argentina, 2009

## Postdoctoral Fellows, Research Professor and Visiting Scientists

Naoto Mitsugi, MD, Postdoctoral Fellow, 1986–1988

Romi Roy, PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow, 1987

Sally Frautschy, PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow, 1987–1989

Shiro Minami, MD, PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow, 1989-1990

Qi-Wen Xie, PhD, Visiting Professor, 1990

Tapas K. Mondal, PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow, 1991-1992

Vijayabhasker Reddy, PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow, 1992–1994

Martine Pastorcic, PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow, 1992–1995

Alok De, PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow/Research Associate, 1993–2000

Nadka Boyadjieva, MD, PhD, Visiting Scientist, 1993–2012, 2016-present

German Torres, PhD, Research Assistant Professor, 1994

Janice Willard, DVM, Visiting Assistant Research Professor, 1996

G. Rolands Aravindan, PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow, 1997–1998

Raghava Reddy, PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow, 1997–1998

Lihua Yang, MD, Research Associate, 1998–2000

Jorge R. Ronderos, PhD, Visiting Assistant Professor, 1999

Deepthi E. Reddy, PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow, 1999–2000

Sudhir Jain, PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow, 2000

Soichi Oomizu, PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow, 2000–2002

Peter E. Kuhn, PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow, 2000-2006

Hemanta Koley, PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow, 2001–2002

Cui P. Chen, PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow, 2001–2006

Kirti Chaturvedi, PhD, Assistant Research Professor, 2001–2006

Nurul Kabir, PhD, Assistant Research Professor, 2003–2004

Suchira Pande, PhD, Assistant Research Professor, 2003–2004

Liansheng Liu, PhD, Research Associate, 2003–2006

Anita Thyagarajan, Visiting Scientist, 2004

Damodor Kethidi, Postdoctoral Research Associate, 2006-2007

Maria Ortigüela, Postdoctoral fellow, 2006

Emmerson M. Clement, Postdoctoral Research Associate, 2006-2008

Oindrila Chatterje, Postdoctoral Research Associate, 2006-2007

Amitabha Sengupta. Postdoctoral Research Associate, 2007-2012

Xiaodong Cheng, Postdoctoral Research Associate, 2007-2008

Sepidah Mojtehedzadeh, Postdoctoral Fellow, 2008-2008

Dmitry Govorko, Postdoctoral Research Associate, 2008-2013

Finla Chathu, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, 2009

Madhabi Dokur, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, 2008-2009.

Somporn Kamolsiripichaiporn, Visiting scientist, 2008

Vaishali Kulkarni, Research Associate, 2009

Meera Vaswani, Visiting Professor, 2009

Ryan Logan, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, 2009-2011

Sengottuvelan Murugan, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, 2009-2015, 2017-

Rupa Mukherjee, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, 2010.

Olivia Wynne, Postdoctoral Research Associate, 2011-2012

Omkaram Gangisetty, Postdoctoral Research Associate, 2011- present

Nadia Rachdaoui, Research Assistant professor, 2012- present

George Maglakelidze, Postdoctoral Fellow, 2013

Tania Das Banerjee, Postdoctoral Fellow, 2013

Anitha Malat, Visiting Postdoctoral, 2013

Pallavi Shrivastave, Postdoctoral Fellow, 2013-2016

Lucy Chaistain, Postdoctoral Fellow, 2014-present

Edward A. Mead, Postdoctoral Fellow, 2014-2015

Rupa Mukherjee, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, 2015-present.

Sayani Mukherjee, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, 2016-present.

