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**Education**

1997-2001    B.S. Biology with Honors  
                  CUNY Hunter College  
                  Department of Biology

2002-2008    Ph.D. Neuroscience (Robert Sapolsky)  
                  Stanford University School of Medicine  
                  Interdepartmental Neuroscience Program

**Academic Positions/Employment**

2008-2014    Postdoctoral Fellow (Eric Nestler)  
                  Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai  
                  Department of Neuroscience

2014-2020    Assistant Professor  
                  Department of Basic Medical Science  
                  University of Arizona College of Medicine

2018-2020    Assistant Professor  
                  Department of Psychiatry  
                  University of Arizona College of Medicine

2019-2020 Assistant Professor  
Clinical Translational Science  
University of Arizona

2014-Present Adjunct Professor  
Translational Genomics Research Institute

2014-Present Adjunct Professor  
Neuroscience Interdisciplinary Graduate Program  
Arizona State University

2020-Present Associate Professor with TENURE  
Department of Basic Medical Science  
University of Arizona College of Medicine

2020-Present Associate Professor with TENURE  
Department of Psychiatry  
University of Arizona College of Medicine

2020-Present Associate Professor with TENURE  
Clinical Translational Science  
University of Arizona

### **Professional Experience**

2018-2019 *Leadership Development Program*  
Office of Faculty Affairs and Development  
University of Arizona College of Medicine

2020 *Mentor Training for Clinical and Translational Researchers*  
Clinical Translational Science  
University of Arizona

### **Honors and Awards**

1997 NASA Joint Venture (JOVE) Research Assistant Fellowship, NASA  
1998 Minority Biomedical Research Support (MBRS) Scholar, NIH  
1999 Minority Access to Research Careers (MARC) Scholar, NIH  
2000 Spring Public Service Scholar, CUNY Hunter  
2001 Honors in Biology CUNY Hunter, CUNY Hunter  
2001 NIH Biotechnology Fellowship, NIH  
2005 Merck Predoctoral Research Grant Award, Merck

2005 F31 Predoctoral Fellowship, NIH  
2007 Graduate Student Research Festival Award, NIH  
2007 Travel Award International Society of Psychoneuroendocrinology, ISPNE  
2007 Graduate Student Research Festival Award, NIH  
2009 Merck Postdoctoral Research Award, Merck  
2009 American Psychological Association (APA) Postdoctoral Award, APA  
2012 Pathway to Independence (K99/R00) Award, National Institute of Mental Health  
2012 NARSAD Young Investigator Award, Brain and Behavior Foundation  
2018 Artificial Intelligence Molecular Screen (AIMS) Awards, Atomwise  
2021 Top National Black Inspiring Scientist by Cell Press/ Cell Mentor

### **Awarded Grants and Contracts**

#### Active Grants

R01MH128192 (Ferguson/Qiu, MPI)

09/01/2021-08/31/2026

**\$3,003,574**

NIH/NIMH

“Prefrontal-Accumbens Neurocircuits Mediating Response to Social Stress”

The study provides mechanistic understanding on circuit maladaptive changes in response to chronic stress and likely establishes a lead neural circuit for targeted interventions to treat depression.

Role: Contact, PI

*Reviewed proposal scored in the 15.0 percentile*

R01MH112716 (Ferguson, PI)

04/15/2017-02/28/2023 (NCE)

**\$2,299,690**

NIH/NIMH

“A Novel Cell and Circuit-Specific Role for SIRT1 in Depression”

The overall goals of this project are to determine the cell-type specific role of SIRT1 in depression to identify SIRT1-signaling pathways as a potential target in the development of urgently needed novel antidepressants.

Role: PI

*Reviewed proposal scored in the 11.0 percentile*

R01MH111619 (Qiu)

07/01/2017-04/30/2022

**\$1,918,750**

NIH/NIMH

“MET receptor tyrosine kinase and the development of forebrain circuits”

The major goal of this project is to investigate the role of MET receptor tyrosine kinase, a genetic risk factor for autism spectrum disorders, in the development of mouse forebrain circuits

by studying the molecular signaling, synaptic, circuit and behavior phenotypes of different mouse models.

