

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION:

1990	A.B.	Biology-Psychology	Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH
1995	Ph.D.	Molecular and Cellular Pharmacology	University of Miami School of Medicine, Miami, FL
1995		Post-doctoral training	University of Miami, Molecular and Cellular Pharmacology (C. Luetje)
1995-1996		Post-doctoral training	University of Queensland, Australia Dept. of Physiology (D. Adams)
1996-1998		Post-doctoral training	University of California, San Diego, Department of Biology, (D. Berg)

### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

1999-2005	Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics, University of South Florida College of Medicine, Tampa, FL.
2005-2006	Associate Professor, Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics, University of South Florida College of Medicine, Tampa, FL.
2006-2012	Associate Professor, Department of Molecular Pharmacology and Physiology, University of South Florida College of Medicine, Tampa, FL.
2010	Interim Chair, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of South Florida College of Medicine, Tampa, FL.
2011-2012	Associate Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of South Florida College of Pharmacy, Tampa, FL.
2012-present	Professor, Department of Molecular Pharmacology and Physiology, University of South Florida College of Medicine, Tampa, FL.
2012-present	Professor, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, University of South Florida College of Pharmacy, Tampa, FL.

### ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS:

2000-2003	Director of Graduate Studies Program, Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics, University of South Florida College of Medicine
2002-2003	Chairman, Multidisciplinary Biomedical Sciences Admissions and Recruitment Committee, University of South Florida College of Medicine

- 2005-present Diversity and Equal Opportunity Office, University of South Florida Health Science Center Liaison
- 2006-2010 Department of Molecular Pharmacology and Physiology Executive Committee, University of South Florida College of Medicine, Tampa, FL.
- 2006-present Neuroscience Signature Program Executive Committee, University of South Florida College of Medicine
- 2012-2013 Vice President, University of South Florida College of Medicine Faculty Council
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### **HONORS AND AWARDS:**

- 1990-1991 Predoctoral Fellowship Award, Lucille P. Markey Trust, Miami, FL.
- 1990-1995 Predoctoral Fellowship, NIH T32-HL07188, Bethesda, MA.
- 1991-1994 Florida Predoctoral Scientist Award, Florida Dept. of Education, Tallahassee, FL.
- 1996-1997 Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award, Postdoctoral Fellowship, NIH, Bethesda, MA
- 1997-1999 Chancellor's Fellowship, University of California, San Diego, CA
- 2004 Outstanding Mentor, University of South Florida McNair Scholars Program
- 2006 Biotechnology Excellence Award, University of South Florida College of Medicine, Tampa, FL.
- 2008-2010 University of South Florida Leadership Institute
- 2008-2009 Dean's Academic Performance Award, Recognition for outstanding contribution to the Mission of the College of Medicine, University of South Florida College of Medicine, Tampa, FL.
- 2014 Patel International Scholar Award

### **RESEARCH:**

#### **GRANT PROPOSALS FUNDED:**

- 1999 "Cell-Cell Signaling in the Cardiac Ganglia: A Novel Nicotinic Receptor." *Principal Investigator*, American Heart Association Scientist Development Grant (9930259N; \$260,000).
- 1999-2003 "Nicotinic Receptors in Mammalian Intracardiac Neurons." *Principal Investigator*, NIH RO1 Grant (1RO1HL63247; \$330,000)
- 2001-2004 "Cocaine Can Cause Cardiomyocyte Hypertrophy." Collaborator; VA/CARD (TAB 31, \$300,000); Henning, PI.
- 2001-2003 "Nicotine-Induced Phosphorylation of  $\alpha 4\beta 2$  Neuronal Nicotinic Receptors." Co-Investigator; State of Florida Biomedical Research Program, (\$400,000); Wecker, PI
- 2002-2007 "Regulation of Neuronal Nicotinic Receptors." Co-Investigator; NIH RO1 (1RO1 DA14010; \$1,250,000); Wecker, PI
- 2003 "Sigma receptor-mediated neuroprotection during ischemia." *Principal Investigator*, University of South Florida College of Medicine (\$20,000)
- 2004-2006 "Sigma receptor-mediated neuroprotection during ischemia." *Principal Investigator*, American Heart Association Grant-In-Aid, Florida/Puerto Rico

- Affiliate (0455210B, \$120,000)
- 2007 “Sigma receptor-mediated neuroprotection during ischemia.” *Principal Investigator*, Signature Interdisciplinary Program in Neuroscience Grant (\$8,000)
- 2007-2011 “Regulation of intracardiac neuron excitability by store-operated calcium channels.” *Principal Investigator*, American Heart Association Grant-In-Aid, Greater Southeastern Affiliate (0655291B; \$264,000).
- 2008-2009 “Use of pioglitazone for treating stroke at delayed time points.” Co-Principal Investigator; Takeda Pharmaceuticals, (\$144, 000 for 1.5 years); Keith Pennypacker, PI.
- 2008-2009 “Synthesis and screening of sigma receptor ligands for stroke therapy at delayed time points.” *Principal Investigator*, Florida Center of Excellence-Biomolecular Identification and Targeted Therapeutics, (\$75,000).
- 2008-2009 “Expanding the therapeutic window of stroke.” Co-Principal Investigator; NIH, NINDS, R21 (\$259,000 direct costs for two years), Keith Pennypacker, PI.
- 2009-2011 “Synthesis and screening of sigma receptor ligands for stroke therapy at delayed time points.” *Co-Principal Investigator, PI Project 2*. King Biomedical Research Program, State of Florida, (\$764,174, total costs for two years; Project 2: \$156,965, total cost for two years).
- 2009-2011 “Effects of Afobasol on Calcium Handling in Neurons During Ischemia” *Principal Investigator*, RF Pharmaceuticals Sarl, (\$44,825, total costs for one year).
- 2009-2011 “Effects of Afobasol on Calcium Handling in Neurons and Microglia” *Principal Investigator*, MDR Pharmaceutical Limited, (\$85,298, total costs for one year).
- 2010-2012 “Role of Calcium in Mediating c-HYD1 and HYD1 Induced Cell Death in Multiple Myeloma” *Collaborator*, Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation, (\$200,000, total costs for two years; \$13,982 sub award), Lori Hazlehurst, PI.
- 2011-2012 “Neuroprotective properties of Afobasol modeled *in vitro*” *Principal Investigator*, MDR Pharmaceutical Limited, (\$93,767, total costs for one year).
- 2011-2013 “Effects of Afobasol in Rat Model of Ischemic Stroke” *Principal Investigator*, MDR Pharmaceutical Limited, (\$425,983.72, total costs for two years).
- 2011-2014 “Molecular mechanisms of sigma receptor-mediated cytoprotection.” *Principal Investigator*, American Heart Association Grant-In-Aid, Greater Southeastern Affiliate (11GRNT7990120; \$165,000).
- 2013-2015 “Chip based neurovascular model for neuroprosthetics.” *Co-investigator*, NIH NINDS, (\$17,984 sub award), Shivshankar Sundaram, PI.