Bénédicte Rousseau, Postdoctoral Fellow, 2016-present

## Independent Studies—Undergraduate

Susan Friedman, DVM, 1986-1987

Linda S. Freeman, DVM, 1989

Shane Hentges, Genetics and Cell Biology, 1994–1995

Rousie Hertz, Genetics and Cell Biology, Fall 1994, Fall 1996

Jacob Searles, Genetics and Cell Biology, Fall 1995, Summer 1996

Melain Valloni, Genetics and Cell Biology, Spring 1997

Ellen Boyed, DVM, Summer 1997

Sara Chapman, Genetics and Cell Biology, Fall 1997-Summer 1998

Tanya Howard, Biology, 1999–2000

Samuel Giordano, George H. Cook Honors Program, 2000–2001

Stephanie Decarlo, Animal Sciences, Spring 2001–2002

Kristina Willoughby, Animal Sciences, Spring and Summer 2001

Craig Burns, Biotechnology Internship, Summer 2001

Kristina Willoughby, George H. Cook Honors Program, 2001–2002

Henry C. Stokes, George H. Cook Honors Program, 2001–2002

Erika L. Fialkoff, Animal Sciences, 2002

Jennifer Sebalusky, Animal Sciences, 2002

Suzanne Boyle, Mabel Smith Douglass Honors Program, 2002–2003

Dan Arellano, George H. Cook Honors Program, 2001–2003

Michael Poplawski, George H. Cook Honors Program, 2002–2003

Chidubem Orazulike, George H. Cook Honors Program, 2002–2003

Arnold Gonzalez, Animal Sciences, 2003

Veera D'Mello, Visiting Fellow, 2003–2004

Punam Patel, Biotechnology, Summer 2004, Summer 2005

Sairam Subramaniam, Animal Sciences, Summer 2004

Abby Sarkar, Animal Science Research Problems, Summer 2004

Hemal A. Bhatt, George H. Cook Honors Program, 2004–2006

Chrysanne A Marzan, Animal Sciences, 2004–2005

Rachel A. Roby, Animal Sciences, 2004–2005

Yonaira Rivera Figueroa, Mable Smith Douglas Honors Program, 2005-2006

Crystal Darby, Animal Sciences, George H. Cook Honors Program, 2005 -2006

Yonaira Rivera Figueroa, Biotech Summer Program, 2005

Maryann Wozniak, George H. Cook Honors Program, 2005-2006

Scott Bourlier, Animal Sciences, Fall 2005 -Spring 2006

Suzanne Bardari, Animals Sciences, Summer 2006 - Spring 2007

Aneesh Vaze, Research in Biotechnology, Spring 2007-Fall-2007

Niharika Das, Spring 2007-present

Rola Bekdash, Summer 2007

Ravali Tammareddy, Summer 2007

Benjamin Major, Aresty Summer Scholar, 2007-present

Gagandeep Kaur, Fall 2007

Thailyn Lopez, Fall 2007-Spring 2008

Gol M. Golshani, Fall 2007-Spring 208

Priyank Deep, Spring 2008

Aradia Herbst-Gervasoni, Spring 2008

Winter Walker, RISE summer fellow, 2008

Monisha Kanumuri, Fall 2008, Spring 2009

Nicole M. Rafferty, Fall, Summer, 2008

Gourav Singh, Fall 2008, Spring 2009

Nadia Mian, Spring, 2009

Amanda Mortillaro, 2009-2010

Prerana Pradhan, Summer, Fall 2009

Deepa Kalvala, Summer, Fall 2009-2010

Jacklin Barreria, Summer, Fall 2009-2010

Riddhi Gundani, Summer, 2009-2010

Lisa Furbeck, Fall, 2009-2011

Rupa Karmakar, Fall, 2009

Sussanna Gonzales, Spring, 2010

Dale Levitt, Spring, 2010-2013

Lisamarie Ross, Spring, 2010

Rachelle Oldmixon, summer 2010

Greeshma Hegde, Animal Science, summer 2010

Smrithy Jacob, summer 2010

Archita Patel, Animal Sciences, summer 2010-2012

Stephanie O'Connell, Animal Sciences, summer 2010-2012

Debbi Price, Animal Sciences, fall 2011

Brendan Striano, Animal Sciences, fall 2011

Megan O'Connell, Animal Sciences, fall 2011