Role: Co-I

*Reviewed proposal scored in the 20.0 percentile*

R25NS107188 (Neisewander, PI)

7/1/18-6/30/23

**\$1,289,120**

NINDS

“Workforce Inclusion in Neuroscience through Undergraduate Research Experience”

Role: Mentor and Internal Advisory Board Member

Innovation and Impact (RII) (Gallitano, PI)

12/10/2021 – 08/31/2022

**\$137,868**

University of Arizona Research

“Essential Equipment to Advance Neuropsychiatric Research”

Role: Co-I

#### Completed Grants

ADHS16-162404 (Ferguson, PI)

3/1/17-2/29/20

**\$225,000**

Arizona Biomedical Research Commission (ABRC)

“Cell-Type Specific Role of Sirtuin Signaling in Cocaine Addiction” Role : PI

Role: PI

R00MH094405 (Ferguson, PI)

6/1/14-4/30/17

**\$912,721**

NIH/NIMH

“Novel Role for Sirtuin Signaling Mechanisms and Downstream Targets in Depression”

Role: PI

K99MH094405 (Ferguson, PI)

3/7/12-03/30/14

**\$179,820**

NIH/NIMH

“Novel Role for Sirtuin Signaling Mechanisms and Downstream Targets in Depression”

Role: PI

#### Pending Grants

R01MH094405 (Ferguson, PI)

10/5/2019

NIH/NIDA

**\$2,809,036**

“Nucleus accumbens cell and circuit specific role of SIRT1 in cocaine addiction”.

## **Publications**

*H-Index=32*

*Total Citations=5,323*

## **Peer Reviewed Articles**

1. X. Ma, J. Wei, Y. Cui, B. Xia, L. Zhang, A. Nehme, Y. Zuo, **D. Ferguson**, P. Levitt, S. Qiu, (2021). Disrupted Timing of MET Signaling Derails the Developmental Maturation of Cortical Circuits and Leads to Altered Behavior in Mice, Cereb Cortex, DOI 10.1093/cercor/bhab323.
2. H.D. Kim, J. Wei, T. Call, N.T. Quintus, A.J. Summers, S. Carotenuto, R. Johnson, X. Ma, C. Xu, J.G. Park, S. Qiu, **D. Ferguson** (2021). Shisa6 mediates cell-type specific regulation of depression in the nucleus accumbens, Mol Psychiatry, DOI 10.1038/s41380-021-01217-8.
3. B. Xia, J. Wei, X. Ma, A. Nehme, K. Liang, Y. Cui, C. Chen, A. Gallitano, **D. Ferguson**, S. Qiu (2021). Conditional knockout of MET receptor tyrosine kinase in cortical excitatory neurons leads to enhanced learning and memory in young adult mice but early cognitive decline in older adult mice, Neurobiol Learn Mem, 179 107397.
4. K. Chen, X. Ma, A. Nehme, J. Wei, Y. Cui, Y. Cui, D. Yao, J. Wu, T. Anderson, **D. Ferguson**, P. Levitt, S. Qiu (2020). Time-delimited signaling of MET receptor tyrosine kinase regulates cortical circuit development and critical period plasticity, Mol Psychiatry, DOI 10.1038/s41380-019-0635-6.
5. H.D. Kim, J. Hesterman, T. Call, S. Magazu, E. Keeley, K. Armenta, H. Kronman, R.L. Neve, E.J. Nestler, **D. Ferguson** (2016). SIRT1 Mediates Depression-Like Behaviors in the Nucleus Accumbens, J Neurosci, 36 8441-8452.
6. J. Feng, M. Wilkinson, X. Liu, I. Purushothaman, **D. Ferguson**, V. Vialou, I. Maze, N. Shao, P. Kennedy, J. Koo, C. Dias, B. Laitman, V. Stockman, Q. LaPlant, M.E. Cahill, E.J. Nestler, L. Shen (2015). Erratum to: Chronic cocaine-regulated epigenomic changes in mouse nucleus accumbens, Genome Biol, 16 227.

