

# SAMANTHA L. WILSON

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## CURRENT ACADEMIC APPOINTMENT

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Assistant Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, McMaster University

July 2022 -

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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Postdoctoral Fellow, Princess Margaret Cancer Centre

February 2018 - June 2022

Supervisor: Dr. Michael Hoffman

Doctor of Philosophy, Medical Genetics, University of British Columbia

January 2013-February 2018

Supervisor: Dr. Wendy Robinson

Dissertation: Genetic and epigenetic profiling of placental insufficiency: Identifying biomarkers of preeclampsia and intrauterine growth restriction

Bachelor of Science, The University of Western Ontario

September 2008-June 2012

Honours Specialization in Genetics

## PUBLICATIONS, N=20

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underline = I supervised student

### Original Research

1. Brockway, H.B., Wilson, S.L., Kallapur, S.K., Buhimschi, C.S., Muglia, L.J., Jones, H.N. Characterization of methylation profiles in spontaneous preterm birth placental villous tissue. *PLOS One*. 18(3), e0279991. 2023.
2. Wilson, S.L., Shen, S.Y., Harmon, L.M., Burgener, J., Triche, T., Bratman, S.V., De Carvalho, D.D., Hoffman, M.M. Synthetic spike-in controls enable sensitive and reproducible cell-free methylome interrogation. *Cell Reports Methods*. 2(9), 100294. 2022.
3. Lee, Y., Choufani, S., Weksberg, R., Wilson, S.L., Yuan, V., Robinson, W.P., Burt, A., Marsit C., Lu, A., Binder, A., Ritz, B., Bohlin, J., Gjessing, H., Harris, J., Magnus, P., Jugessur, A., Horvath, S. Placental epigenetic clocks: estimating gestational age using placental DNA methylation levels. *Aging*. 11 (12), 4238. 2019.
4. Konwar, C., Price, E.M., Wang, L., Wilson, S.L., Terry, J., Robinson, W.P. DNA methylation profiling of acute chorioamnionitis-associated placentas and fetal membranes: insights into epigenetic variation in spontaneous preterm births. *Epigenetics and Chromatin*. 11 (1), 63. 2018.
5. Leavey, K., Wilson, S.L., Robinson, W.P., Cox, B. Epigenetic Regulation of Placental Gene Expression in Transcriptional Subclasses of Preeclampsia. *Clinical Epigenetics*. 10 (1), 28. 2018.
6. Magee, L.A., Synnes A., von Dadelszaen, P., Hutfield A., Chainoine, J.P., Cote, A.M., Devlin, A., Dorling, J., Gafni, A., Ganzevoort, W., Gruslin, A., Helewa, M., Hutton, E., Koren, G., Lee, S.K., McArthur, D., Rey, E., Robinson, W.P., Roseboom, T., Singer, J., Wilson S.L., Moutquin, J.M., and CHIPS-Child Study consortium. CHIPS-Child: Testing the developmental programming hypothesis in the offspring of the CHIPS Trial. *Pregnancy and Hypertension*. 14, 15-22. 2017.
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  - This work won the Elsevier Trophoblast Research New Investigator Award at the 2016 International Federation of Placenta Association meeting.

8. Barha, CK., Salvante, K., Hanna, CW., Wilson, SL., Robinson, WP., Altman, RM., Nepromnaschy, P. Hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis activity and cellular aging in mothers. *PLOS One*. 12 (5), e0177869. 2016.
9. Wilson, SL., Liu, Y., Robinson, WP. Placental telomere length decline with gestational age differs by sex and TERT, DNMT1, and DNMT3A DNA methylation. *Placenta*. 48, 26-33. 2016
  - This work was selected as part of the inaugural *poster walks* session at the American Society of Human Genetics 2015 meeting.
10. Barha, C., Hanna, CW., Salvante, K., Wilson, SL., Robinson, WP., Nepromnaschy, P. Number of Children and Telomere Length in Women: A Prospective, Longitudinal Evaluation. *PLOS One*. 11 (1), e0146424. 2016.
11. Wilson, SL., Blair, JD., Hogg, K., Langlois, S., von Dadelszen, P., Robinson, WP. Placental DNA methylation at term reflects maternal serum levels of INHA, but not PAPPa or FN1, early in pregnancy. *BMC Medical Genetics*. 16 (1), 111. 2015.