Spruha Magodia, Biology, spring 2011-spring 2012

Monica Smetts, Animal Science, spring, 2012-present

Priscilla Lopez, Animal Science, spring 2012

Ritika Roy, Biotechnology, summer 2012

Rachel Levy, Biology, summer, 2012

Yatee Dave, Biotechnology, fall 2012-spring 2013

Lily Payvandi, 1st yr Medical student, 2013

Sreya Mukherjee, Biology, summer, 2014

Melinda Mordarski, Animal Sciences, 2014

Anandita Ananthakumar, summer, 2014

Helly Shah, Biological Sciences, fall, 2014-2015

Kamil Sochacki, Biological Sciences, fall, 2014-current

Chelsea Cherenfant, RiSE program, summer, 2015

Courtney Stevens, Animals Sciences, 2016 - present

Santhosh Gumudavell, Cell Biology and Neuroscience, 2016- present

Nickolas Lisanti, Biological Sciences, 2016- present

Goyathri Narayan, Animal Sciences, 2016- present

Divya Mohanraj, Biological Sciences, 2016- present

## Summer Research Apprentice—High School

Teresa Leung, 1993, Summer

James Thomas Statler, 1994, Summer

Param Chattapadhaya, 1996, Spring and Summer

Abby Sarkar, 1996, 2002, 2003, Summer

Subir Baksi, 1996, Summer

Eihab Daoud, 1996, Summer

Stela Lusha, 2001, Summer

Alli Rosenthal, 2006, 2007, Summer

Cory Donovan Benjamin, 2006, Summer

Sophie Sarkar, 2006, 2007, 2008, Summer

Rohan Reddy, 2009, Summer

Rohan Bhoumik, 2010, summer

Korno Sarkar, 2010, summer

Mark Shapses, 2010, summer

Rahul Rakhit, 2011, 2012, summer

Ankush Rakhit, 2012, 2013, summer

Arjun Sarkar, 2012, summer

Hrid Biswas, 2013, summer

Parama Das, 2014, summer; 2015, summer

Roshni Banerjee, summer, 2015

Natasha Sarkar, summer, 2015

Puloma Sen, summer, 2015, 2016

Saketh Lattupally, summer, 2016

Ananya Swaminathan, summer, 2016

Rishi Roy, summer, 2016

Rishav Das, summer, 2016

Aniketh Sarkar, 2016

## APPROVED PROVISIONAL PATENT APPLICATION

Serial Number: 60/076.819 Title: Methods for Estrogen Detection Utilizing PR1 Cells RU 07-078/11-055

Title: Use of Beta-Endorphin Cell Therapy in the Treatment of

Cancer and Immune Diseases

#### RESEARCH FUNDING

#### **Current Research Funding**

- 1. Role of Opiates in Alcohol-Induced Neurotoxicity (Sarkar, PI) NIH 5R37AA008757-13-23, 12/08-12/2018, \$3,520,000
- 2. Alcohol and Hyperprolactinemia (Sarkar, PI) NIH (2R01AA011591-09-14), 07/11-06/16, \$1,644,750

- 3. Fetal alcohol, estrogen-regulated genes and prostate cancer (Sarkar PI) NIH (PA12-291). 3/14-2/16. \$426,250
- 4. Role of Opiates in Alcohol-Induced Neurotoxicity (Sarkar, PI) NIH 3R37AA008757-18S1, 09/01/14 -8/31/15. \$71,87
- 5. Microglial opioid receptor regulation of HPA axis disruption by neonatal alcohol (Chaistain, PI; Sarkar- Mentor) NIH F32AA023434, 05/15 -04/18, \$165,318
- 6. Role of Opiates in Alcohol-Induced Neurotoxicity-supplement (Sarkar, PI) NIH (PA15-034); 3R37AA008757-19S1, 07/01/15 -06/30/18. \$180,680
- 7. Rates of histone turnover and functional significance in fetal alcohol syndrome (Sarkar, PI) NIH R21AA024641, 07/01/16 -06/30/18. \$426,250
- 8. Role of Sry in transgenerational fetal alcohol effects on proopiomelanocortin gene (Sarkar PI) 07/01/17-06/30/20222. \$1,743,750
- 9. Targeting Opioidergic and Adrenergic Systems to Control Breast Cancers (Sarkar, PI) NIH 1R01CA208632-01. 06/01/2017-05/31/2022. \$1,550,000