7. C. Dias, D. Dietz, M. Mazei-Robison, H. Sun, D. Damez-Werno, **D. Ferguson**, M. Wilkinson, J. Magida, V. Gao, R. Neve, E.J. Nestler (2015). Dishevelled-2 regulates cocaine-induced structural plasticity and Rac1 activity in the nucleus accumbens, Neurosci Lett, 598 23-28.
8. J. Feng, N. Shao, K.E. Szulwach, V. Vialou, J. Huynh, C. Zhong, T. Le, **D. Ferguson**, M.E. Cahill, Y. Li, J.W. Koo, E. Ribeiro, B. Labonte, B.M. Laitman, D. Estey, V. Stockman, P. Kennedy, T. Courousse, I. Mensah, G. Turecki, K.F. Faull, G.L. Ming, H. Song, G. Fan, P. Casaccia, L. Shen, P. Jin, E.J. Nestler (2015). Role of Tet1 and 5-hydroxymethylcytosine in cocaine action, Nat Neurosci, 18 536-544.
9. **D. Ferguson**, N. Shao, E. Heller, J. Feng, R. Neve, H.D. Kim, T. Call, S. Magazu, L. Shen, E.J. Nestler (2015). SIRT1-FOXO3a regulate cocaine actions in the nucleus accumbens, J Neurosci, 35 3100-3111.
10. J.W. Koo, M.S. Mazei-Robison, Q. LaPlant, G. Egervari, K.M. Braunscheidel, D.N. Adank, **D. Ferguson**, J. Feng, H. Sun, K.N. Scobie, D.M. Damez-Werno, E. Ribeiro, C.J. Pena, D. Walker, R.C. Bagot, M.E. Cahill, S.A. Anderson, B. Labonte, G.E. Hodes, H. Browne, B. Chadwick, A.J. Robison, V.F. Vialou, C. Dias, Z. Lorsch, E. Mouzon, M.K. Lobo, D.M. Dietz, S.J. Russo, R.L. Neve, Y.L. Hurd, E.J. Nestler (2015). Epigenetic basis of opiate suppression of Bdnf gene expression in the ventral tegmental area, Nat Neurosci, 18 415-422.
11. E.A. Heller, S. Kaska, B. Fallon, **D. Ferguson**, P.J. Kennedy, R.L. Neve, E.J. Nestler, M.S. Mazei-Robison (2015). Morphine and cocaine increase serum- and glucocorticoid-inducible kinase 1 activity in the ventral tegmental area, J Neurochem, 132 243-253.
12. J. Feng, N. Shao, K.E. Szulwach, V. Vialou, J. Huynh, C. Zhong, T. Le, **D. Ferguson**, M.E. Cahill, Y. Li, J.W. Koo, E. Ribeiro, B. Labonte, B.M. Laitman, D. Estey, V. Stockman, P. Kennedy, T. Couroussé, I. Mensah, G. Turecki, K.F. Faull, G.L. Ming, H. Song, G. Fan, P. Casaccia, L. Shen, P. Jin, E.J. Nestler (2015). Role of Tet1 and 5-hydroxymethylcytosine in cocaine action, Nat Neurosci, 18 536-544.
13. C. Dias, J. Feng, H. Sun, N.Y. Shao, M.S. Mazei-Robison, D. Damez-Werno, K. Scobie, R. Bagot, B. LaBonte, E. Ribeiro, X. Liu, P. Kennedy, V. Vialou, **D. Ferguson**, C. Pena, E.S. Calipari, J.W. Koo, E. Mouzon, S. Ghose, C. Tamminga, R. Neve, L. Shen, E.J. Nestler (2014). beta-catenin mediates stress resilience through Dicer1/microRNA regulation, Nature, 516 51-55.
14. E.A. Heller, H.M. Cates, C.J. Pena, H. Sun, N. Shao, J. Feng, S.A. Golden, J.P. Herman, J.J. Walsh, M. Mazei-Robison, **D. Ferguson**, S. Knight, M.A. Gerber, C. Nievera, M.H. Han, S.J. Russo, C.S. Tamminga, R.L. Neve, L. Shen, H.S. Zhang, F. Zhang, E.J.

Nestler (2014). Locus-specific epigenetic remodeling controls addiction- and depression-related behaviors, Nat Neurosci, 17 1720-1727.