#### Review articles, proceedings, and letters

1. Wilson, S.L. and Wallingford, M. Epigenetic regulation of molecular reproduction in human and animal models. *Molecular Human Reproduction*. 27 (7), gaab041. 2021.
2. Wilson, S.L., Way, G.P., Bittremieux, W., Armache, J-P., Haendel, M., Hoffman, M.M. Sharing biological data: Why, when and how. *Federation of European Biochemical Societies Letters*. 595 (7), 847-863. 2021.
3. Wilson, SL., Robinson, WP. Utility of DNA methylation to assess placental health. *Trophoblast Research*. 64, S23-S28. 2017.
4. Manokhina, I., Konwar, C., Del Gobbo, GF., Wilson, SL., Robinson, WP. Placental biomarkers for assessing fetal health. *Human Molecular Genetics*. 26 (R2), R237-R245. 2017.
5. Albrecht, C., Baker, JC., Blundell, C., Chavez, SL., Carbone, L., Chamley, L. Hannibal, RL., Illsley, N., Kurre, P., Laurent, LC., McKenzie, C., Morales-Prieto, D., Pantham, P., Paquette, A., Powell, K., Price, N., Rao, BM., Sadovsky, Y., Salomon, C., Tuteja, G., Wilson, S., O'Tierney-Ginn, PF. IFPA meeting 2016 workshop report 1: Genomic communication, bioinformatics, trophoblast biology and transport systems. *Placenta*. 60, S5-S9. 2017.
6. Manokhina, I., Wilson, SL., Robinson, WP. Non-invasive nucleic-acid based approaches to monitor placental health in pregnancy. *AJOG*. 213 (4), S197-S206. 2015.
7. Cohen, ASA., Wilson, SL., Trinh, J., Ye, XC. Detecting Somatic Mosaicism: Considerations and Clinical Implications. *Clin Genet*. 87 (6), 554-562. 2014.

#### Book Chapters

1. Robinson, WP., Penaherrera, MS., Konwar, C., Yuen, V., Wilson, SL.. Epigenetic Modifications in the Human Placenta. *Human Reproductive and Prenatal Genetics*. Elsevier. 293-311. 2019.

#### Theses

1. Wilson, SL. Genetic and epigenetic profiling of placental insufficiency: identifying biomarkers of preeclampsia and intrauterine growth restriction. *University of British Columbia*. 2017.

## PATENTS

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### Patent Applications

1. International Patent Application No. PCT/CA2020/051507 SYNTHETIC SPIKE-IN CONTROLS FOR CELLFREE MEDIP SEQUENCING AND METHODS OF USING SAME. November 6, 2020.

## INFORMATICS

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R package: Spiky

2020

*Contributor*

Spiky is a package designed to use synthetic spike-in control data for cfMeDIP-seq to absolutely quantify molar amount of experimental cell-free DNA. I created the code and worked with programmers, Dr. Tim Triche and Lauren Harmon to create spiky and make it accessible to everyone. Spiky is available on GitHub, and Bioconductor.

