

## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

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EDUCATION/TRAINING (Begin with baccalaureate or other initial professional education, such as nursing, include postdoctoral training and residency training if applicable.)			
INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE (if applicable)	MM/YY	FIELD OF STUDY
Elon College (Elon, NC)	B.A.	1969	Biology & Chemistry
Emory University (Atlanta, GA)	Ph.D.	1974	Physiology
Duke University (Durham, NC)	Postdoc	1974-76	Pharmacology

### A. Personal Statement

I have over 40 years of experience in electrophysiological investigations of ion channels and receptors and have been supported for most of that time via NIH grants, both R01 and P01 support. In particular, my laboratory has worked and published studies on isolated sensory neurons since 1985, contributing to our understanding of bradykinin and capsaicin responses in nociceptors. Specifically, my lab has contributed significantly to our understanding of the structure-function parameters and modulation of TRPV1 and TRPA1 by various signaling cascades. On another front, my lab is one of the foremost in the study of "functional selectivity" of dopamine receptors, a phenomenon by which a single receptor isoform can selectively direct signaling to downstream pathways dependent upon the agonist. On the technical front, I have personal experience not only in electrophysiology, but also in live cell imaging and microscopy. I have a proven track record of managing research projects in the general area of ion channel biology and executing the aims and design of associated NIH funding.

In addition, I have extensive experience in mentoring and graduate education having directed the UNC Neurobiology Curriculum for 15 years, served as President of the Association of Neuroscience Departments and Programs, and been the PD of 6 NIH training grants.

### B. Positions and Honors

#### Positions and Employment

1976-1982	Assistant Professor of Physiology	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
1982-1988	Associate Professor of Physiology	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
1988-2003	Professor of Physiology	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
2003-present	Professor of Pharmacology & Toxicology	Indiana University School of Medicine
2003-present	Executive Director, SNRI	Indiana University School of Medicine

#### Honors and Awards, Advisory, Editorial, and Review Activities:

1984-1988	Member, Physiology Study Section (IRG)
1985-1999	Editorial Board, Journal of General Physiology
1991-1995	Editorial Board, Endocrine Reviews
1993-1999	Editorial Board, Molecular Pharmacology
1996	President, Society of General Physiologists
1998 – 2001	Distinguished University Professor of Teaching, UNC-Chapel Hill
2003 - present	Executive Director, Stark Neurosciences Research Institute
2005	President, Association of Neuroscience Departments and Programs

### C. Selected peer-Reviewed publications or manuscripts in press (chronological order)

McGehee, D.S. and **Oxford, G.S.** Bradykinin modulates the electrophysiology of cultured rat sensory neurons through a Pertussis toxin-insensitive G protein. *Molecular and Cellular Neurosciences* 2:21-30, 1991.

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- Zhu, W. and **Oxford, G.S.** Phosphoinositide-3-kinase and mitogen activated protein kinase signaling pathways mediate acute NGF sensitization of TRPV1. *Mol. Cell. Neuroscience* 34:689-700, 2007.
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- Butterworth J, **Oxford GS.** Local anesthetics: a new hydrophilic pathway for the drug-receptor reaction. *Anesthesiology*. 111(1):12-14, 2009.
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- Brittain JM, Duarte DB, Wilson SM, Zhu W, Ballard C, Johnson PL, Liu N, Xiong W, Ripsch MS, Wang Y, Fehrenbacher JC, Fitz SD, Khanna M, Park CK, Schmutzler BS, Cheon BM, Due MR, Brustovetsky T, Ashpole NM, Hudmon A, Meroueh SO, Hingtgen CM, Brustovetsky N, Ji RR, Hurley JH, Jin X, Shekhar A, Xu XM, **Oxford GS**, Vasko MR, White FA, Khanna R. Suppression of inflammatory and neuropathic pain by uncoupling CRMP-2 from the presynaptic Ca<sup>2+</sup> channel complex. *Nature Medicine* 17(7):822-829, 2011.
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## D. Research Support

## Active

R01 GM086544-01A1

10/01/09 – 09/30/14

PI: Oxford

### “Ligand Directed Functional Selectivity of G-Protein Coupled Receptor Signaling”

The proposed research addresses the molecular level mechanisms underlying the phenomenon of functional selectivity whereby different signaling pathways from a single GPCR isoform are preferentially activated by different agonist ligands of the receptor. The study employs electrophysiology and biochemical measurements of signaling between dopamine receptors and ion channels and enzymes in AtT20 neuroendocrine cells and neurons from the nucleus accumbens. Molecular events will be examined using mutant receptors and G-protein alpha subunits to distinguish functional selectivity.

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04/01/10 – 3/31/14

PI: Oxford / Hurley (MPI)

### “Role of TRP Channels in Environmental Irritant-Induced Headache”

The goals of this research program are to test the involvement of TRPA1 and TRPV1 receptors in the acute induction of environmental irritant-induced headache due to air pollutants. The project combines Laser Doppler flowmetry measurements of cerebral blood flow as a surrogate for headache, electrophysiology of native and cloned TRP receptors, and assessment of CGRP release from cerebral vascular beds. The central goal is to determine whether TRPA1 is involved in the phenomenon.