15. J. Feng, M. Wilkinson, X. Liu, I. Purushothaman, **D. Ferguson**, V. Vialou, I. Maze, N. Shao, P. Kennedy, J. Koo, C. Dias, B. Laitman, V. Stockman, Q. LaPlant, M.E. Cahill, E.J. Nestler, L. Shen (2014). Chronic cocaine-regulated epigenomic changes in mouse nucleus accumbens, Genome Biol, 15 R65.
16. V. Vialou, R.C. Bagot, M.E. Cahill, **D. Ferguson**, A.J. Robison, D.M. Dietz, B. Fallon, M. Mazei-Robison, S.M. Ku, E. Harrigan, C.A. Winstanley, T. Joshi, J. Feng, O. Berton, E.J. Nestler (2014). Prefrontal cortical circuit for depression- and anxiety-related behaviors mediated by cholecystokinin: role of DeltaFosB, J Neurosci, 34 3878-3887.
17. S. Gaspari, M.M. Papachatzaki, J.W. Koo, F.B. Carr, M.E. Tsimpanouli, E. Stergiou, R.C. Bagot, **D. Ferguson**, E. Mouzon, S. Chakravarty, K. Deisseroth, M.K. Lobo, V. Zachariou, (2014). Nucleus accumbens-specific interventions in RGS9-2 activity modulate responses to morphine, Neuropsychopharmacology, 39 1968-1977.
18. J.J. Walsh, A.K. Friedman, H. Sun, E.A. Heller, S.M. Ku, B. Juarez, V.L. Burnham, M.S. Mazei-Robison, **D. Ferguson**, S.A. Golden, J.W. Koo, D. Chaudhury, D.J. Christoffel, L. Pomeranz, J.M. Friedman, S.J. Russo, E.J. Nestler, M.H. Han (2014). Stress and CRF gate neural activation of BDNF in the mesolimbic reward pathway, Nat Neurosci, 17 27-29.
19. **D. Ferguson**, J.W. Koo, J. Feng, E. Heller, J. Rabkin, M. Heshmati, W. Renthal, R. Neve, X. Liu, N. Shao, V. Sartorelli, L. Shen, E.J. Nestler (2013). Essential role of SIRT1 signaling in the nucleus accumbens in cocaine and morphine action, J Neurosci, 33 16088-16098.
20. D. Chaudhury, J.J. Walsh, A.K. Friedman, B. Juarez, S.M. Ku, J.W. Koo, **D. Ferguson**, H.C. Tsai, L. Pomeranz, D.J. Christoffel, A.R. Nectow, M. Ekstrand, A. Domingos, M.S. Mazei-Robison, E. Mouzon, M.K. Lobo, R.L. Neve, J.M. Friedman, S.J. Russo, K. Deisseroth, E.J. Nestler, M.H. Han(2013). Rapid regulation of depression-related behaviours by control of midbrain dopamine neurons, Nature, 493 532-536.
21. J.W. Koo, M.S. Mazei-Robison, D. Chaudhury, B. Juarez, Q. LaPlant, **D. Ferguson**, J. Feng, H. Sun, K.N. Scobie, D. Domez-Werno, M. Crumiller, Y.N. Ohnishi, Y.H. Ohnishi, E. Mouzon, D.M. Dietz, M.K. Lobo, R.L. Neve, S.J. Russo, M.H. Han, E.J. Nestler (2012). BDNF is a negative modulator of morphine action, Science, 338 124-128.
22. V. Vialou, J. Feng, A.J. Robison, S.M. Ku, **D. Ferguson**, K.N. Scobie, M.S. Mazei-Robison, E. Mouzon, E.J. Nestler (2012). Serum response factor and cAMP response element binding protein are both required for cocaine induction of DeltaFosB, J Neurosci, 32 7577-7584.

23. D.M. Dietz, H. Sun, M.K. Lobo, M.E. Cahill, B. Chadwick, V. Gao, J.W. Koo, M.S. Mazei-Robison, C. Dias, I. Maze, D. Damez-Werno, K.C. Dietz, K.N. Scobie, **D. Ferguson**, D. Christoffel, Y. Ohnishi, G.E. Hodes, Y. Zheng, R.L. Neve, K.M. Hahn, S.J. Russo, E.J. Nestler (2012). Rac1 is essential in cocaine-induced structural plasticity of nucleus accumbens neurons, Nat Neurosci, 15 891-896.
24. T.E. Brown, B.R. Lee, P. Mu, **D. Ferguson**, D. Dietz, Y.N. Ohnishi, Y. Lin, A. Suska, M. Ishikawa, Y.H. Huang, H. Shen, P.W. Kalivas, B.A. Sorg, R.S. Zukin, E.J. Nestler, Y. Dong, O.M. Schluter (2011). A silent synapse-based mechanism for cocaine-induced locomotor sensitization, J Neurosci, 31 8163-8174.
25. A.T. Knoll, J.W. Muschamp, S.E. Sillivan, **D. Ferguson**, D.M. Dietz, E.G. Meloni, F.I. Carroll, E.J. Nestler, C. Konradi, W.A. Carlezon, Jr. (2011). Kappa opioid receptor signaling in the basolateral amygdala regulates conditioned fear and anxiety in rats, Biol Psychiatry, 70 425-433.
26. K. Psifogeorgou, D. Terzi, M.M. Papachatzaki, A. Varidaki, **D. Ferguson**, S.J. Gold, V. Zachariou (2011). A unique role of RGS9-2 in the striatum as a positive or negative regulator of opiate analgesia, J Neurosci, 31 5617-5624.
27. D.J. Christoffel, S.A. Golden, D. Dumitriu, A.J. Robison, W.G. Janssen, H.F. Ahn, V. Krishnan, C.M. Reyes, M.H. Han, J.L. Ables, A.J. Eisch, D.M. Dietz, **D. Ferguson**, R.L. Neve, P. Greengard, Y. Kim, J.H. Morrison, S.J. Russo (2011). IkappaB kinase regulates social defeat stress-induced synaptic and behavioral plasticity, J Neurosci, 31 314-321.
28. J.W. Koo, S.J. Russo, **D. Ferguson**, E.J. Nestler, R.S. Duman (2010). Nuclear factor-kappaB is a critical mediator of stress-impaired neurogenesis and depressive behavior, Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A, 107 2669-2674.
29. T.C. Dumas, T. Gillette, **D. Ferguson**, K. Hamilton, R.M. Sapolsky (2010). Anti-glucocorticoid gene therapy reverses the impairing effects of elevated corticosterone on spatial memory, hippocampal neuronal excitability, and synaptic plasticity, J Neurosci, 30 1712-1720.
30. R. Mitra, **D. Ferguson**, R.M. Sapolsky (2009). Mineralocorticoid receptor overexpression in basolateral amygdala reduces corticosterone secretion and anxiety, Biol Psychiatry, 66 686-690.
31. **D. Ferguson**, R. Sapolsky (2008). Overexpression of mineralocorticoid and transdominant glucocorticoid receptor blocks the impairing effects of glucocorticoids on memory, Hippocampus, 18 1103-1111.