<https://github.com/trichelab/spiky>

<https://bioconductor.org/packages/spiky>

## FUNDING, N=9

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### Research Grants, N=3

1. Preeclampsia Foundation Vision Grant (\$20,000.00USD) 2023  
Preeclampsia Foundation Canada  
Non-invasively assessing placental aging and oxidative stress as markers for preeclampsia  
Role: Principal Investigator
2. Accelerator grant in genome medicine (\$80,000.00CAD) 2019-2020  
McLaughlin Centre, University of Toronto  
Genome-wide cell-free DNA methylation enrichment and sequencing for preeclampsia diagnosis  
Role: Co-investigator
3. CIHR project grant (\$1,212,525.00CAD) 2019-2024  
Canadian Institute of Health Research  
DNA methylation profiling in cell-free DNA: a non-invasive method to screen for pre-term birth  
Role: Co-investigator

### Salary Awards, N=6

1. CIHR Fellowship (\$135,000.00CAD) 2020-2023  
Canadian Institute of Health Research
2. Molly Towell Perinatal Research Foundation Fellowship (National) (\$60,000.00CAD) 2019-2021  
Molly Towell Perinatal Research Foundation  
Declined in 2020 to hold CIHR fellowship
3. Princess Margaret Postdoctoral Fellowship (\$50,000.00CAD) 2018-2019  
Princess Margaret Cancer Research Centre
4. UBC Four Year Doctoral Fellowship (\$92,800.00CAD) 2015-2019  
University of British Columbia  
Declined in 2018 as PhD was completed
5. BC Children's Hospital Research Institute Graduate Studentship (\$40,000.00CAD) 2014-2016  
BC Children's Hospital Research Institute  
Declined in 2015 to hold the UBC 4 Year Doctoral Fellowship
6. NSERC Undergraduate Research Student Award (\$4500.00CAD) 2011  
National Sciences of Engineering Research Council

Presentation awards, N=8

1. Elsevier Placenta New Investigator Award (International)(\$1000.00USD) 2021  
International Federation of Placenta Association  
Awarded to top oral presentation.
2. JW Knox Ritchie Research Award: best poster presentation by a postdoc 2019  
University of Toronto, Dept. of Obstetrics and Gynecology
3. Medical Genetics Research Day Poster Prize 2017  
University of British Columbia, Department of Medical Genetics
4. BC Children's Hospital Research Institute Poster Presentation Award 2017  
BC Children's Hospital Research Institute
5. CIHR Poster Presentation Award Silver 2017  
Canadian Student Health Research Forum  
Canadian Institute of Health Research
6. Elsevier Trophoblast Research New Investigator Award (International) (\$1500.00USD) 2016  
International Federation of Placenta Association  
Awarded to the top poster presentation (>200 presenters). Along with the award, was invited as a plenary speaker to IFPA 2017 meeting in Manchester, UK, and invited to write a review article on my work in placental DNA methylation in the Trophoblast Research Journal.
7. Academic Day Best Oral Presentation 2016  
University of British Columbia, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
8. Medical Genetics Research Day Poster Prize 2015  
University of British Columbia, Department of Medical Genetics

Teaching awards, N=2

1. Teaching Assistant Award 2017  
University of British Columbia, Department of Medical Genetics
2. Teaching Assistant Award 2014  
University of British Columbia, Department of Medical Genetics

Travel awards, N=9

1. IFPA Burroughs Wellcome Fund Travel Award(\$1000.00USD) 2023  
International Federation of Placenta Association
2. Elsevier New Investigator Travel Award (€120.00) 2021  
International Federation of Placenta Association
3. CIHR, Institute Community Support Travel Award (\$1000.00CAD) 2019  
Institute of Human Development, Child and Youth Health  
Canadian Institute of Health Research
4. CIHR Travel Award (\$1000.00CAD) 2017  
Canadian Institute of Health Research  
Nominated as being within the top 5% of doctoral students
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International Federation of Placenta Association
6. BC Children's Hospital Research Methodology Grant (\$1200.00CAD) 2016  
BC Children's Hospital Research Institute

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| 7. CEEHRC Travel Award (\$1000.00CAD)<br>Canadian Epigenetics, Environment and Health Research Consortium Network     | 2016 |
| 8. BC Children's Hospital Research Institute Travel Grant (\$1200.00CAD)<br>BC Children's Hospital Research Institute | 2015 |
| 9. Wellcome Trust Epigenomics of Common Diseases Travel Bursary (£100.00)<br>Wellcome Trust                           | 2014 |