## PUBLICATIONS:

### Refereed journal articles:

1. Cameron, J.S., Gaide, M.S., Goad, P.L., Altman, C.B., **Cuevas, J.**, Myerburg, R.J. and Bassett, A.L. (1985). Enhanced adverse electrophysiologic effects of histamine after myocardial infarction in guinea pigs. *J. Pharmacol. Exp. Therap.* 232: 480-484.
2. Kimura, S., Bassett, A.L., Furukawa, T., **Cuevas, J.**, and Myerburg, R.J. (1990). Electrophysiological properties and responses to simulated ischemia in cat ventricular myocytes of endocardial and epicardial origin. *Circ. Res.* 66: 469-477.
3. **Cuevas, J.**, Bassett, A.L., Cameron, J.S., Furukawa, T., Myerburg, R.J., and Kimura, S. (1991). Effects of acidosis on ATP-regulated K<sup>+</sup> channels in normal and hypertrophied myocytes. *Am. J. Physiol.* 260: H755-H761.

4. **Cuevas, J.** and Adams, D.J. (1994). Local anesthetic blockade of neuronal nicotinic ACh receptor- channels in rat parasympathetic ganglion cells. *Br. J. Pharmacol.* 111: 663-672.
5. **Cuevas, J.** and Adams, D.J. (1996) Vasoactive intestinal polypeptide modulation of nicotinic ACh receptor-channels in rat parasympathetic cardiac neurones. *J. Physiol.* 493: 503-515.
6. Poth, K. , Nutter, T.J., **Cuevas, J.**, Parker, M.J., Adams, D.J., Luetje, C.W. (1997). Multiple neuronal nicotinic receptor  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  subunit mRNA expression in individual intracardiac parasympathetic neurons is revealed by single cell RT-PCR. *J. Neurosci.* 17: 586-596.
7. **Cuevas, J.**, Harper, A. A., Trequattrini, C., and Adams, D. J. (1997). Passive and active membrane properties of isolated rat intracardiac neurons: regulation by H- and M-currents. *J. Neurophysiol.* 78: 1890-1902.
8. **Cuevas, J.** and Adams, D.J. (1997). M<sub>4</sub> muscarinic receptor activation modulates calcium channel currents in rat parasympathetic cardiac neurones. *J. Neurophysiol.* 78: 1903-1912.
9. Loughnan, M., Bond, T., Atkins, A., Jones, A, Gehrman, J., **Cuevas, J.**, Adams, D.J., Broxton, N., Livett, B., Down, J., Alewood, P.F., and Lewis, R.J. (1998).  $\alpha$ -conotoxin Epl: a novel sulfated peptide from *Conus episcopatus* which selectively targets neuronal nicotinic acetylcholine receptors. *J. Biol. Chem.* 273: 15667-15674.
10. **Cuevas, J.** and Berg, D.K. (1998). Mammalian nicotinic receptors with  $\alpha 7$  subunits that slowly desensitize and rapidly recover from  $\alpha$ -bungarotoxin blockade. *J. Neurosci.* 18: 10335-10344
11. **Cuevas, J.**, Roth, A. and Berg, D.K. (2000). Two distinct classes of functional  $\alpha 7$ -containing nicotinic receptors on rat superior cervical ganglion neurons. *J. Physiol.*, 525: 735-746
12. Liu, D-M., **Cuevas, J.**, and Adams, D.J. (2000) VIP and PACAP potentiation of nicotinic ACh-evoked currents in rat parasympathetic neurons is mediated by G-protein activation. *E. J. Neurosci.* 12: 2243-2251.
13. **Cuevas, J.** and Adams, D.J. (2000). Substance P preferentially inhibits large conductance nicotinic ACh receptor channels in rat intracardiac ganglion neurons. *J. Neurophysiol.* 84: 1961-1970.
14. Zhang, H. and **Cuevas, J.** (2002). Sigma receptors inhibit high-voltage-activated calcium channels in rat sympathetic and parasympathetic neurons. *J. Neurophysiol.* 87: 2867-2879.
15. Dehaven, W.I. and **Cuevas, J.** (2002). Heterogeneity of PACAP and VIP receptors in rat intrinsic cardiac neurons. *Neurosci. Lett.* 328: 45-49
16. Severance, E.G. Zhang, H., Cruz, Y., Pakhlevaniants, S., Amin, J., Hadley, S.H., Wecker, L., Reed, C. and **Cuevas, J.** (2004). The  $\alpha 7$  nicotinic acetylcholine receptor subunit exists in two isoforms that contribute to functional ligand-gated ion channels. *Mol. Pharm.* 66: 420-429
17. Herber, D.L., Severance, E.G., **Cuevas, J.**, Morgan, D., and Gordon, M.N. (2004). Nonspecific binding of  $\alpha 7$  nAChR antibodies in murine models of Alzheimer's disease and neuroinflammation. *J Histochem. and Cytochem.* 52: 1367-1376.
18. Dehaven, W.I. and **Cuevas, J.** (2004). VPAC receptor modulation of neuroexcitability in intracardiac neurons: dependence on intracellular calcium mobilization and synergistic enhancement by PAC<sub>1</sub> receptor activation. *J. Biol. Chem.* 279: 40609-40621
19. Sawmiller D.R., Henning R., **Cuevas, J.**, DeHaven W.I., and Vesely, D. (2004). Coronary

- vascular effects of vasoactive intestinal peptide in the isolated perfused rat heart *Neuropeptides* 38: 289-297.
20. Severance, E.G. and **Cuevas, J.** (2004). Distribution and synaptic localization of nicotinic acetylcholine receptors encoding a novel  $\alpha 7$  subunit isoform in embryonic rat cortical neurons. *Neurosci Lett* 372: 104-109.
  21. Zhang, H. and **Cuevas, J.** (2005). Sigma receptor activation blocks potassium channels and depresses neuroexcitability in rat intracardiac neurons. *J. Pharmacol. Exp. Ther.* 313:1387-1396.
  22. Ajmo, C.T., Vernon, D.O., Collier, L., Pennypacker, K.R., **Cuevas, J.** (2006). Sigma receptor activation reduces infarct size at 24 hours after permanent middle cerebral artery occlusion in rats. *Current Neurovasc. Res.* 3:89-98
  23. Henning, R.J. and **Cuevas, J.** (2006) Cocaine activates calcium/calmodulin kinase II and causes cardiomyocyte hypertrophy. *J. Cardiovasc. Pharm.* 48: 802-813.
  24. Katnik, C., Guerrero, W.R., Pennypacker, K.R., Herrera, Y., and **Cuevas, J.** (2006). Sigma receptor activation prevents intracellular calcium dysregulation in cortical neurons during in vitro ischemia. *J. Pharmacol. Exp. Ther.* 31:1355-1365.
  25. McCord, A.M., **Cuevas, J.**, and Anderson, B. (2007). Bartonella-induced endothelial cell proliferation is mediated by release of calcium from intracellular stores. *DNA and Cell Biol.* 26:657-663.
  26. Song, S., Song, S., Zhang, H., **Cuevas, J.**, and Sanchez-Ramos, J. (2007). Comparison of neurons derived from bone marrow stem cells to those differentiated from adult brain neural stem cells. *Stem Cells and Development* 16:747-756.
  27. Herrera, Y., Katnik, C., Rodriguez, J.D., Hall, A.A., Willing, A., Pennypacker, K.R., and **Cuevas, J.** (2008). Sigma-1 receptor modulation of ASIC1a channels and ASIC1a-induced  $Ca^{2+}$  influx in rat cortical neurons. *J. Pharmacol. Exp. Ther.* 327:491-502.
  28. Pollock, V.V., Pastoor, T., Katnik, C., **Cuevas, J.** and Wecker, L. (2009). Cyclic AMP-dependent protein kinase A and protein kinase C phosphorylate  $\alpha 4\beta 2$  nicotinic receptor subunits at distinct stages of receptor formation and maturation. *Neuroscience* 158:1311-1325.
  29. Hall, A.A., Herrera, Y., Ajmo C.T., **Cuevas, J.\***, Pennypacker K.R. (2009). Sigma receptors suppress multiple aspects of microglial activation. *Glia* 57:744-754.  
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  30. Ajmo, T.C., Collier, L.A., Leonardo, C.C., Hall, A.A., Green, S.M., **Cuevas, J.**, Willing, A.E., Pennypacker, K.R. (2009). Blockade of adrenoreceptors inhibits the splenic response to stroke. *Exp. Neuro.* 218:47-55.
  31. Zhang, H., Katnik, C. and **Cuevas, J.** (2009). Sigma Receptor Activation Inhibits Voltage-Gated Sodium Channels in Rat Intracardiac Ganglion Neurons. *IJPPP.* 2:1-11
  32. Cortes-Salva, M.Y., Nguyen, B-L, **Cuevas, J.**, Pennypacker, K.R., and Antilla, J.C. (2010) Copper-Catalyzed Cross Guanidinylation of Aryl Iodides: The Formation of N,N'-Disubstituted Guanidines. *Organic Letters* 12:1316-1319.
  33. Mari, Y., Katnik, C., and **Cuevas, J.** (2010). ASIC1a channels are activated by endogenous protons during ischemia and contribute to synergistic potentiation of intracellular calcium overload during ischemia and acidosis. *Cell Calcium* 48:70-82.
  34. Yanamandra, N., Buzzeo, R.W., Gabriel, M., Mari, Y., Beaupre, D.M., **Cuevas, J.** (2011). Tipifarnib-induced apoptosis in acute myeloid leukemia cells is dependent on  $Ca^{2+}$  influx through plasma membrane  $Ca^{2+}$  channels. *J. Pharmacol. Exp. Ther.* 337:636-643.
  35. **Cuevas, J.**, Behensky, A. and Katnik, C. (2011). Afobazole modulates neuronal response to ischemia and acidosis via activation of sigma-1 receptors. *J. Pharmacol. Exp. Ther.*