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33. **D. Ferguson**, R. Sapolsky (2007). Mineralocorticoid receptor overexpression differentially modulates specific phases of spatial and nonspatial memory, J Neurosci, 27 8046-8052.
34. A. Nicholas, C.D. Munhoz, **D. Ferguson**, L. Campbell, R. Sapolsky (2006). Enhancing cognition after stress with gene therapy, J Neurosci, 26 11637-11643.
35. M. Altemus, J. Fong, R. Yang, S. Damast, V. Luine, **D. Ferguson** (2004). Changes in cerebrospinal fluid neurochemistry during pregnancy, Biol Psychiatry, 56 386-392.
36. V. Bisagno, **D. Ferguson**, V.N. Luine (2003). Chronic D-amphetamine induces sexually dimorphic effects on locomotion, recognition memory, and brain monoamines, Pharmacol Biochem Behav, 74 859-867.
37. S.E. Alves, E. Hoskin, S.J. Lee, W.G. Brake, **D. Ferguson**, V. Luine, P.B. Allen, P. Greengard, B.S. McEwen (2002). Serotonin mediates CA1 spine density but is not crucial for ovarian steroid regulation of synaptic plasticity in the adult rat dorsal hippocampus, Synapse, 45 143-151.
38. V. Bisagno, **D. Ferguson**, V.N. Luine (2002). Short toxic methamphetamine schedule impairs object recognition task in male rats, Brain Res, 940 95-101.

#### Reviews, Book Chapters, and Commentaries

1. H.D. Kim, T. Call, S. Magazu, **D. Ferguson** (2017). Drug Addiction and Histone Code Alterations, Adv Exp Med Biol, 978 127-143.
2. **D. Ferguson** (2017). Cocaine Mediates the Cellular Mechanism of Satiating, Biol Psychiatry, 81 e47-e48.

#### Abstracts and Conference Proceedings

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2. Bowman, R. E. ; **Ferguson, D.** ; Luine, V. N: Effects of chronic stress on ovariectomized rats with estrogen replacement. 2001 Society for Neuroscience Meeting. San Diego, CA: Tuesday, November 13, **2001**

3. Jacome, L.; **Ferguson, D.** ; Mohan, G. ; Luine, V. N. ; Frankfurt, M. Chronic estrogen and progesterone enhances visual and spatial memory and alters monoamines in rats. 2002 Society for Neuroscience Meeting. Orlando, FL: Monday, November 4, **2002**
4. Bisagno, V. ; **Ferguson, D.** ; Luine, V. Sexually dimorphic effects of amphetamine on cognitive tasks and monoamines in rats. 2002 Society for Neuroscience Meeting. Orlando, FL Monday, November 4, **2002**
5. Kaufer, D.; Ogle, W. O.; Pincus, Z. S.; Clark, K. L. ; Dinkel, K. M. ; Dumas, T. C.; **Ferguson, D.** ; Lee, A. L.; Meier, T. ; Sapolsky, R. M. Remodeling the neuronal stress response: genetic strategies to increase neuronal survival following neurological insults. 2003 Society for Neuroscience Meeting. New Orleans, LA: Saturday, November 8, **2003**
6. Nicholas, A. **Ferguson, D.**; Sapolsky, R. Hippocampal expression of a chimeric steroid receptor suggests genomic effects of estrogen protect against glucocorticoid induced spatial memory impairment. 2003 Society for Neuroscience Meeting. New Orleans, LA: Wednesday, November 12, **2003**
7. Niyomchai, T.; Russo, S. J.; Festa, E. D. ; **Ferguson, D.**; Jenab, S.<sup>1</sup> ; Luine, V. ; Quinones-Jenab, V. Ovarian hormones modulate levels of GABA after acute cocaine administration. 2003 Society for Neuroscience Meeting. New Orleans, LA: Wednesday, November 12, **2003**
8. Nicholas, A. C.; **Ferguson, D.** ; Tzvetanov, I. ; Sapolsky, R. M. Enhancing short-term memory retrieval during stress or stress hormone treatment with gene therapy. 2004 Society for Neuroscience Meeting. San Diego, CA: Tuesday, October 26, **2004**
9. **Ferguson, D.** ; Dumas, T. ; Sapolsky, R. M. Gene therapy to spare cognition from the disruptive effects of stress. 2004 Society for Neuroscience Meeting. San Diego, CA: Tuesday, October 26, **2004**
10. RS Duman, J Koo, SJ Russo, **D Ferguson**, EJ Nestler; NF-kappaB is an essential mediator of the IL-1beta induced anti-neurogenic and depressive-like actions of stress 2009 Society for Neuroscience Meeting. Chicago, IL: Sunday, Oct 18, **2009**
11. DM Dietz, I Maze, M Mechanic, V Vialou, KC Dietz, SD Iniguez, Q Laplant, SJ Russo, **D Ferguson**, EJ Nestler, 2009 Society for Neuroscience Meeting. Chicago, IL Sunday, Oct 18, **2009**
12. **D Ferguson**, V Krishnan, R Neve, EJ Nestler, SJ Russo; Chronic social defeat regulates NFkB signaling within the nucleus accumbens 2009 Society for Neuroscience Meeting. Chicago, IL: Monday, Oct 19, **2009**