## PRESENTATIONS, N=37

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### Invited talks, N=13

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| 1. Canadian Epigenetics, Environment Health Research Consortium Meeting<br>Title: Characterizing cell-free DNA signatures in pregnancy: What do we know, and what can they tell us?<br>Banff, Alberta, Canada | November 2023   |
| 2. The Society for Birth Defects Research and Prevention<br>Title: Epigenomic Techniques and Machine Learning Approaches to Predict Pregnancy Complications<br>Charleston, South Carolina, USA                | June 2023       |
| 3. McMaster OBGYN Grand Rounds<br>Title: Epigenomic Techniques to Predict Pregnancy Complications<br>Hamilton, ON,CA  | March 2023      |
| 4. McMaster Biochemistry Seminar Series<br>Title: Epigenomic Techniques to Predict Pregnancy Complications<br>Hamilton, ON,CA   | February 2023   |
| 5. University of Ottawa: Ottawa Data Champions<br>Title: Practicalities of preparing data for sharing and reproducibility<br>Virtual Seminar  | September 2022  |
| 6. Colorado Center for Personalized Medicine<br>Title: Towards non-invasive prediction of pregnancy complications using epigenomics<br>Virtual Seminar  | March 2022      |
| 7. Columbia University, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology<br>Title: Towards non-invasive prediction of pregnancy complications using epigenomics<br>Virtual Seminar                                     | December 2021   |
| 8. University of Florida, Department of Physiology and Functional genomics<br>Title: Towards non-invasive prediction of pregnancy complications using epigenomics<br>Virtual Seminar                          | September 2021  |
| 9. PACE consortium annual meeting<br>Title: A new method to enrich and amplify the DNA methylation signature of cell-free placental DNA from maternal plasma<br>Virtual meeting                               | April, 2021     |
| 10. Tufts Medical Center, Mother and Infant Research Institute<br>Title: Towards non-invasive prediction for screening of pregnancy complications<br>Virtual Seminar  | January, 2021   |
| 11. R ladies Toronto<br>Title: Machine learning approaches to predict preterm birth in R<br>Toronto, ON, Canada   | September, 2019 |

12. International Federation of Placental Association 2017 Annual Meeting September, 2017  
Title: Placental molecular profiling in preeclampsia: Utility, reproducibility and biological meaning  
Manchester, UK
13. International Federation of Placental Association 2016 Annual Meeting September, 2016  
Title: Epigenomics and the Placenta  
Portland, OR, USA

Selected talks, N=12

1. International Federation of Placenta Association September 2023  
Title: Second trimester cell-free placental DNA methylation profiles in preterm birth subtypes  
Rotorua, New Zealand
2. International Federation of Placenta Association 2021 meeting: Oral presentation September 2021  
Title: A new method to absolutely quantify and enrich for circulating placenta DNA from maternal blood  
Virtual meeting
3. American Society of Human Genetics 2020 meeting: Platform oral presentation October, 2020  
Title: Enrichment, sequencing, and absolute quantification of circulating placental DNA in maternal blood, using DNA methylation  
Virtual meeting  
Top 9% of abstracts of 2186 abstracts that were submitted were chosen for an oral presentation.
4. Placental-Interface Virtual Seminar Series May, 2020  
Title: A new method to absolutely quantify and enrich for circulating placenta DNA from maternal blood, using DNA methylation  
Virtual seminar
5. Princess Margaret Cancer Enlightening Day October, 2019  
Title: Synthetic spike-in controls to account for biological and technical bias in cfMeDIP-seq  
Toronto, ON, Canada
6. UBC Faculty of Medicine Student Research Day May, 2017  
Title: DNA methylation: Reproducibility, utility and biological meaning  
Vancouver, BC, Canada
7. UBC Dept. of Medical Genetics Research Day November, 2016  
Title: DNA methylation gives insight into different etiologies in early-onset and late-onset preeclampsia and intrauterine growth restriction  
Vancouver, BC, Canada
8. UBC Dept. of OBGYN Academic Day May, 2016  
Title: DNA methylation profiling gives insight into the relationship between early-onset and late-onset Preeclampsia, Intrauterine growth restriction and healthy placentas  
Vancouver, BC, Canada
9. Canadian National Perinatal Research Meeting February, 2016  
Title: DNA methylation profiling gives insight into the relationship between early-onset and late-onset Preeclampsia, Intrauterine growth restriction and healthy placentas  
Banff, AB, Canada
10. American Society of Human Genetics 65th Annual Meeting October, 2015  
Title: Sexual dimorphism in placental telomere length over gestational age  
Baltimore, MD, USA  
Selected for featured poster talk in the prenatal, perinatal and reproductive genetics category.
11. Pacific Northwest Genetics exchange September 2015  
Title: Assessing biomarkers of pregnancy complications through placental DNA methylation profiles  
Vancouver, BC, Canada