- 339:152-160.
36. **Cuevas, J.**, Rodriguez, A., Behensky, A. and Katnik, C. (2011). Afobazole modulates microglial function via activation of both sigma-1 and sigma-2 receptors. *J. Pharmacol. Exp. Ther.* 339:161-172.
  37. Achyuta, A.K.H., Conway, A.J., Crouse, R.B., Bannister, E.C., Lee, R.N., Katnik, C.P., Behensky, A.A., **Cuevas, J.** and Sundarama, S.S. (2013). A modular approach to create a neurovascular unit-on-a-chip. *Lab on a Chip.* 13:542-553
  38. Behensky A.A., Cortes-Salva M., Seminerio M.J., Matsumoto R.R., Antilla J.C., **Cuevas J.** (2013). In vitro evaluation of guanidine analogs as sigma receptor ligands for potential anti-stroke therapeutics. *J. Pharmacol. Exp. Ther.* 344:155-166.
  39. Panguluri, S.K., Tur, J., Chapalamadugu, K.C., Katnik, C., **Cuevas, J.**, Tipparaju, S.M. (2013). MicroRNA-301a mediated regulation of Kv4.2 in diabetes: identification of key modulators. *PLoS One* 8:e60545.
  40. Behensky A.A., Yasny, I.E., Shuster, A.M., Seredenin, S.B., Petrov, A.V., **Cuevas J.** (2013). Stimulation of sigma receptors with afobazole blocks activation of microglia and reduces toxicity caused by amyloid- $\beta_{25-35}$ . *J. Pharmacol. Exp. Ther.* 347:458-467.
  41. Behensky A.A., Yasny, I.E., Shuster, A.M., Seredenin, S.B., Petrov, A.V., **Cuevas J.** (2013). Afobazole activation of sigma-1 receptors modulates neuronal responses to amyloid- $\beta_{25-35}$ . *J. Pharmacol. Exp. Ther.* 347:468-477.
  42. Katnik, C., Dimas, A., Behensky, A. A., Yasny, I.E., Shuster, A. M., Seredenin, S. B., Petrov, A. V., Seifu, S., McAleer, Willing, J., A., **Cuevas, J.** (2014). Treatment with afobazole at delayed time points following ischemic stroke improves long-term functional and histological outcomes. *Neurobiol. Dis.*62:354-364.
  43. **Cuevas J.** (2014). Molecular mechanisms of dysautonomia during heart failure. *Am. J. Physiol. Cell Physiol.* (In press).
  44. Katnik, C. and **Cuevas J.** (2014). Non-specific Inhibition of Ischemia- and Acidosis- Induced Intracellular Calcium Elevations and Membrane Currents by Antioxidants. *Int J Mol Sci.* (In press)

#### Refereed review articles in web based publications:

1. **Cuevas, J.** (2004). Neurotransmitters and their life cycle. In: xPharm, Principles, eds. D. B. Bylund and S.J. Enna. Elsevier Science, Inc., [http://www.xpharm.com/citation?Article\\_ID=51](http://www.xpharm.com/citation?Article_ID=51)
2. **Cuevas, J.** (2004). Electrophysiological recording techniques. In: xPharm, Principles, eds. D. B. Bylund and S.J. Enna. Elsevier Science, Inc., [http://www.xpharm.com/citation?Article\\_ID=47](http://www.xpharm.com/citation?Article_ID=47)
3. **Cuevas, J.** (2004). The resting membrane potential. In: xPharm, Principles, eds. D. B. Bylund and S.J. Enna. Elsevier Science, Inc., [http://www.xpharm.com/citation?Article\\_ID=48](http://www.xpharm.com/citation?Article_ID=48)
4. **Cuevas, J.** (2004). Structure and function of membranes. In: xPharm, Principles, eds. D. B. Bylund and S.J. Enna. Elsevier Science, Inc., [http://www.xpharm.com/citation?Article\\_ID=90](http://www.xpharm.com/citation?Article_ID=90)
5. **Cuevas, J.** (2004). The somatic nervous system. In: xPharm, Principles, eds. D. B. Bylund and S.J. Enna. Elsevier Science, Inc., [http://www.xpharm.com/citation?Article\\_ID=424](http://www.xpharm.com/citation?Article_ID=424)

6. **Cuevas, J.** (2004). The action potential. In: xPharm, Principles, eds. D. B. Bylund and S.J. Enna. Elsevier Science, Inc., [http://www.xpharm.com/citation?Article\\_ID=49](http://www.xpharm.com/citation?Article_ID=49)
7. **Cuevas, J.** (2004). The peripheral nervous system. In: xPharm, Principles, eds. D. B. Bylund and S.J. Enna. Elsevier Science, Inc., [http://www.xpharm.com/citation?Article\\_ID=422](http://www.xpharm.com/citation?Article_ID=422)
8. **Cuevas, J.** and Wecker, L. (2004) The autonomic nervous system; xPHARM (D.B. Bylund and S.J. Enna, Eds.), Elsevier Science, Inc., [http://www.xpharm.com/citation?Article\\_ID=423](http://www.xpharm.com/citation?Article_ID=423)

**Dissertation:**

**Cuevas, J.** (1995). Cholinergic and peptidergic modulation of neuronal excitability in rat intracardiac ganglia. University of Miami, Miami, FL.