13. J Koo, Q Laplant, MS Mazei-Robison, **D Ferguson**, DM Dietz, M Lobo, SJ Russo, MB Wilkinson, EJ Nestler; Role of BDNF in morphine regulation of gene expression and place conditioning. 2009 Society for Neuroscience Meeting. Chicago, IL: Wednesday, Oct 21, **2009**
14. **D Ferguson**, DM Dietz, I Maze, W Renthal, P Kennedy, J Koo, R Neve, V Sartorelli, EJ Nestler; Sirt1 regulates reward-related behaviors within the nucleus accumbens. 2010 Society for Neuroscience Meeting. San Diego, CA: Sunday, Nov 14, **2010**
15. J Koo, MS Mazie-Robison, Q Laplant, DM Dietz, **D Ferguson**, M Lobo, YN Ohnishi, J Feng, YH Ohnishi, E Mouzon, MB Wilkinson, YL Hurd, SJ Russo, EJ Nestler; Role of BDNF in the VTA in regulating molecular and behavioral responses to morphine. 2010 Society for Neuroscience Meeting. San Diego, CA: Monday, Nov 15, **2010**
16. Christoffell DJ, SA Golden, D Dimitriu, HF Ahn, C Reyes, **D Ferguson**, D Dietz, WG Janssen, JH Morrison, SJ Russo; Essential role for NFκB in stress-induced synaptic plasticity and behavior. 2010 Society for Neuroscience Meeting. San Diego, CA: Tuesday, Nov 16, **2010**
17. J Koo, MS Mazei-Robison, M Lobo, DM Dietz, Q Laplant, **D Ferguson**, J Feng, H Sun, D Damez-Werno, K Scobie, YN Ohnishi, YH Ohnishi, E Mouzon, C Dias, AJ Robison, V Vialou, RL Neve, SJ Russo, EJ Nestler; Role of BDNF in the VTA in regulating molecular and behavioral responses to morphine. 2011 Society for Neuroscience Meeting. Washington, DC: Sunday, Nov 13, **2011**
18. S Golden, D Christoffel, G Hodes, F Ahn, J Magida, **D Ferguson**, M Mazei-Robison, S Russo; The role of the small RhoGTPase Rac1 in depression-like behavior and synaptic plasticity in the nucleus accumbens. 2011 Society for Neuroscience Meeting. Washington, DC: Wednesday, Nov 16, **2011**
19. **D Ferguson**, D Dietz, V Vialou, R. Neve, V Sartorelli, EJ Nestler; Novel role for sirtuin signaling mechanisms and downstream targets in depression. 2011 Society for Neuroscience Meeting. Washington, DC: Wednesday, Nov 16, **2011**
20. J Koo, M Mazei-Robison, **D Ferguson**, J Feng, H Adlman, E Mouzon, M Cahill, R Neve, M Lobo, EJ Nestler; Differential role of sox11 in opiate and cocaine addiction. 2012 Society for Neuroscience Meeting. New Orleans, LA: Sunday, Oct 14, **2012**
21. J Feng, MB Wilkinson, X Liu, **D Ferguson**, V Vialou, P Kennedy, J Koo, C Dias, N Shao, I Maze, B Laitman, Q Laplant, M Cahill, L Shen, EJ Nestler; Cocaine induced transcriptome and epigenome changes in mouse nucleus accumbens. 2012 Society for Neuroscience Meeting. New Orleans, LA: Monday, Oct 15, **2012**

