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EDUCATION & TRAINING

University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Pittsburgh, PA (01/2018-present)

Postdoctoral Research Associate | Advisor: Sarah E. Ross, Ph.D.

Research Focus: Investigating spinal neural circuits that mediate itch, pain, and thermosensation

Washington University in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO (08/2012-12/2017)

Ph.D., Neurosciences | Advisor: Robert W. Gereau IV, Ph.D.

Dissertation: Bridging the translational gap between rodent and human pain research

Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI (08/2008-05/2012)

B.S., Physiological Sciences, Minor: German, *summa cum laude* | Advisor: Edward M. Blumenthal, Ph.D.

Research Focus: Organization of extracellular matrices in *Drosophila melanogaster*

GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS

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| NIH Loan Repayment Program Award in Clinical Research (NINDS) | 2019-Present |
| NIH National Research Service Award Postdoctoral Fellowship (NINDS, F32NS110155) | 2018-Present |
| NIH Postdoctoral Training Grant (NINDS, T32 NS086749) | 2018 |
| Marquette University Honors Program Undergraduate Research Grant | 2011- 2012 |
| DAAD-RISE Research Fellowship, Max Delbrück Center for Molecular Medicine (German Academic Exchange Service - Research Internships in Science & Engineering) | 2011 |
| Marquette University Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship | 2010 |

ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL AWARDS

University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

Society for Neuroscience Trainee Professional Development Award, 2020

Winter Conference on Brain Research Panel Travel Fellow Awardee, 2020

Hermann Handwerker Prize, World Congress on Itch, 2019

International Forum for the Study of Itch World Congress Travel Grant, 2019

Best Basic Science Early Career Poster, American Pain Society Scientific Meeting, 2019

International Association for the Study of Pain Travel Award, 2018

Washington University in St. Louis

Fine Science Tools Travel Fellowship, 2017

Outstanding Abstract, Department of Anesthesiology Academic Evening, 2017

American Pain Society Young Investigator Travel Award 2014, 2015, 2017

Marquette University

Biological Sciences Academic Achievement Award, 2012

Klinger College of Arts and Sciences Gold Medal Award, 2012

Catherine Welsch Smith Research Award, 2011

Barry Goldwater Scholarship Honorable Mention, 2011

PUBLICATIONS

Warwick CA, Cassidy C, Hachisuka J, Wright MC, Baumbauer KM, Adelman PC, Lee KH, Smith KM, **Sheahan TD**, Ross SE, Koerber HR (in press). Mrgprd-Cre lineage neurons mediate optogenetic allodynia through an emergent polysynaptic circuit. Pain.

Sheahan TD, Warwick CA, Fanien FG, Ross SE (2020). The neurokinin-1 receptor is expressed with gastrin-releasing peptide receptor in spinal interneurons and modulates itch. *Journal of Neuroscience*: 40(46):8816–8830. doi:10.1523/JNEUROSCI.1832-20.2020.

Sheahan TD, Hachisuka J, Ross SE (2018). Small RNAs, but Sizable Itch: TRPA1 Activation by an Extracellular MicroRNA. *Neuron*: 99(3):421-422. doi:10.1016/j.neuron.2018.07.040.

Iadarola M, McMahon SB, Ross SE, **Sheahan TD**, Verhaagen J. Emerging Techniques in Basic Science and Translation. In: Gold MS, Pogatzki-Zahn EM, Wallace MS, eds. *Pain 2018: Refresher Courses: 17th World Congress on Pain*. Washington, DC: IASP Press; 2018:1-14.

Snyder LM, Chiang MC, Loeza-Alcocer E, Omori Y, Hachisuka J, **Sheahan TD**, Gale JR, Adelman PC, Sypek EI, Fulton SA, Friedman RL, Wright MC, Duque MG, Lee YS, Hu Z, Huang H, Cai X, Meerschaert KA, Nagarajan V, Hirai T, Scherrer G, Kaplan DH, Porreca F, Davis BM, Gold MS, Koerber HR, Ross SE (2018). Kappa opioid receptor distribution and function in primary afferents. *Neuron* 99 (6): 1274-1288. doi:10.1016/j.neuron.2018.08.044.

Shepherd AJ, Copits BA, Mickle AD, Karlsson P, Kadunganattil S, Haroutounian S, Tadinada SM, de Kloet AD, Valtcheva MV, McIlvried LA, **Sheahan TD**, Jain S, Ray PR, Usachev YM, Dussor G, Krause EG, Price TJ, Gereau RW, IV, Mohapatra DP (2018). Angiotensin II triggers peripheral macrophage-to-sensory neuron redox to elicit pain. *Journal of Neuroscience* 38(32): 7032-7057. doi:10.1523/JNEUROSCI.3542-17.2018.

