CAROLINE CURRICULUM-VITAE

Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Biology with honors

Southwestern University Major GPA 3.89

December 20 Georgetown, TX Cumulative GPA 3.85

HONORS

2nd place, Psi Chi/Allyn & Bacon Nationwide Paper Competition Psi Chi Regional Research Award, Southwestern Psychological Association Merck Scholar Southwestern University Academic Scholarship

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Dean's List

National Merit Scholar Finalist

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Behavioral Neuroscience Research Assistant, Southwestern University

Dr. Fay A. Guarraci, Psychology Department

January 20 - Present Georgetown, TX

- Investigate role of amphetamine in paced mating behavior of female rats
- Administer i.p. and s.c. injections in rats
- Perform stereotaxic brain surgery and ovariectomies in rats
- Observe rodent mating behavior in semi-natural setting
- Enter and analyzed data using Excel and SPSS
- Histological preparation of brain tissue
- Assist in preparation of manuscript published in peer reviewed scientific journal
- Presented results at national conference

Behavioral Genetics Research Assistant, UT Health Science Center in San Antonio

Dr. Consuelo Walss-Bass, Department of Pharmacology

Investigated functionality of novel missence mutation associated with schizophrenia

- Participated in experimental design of project
- Isolated human RNA from lymphoblastoid cells, performed RT-PCR, and gel electrophoresis
- Used Taqman RT-PCR to measure levels of mRNA
- Performed protein extraction and Western Blot analysis
- Presented results at seminar held at UTHSCSA attended by physicians, other students, and scientists

Biology Research Assistant, Merck Undergraduate Research Program

January – August 20

May - August 20_

San Antonio, TX

Georgetown, TX

Dr. Maria Cuevas, Biology Department, Southwestern University

- Investigated effects of Tamoxifen and 17B Estradiol on human cervical cancer cell line HELA
- Performed cell counts using hemocytometer, trypan dye exclusion assays, and microplate reader
- Performed DNA and protein isolation techniques followed by gel electrophoresis and Western Blot analysis, respectively
- Earned invitation to present result at state conference.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Research Methods I Teaching Assistant

August 20 - Present Georgetown, TX

Dr. Fay A. Guarraci, Dr. Kevin Woo, Southwestern University

- Lecture on course material
- Guide students on proper experimental design and literature review for projects
- Grade homework, exams, and research papers
- Hold review sessions for exams and office hours to provide advice on student research papers

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OTHER EXPERIENCE, Continued

SMArT (Science and Math Achiever Teams) Day Coordinator

August 20__ – Present Georgetown, TX

Southwestern University/Williamson and Cooper Elementary Schools

- Plan weekly agendas for after school program aimed at teaching elementary students about science through inquiry
- Evaluate progress of program participants
- Address delays in progress by providing direction to participants
- Supervise weekly meetings
- Ordered materials necessary for the program

PUBLICATIONS

Guarraci, F. A., Curriculum-Vitae, C., (20__). Intracranial infusions of amphetamine into the medial preoptic area but not the nucleus accumbens affect paced mating behavior in female rats. *Pharmacology, Biochemistry, and Behavior*, 89, 253 262.

POSTERS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Curriculum-Vitae, C., Cuevas, M. (20__). *In vitro* effects of 4-OH Tamoxifen and 17 Beta-Estradiol on the human cervical cell line HELA. Oral presentation, Merck Seminar, Southwestern University.
- Curriculum-Vitae, C., Cuevas, M. (20__). *In vitro* effects of 4-OH Tamoxifen and 17 Beta-Estradiol on the human cervical cell line HELA. Poster Presentation, Texas Acadamy of Sciences Conference, Waco, TX.
- Curriculum-Vitae, C., Walss-Bass, C. (20__). The functionality of a novel missence mutation associated with schizophrenia. Oral presentation, Undergraduate Research Seminar, UT Health Science Center San Antonio, San Antonio, TX.
- Guarraci, F.A., Curriculum-Vitae, C., (20__). Intracranial infusions of amphetamine into the medial preoptic area but not the nucleus accumbens affect paced mating behavior in female rats. Poster presentation, 37th Annual Meeting of the Society for Neuroscience, San Diego, CA.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS / ACTIVITIES

President, Psi Chi, National Honor Society in Psychology (20__ – present) Southwestern Psychological Association, Student Affiliate (20__ – present) Alpha Phi Omega (service fraternity)

SKILLS

Laboratory: Experimental design, rat husbandry, stereotaxic surgery, i.p. and s.c. injections; aseptic surgical technique; histological preparation and examination; eukaryotic cell culture; prokaryotic cell culture; DNA and RNA extraction; PCR, reverse-

transcription PCR, and real-time PCR; Western blot

Computer: PC and Mac; SPSS; Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel; Google Suite

Languages: Spanish (advanced conversational); English