12. The Tree of Life: Placenta Workshop September 2014  
Title: Identifying biomarkers through placenta DNA methylation profiles: Preliminary Data  
Vancouver, BC, Canada

Other seminars, N = 2

1. Western University, Schulich School of Medicine seminar September 2021  
Title: Towards non-invasive prediction of pregnancy complications using epigenomics
2. McMaster University, Department of OBGYN seminar August 2021  
Title: Towards non-invasive prediction of pregnancy complications using epigenomics

Poster presentations, N=12

1. Society of Reproductive Investigation July 2021  
Title: Enrichment and Absolute Quantification of Cell-Free Placenta DNA in Maternal Blood  
Virtual Meeting
2. Canadian National Perinatal Research Meeting February 2021  
Title: Enrichment, sequencing, and absolute quantification of circulating placental DNA in maternal blood, using DNA methylation  
Virtual Meeting
3. Epigenomics of Common Diseases Meeting November, 2019  
Title: Synthetic spike-in controls to account for biological and technical bias in cfMeDIP-seq  
Cambridge, UK
4. University of Toronto OBGYN Research day May, 2019  
Title: Developing predictive models of preterm birth using DNA methylation profiling in cell-free DNA: A study design  
Toronto, ON, Canada
5. Canadian Student Research Forum June, 2017  
Title: DNA methylation: Reproducibility, utility and biological meaning  
Winnipeg, MB, Canada
6. GenomeBC 15th Annual Genomics Forum May, 2017  
Title: DNA methylation: Reproducibility, utility and biological meaning  
Vancouver, BC, Canada
7. American Society of Human Genetics 66th Annual Meeting October, 2016  
Title: DNA methylation gives insight into different etiologies in early-onset and late-onset preeclampsia and intrauterine growth restriction  
Vancouver, BC, Canada
8. International Federation Placenta Association Annual Meeting September, 2016  
Title: Unravelling the relationship between early and late-onset preeclampsia. What does the placental DNA methylation profile reveal?  
Portland, OR, USA
9. BC Children's Hospital Research Institute Research Forum September, 2016  
Title: Sexual dimorphism in placental telomere length over gestational age  
Vancouver, BC, Canada
10. UBC Medical Genetics Research Day November, 2016  
Title: Sexual dimorphism in placental telomere length over gestational age  
Vancouver, BC, Canada

11. American Society of Human Genetics 63rd Annual Meeting  
Title: DNA methylation profiling reveals distinct subgroups  
Boston, MA, USA

October, 2013

## TEACHING

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McMaster University, Department of Biology  
*BIO3ZZ3*

Guest Lecturer  
*December 2022 2021*

- Class size: 30
- Gave 1 lecture to undergraduate students

University of Toronto, Department of Molecular Genetics  
*MMG3003Y: Genomic Methodologies*