## **Pending Research Funding**

- 1. Molecular Neuroendocrinology of Alcohol Research Training (Sarkar, PI), NIH T32AA025607-01, 05/1/2018 04/30/2023.
- 2. Role of microRNAs in fetal alcohol induced alteration of stress function (Sarkar, PI), NIH R01AA025571-01, 03/1/2018 02/28/2020

## Previous Research Funding [Principal Investigator]

- 1. New Junior Faculty Research Grant, Andrew Mellon Foundation, 05/83-04/86, \$191,000.
- 2. Effect of Carrier Estradiol on Reproductive Function of Female Rats, San Diego Reproductive Medicine Research and Education Foundation (Gynex), 05/85-04/87, \$200,000.
- 3. Role of Gonadotropin-Releasing Hormone in the Maintenance of Pregnancy, March of Dimes—Basil O'Connor Starter Research Grant, 09/85-08/87, \$50,000.
- 4. Neuroendocrine Mechanisms of Prolactinomas in Old Rats, NIH/NIA (R01), 09/85-01/89, \$349,863.
- 5. Neuroendocrine Control of Hypothalamic β-Endorphin, NIH/NICHD (R01), 04/86-03/89, \$366,104.
- 6. Role of Opiates in Alcohol-Induced Fetal Neurotoxicity, WSU Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program, 07/88-06/90, \$32,000.
- 7. Role of Transforming Growth Factor-Beta in the Control of Lactotropic Function in Primary Cultures of Pituitary Cells, WSU/BRSG, 07/89-06/90, \$12,000.
- 8. Mechanism By Which Neuropeptide Y Induces Precocious Puberty, WSU/OGRD, 07/90-06/91, \$10,000.
- 9. Supplemental Fund for Equipment, NIH/NIAAA, 08/92-08/93, \$11,000.
- 10. Equipment Matching Fund, WSU/OGRD, 08/92-08/93, \$11,000.
- 11. Role of Opiates in Alcohol-Induced Neurotoxicity, NIH (R01), 08/91-07/95, \$339,700.
- 12. Role of Opiates in Alcohol-Induced Neurotoxicity, WSU/ADA, 07/94-06/95, \$34,141.
- 13. Estrogen Regulation of TGF- $\beta$  in Pituitary Tumor Induction and Growth, NIH (R01), 08/92-08/96, \$425,870.
- 14. Calcium Imaging, WSU Graduate School, \$26,000.
- 15. Role of Opiates in Alcohol-Induced Neurotoxicity, NIH/NIAAA (R01), 04/95-03/96, \$26,000.