22. D Chaudhury, JJ Walsh, B Juarez, AK Friedman, J Koo, **D Ferguson**, HC Tsai, L Pomeranz, S Ku, DJ Christoffel, E Mouzon, M Lobo, RL Neve, JM Friedman, S Russo, K Deisseroth, EJ Nestler, MH Han. Optogenetic dissection of the functional role of the firing patterns of ventral tegmental area dopamine neurons in encoding behavioral susceptibility to social defeat stress. 2012 Society for Neuroscience Meeting. New Orleans, LA: Tuesday, Oct 16, **2012**
23. JJ Walsh, D Chaudhury, AK Friedman, B Juarez, HC Tsai, SM Ku, J Koo, **D Ferguson**, DJ Christoffel, E Mouzon, L Pomeranz, RL Neve, JM Friedman, M Lobo, S Russo, K Deisseroth, EJ Nestler, MH Han. The functional contribution of projection-specific midbrain dopamine neurons in social defeat stress. 2012 Society for Neuroscience Meeting. New Orleans, LA: Tuesday, Oct 16, **2012**
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### **Administrative Service**

#### **Department Committees and Service**

2014-2017 Seminar Committee  
 2016-2018 Early Stage Investigator Committee  
 2016-2018 Executive Committee  
 2018-2020 Mentoring Committee  
 2020-present Annual Promotions and Tenure Committee  
 2021-present Research Space Committee

#### **College Committees and Service**

2014-2015 Multiple-Mini Medical Student Interviewer  
 2017-218 LCME Workgroup  
 2017-2018 REBELs Curriculum Workgroup  
 2017-2018 Search Committee for Molecular Medicine Faculty  
 2020-present Honors and Awards Committee  
 2020-2021 Search Committee for Medical Microbiology Faculty  
 2020-2021 Search Committee for Chair of Psychiatry Department  
 2021-2022 Search Committee for Chair of Translational Neuroscience Department  
 2022-present Pathway Scholars Program Admissions Committee

## National/International Service

### **Grant Reviewer**

- 2015 Swiss Science National Foundation External Grant Review Committee
- 2017 Ad Hoc Reviewer for NIH Study Section: NIMH-NMB
- 2018 Israeli Science Foundation
- 2018 Hunter College SCORE External Grant Reviewer
- 2018 Valley Research Partnership Study Section
- 2018 Ad Hoc Reviewer for NIH Study Section: NIMH-MNPS
- 2019 Ad Hoc Reviewer for NIH Study Section: NIMH-MNPS
- 2022 Ad Hoc Reviewer for NIH Study Section: ZRG1-IFCN-U

### **Community Outreach**

- 2015-Present Mentor UA-COM Pathway Scholarly Project program
- 2018-2020 Mentor ASU's Black Graduate Student (BGS) program
- 2018-2020 Mentor Hispanic Scholarship Fund
- 2019-2020 Mentor Internal Advisory Board for ASU's Workforce inclusion in neuroscience through undergraduate research experience (WINURE)

### **Journal Editorial Activity**

- 2018-Present Editorial Board, *Life Sciences (Elsevier)*
- 2021-2022 Editorial Board, *Discover Mental Health (Springer Nature)*
- 2022-Present Editorial Board, *Molecular Psychiatry (Springer Nature)*

### **Ad Hoc Journal Reviewer**

*Biological Psychiatry, Translational Psychiatry, eNeuro, Behavioral Brain Research, Journal of Neuroscience, Neuropsychopharmacology, Life Sciences, Nature Communications, Molecular Psychiatry, Genes, Brain and Behavior, Physiology and Behavior, Progress in Neuropsychopharmacology*

## Professional Societies

- 2002-Present Society for Neuroscience (SFN)
- 2007-Present International Behavioral Neuroscience Society (IBNS)
- 2008-Present International Society of Psychoneuroendocrinology (ISPE)

## University Committees and Service

## Media

### Print/online

- 2007 Stanford School of Medicine News Article. *Gene pool: new therapy improves*

*Memory and learning*. Nov. 8, 2007  
<https://news.stanford.edu/news/2006/november8/stress-110806.html>