Guest Lecturer  
*April and June 2018-June 2021*

- Class size: 30
- Gave 2 lectures to graduate students
  - i) DNA methylation microarrays: Everything to consider in an experiment
  - ii) Analyzing DNA methylation experiments and data visualization using ggplot2 in R

University of Toronto, Department of Molecular Genetics  
*MMG3001Y: Advanced Human Genetics*

Guest Lecturer  
*November 2018-November 2021*

- Class size: 30
- Gave 2 lectures to graduate students
  - i) Fundamentals of epigenetics
  - ii) Epigenetics and development

University of British Columbia, Department of Medical Genetics  
*MEDG419: Developmental Origins of Human Disorders*

Teaching Assistant  
*January 2017-April 2017*

- Class size: 20
- Marked student participation, presentations, midterm and final exams
- Lead the biweekly tutorial sessions reviewing class lectures
- Won the Department of Medical Genetics Teaching Assistant Award 2017 for work in this class

University of British Columbia, Department of Medical Genetics  
*MEDG420: Human Genomics and Medical Genetics*

Teaching Assistant  
*September 2015-December 2015*

- Class size: 20
- Marked student participation, presentations, midterm and final exams

University of British Columbia, Department of Medical Genetics  
*MEDG419: Developmental Origins of Human Disorders*

Teaching Assistant  
*January 2014-April 2014*

- Class size: 20
- Marked student participation, presentations, midterm and final exams
- Lead the biweekly tutorial sessions reviewing class lectures in more detail and focusing of material student's were struggling with
- Won the Department of Medical Genetics Teaching Assistant Award 2014 for work in this class

University of British Columbia, Medical School  
*Topics in Genetics*

Problem Based Learning Facilitator  
*April 2013-April 2016*

- Class size: 10-50
- Facilitated group discussions on first and second year medical school genetics curriculum. Class sizes ranged from 10-50 students
- Lead discussions on: Principles of Human Genetics, Calculating Genetic Risks, Chromosomal Abnormalities, and Prenatal Diagnosis



## WORK EXPERIENCE

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McMaster University, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology  
Assistant Professor

July 2022 -

My lab focuses on understanding pregnancy complications pertaining to placental dysfunction. We use multi-omics data such as, epigenomics, transcriptomics, genomics, and proteomics, along with bioinformatics to understand disease etiology. We also focus on developing non-invasive methods to assess placental health and use machine learning approaches to predict pregnancies at risk of complications prior to the onset of clinical symptoms.

Princess Margaret Cancer Centre  
Postdoctoral Research Fellow

February 2018 - June 2022

Developing machine learning approaches to predict disease in the context of both cancer and preterm birth. Both these projects have goals to develop non-invasive biomarkers using DNA methylation profiles in circulating cell free nucleic acids. In cancer, circulating tumour DNA is being studied and in preterm birth, cell free placental DNA is being studied. We are using cell free meDIP-seq approaches to measure DNA methylation at low levels.

London Health Science Centre, Medical Genetics Clinic  
Research Assistant (0.8FTE)

September 2011-August 2012

- Developed and maintained database of BRCA1 and BRCA2 variants in local patient population
- Reviewed family histories, made pedigrees, and performed cancer risk assessments on patients
- Observed genetic counselling sessions in cancer genetics, prenatal genetics, and paediatric genetics
- Participated in Medical Genetics rounds and patient review

London Health Science Centre, Medical Diagnostic Laboratory  
Research Assistant (0.2FTE)

May 2012-August 2012

- Designed PCR tests for identifying mutations diagnostic of Charcot-Marie-Tooth Syndrome and Hemochromatosis

Norgen Biotek Corp.  
Research Assistant

May 2011-August 2011

- Performed DNA and RNA extractions on multiple organisms (plant, bacteria, blood, saliva, and tissue)
- Investigated RNA degradation in plants with different extraction methods and different processing time

## CREDENTIALS

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CIHR Institute of Gender and Health Core Competency Module for Sex and Gender Biomedical Research  
April 2022