**Book chapters and other publications:**

1. Berg, D.K., Shoop, R.D., Chang, K.T., and **Cuevas, J.** (2000). Nicotinic acetylcholine receptors in ganglionic transmission. In: Handbook of Experimental Pharmacology: Neuronal Nicotinic Receptors; eds. Clementi, F., Gotti, C., and Fornasari, D. (Springer-Verlag), Vol. 144, pp. 247-267.
2. Adams, D.J. and **Cuevas, J.** (2004). Electrophysiological properties of cardiac neurons—the foundation of neurocardiology. In: Basic and Clinical Neurocardiology; eds. J.A. Armour and J.L. Ardell; Oxford University Press, pp. 1-60.
3. Willing, E.A., **Cuevas, J.**, and Pennypacker, K.R. (2007). Treatment of Alzheimer Disease: New Insights from Treatment of Stroke at Delayed Time Points. In: Ischemia-Reperfusion Pathways in Alzheimer's Disease; eds. R. Pluta, Nova Science Publishers

**Abstracts:**

1. Cameron, J.S., Gaide, M.S., Altman, C.B., **Cuevas, J.**, Myerburg, R.J. and Bassett, A.L. (1983). Cellular electrophysiologic effects of histamine following myocardial infarction in the guinea pig. *The Physiologist* 26: A-100.
2. Cameron, J.S., Miller, L.S., Kaiser, C.J., Markovich, G.D., **Cuevas, J.**, Myerburg, R.J. and Bassett, A.L. (1984). Verapamil reduces regional electrophysiologic differences accompanying hypertension and myocardial hypertrophy. *Abstracts, IUPHAR 9th Internat. Congress Pharmacol.* p433.
3. Furukawa, T., Kimura, S., **Cuevas, J.**, Bassett, A.L. and Myerburg, R.J. (1989). ATP-modulated potassium channels in epicardium and endocardium have different sensitivity to ATP. *Circulation* 80 (II): 519.
4. **Cuevas, J.**, Kimura, S., Cameron, J.S., Furukawa, T., Myerburg, R.J., and Bassett A.L. (1990). Acidosis influences ATP-regulated K<sup>+</sup> channels in normal and hypertrophied left ventricular myocytes. *J. Am. Coll. Cardiol.* 15: 145.
5. Nutter, T.J., **Cuevas, J.** and Adams, D.J. (1991). Local anesthetic and proton block of ACh-evoked currents in rat parasympathetic neurons. *Soc. Neurosci. Abst.* 17 (2): 1332 (534.7).
6. **Cuevas, J.**, Harper, A.A., and Adams, D.J. (1993). Membrane properties and discharge characteristics of rat intracardiac neurons *in vitro*: the effects of temperature. *J. Physiol.* 467, 356P.
7. **Cuevas, J.** and Adams, D.J. (1993). VIP modulation of nicotinic ACh receptor-channels in

- rat intracardiac neurones is mediated by a pertussis toxin-sensitive G-protein. XXXII IUPS Congress, Glasgow, U.K. Abst. 253.7.
8. **Cuevas, J.** and Adams, D.J. (1994). Differential modulation of neuronal nicotinic ACh receptor-channels by neuropeptides. *Soc. Neurosci. Abst.* 20 (2): 1137 (467.18).
  9. **Cuevas, J.** and Adams, D.J. (1995). M<sub>4</sub> muscarinic receptor activation modulates voltage-dependent calcium conductances in rat intracardiac neurones. *J. Physiol.* 487.P (122P).
  10. Harper, A.A., **Cuevas, J.**, and Adams, D.J. (1995). Discharge characteristics of neonatal rat intracardiac neurons *in vitro*: the effect of potassium channel blockers. *J. Physiol.* 487.P (122-123).
  11. Poth, K., **Cuevas, J.**, Nutter, T.J., Adams, D.J., Luetje, C.W. (1995). Differential expression of neuronal nicotinic receptor subunit mRNAs among individual intracardiac parasympathetic neurons is revealed by single cell RT-PCR. *Soc. Neurosci. Abst.* 21 (2): 1335 (527.17).
  12. **Cuevas, J.** and Adams, D.J. (1995). Muscarinic receptor-mediated currents in rat intracardiac neurones. *Proc. Aust. Phys. Pharmacol. Soc.* 26 (2): 259P.
  13. **Cuevas, J.** and Adams, D.J. (1995). Muscarine-sensitive K<sup>+</sup> currents in rat parasympathetic neurones: a comparison of dialyzed and perforated patch. Ion Channel Workshop. Sydney, NSW, Australia.
  14. Adams, D.J., **Cuevas, J.** and Liu, D. (1997). VIP potentiates nicotinic currents in parasympathetic neurones from neonatal and adult rat intracardiac and submandibular ganglia. *Proc. Aust. Neurosci. Soc.* 8, 37.
  15. **Cuevas, J.** and Adams, D.J. (1997). Substance P preferentially inhibits the large conductance class of neuronal nicotinic ACh receptor-channels expressed in parasympathetic neurones of rat intracardiac neurons. *J. Physiol.* 501P, 501-502.
  16. **Cuevas, J.**, Conroy, W.G. and Berg, D.K. (1997). Long-lasting ACh-induced currents blocked by  $\alpha$ -bungarotoxin in rat intracardiac neurons. *Soc. Neurosci. Abst.* 23 (1): 667 (265.13).
  17. **Cuevas, J.** and Berg D.K. (1998). Functional blockade of neuronal AChRs by intracellular dialysis with monoclonal antibodies: identification of  $\alpha$ 7-containing receptor subtypes. *Soc. Neurosci. Abst.* 24 (2): 834 (331.23).
  18. Ferraro, B., Chandrasana, S., and **Cuevas, J.** (2000) Expression of multiple isoforms of the pituitary adenylate cyclase-activating polypeptide receptor, PAC1, in single neurons of rat intracardiac ganglia. *Soc. Neurosci. Abst.* 26:530.16.
  19. Hallquist N, Cuevas J, Friedman H, Pross S Nicotinic receptors located to immune cells. *FASEB J.* 15: A567
  20. Zhang, H.L. and **Cuevas, J.** (2001). Sigma receptor modulate electrical properties of autonomic neurons. *FASEB J.* 15: 202.21.
  21. Dehaven, W.I. and **Cuevas, J.** (2001). Expression of multiple isoforms of the pituitary adenylate cyclase-activating polypeptide receptor, pac1, in single neurons of rat intracardiac ganglia. *FASEB J.* 15: 209.11.
  22. Severance, E.G. and **Cuevas, J.** (2001). Identification of a novel exon in the mammalian  $\alpha$ 7 nicotinic acetylcholine receptor subunit gene. *Soc. Neurosci. Abst.* 144.4.
  23. Zhang, H. and **Cuevas, J.** (2001). Sigma receptors inhibit high-voltage-activated calcium channels in rat sympathetic and parasympathetic neurons. *Soc. Neurosci. Abst.* 271.18.
  24. Sawmiller R.D., DeHaven W.I., **Cuevas, J.**, Henning R., Vesely, D. (2002). Coronary vascular effects of vasoactive intestinal peptide in the isolated perfused rat heart. *FASEB J.* 16: 443.12.
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  36. Song S, **Cuevas, J.**, and Sanchez-Ramos J. (2004). Transdifferentiation of bone marrow stromal cells into neuron-like cells. *Experimental Neurology* 187: 227.
  37. Ajmo, C.T., De Mesquita, D., **Cuevas, J.**, Pennypacker, K.R. (2005). Sigma receptor activation reduces infarct size after permanent middle cerebral artery occlusion in rats. *Soc. Neurosci. Abst.* 356.7.
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  41. Hall, A.A., Herrera, Y., **Cuevas, J.**, Pennypacker, K.R. (2007). Sigma receptor mediated suppression of microglial activation is a calcium dependent process. *Soc. Neurosci. Abst.* 551.3.
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45. Hall, A.A., Leonardo, C.C., **Cuevas, J.**, Willing, A.E., Pennypacker, K.R. (2008). Human Umbilical Cord Blood treatment inhibits nitric oxide production and subsequent neuronal cell death in organotypic slice cultures subjected to oxygen glucose deprivation. *Stroke.* 40, e170, P76.
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49. Katnik, C., Bonds, T., DeHaven, I., **Cuevas, J.**, (2009).  $I_{CRAC}$ -like store operated calcium entry in rat intracardiac neurons. *Soc. Neurosci. Abst.* 818.10.
50. Cortes-Salva, M.Y., Behensky, A., Pennypacker, K., **Cuevas, J.**, and Antilla, J.C. (2009) Synthesis and screening of sigma receptor ligands for post-stroke therapy. *Amer. Chem. Soc. Abst.*, ORGN 485.
51. Bonds, T. and **Cuevas, J.** (2011). Regulation of Store Operated Calcium Channels by  $\mu$ -opioid Receptor Activation in Mammalian Intracardiac Neurons. *FASEB J.* 25:645.12
52. Shahaduzzaman, M., McAleer, J., Grieco, J., Golden, J., Glover, J., Hall, J., Cortes-Salva, M., Antilla, J., Cuevas, J, Pennypacker K. R. and Willing, A.E. (2012). Sigma Receptor ( $\sigma$ Rs) Agonist NAPH Decreased Long-term Infarct Volume and Rescued White Matter After Middle Cerebral Artery Occlusion (MCAO). *Cell Transplantation* 21:790
53. **Cuevas, J.**, Behensky, A., Yasny, I and Katnik, C. (2012). Afobazole as an effective agent for both stroke prophylaxis and post-stroke treatment at delayed time points. *Cerebrovascular Diseases* 33(2):726.
54. Behensky, A. A., Katnik, C., Dimas, A., Yasny, I.E., Shuster, A. M., Seredenin, S. B., Petrov, A. V., Seifu, and **Cuevas, J.** (2014). Katnik, C., Dimas, A., Behensky, A. A., Yasny, I.E., Shuster, A. M., Seredenin, S. B., Petrov, A. V., Seifu, S., McAleer, Willing, J., A., Cuevas, J. (2014). Afobazole treatment at delayed time points decreases astrocyte and microglia activation and death caused by MCAO in rats. *Cerebrovascular Diseases* (In press).
55. Behensky, A. A., and **Cuevas, J.** (2014). Sigma receptors mitigate  $A\beta$ -potentiated calcium dysfunction during ischemia. *FASEB J.* (In press).