- 16. Dr. K. Tobias, Pfizer Animal Health Competitive Research Grant, 07/97-06/98, \$9,989.
- 17. Effect of Environmentally Persistent Alkylphenols on the Sexual Brain Differentiation, Farrell Endowment and Health Formula Funds, 07/97-06/98, \$4,340.
- 18. Role of Opiates in Alcohol-Induced Neurotoxicity, NIH (R01), 04/95-03/99, \$713,950.
- 19. Xenoestrogens Screen Assay: A Novel Method for Detection of Low Concentrations of Estrogen Utilizing PR1 cells, WSU Adler Funds, 07/98-06/99, \$8,414.
- 20. Alcohol and Hyperprolactinemia, NIH (R01), 04/98-03/02, \$493,476.
- 21. Enhancement of Animal Sciences Program by Promoting Animal Biotechnology Research, New Jersey Research Grant Fund: Capacity Building Projects, 09/00-08/02, \$300,000.
- 22. Role of Opioids in Alcohol-Regulated Immune Function, NIH (K02), 10/97-09/02, \$509,484
- 23. Polymerix Corporation grant to study pharmacodynamics of polymers, 11/02-10/03, \$12,000.
- 24. Effects of Alcohol on Retinoid Signaling in Testis Development (Sarkar, Co-PI), NIH (R01), 03/01-02/04, \$975,024. [Sarkar's subcontract: \$134,616.]
- 25. Role of Opioids in Alcohol-Regulated Immune Function, NIH, (R01), 07/99-06/04, \$666,850.
- 26. Estrogen Mitogenic Action in the Pituitary (Sarkar, PI) NIH (R01 CA77550), 07/99-06/04, \$800,703.
- 27. Role of Opiates in Alcohol-Induced Neurotoxicity (Sarkar, PI) NIH (R01 AA08757), 09/00-07/05, \$1,313,047.
- 28. Cellular and Molecular Biology Research Facilities Construction-Bartlett Extension (Sarkar, PI) NIH NCRR (C06 RR155512) For construction of research core facilities. 05/02-07/07, \$2,000,000.
- 29. Effects of Alkylphenols on Development of Hypothalamic-Pituitary-Ovarian Axis (Sarkar, PI) NIH P30 ES05022-19 (pilot project). 4/06-3/07. \$15,000.
- 30. Alcohol and Hyperprolactinemia (Sarkar, PI) NIH (R01 AA11591), 02/03-01/09, \$1,550,000.
- 31. Fetal Alcohol Effects on Circadian Clocks and POMC (Sarkar, PI) NIH (R01 AA015718-supplement), 09/06-08/09 \$196,390.
- 32. Model System Studies of Naltrexone and Alcohol Interaction (Sarkar, PI) NIH (R21) 03/15/07-02/28/10, \$405,563.
- 33. Role of opiates in alcohol-induced neurotoxicity (Sarkar, PI) (3R01AA008757-supplement), 01/09-12/09, \$42,902
- 34. Epigenetics of alcohol effects on stress axis development. (Sarkar, PI) NIH (R21) 10/08-09/10, \$424,125.
- 35. Effect of Alcohol Exposure *in utero* on Mammary Carcinogenesis (Cohick and Sarkar, CoPI) NIH F31CA132620-01, 10/08-09/11. \$196,390.
- 36. Biology of the NK cell cytolytic activity rhythm (Sarkar, PI) NIH (R01 HL088041-2), 07/01/2009 06/31/2011, \$530,292.
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- 38. Circadian Genes, Stress Axis and Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (Sarkar, PI), Pilot project of U24 Collaborative Initiative on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (CIFASD). 08/01/12-07/30/15. \$420,000

## **Training Grants**

- 39. Supplement for Under-Represented Minority Investigator Award for G. Torres, ADAMHA/NIAAA (Sarkar, PI), 08/92-08/94, \$66,164.
- 40. NIH International Training Fellowship, Trainee: N. Boyadjieva, (Sarkar, PI) 01/94-01/96, 36,000.
- 41. Research Training on Alcohol and Immunity, NIH (T32), (T. Jerrels, PI) 01/96-03/99, \$103,126.
- 42. Students in Health Professional Schools, NIH/NCRR (T35), (D. Prieur, PI) 12/95-12/01, Direct cost: \$115,080.
- 43. Welcome Trust Travel Grant toward visit to Yale University, 1980.
- 44. University of Oxford Travel Grant to attend American Endocrine Society Meeting, 1979.
- 45. Society for Endocrinology Travel Grant for Annual Meeting, 1978.

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#### Book and ebook

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# RESEARCH INTERESTS: Neuroendocrine Cell Growth, Differentiation And Secretion Major Accomplishments

## Hypothalamic LHRH cells

- 1. LHRH is produced in the hypothalamus and is secreted into the blood of pituitary portal vessels to regulate the release of pituitary LH and FSH.
- 2. First to identify that LHRH is secreted in a daily and a cyclical rhythm during the reproductive cycle in female animals.
- 3. The onset of cyclical release of LHRH starts at the time of puberty.