Sheahan TD, Valtcheva MV, Pullen MY, McIlvried LA, Baranger DAA, Gereau RW, IV (2018). Metabotropic glutamate receptor 2/3 (mGluR2/3) activation suppresses TRPV1 sensitization in mouse, but not human sensory neurons. *eNeuro*. doi:10.1523/ENEURO.0412-17.2018.

Sheahan TD, Siuda ER, Bruchas MR, Shepherd AJ, Mohapatra DP, Gereau RW, IV, Golden JP (2017). Inflammation and nerve injury minimally affect mouse voluntary behaviors proposed as indicators of pain. *Neurobiology of Pain* 2:1-12. doi:10.1016/j.nypai.2017.09.001.

Valtcheva MV, Copits BA, Davidson S, **Sheahan TD**, Pullen MY, McCall JG, Dikranian K, Gereau RW, IV (2016). Surgical extraction of human dorsal root ganglia from organ donors and preparation of primary sensory neuron cultures. *Nature Protocols* 11(10): 1877-1888. doi:10.1038/nprot.2016. PMID: 27606776.

Sheahan TD, Copits BA, Golden JP, Gereau RW, IV (2015). Voluntary Exercise Training: Analysis of Mice in Uninjured, Inflammatory, and Nerve-Injured Pain States. *PLoS ONE* 10(7): e0133191. doi:10.1371/journal.pone.0133191. PMCID: PMC4510282.

MANUSCRIPTS IN PREPARATION

Madasu MK, Thang L V, Chilukuri P, Palanisamy S, Arackal JS, **Sheahan TD**, Foshage AM, Houghten RA, McLaughlin JP, McCall JG, Al-Hasani R (2020) Peripheral kappa opioid receptor activation drives cold hypersensitivity in mice. bioRxiv:2020.10.04.325118.

Hammarsten CC, Bord A, Shelton ME, Walicki MC, **Sheahan TD**, Golden JP, Gereau RW, IV, McCall JG. Unguided behavioral classification using persistent homology.

Valtcheva MV, Golden JP, **Sheahan TD**, Pullen MY, Vogt SK, Jain S, Davidson S, Gereau R, IV. Neurotrophic factors selectively modulate pruritogen responses in mouse, but not human, sensory neurons.

Sheahan TD, Korthauer LE, Blumenthal EM. The *Drosophila* drop-dead gene is required for eggshell integrity.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS & SEMINARS

“Probing the cellular basis of kappa opioid receptor inhibition of itch and chemical pain” (selected abstract). *Kappa Therapeutics Conference* (virtual), April 2021.

“The neurokinin-1 receptor is expressed with gastrin-releasing peptide receptor in spinal interneurons and modulates itch” (invited speaker). *Pain Research Forum Virtual Seminar Series*, September 2020.

“Itching for relief: Dissecting the role of neurokinin-1 receptor spinal neurons in itch” (invited speaker). *Winter Conference on Brain Research*, Big Sky, Montana, USA, January 2020.

“NK1R antagonists for the treatment of chronic itch: Where’s the action?” (selected abstract). *World Congress on Itch*, Sydney, Australia, November 2019.

“Itching for relief: Dissecting the role of neurokinin-1 receptor spinal neurons in itch” (selected abstract). *North American Pain School*, Montebello, QC, Canada, June 2019.

“Using human tissue to validate preclinical rodent findings: mGluR2/3 suppress sensory neuron sensitization in mouse and human” (selected abstract). *Department of Anesthesiology Academic Evening*, Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine, USA, April 2017.

“Bridging the translational gap between rodent and human pain research” (invited speaker). *Pittsburgh Center for Pain Research*, University of Pittsburgh, USA, March 2017.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Sheahan TD, Warwick CA, Fanién FG, Ross SE. The neurokinin-1 receptor is expressed with gastrin-releasing peptide receptor in spinal interneurons and modulates itch. *US Association for the Study of Pain Virtual Meeting*, 2020. *Society for Neuroscience Global Connectome*, 2021.

Sheahan TD, Chiang MC, Chestang JA, Ross SE. Anatomical organization and functional contributions of NK1R spinal neurons in pain and itch. *Spring Pain*, 2019; *Journal of Pain*, *American Pain Society*, 2019; *University of Pittsburgh Postdoctoral Data & Dine Symposium*, 2019.