#### SCIENTIFIC PRESENTATIONS AT NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS:

American College of Cardiology meeting, New Orleans, LA., March, 1990

Society for Neuroscience meeting, New Orleans, LA., Nov., 1991

XXXII International Conference of Physiological Sciences (IUPS), Glasgow U.K., Aug., 1993,

### **Invited Platform Presentation**

Society for Neuroscience meeting, Miami, FL., Nov., 1994  
**Keynote Speaker** at HEFEMA First International Pharm. Congress, Miami, FL., June 1995  
Australian Physiological Society meeting, Sydney, NSW, Australia, Oct., 1995  
Ion Channel Workshop, Sydney, NSW, Australia, Oct., 1995  
Society for Neuroscience meeting, New Orleans, LA, Oct., 1997  
Tobacco Related Disease Research Program meeting, San Francisco, CA, Nov., 1997  
Neurocardiology Research Conference, Johnson City, TN, Oct, 1998, **Invited Platform Presentation**  
Society for Neuroscience Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, Nov., 1998  
Society for Neuroscience Meeting, New Orleans, LA, Nov., 2000  
Experimental Biology Meeting, Orlando, FL, March, 2001  
Society for Neuroscience Meeting, San Diego, CA, Nov., 2001  
Society for Neuroscience Meeting, Orlando, FL, Nov., 2002, **Invited Platform Presentation**  
Society for Neuroscience Meeting, New Orleans, LA, Nov., 2003  
Society for Neuroscience Meeting, San Diego, CA, Oct., 2004  
Society for Neuroscience Meeting, Atlanta, GA, Oct., 2006  
Society for Neuroscience Meeting, San Diego, CA, Nov., 2007  
Society for Neuroscience Meeting, Chicago, IL, Oct., 2009, **Invited Nanosymposium Presentation**  
Experimental Biology Meeting, Washington D.C., March, 2011  
European Stroke Conference, Lisbon, Portugal, May 2012

### **INVITED SPEAKER, SEMINARS AND TALKS:**

Aug.	1993	Department of Anatomy & Physiology, University of Dundee, Dundee, U.K.
Nov.	1999	Department of Physiology and Biophysics, U. So. Fla. College of Medicine
Dec.	1999	Department of Pharmacology, University of Florida College of Medicine
Nov.	2000	Department of Physiology and Pharmacology, U. Queensland, Australia
Oct.	2001	Dept. Molecular and Cellular Pharmacology, Univ. of Miami School of Medicine
April.	2003	AstraZeneca, Wilmington, DE
May	2003	East Tennessee State University College of Medicine
March	2004	Department of Biochemistry, University of So. Fla. College of Medicine
Sept.	2004	Department of Physiology and Biophysics, U. So. Fla. College of Medicine
April	2005	Department of Biology, Ave Maria University, Naples FL.
Aug.	2005	Merck, West Point, PA
Dec.	2005	Dept. Molecular and Cellular Pharmacology, Univ. of Miami School of Medicine, Miami, FL
July	2006	FAMU/USF Health Research Collaboration Retreat, Chinsegut Hill Conference & Retreat Center, Brooksville, FL
July	2006	Department of Molecular Pharmacology and Physiology Research Retreat, U. So. Fla. College of Medicine
Sept.	2006	Department of Chemistry, University of South Florida
Sept.	2007	Department of Biology, University of South Florida
Jan.	2008	College of Medicine, University of Central Florida
Mar.	2008	Department of Neuroscience, University of Toledo College of Medicine
April	2008	Department of Pharmacology, Howard University College of Medicine

- Nov. 2008 Institute on Teaching and Mentoring, The Compact for Faculty Diversity, Southern Regional Education Board, Atlanta
- Feb. 2010 Moffitt Cancer Research Center
- July 2010 University of South Florida College of Medicine
- July 2011 Department of Molecular Medicine, University of South Florida College of Medicine
- Sept. 2012 IBG Generium Pharmaceutical Corporation, Moscow, Russian Federation
- April 2013 Morton Plant Mease Turley Family Health Center, Clearwater, FL