Canadian Institutes of Health Research

SciNet summer school: Introduction to machine learning, Introduction to python, and Python in high performance computing  
July 2019

SciNet

Scientific computing: Introduction to machine learning and Machine learning in python  
May 2019

Krembil Centre for Neuroinformatics

Compute Ontario Summer School on High Performance Computing  
June 2018

SciNet and Compute Ontario

Data Analysis with Python  
October 2016

Carpentry Software Workshops

Epigenomic Data Analysis  
June 2016

Canadian Bioinformatics Workshops

Instructional Skills Workshop  
July 2015

University of British Columbia

SUPERVISION AND MENTORSHIP

Table 1: Supervised Undergraduate Students

Student	Program	Role	Years	Current position
Spring Wang	Biopharmacology	Thesis	2023	Undergraduate
Ananya RajKumar	Biochemistry	Thesis	2023 - 2024	Undergraduate
Simon Hendriks	Biotechnology	Coop	2023	Undergraduate
Keaton Smith	Biopharmacology	Coop/Thesis, co-supervised	2023	Undergraduate
Natalie Yuen	Biochemistry	Volunteer/Coop	2022 - 2024	Undergraduate
Ahmed Berih	Biochemistry	Thesis	2022 - 2023	Undergraduate
Mehroop Randhawa	Biology	Thesis	2022 - 2023	Undergraduate
Veronica Alba	Amgen Scholars	Summer student, co-supervised	2021 - 2022	Undergraduate - University of Alberta
Esther Yoo	Engineering	Summer student, co-supervised	2020 - 2022	PhD student - EBI
Sidharth Reed	Biochemistry	Summer student, co-supervised	2019	PhD student - Carnegie Mellon
Li Qing Wang	Integrated Science	Summer student, co-supervised	2016 - 2017	MD/PhD - UBC
Yao Liu	Integrated Science	Directed studies, co-supervised	2014 - 2015	Software Developer PayByPhone

Table 2: Supervised Graduate Students

Student	Program	Role	Years	Current position
Laiba Jamshed	Medical Science	MS799 independent study	2023	PhD student - Holloway lab
Jasrita Singh	Biochemistry	MSc student, faculty mentor	2022 - 2023	Deloitte internship

Table 3: Project consultation and mentorship

Student	Program	Role	Years	Current position
Shiva Murali	McMaster University	Consultation of analysis	2023 -	MSc student - Bhatia lab
Baylea Davenport	University of Florida	Consultation of analysis	2023 -	PhD student - Jones Lab

Table 4: Trainee Awards

Student	Program	Granting Agency	Award	Year (Value)
Mehroop Randhawa	Biology	Biology Undergraduate Student Re-search Day	Thesis2023 Presentation	

REVIEW SERVICE

Table 5: Thesis committees served

Student	Program	Degree	Years	Supervisor
Zainab Hamoodi	Medical Science	MSc	2023 -	Dr. Alison Holloway
Mateusz Wlodarski	Biochemistry	MSc	2023 -	Dr. Andrew McArthur

Table 6: Grant review committees

Funder	Program	Committee	Year
CIHR	Spring Project Grants	Genetics Committee	2023
Swiss National Science Foundation	-	Life Sciences	2023
CIHR	Doctoral Research Awards	-	2022

Table 7: Examination committees

Institute	Role	Student	Supervisor	Year
University of Adelaide, SA, Australia	PhD thesis external examiner	Qianhui Wan	Dr. Claire Roberts	2020

*Peer review articles submitted to:*

- Placenta (N=8)
- Clinical Epigenetics (N=8)
- Molecular Autism (N=1)
- Scientific Reports (N=3)
- Bioinformatics (N=1)
- Gynecological Endocrinology (N=1)
- European Journal of Neuroscience (N=1)
- Epigenetics (N=1)
- Journal of Developmental Origins of Health and Disease (N=1)
- Communication Biology (N=1)

## INSTITUTIONAL LEADERSHIP AND COMMITTEES

## Women in Media Fellowship

May 2023 - September 2023

*Enterprise Canada and Women Who Lead*

- Completed the Women in Media Fellowship consisting of training on how to answer scientific questions to a general public audience.