- 4. Cyclic release of LHRH is governed by the positive feedback action of estrogen and by the negative feedback action of progesterone.
- 5. Estrogen stimulates LHRH secretion by activating alpha-adrenergic neurons and incerto-hypothalamic dopaminergic neurons in the hypothalamus.
- 6. Progesterone inhibits LHRH secretion by activating β-endorphin and tubero-hypothalamic dopamine neurons.
- 7. The basal secretion of LHRH is governed by a negative feedback action of LHRH itself.
- 8. Several other peptides—NPY, oxytocin, prolactin—affect LHRH secretion.
- 9. The diurnal release of LHRH is governed by the hypothalamic opioid peptide β-endorphin, and the neural circuitry between these two neurons is developed during the developmental period. An alteration in the development of the circuitry between LHRH and β-endorphin neurons leads to an abnormal reproductive cycle during adulthood.
- 10. Exposure to alkylphenols during the critical period of sexual differentiation affects puberty and reproductive cycle in female rats.
- 11. Alkylphenols, plastic-derived substances, produce detrimental effects on reproductive development in the young.

# Hypothalamic $\beta$ -endorphin cells

- 1. Hypothalamic β-endorphin neurons participate in the regulation of LHRH secretion and reproduction.
- 2. The opioid peptide is involved in the anxiolytic effect of alcohol and in the development of alcohol tolerance.
- 3. First to show that fetal alcohol exposure alters the diurnal rhythm in  $\beta$ -endorphin secretion and also induces the onset of reproductive aging in female animals.
- 4. First to identify that fetal alcohol exposure in rats alters  $\beta$ -endorphin neuron differentiation.
- 5. First to demonstrate that alcohol induces programmed cell death in  $\beta$ -endorphin neurons, possibly by decreasing intracellular cAMP production.
- 6. First to show that chronic alcohol causes cell death in β-endorphin neurons by forming acetaldehyde by the use of catalase enzyme in the hypothalamus. cAMP diminishes the neurotoxicity of acetaldehyde.
- 7. Alcohol stimulates  $\beta$ -endorphin secretion by activating cAMP and PKC cell signaling systems as well as calcium channels.
- 8. Chronic alcohol causes the development of tolerance by causing heterologous desensitization of the cAMP system.
- 9. First to show that exogenous cAMP can delay the development of  $\beta$ -endorphin neuronal tolerance by chronic ethanol.
- 10. Reproductive abnormality normally occurs in animals during hyperprolactinemia (a disease caused by the pituitary prolactin-secreting tumors) and is partly caused by hyper-secretion of β-endorphin.
- 11. Fetal alcohol-exposed animals show abnormalities in clock machineries in the brain that govern body's biological rhythms.
- 12. A novel molecular mechanism exists involving adenylyl cyclases and transforming growth factor beta controlled neuronal-programmed cell death.
- 13. Growth factor like brain-derived growth factor modulates communications between astroglia and neurons to protect the fetal brain from neurotoxic actions of alcohol.
- 14. Identification of a developmental defect in opioid neurons in fetal alcohol-exposed animals, a new clue to the stress-coping problems in fetal alcohol-exposed patients.

- 15. Development of in vitro method to differentiate neuronal stem cells into β-endorphin neurons.
- 16. Discovery that prenatal alcohol effect is transgenerational
- 17. Discovery that prenatal ethanol increases incidence of prostate and breast cancers.

# Pituitary prolactin cells

- 1. The incidence of the development of prolactinomas is increased following chronic elevation of estrogen.
- 2. Estrogen may induce prolactinomas by inhibiting dopaminergic regulation of prolactin secretion.
- 3. Chronic prolactin is neurotoxic to dopaminergic neurons.
- 4. First to demonstrate that the growth of prolactin-secreting lactotropic cells is controlled by an autocrine growth inhibiting growth factor, TGF-β1.
- 5. First to show that another TGF- $\beta$  isoform, TGF- $\beta$ 3, is produced in the lactotropes and stimulates this cell proliferation.
- 6. Estrogen increases lactotropic cell proliferation by increasing TGF-β3 expression and by inhibiting TGF-β1 expression.
- 7. Estrogen action on lactotropes' proliferation involves cell-cell communication between lactotropes and stellar cells in the pituitary.
- 8. Chronic estrogen may cause transformation of lactotropes by inducing mutation in the TGF-β family of genes and their receptors.
- 9. Alcohol promotes the development of prolactinomas by altering the expression of the TGF- $\beta$  gene.
- 10. Identified the cellular mechanisms by which cell-cell communication takes place to promote tumorigenesis in the pituitary gland following excess administration of estrogen.
- 11. Potential application of adeno-virus-based delivery of tumor-killing agents in the treatment of prolactinomas.