#### **PATENTS:**

- 2005 Effective Treatment with Sigma Receptor Agonists Post-Stroke. USF Ref: 05A046PRC, *U.S. patent pending.*
- 2005 Screening for New Agents for Post-Stroke Treatment. USF-05B105, *U.S. patent pending.*
- 2009 Nucleic acids encoding functional splice variants of the  $\alpha 7$  nicotinic acetylcholine receptor subunit and methods for producing the encoded proteins, United States Patent 7563595.
- 2010 N, N'-di-p-bromophenyl Guanidine Treatment for Stroke at Delayed Timepoints. 08A048PRWOUS, *U.S. patent pending.*
- 2011 Compounds and Methods to Dysregulate of  $Ca^{2+}$  Homeostasis for Cancer Treatment. 1372.635.PRC, *U.S. patent pending.*
- 2011 A Microfluidic Device that Generates Actively Communicating, Adjacently Located, Healthy, Apoptotic, and Necrotic Neural Cells Mimicking Conditions in the Penumbra Region in the Neural Tissue Following an Ischemic Stroke, in vitro. 12A047. *U.S. patent pending.*
- 2012 N-(naphthalen-1-yl)-benzamidinium HCl reduces infarct volume and increases functional recovery after stroke. 12A015PR\_Pennypacker. *U.S. patent pending.*
- 2012 Method for Reducing Neurological Damage Induced by Ischemic Stroke. 12A034PR\_Cuevas. *U.S. patent pending.*

#### **TEACHING:**

##### **COURSES TAUGHT:**

##### **Graduate Medical:**

- 2010 **Neurology Residency Program Basic Science Lecture.** Prepared and delivered lectures on the physiology autonomic nervous system and disease states that affect the ANS, including Parkinson's disease and multiple sclerosis.

##### **Undergraduate Medical:**

*At University of South Florida College of Medicine:*

- 2000-2011 **Medical Pharmacology** (BMS 6400). Prepared and delivered lectures on the pharmacology of the autonomic nervous system, and pharmacotherapy for

- hypertension, edematous states, angina, myocardial infarction and congestive heart failure.
- 2000-2007 **Critical Care Senior Clerkship** (BCC 8190). Prepared and delivered lectures on pharmacological approaches for the treatment of congestive heart failure. Facilitated problem-based learning.
- 2003-2006 **Profession of Medicine** (BMS 5005). Facilitator for introductory course that uses problem-based learning (PBL) to help students develop the analytical and collaboration skills.
- 2010-present **Independent Study in Pharmacology and Therapeutics** (MEL 9999D). Facilitated independent study in pharmacology.
- 2011-present **Basic Medical Sciences Course 6** (BMS 6042). Prepared and delivered lectures on the pharmacology of the autonomic nervous system, and pharmacotherapy for hypertension, edematous states, angina, myocardial infarction and congestive heart failure.
- 2013-present **Evidence-Based Clin Reasoning II** (BMS 6837). Facilitator for course that uses problem-based learning (PBL) to help students develop the analytical and collaboration skills.

*At University of Central Florida College of Medicine:*

- 2010 **S-3 Cardiovascular and Pulmonary Systems Module**. Prepared and delivered lectures on the pharmacology of the autonomic nervous system, and pharmacotherapy for hypertension, edematous states, angina, myocardial infarction and congestive heart failure.

**Graduate Physical Therapy:**

- 2006-2008 **Pharmacology for Healthcare Professionals** (PHT 6352). Prepared and delivered lectures cholinergic pharmacology, and pharmacotherapy for the treatment of myocardial ischemia and congestive heart failure.

**Graduate Medical Sciences:**

- 1999-2005 **Pharmacology Research Rotations** (GMS 6503). Supervised directed research conducted graduate by various students. **Course director** from 2001 to 2003.
- 1999-2002 **Molecular and Cellular Pharmacology** (GMS 6501). Prepared and delivered lectures on membrane biophysics, structure-function relationship of voltage-gated ion channels and pharmacology of voltage-gated ion channels.
- 1999-present **Graduate Seminar** (GMS 7939). Attended seminars and provided feedback to graduate students to improve on their presentation skills.
- 1999-present **Directed Research** (GMS 7418). Supervised directed research conducted by various graduate students.
- 1999-present **Doctoral Dissertation** (GMS 7980). Supervised dissertation research conducted by students listed below.
- 2000-2003 **Pharmacology of Physiological Systems** (GMS 6502). Prepared and delivered lectures on the pharmacology of the autonomic nervous system, on synaptic integration, and on the pathophysiology of congestive heart failure and

- 2001 pharmacological approaches for the treatment of this syndrome.  
**Supervised Field Experience** (PHC 6945). Supervised directed research conducted by Paul Grivas Spring/Summer 2001.
- 2001-present **Current Literature in Pharmacology** (GMS 6511). **Course director** for journal club format course, Summer semester 2001.
- 2002-present **Membrane Physiology** (GMS 6433). Prepared and delivered lectures on the structure-function relationship of ligand-gated ion channels and on the analysis of the biophysical properties of single-channels.
- 2002 **Cellular and Molecular Physiology** (GMS 7930). Prepared and delivered lecture on the biochemical and biophysical properties of plasma membranes.
- 2003-present **Foundation in Biomedical Sciences** (GMS 6001). Assisted in the development of course content. Prepared and delivered lecture on the biochemical and biophysical properties of plasma membranes and an introduction to ion channel function.
- 2003-present **Ion Channel Pharmacology and Disease** (GMS 6512). **Course director.** Developed course content and prepared and delivered lectures on voltage-gated  $Ca^{2+}$  channels, voltage-gated  $Cl^-$  channels, CFTR and gap junctions.
- 2003-present **Principles of Pharmacology and Therapeutics** (GMS 6513). Developed course content.
- 2003-present **Neuropharmacology** (GMS 6735). Assisted in the development of course content. Prepared and delivered lectures on membrane biophysics, pharmacology of histamine receptors, function of atypical neurotransmitters in the CNS, pharmacology of adenosine/purine/pyrimidine receptors, and physiology and pathobiology of the autonomic nervous system.
- 2003-present **Neuroscience** (GMS 6020). Assisted in the development of course content. Prepared and delivered lectures on the peripheral nervous system and integration of afferent autonomic signals in the central nervous system.
- 2003-2012 **Systems Physiology and Pharmacology** (GMS 6461). **Course director.** Developed course content. Prepared and delivered lectures on pharmacology of the autonomic nervous system, vasodilators, vasoactive peptides, diuretics and the molecular basis of vascular disease.
- 2006-present **Cardiovascular regulation** (GMS 6410). Prepared and delivered lectures on autonomic nervous system regulation of cardiovascular function and ion channels of vascular smooth muscle and endothelial cells.
- 2006-present **Lab Rotations in Biomedical Sciences** (GMS6942). Supervised directed research conducted by students in my laboratory.
- 2008-present **Experimental Design and Analysis** (GMS 6103). Prepared and delivered lectures on the design and execution of in vitro and in vivo pre-clinical studies. Facilitated student learning using the subject of drug development for stroke therapy.
- 2008-present **Medical Science Learning Skills** (GMS7930). Prepared and delivered lecture on pharmacotherapy in heart failure.
- 2012-present **Basic Medical Pharmacology** (GMS 6505). Prepared and delivered lectures on the pharmacology of the autonomic nervous system, and pharmacotherapy for hypertension, edematous states, angina and congestive heart failure.
- 2014-present **Advanced Medical Neurosciences** (GMS 7930). **Course director.** Prepared and delivered lectures on mechanisms of ionic homeostasis in neurons and glial cells and methods of electrophysiology and ion imaging in neuroscience.