- 2009 CSRWire. *Nation's Top 37 Minority Students Awarded Prestigious UNCF/Merck Science and Scholarship & Fellowships*. Jun. 6, 2009  
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- 2016 ScienceNews. *Aging related protein may play a role in depression*  
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<https://www.sciencenews.org/article/>  
Aging-related-protein-may-play-role-depression
- 2016 Statepress. *Protein connection to depression could lead to new med*  
Nov. 10, 2016  
<https://www.statepress.com/article/2016/11/>  
sp-magazine-new-connection-could-lead-to-beter-depression-meds
- 2016 Brain and Behavior News. *Sirt1 Protein May Play Important Role in Depression*.  
Sept. 1, 2016  
<https://www.bbrfoundation.org/content/sirt1-protein-may-play-important-role-regulating-depressive-behaviors>
- 2017 EurekAlert! The Global Source for Science News. *UA researcher receives NIH Grant to discover novel antidepressants*. Dec. 6, 2017  
<https://www.eurekalert.org/news-releases/860363>
- 2017 13newsnow. *College gets grant for research into depression treatments*. Dec. 6, 2017  
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- 2017 Associated Press. *College gets grant for research on depression*. Dec. 7, 2017  
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- 2017 Health Sciences Connect. *Researchers Awarded a Highly Competitive NIH grant*.  
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<https://phoenixmed.arizona.edu/about/news/researchers-awarded-highly-competitive-nih-grant>
- 2019 Health Sciences Connect. *Graduate Student Awarded Scholarship*.  
Feb. 5th, 2019  
<https://healthsciences.arizona.edu/connect/honors/dr-deveroux-ferguson-recognized->
- 2021 Health Sciences Connect. *Dr. Deveroux Ferguson Recognized As Inspiring Black Scientist*. Jun. 8th, 2021  
<https://healthsciences.arizona.edu/connect/honors/dr-deveroux-ferguson-recognized->

### **Conferences Seminars**

- January 2015. Arizona State University. Phoenix, AZ
- March 2015. University of Arizona. Tucson, AZ
- April 2015 ASU, Tempe, AZ. ASU Neuroscience Symposium.

### **TEACHING**

#### Teaching Titles and Responsibilities

Associate Professor, Department of Basic Medical Sciences  
Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry  
Associate Professor, Clinical Translational Science  
Adjunct Associate Professor of Neuroscience (ASU)

#### Medical School Case-Based Instruction Section Facilitator:

2014-present Musculoskeletal Nervous System I Block, *biweekly*  
2014-present Nervous System II Block, *biweekly*  
2021-present Reproduction, Endocrine & Behavior Through the Lifespan, *biweekly*



2021-present Molecular Basis of Life and Disease, *biweekly*  
2021-present Oncology, *biweekly*

2021-present Director Musculoskeletal Nervous System Pathway Scholars Graduate Program

### **Individual Student Contact**

Trainee Awards (Resulting from collaboration on grant and fellowship applications and projects)

Hee-Dae Kim, Ph.D., Post-doctoral Fellow-  
2017-2019 NARSAD Young Investigator Award  
2018 Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory course support Award

Tanessa Call, Graduate Student-  
2019 Harry Lowell Swift Award  
2019 ARCS Fellowship

### **Advising:**

#### Medical Students

Sandy Peoples 2016-2020 MD, Resident UCLA Medical Center

#### Undergraduate Students

Samantha Magazu	2014-2018	Graduate Student
Ross Johnson	2016-2020	Medical Student
Katheleen Johnstonbaugh	2015-2016	Medical Student
Alex Summers	2019-2021	Graduate Student
Julia Jackman	2019-2020	Undergraduate Student

#### Graduate Students

Tanessa Call	2014-present	Graduate Student, ASU IGPN
Jennifer Hesterman	2015-2018	Graduate Student, ASU IGPN
Sara Knowles	2017-2018	Graduate Student, ASU IGPN
Broc Pagni	2017-2018	Graduate Student, ASU IGPN
Nicole Quintus	2019-2021	Graduate Student, UA CTS

#### Post-Doctoral Fellows

Hee-Dae Kim, PhD 2014-present Assistant Scientific Researcher

### **Dissertations directed and in progress**

Nicole Quintus	MA	Masters in Clinical Translational Science
Tanessa Call	Ph.D.	Interdisciplinary Graduate Program Neuroscience

### **Service on dissertation and graduate committees**

Megan Rudolph	Ph.D. (2020)	Interdisciplinary Graduate Program Neuroscience
Kimberly Meyers	Ph.D. (2020)	Interdisciplinary Graduate Program Neuroscience
Nicholas Brookhouser	Ph.D. (2020)	Clinical Translational Science
Annika Vannan	Ph.D. (2022)	Interdisciplinary Graduate Program Neuroscience
Mark Namba	Ph.D. (2022)	Interdisciplinary Graduate Program Neuroscience

### **Graduate Student Laboratory Rotations**

Jennifer Hesterman	2015-2018	Graduate Student, ASU IGPN
Sara Knowles	2017-2018	Graduate Student, ASU IGPN
Broc Pagni	2017-2018	Graduate Student, ASU IGPN

### **Contributions to Instructional Innovations**

2022	Redesigned Pathway Scholars Program Neuroscience Curriculum
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