#### Natural Killer Cells

- 1. The body's immune function, particularly tumors and virus/bacteria killing natural killer cells, maintains a circadian rhythmicity which is disrupted following chronic alcohol administration.
- 2. Potential use of an opioid receptor antagonist in the treatment of immune deficiency.
- 3. Feedback interaction between G protein-coupled opioid receptors in immune cells.
- 4. Showed the potential use of stem cells-derived beta-endorphin cell transplants to enhance NK cell activity
- 5. Elucidated immune deficiencies in fetal alcohol exposed animals
- 6. Identified the potential use of stem cells-derived beta-endorphin cell transplants to prevent immune deficiencies in fetal alcohol exposed animals

# **Cancers**

- 1. Elucidated mechanisms by which estrogen and alcohol induce prolactin-producing pituitary tumors
- 2. Cell-cell communication between cancer cells and supporting cells in pituitary tumor progression
- 3. Discover increased incidence of high graded mammary cancers in fetal alcohol-exposed rats.
- 4. Identified the potential use of stem cells-derived beta-endorphin cell transplants to prevent prostate tumor growth.

## **Epigenetic**

- 1. Demonstrated first that fetal alcohol induces epigenetic modification of POMC gene that transmits through generation via male germ line.
- 2. Showed that choline supplementation may be beneficial to prevent stress-axis dysfunction in fetal alcohol exposed animals.

# **Ongoing Research Projects**

- Signal transduction pathways for alcohol action on β-EP neurotransmission in rats.
- Signal transduction pathways for alcohol action on β-EP neuronal differentiation in rats.
- Alcohol and opioid peptide interaction in the control of NK cell cytotoxicity and the control of immune function in rats.
- Cell-cell (paracrine and gap-junctional) communications in the control of hormonal carcinogenesis in pituitary lactotropic cells in rats.
- Early genes controlling lactotropic cell transformation in rats.
- TGF-\( \beta \) effects on lactotropic cell growth and transformation in rats.
- Lactotropic cell differentiation and growth in TGF-β1 knock-out mice and TGF-β3 transgenic mice.
- Determination of the efficacy of adenoviral vector delivery of growth factors in the pituitary
- Effects of alkylphenols in the control of sexual differentiation of the neuroendocrine brain and the development of reproductive functions in rats.
- Circadian rhythm of NK cells.
- Clock genes regulation of neuroendocrine and immune functions.
- Fetal alcohol effects on stress axis.
- Fetal alcohol effects on circadian rhythms
- Neuronal stem cells and their differentiation
- Neuronal stem cell transplants in fetal alcohol related disorders
- Biological markers for fetal alcohol
- Stem cell differentiation of beta-endorphin neurons
- Beta-endorphin cell involvement in the control of breast and prostate cancers.
- Beta-endorphin cell control of anxiety behavior and alcohol drinking
- Fetal alcohol effects on tumor susceptibility
- Alcohol induced oxidative stress and toxicity in developing neurons
- Transgenerational epigenetic effects of alcohol on the stress axis
- Opioid receptor homodimerization

#### **Future Plans**

My long-term research plan focuses on understanding how stress promotes infection, cancers and alcohol-related diseases. We have recently identified developmental defect in opioid neurons in fetal alcohol-exposed animals which provides a new clue to the stress-coping problems in FAS (fetal alcohol-exposed subjects). Deficit in opioid neurons also have been found in human patients suffering with schizophrenia and depression. We are studying the cellular mechanism of the neuronal stem cells that differentiate into opioid neurons, so that we could develop potential cell therapy for these stress-related neuronal diseases and immune dysfunctions and cancers. We are determining how alcohol, natural estrogens, and environmental estrogens alter neuroendocrine, reproductive, and immune functions thereby increasing the risk of the development of tumors, including prolactinomas, breast and prostrate cancers. Also, we are evaluating the feasibility of cell

therapy, gene therapy and tissue-targeted transgenic procedures to understand and prevent these tumors.