**Undergraduate:**

- 1999-2005 **Principles of Human Pharmacology** (BMS 4402). Prepared and delivered lectures on the physiology and pharmacology of the autonomic nervous system (1999-present). Served as instructor and supervisor to graduate student presenting these lectures (2001-2005).
- 1999-2000 **Microbiology Undergraduate Research** (MCB 4910). Supervised directed research conducted by Bernadette Christian and Sheila Chandrasasa.
- 2003-2004 **Independent Study Research** (EDG 4909). Supervised directed research conducted by Waldo Guerrero
- 2004-2005 **Honors Thesis** (IDH 4970). Supervised directed research conducted by Crystal Reed.
- 2013-2014 **Independent Study Research** (EDG 4909). Supervised directed research conducted by Pamela Benavides.

**DOCTORAL DISSERTATIONS DIRECTED:** (Chairman, Ph.D. Committees)

- 2002-2005 Hongling Zhang, Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics, University of South Florida College of Medicine, *Currently working as a Staff Fellow for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.*
- 2002-2005 Wayne I. Dehaven, Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics, University of South Florida College of Medicine, *Currently working as a Lead Pharmacologist for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.*
- 2006-2009 Yelenis Herrera, Department of Molecular Pharmacology and Physiology, University of South Florida College of Medicine, *Currently a Postdoctoral Associate in the laboratory of Patrick Griffin, Ph.D., Chairman and Professor, Department of Molecular Therapeutics, Scripps Research Institute, Florida Campus.*
- 2007-2012 Timetria Bonds, Department of Molecular Pharmacology and Physiology, University of South Florida College of Medicine. *Currently working as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Biology, Alabama State University.*
- 2010-2012 Stephanie Hart-Hughes, USF Scholars in Patient-Oriented Research (SPOR) K30 Program. Department of Molecular Pharmacology and Physiology, University of South Florida College of Medicine
- 2013-present Adam A. Behensky, Department of Molecular Pharmacology and Physiology, University of South Florida College of Medicine

**DOCTORAL DISSERTATION COMMITTEES:**

- 2000-2003 Qingli Zhang, Department of Physiology and Biophysics, University of South Florida College of Medicine.
- 2000-2005 Christopher Rogers, Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics, University of South Florida College of Medicine.
- 2002-2004 Chad Dickey, Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics, University of South Florida College of Medicine.
- 2003-2005 Donna Herber, Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics, University of

	South Florida College of Medicine.
2004-2006	Michelle Hamel, Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics, University of South Florida College of Medicine.
2004-2007	Daniel Paredes, Department of Molecular Pharmacology and Physiology, University of South Florida College of Medicine
2005-2007	Craig T. Ajmo, Department of Molecular Pharmacology and Physiology, University of South Florida College of Medicine
2005	Karla Mihalak, <i>External Examiner</i> , Structure and Dynamics of the Zinc Potentiation Site of Neuronal Nicotinic Acetylcholine Receptors, University of Miami College of Medicine, Department of Molecular and Cellular Pharmacology.
2005-2010	Rafael Chaparro, Department of Molecular Pharmacology and Physiology, University of South Florida College of Medicine
2007-2009	Aaron A. Hall, Department of Molecular Pharmacology and Physiology, University of South Florida College of Medicine
2007-2009	Tara A. Schwetz, Department of Molecular Pharmacology and Physiology, University of South Florida College of Medicine
2007-2011	Michelle Cortes-Salva, Department of Chemistry, University of South Florida, <i>Co-Mentor</i> .
2008-2012	Ellisa C. Parker-Athill, Neuroscience Concentration, University of South Florida College of Medicine, <i>Co-Mentor</i> .
2009-present	Melissa Price, Cancer Biology, Moffitt Cancer Research Center
2010-2012	Adam Smith, Department of Molecular Pharmacology and Physiology, University of South Florida College of Medicine
2010-2013	Anthony Gebhard, Department of Molecular Pharmacology and Physiology, University of South Florida College of Medicine
2010-2012	Amanda Rowe, Department of Molecular Pharmacology and Physiology, University of South Florida College of Medicine
2010-2011	Enrique Gonzalez-Velez, Center for Urban Transportation Research, University of South Florida
2011-present	Erica Fratz, Department of Molecular Medicine, University of South Florida College of Medicine
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2011-2013	Lika Nesuashvili, Department of Molecular Pharmacology and Physiology, University of South Florida College of Medicine
2013-present	Justin Hooper, Department of Molecular Pharmacology and Physiology, University of South Florida College of Medicine

**MASTERS THESIS SUPERVISED:**

2004-2005	Vanessa Escobar, Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics, University of South Florida College of Medicine.
2004-2005	Corey Rosenbaum, Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics, University of South Florida College of Medicine
2000-2004	Siragavarapu Raghavendra, Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics, University of South Florida College of Medicine.
2005-2006	Luis Gonzalez-Parra, Co-Chair, Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics, University of South Florida College of Medicine.



**UNDERGRADUATE HONORS THESIS SUPERVISED:**

2004 Waldo R. Guerrero, Honors College, University of South Florida.  
2004 Crystal Reed, Honors College, University of South Florida  
2007 Jael Rodriguez, University of South Florida  
2010 Ana Rioja, Honors College, University of South Florida  
2010 Samantha Dedrick, Honors College, University of South Florida

**POSTDOCTORAL TRAINEES:**

2002-2004 Emily G. Severance, Ph.D., *Currently working as an Assistant Professor in the Stanley Division of Developmental Neurovirology, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD.*  
2005-2009 Christopher Katnik, PhD.

**AWARDS OF STUDENTS AND POSTDOCTORAL TRAINEES:**

Wayne I. DeHaven University of South Florida College of Medicine Research Day, Outstanding Graduate Student Presentation, 2001  
Hongling Zhang University of South Florida College of Medicine Research Day, Outstanding Graduate Student Presentation, 2002  
Hongling Zhang American Heart Association Florida/Puerto Rico Affiliate Predoctoral Fellowship Award, 2003-2005  
Wayne I. DeHaven American Heart Association Florida/Puerto Rico Affiliate Predoctoral Fellowship Award, 2003-2005  
Wayne I. DeHaven International Neuropeptide Society Young Investigator Award, 2004  
Emily G. Severance Women in Neuroscience, Society for Neuroscience Travel Award, 2003  
Waldo Guerrero University of South Florida Undergraduate Research Symposium, Natural Sciences, Apprentice Research Division, Winner, 2004  
Crystal Reed University of South Florida Undergraduate Research Symposium, Natural Sciences, Poster Division, Winner, 2004  
Yelenis Herrera McKnight Fellowship, University of South Florida, 2006-2008  
Timetria Bonds Pride Fellowship, University of South Florida, 2006-2009  
Yelenis Herrera University of South Florida College of Medicine Research Day, Outstanding Graduate Student Presentation, 2007  
Michelle Cortes-Salva Graduate Multidisciplinary Scholars Award, Florida Center of Excellence for Biomolecular Identification and Targeted Therapeutics (Co-mentor), 2007  
Yelenis Herrera Women in Neuroscience, Society for Neuroscience Travel Award, 2007  
Timetria Bonds American Physiological Society William Townsend Porter Pre-doctoral Fellowship Award, 2010  
Timetria Bonds APS/NIDDK Minority Travel Fellowship Awards, 2011

**IN SERVICE AND CONTINUING EDUCATION SEMINARS:**

Jan. 2008 The Hospice of the Florida Suncoast, Pinellas Park, Fla. "Overview and Treatment of Congestive Heart Failure"

Feb. 2008 The Hospice of the Florida Suncoast, Pinellas Park, Fla. "Vasoactive Peptides"

**OTHER EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES:**

2002-2011	Faculty Mentor, McNair Scholars Program, University of South Florida
2005-2010	Faculty Mentor, Marc/U-STAR Scholars Program, University of South Florida
2010-present	Founder and Director of Medical Mission to Dilaire, Haiti. Goal of medical mission is to provide educational opportunity to medical students and medical residents in a rural, underserved, tropical environment.