## McMaster Dept. of OBGYN Research Council Committee

December 2022 - present

- Member of the OBGYN research council that meets quarterly to discuss ongoing research goals in the department.

## Canadian Placental Research Seminar Series

December 2022 - present

- Co-organize the Canadian Placental Research Seminar Series
- Manage a team of co-organizers and hold monthly meetings featuring Canadian placental researchers across all career stages.
- Target audience: pregnancy and reproduction research of all levels.

## Placenta central slack organizer

May 2020 - present

*312 members*

- Set up a slack work space for pregnancy and reproduction researchers to converse, meet people with similar interests, set up collaborations, share new research and ideas, and form collaborations.
- Manage a team of co-organizers and hold biannual meetings on how to improve the slack work space.
- Target audience: pregnancy and reproduction research of all levels.

## EVENT ORGANIZER

## Comittee Member, RT Weaver Research Day

April 2023 - Present

*McMaster University, OBGYN*

- Co-organized the logistics of the event including: setting up online registration, abstract submitting, inviting individuals to the event and moderating.
- Target audience: pregnancy and reproduction researchers and clinicians of all levels.

## Virtual Canadian Placenta Meeting Co-organizer

December 2022

- Co-organized the logistics of the event including: setting up online registration, abstract submitting, inviting individuals to the event and moderating.
- Target audience: pregnancy and reproduction researchers and clinicians of all levels.

## Event Lead, Annual Placenta Workshop

2015 &amp; 2016

*BC Children's Hospital Research Institute*

- Recruited and organized volunteers

- Organized the logistics of the event, including: schedules, catering, hotels, speaker invitations, airport pickups, registration and set-up, obtaining funding from institutional and private vendors
- Target audience: scientists, clinicians and trainees specializing in the research and management of pregnancy complications

Committee Member, Maternal Fetal Medicine Symposium  
*BC Women's Hospital*

July 2015-November 2015

- Obtained funding for this inaugural symposium to highlight new research in reproductive mental health
- Target audience: clinicians, trainees and basic scientists interested in mental illness pathogenesis and management during pregnancy.

## KNOWLEDGE TRANSLATION

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### MEDIA

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Article written about ASHG 2020 presentation  
*GenomeWeb*

November 2020

- Article written about my work using the cell-free methylated DNA immunoprecipitation technique to enrich for cell-free placental DNA. Shows widespread interest in this work and communicates the broad implications to non-scientists.

Science Expert  
*The Science Pawdcast*

February 2020

- *The Science Pawdcast* is an online podcast run by high school chemistry teacher, Jason Zackowski, featuring his twitter science dog, Bunsen the Bernese mountain dog. The podcast aims to make science accessible and engaging to the public. I was interviewed as a science expert in episode 3 of season 2.

### OUTREACH

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Scientist Volunteer  
*Letters to Pre-Scientists*

June 2018-June 2020

- This program assigns young students, interested in science, to a current scientist. Students and scientists exchange letters for the duration of the school year.
- Target audience: elementary and high school students aged 5-18

Scientist Speaker  
*Skype a Scientist*

March 2018- June 2020

- Used skype to video call high school classes worldwide to talk about my research and discuss careers in research.
- Target audience: high school students aged 14-18

## ACADEMIC MEMBERSHIPS

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Canadian Fertility and Andrology Society  
 Society of Reproductive Investigation  
 American Society of Human Genetics

2023  
 2022-2023  
 2013, 2015, 2021

1. Wilson, SL., Yuen, N, Shen, SY, Harmon, L., Triche, T., Bratman, SV., De Carvalho, DD, Hoffman, MM. Second trimester cell-free placental DNA methylation profiles in preterm birth subtypes. IFPA Meeting. September 5 - 8, 2023.
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