Sheahan TD, Davidson S, Golden JP, Valtcheva MV, Copits BA, Pullen MY, Baranger DAA, McIlvried LA, Ghetti A, Schmidt RE, Ray PR, Price TJ, Gereau RW, IV. mGluR2/3 suppress TRPV1 sensitization in mouse, but not human sensory neurons. *International Association for the Study of Pain World Congress*, 2018.

Sheahan TD, Davidson S, Golden JP, Valtcheva MV, Copits BA, Pullen MY, Baranger DAA, McIlvried LA, Ghetti A, Schmidt RE, Ray PR, Price TJ, Gereau RW, IV. mGluR2/3 differentially modulate TRPV1 sensitization in mouse and human sensory neurons. *Journal of Pain*, *American Pain Society*, 2017.

Sheahan TD, Siuda ER, Shepherd AJ, Mohapatra DP, Gereau RW, IV, Golden JG. Voluntary behaviors as readouts for persistent pain in mice. *Society for Neuroscience*, 2016.

Sheahan TD, Davidson S, Golden JP, Valtcheva MV, Copits BA, Pullen MY, Ghetti A, Schmidt RE, Ray PR, McIlvried LA, Price TJ, Gereau RW, IV. mGluR2/3 suppress sensory neuron sensitization in mouse and human. *Washington University in St. Louis Neuroscience Retreat*, 2016.

Sheahan TD, Siuda ER, Webb JM, Gereau RW, IV, Golden JP. Non-reflexive measures of persistent pain in mice. *Society for Neuroscience*, 2015; *Washington University in St. Louis Graduate Student Research Symposium*, 2016.

Sheahan TD, Webb JM, Gereau RW, IV, Golden JP. Non-reflexive measures of persistent pain in mice. *Journal of Pain*, *American Pain Society*, 2015; *Washington University in St. Louis Anesthesiology Academic Evening*, 2015; *Washington University in St. Louis Neuroscience Retreat*, 2015.

Sheahan TD, Copits BA, Golden JP, Gereau RW, IV. The effects of voluntary exercise on inflammatory and neuropathic pain. *Society for Neuroscience*, 2014.

Sheahan TD, O’Brien DE, Golden JP, Gereau RW, IV. The effects of voluntary wheel running on pain. *Journal of Pain*, *American Pain Society*, 2014.

Sheahan TD, Korthauer LE, Blumenthal EM. Female sterility and compromised eggshell integrity of drop-dead mutants in *Drosophila melanogaster*. *Drosophila Research Conference* 2011; *Marquette University Summer Research Symposium*, 2010.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & ACADEMIC SERVICE

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| Secretary, IASP Itch Special Interest Group | 2021- |
| US ASP Virtual Meeting, Early Career Session Panelist: Training Grant Applications | 2020 |
| Guest, NINDS Building Up the Nerve Podcast | 2020 |
| NINDS Training and Diversity Discussion Panel | 2020 |
| Pittsburgh Center for Pain Research Trainee Liaison | 2020 |

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| North American Pain School (NAPS) | 2019 |
| Correspondent, Pain Research Forum Science Communication Training Program | 2018 |
| Ph.D. Candidate Representative, WUSTL Neuroscience Program Steering Committee | 2013-2015 |

TEACHING & OUTREACH

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| Freelance Science Communicator, Pain Research Forum | 2019-Present |
| Guest Lecturer, Neuroscience Undergraduate Proseminar, Pitt | Spring 2020 |
| Course Master, Molecular Biology at the Cutting Edge, WUSTL | Spring 2017 |
| Certification in STEM teaching, Washington University Center for the Integration of Research, Teaching, and Learning (WU-CIRTL) Program | 2017 |
| Lecturer, Molecular Biology at the Cutting Edge, WUSTL | Spring 2016, 2017 |
| Organizer, Neuroanatomy Outreach at St. Louis University High School | Spring 2016, 2017 |
| Presenter, Neuroanatomy Outreach at St. Louis University High School | Spring 2014-2017 |
| Peer Mentor, BP-ENDURE St. Louis Neuroscience Pipeline | 2016 |
| Teaching Assistant, Neurophysiology Lab, WUSTL | Fall 2013 |
| Presenter, St. Louis Science Center Neuroscience Outreach | 2013 |

PEER REVIEW SERVICE

Ad hoc: eNeuro, Itch | *With mentors:* Nature Neuroscience, Neuron, Pain, Journal of Neuroscience, Journal of Neurophysiology, Neuroscience