**SERVICE:**

**SCIENTIFIC/MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARDS:**

2008-2012	American Heart Association Greater Southeast Affiliate Research Committee
2012-present	American Heart Association Metro Tampa Bay

**UNIVERSITY SERVICE:**

2000-present	USF HSC Research Day; Judge, 2000-2001; Judging Committee Chair, 2002-2004.
2003-2011	Faculty Advisor, McNair Scholars Program
2004-present	Faculty Advisor, Latino Medical Student Association
2005-2010	Faculty Advisor, Marc/U-STAR Scholars Program

**UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES:**

1999-2006	Department of Pharmacology and Therapeutics Graduate Student Advisory Committee, Chairman 2000-2003.
2000-2003	Graduate Coordinators Committee, University of South Florida College of Medicine
2000-2004	Research Committee, University of South Florida College of Medicine
2002-2005	Health Sciences Center Representative, USF Hazardous Materials and Inventory Tracking System (HITS) Development Committee
2002-2003	Graduate Curriculum Development Committee, USFCOM
2002	Chairman, Graduate Admissions, Recruiting and Marketing Development Committee, USFCOM
2003	Subcommittee on Research Space Allocation, USFCOM Research Committee
2003	Subcommittee on Research Incentive Award, USFCOM Research Committee
2003-2004	University of South Florida College of Medicine Excellence in Research Seminar Series, Chairman
2004-2008	Faculty Council, University of South Florida College of Medicine

2005-2006	Laboratory Safety Committee, University of South Florida
2005-2006	Dean's Research Advisory Group, University of South Florida College of Medicine
2005	Biomedical Sciences Faculty Search Committee, University of South Florida College of Medicine, Chair
2005-2007	Diversity Strategic Work Group, University of South Florida College of Medicine
2006	Interim Associate Dean-Graduate & Postdoctoral Affairs Search Committee, University of South Florida College of Medicine
2006-2008	Department of Molecular Pharmacology and Physiology Faculty Search Committee, University of South Florida College of Medicine
2006-2010	Department of Molecular Pharmacology and Physiology Executive Committee, University of South Florida College of Medicine
2006-present	Neuroscience Signature Program Executive Committee, University of South Florida College of Medicine
2006-present	Department of Molecular Pharmacology and Physiology Advancement Promotion and Tenure Committee, University of South Florida College of Medicine
2007	Department of Neurology Chair Search Committee, University of South Florida College of Medicine and Tampa General Hospital
2007	Department of Molecular Pharmacology and Physiology Science Educator Faculty Search Committee, University of South Florida College of Medicine
2007-2008	Faculty Council Faculty Nominating Committee, University of South Florida College of Medicine
2008	Department of Molecular Medicine Chair Search Committee, University of South Florida College of Medicine
2009	Department of Molecular Medicine Faculty Search Committee, University of South Florida College of Medicine
2008-2010	McNair Scholars Advisory Council, University of South Florida
2008-present	Ad Hoc Interviewer, Medical Student Selection Committee, University of South Florida College of Medicine
2008-present	Certified Nurse Anesthetist Advisory Board, University of South Florida College of Nursing
2008-2011	Faculty Forward Task Force, University of South Florida College of Medicine
2009	Dean of the College of Pharmacy Search Committee, University of South Florida
2009-2011	College of Medicine Committee on Research (COMCOR), University of South Florida College
2010	Associate Dean of Faculty Affairs and Associate Dean for Academic & Clinical Affairs USF College of Pharmacy Search Committee, University of South Florida College of Medicine
2010	Chair, Faculty Search Committee, Departments of Pharmaceutical Sciences and Pharmacy Practice, University of South Florida College of Pharmacy
2010	Executive Committee on Research and Education, Ph.D. Program Subcommittee, University of South Florida College of Medicine

2010-2011	Department of Molecular Pharmacology and Physiology Chair Search Committee, University of South Florida College of Medicine
2011-present 2012	Council on Educational Policy and Issues, University of South Florida Neuroscience Educator Search Committee, University of South Florida College of Medicine
2012	Department of Molecular Pharmacology and Physiology Faculty Search Committee, University of South Florida College of Medicine
2012-present	Faculty Development Committee, Department of Molecular Pharmacology and Physiology, University of South Florida College of Medicine
2013-2014	Vice President of USF Health and Dean of the USF Morsani College of Medicine President Search Advisory Committee.
2014-present 2014	LCME Self-Study Faculty Affairs Subcommittee, Chair LCME Self-Study Executive Committee, member

#### **MEMBERSHIP IN SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES:**

Society for Neuroscience  
American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics  
American Heart Association

#### **EDITORIAL BOARDS:**

2001-2004 xPharm, Elsevier Inc., Assistant Editor  
2009-present International Journal of Physiology, Pathophysiology and Pharmacology,  
Associate Editor  
2011-present Frontiers in Cardiac Electrophysiology, Review Editor

#### **JOURNAL REFEREE:**

American Journal of Physiology  
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BBA - Molecular Cell Research  
Biochemical Pharmacology  
Bioorganic & Medicinal Chemistry Letters  
Brain Research  
British Journal of Pharmacology  
Cell Calcium  
Diabetes  
Experimental Physiology  
Experimental Neurology  
Expert Opinion on Therapeutic Targets  
Journal of Neurochemistry  
Journal of Neurophysiology  
Journal of Neuroscience Research  
Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics  
Journal of Pharmacological and Toxicological Methods  
Life Sciences  
Molecular Pharmacology

Molecular Cancer Therapeutics  
Neuroscience  
Neuroscience Letters  
Peptide Research  
Small Ruminant Research  
Toxicology and Applied Pharmacology

**GRANT REVIEWER:**

2000-2007	American Heart Association, Southeast/Ohio Valley Consortium
2005-2006	Philip Morris External Research Program
2006-2007	Ad-Hoc Member, Neurotransporters, Receptors, and Calcium Signaling (NTRC) Study Section, NIH
2007	NIH EARDA Pilot Project, Universidad Central del Caribe
2008-2010	American Heart Association, Region I, Cardiac Biology Regulation Study Section
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2007-2009	Florida Center of Excellence-Biomolecular Identification and Targeted Therapeutics, Seed Grant Reviewer
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1989-1991	Coordinator, Encuentros Juveniles, Archdioceses of Miami, Miami, FL.
1991-1994	Youth Minister, Pastoral Council, St. Dominic Catholic Church, Miami, FL.
1997-1998	Young Adults Minister, UCSD Catholic Community, La Jolla, CA.
1999-2004	Faculty Mentor, AHEC Minority High School Student Research Program, University of South Florida College of Medicine. Nicole Dempsey, Crystal Reed, Mike Pedersen, Ramani Rasile, April Nelson.
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