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**EDUCATION**

2000	Ph.D. (Biological Sciences/Neuroscience)	University of South Dakota Vermillion, South Dakota
1995	M.A. (Biology)	University of South Dakota Vermillion, South Dakota
1988-1991	General Sciences	University of Minnesota Minneapolis, MN
1988	B.A. (Psychology/Spanish)	Earlham College Richmond, Indiana

**POST-GRADUATE TRAINING**

2015-Present	VA Advanced Research Fellowship in Polytrauma/Traumatic Brain Injury Rehab. Denver VA/Sioux Falls VA.
2001-2003	Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award (NRSA) Research Fellow, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas/Dallas VA, Dallas, Texas. Molecular/Behavioral Neuroscience.
1999-2001	Postdoctoral Research Fellow, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas/Dallas VA, Dallas, Texas. Systems/Molecular/Behavioral Neuroscience.

**EMPLOYMENT/APPOINTMENTS**

2015-Present	VA Advanced Research Fellow. Denver VA/Sioux Falls VA.
2003-Present	Research Scientist, VA Research Service, Sioux Falls VA Health Care System, Sioux Falls, SD.
2017-Present	Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry, Division of Basic Biomedical Sciences, University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine, Sioux Falls and Vermillion, SD.
2003-2017	Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, Division of Basic Biomedical Sciences, University of South Dakota Sanford School of Medicine, Sioux Falls and Vermillion, SD.
2003-2014	Research Scientist, Avera Research Institute, Avera McKennan Hospital & University Health Center, Sioux Falls, SD.
2001-2003	NRSA Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, Department of Psychiatry, Dallas, TX., VA Medical Research Service, North Texas VA Health Care System, Dallas, TX.
1999-2001	Postdoctoral Fellow, VA Medical Research Service, North Texas VA Health Care System, Dallas, TX., University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, Department of Psychiatry, Dallas, TX.

## **GRANTS /AWARDS**

- 2018 Site Co-Investigator, Pediatric Trials Network, Long-term Antipsychotic Pediatric Safety Trial (LAPS), NICHD-2016-LAP01, Phase 4 Trial. The Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD).
- 2018 Principal Investigator. Translational Approaches to TBI Treatment. Great Plains Medical Research Foundation.
- 2015-2018 Advanced VA Research Fellowship Research Award. VA Office of Academic Affiliations and VA Office of Research and Development, Rehabilitation Research and Development Service.
- 2011-2014 Project Director. Center for Biological Control and Analysis by Applied Photonics. South Dakota Governor's Research Center. *In Vivo* Optogenetic Control of Fear and Anxiety Responses in an Animal Model of PTSD.
- 2011 VA Equipment Award. Acquired a state of the art Zeiss 700 confocal microscope for the Sioux Falls VA Research Facility.
- 2010-2011 Principal Investigator. Avera Research Institute. Pilot Study to Evaluate the Effectiveness of Chantix® (Varenicline) on Pathological Gambling.
- 2010-2013 Co-Principal Investigator. Avera Foundation. Treatment of Cue-Induced Binge Alcohol Drinking in an Animal Model of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.
- 2005-2010 Principal Investigator, Project 4. NIH Center of Biomedical Research Excellence. (NIH NCRR 2 P20 RR15567). Corticotropin Releasing Factor, Stress and Cocaine Addiction.
- 2006 Principal Investigator. USD School of Medicine Parsons Medical Research Fund. Development of an Adeno-Associated Viral Vector-mediated Silencing of Corticotropin Releasing Factor Expression.
- 2004, 2005 Principal Investigator. USD Center for Biomedical Research Excellence Pilot Awards. RNA Interference Mediated Silencing of Amygdalar Corticotropin Releasing Factor.
- 2005, 2013 Principal Investigator. Great Plains Medical Research Foundation. RNA Interference Mediated Silencing of Amygdalar Corticotropin Releasing Factor (2005). *In Vivo* Optogenetic Control of Fear and Anxiety Responses in an Animal Model of PTSD.

## **HONORS**

- 2014-Present VA Office of Academic Affiliations Advanced Research Fellowship in Polytrauma/Traumatic Brain Injury Rehab, Translational Research.
- 2015-Present Editorial Board, Frontiers in Neuroendocrine Science, a specialty of Frontiers in Endocrinology and Neuroscience.
- 2017 TV News story, NBC affiliate KDLT, "VA Researchers Creating Pathway to Better Health for Veterans".
- 2011 Society for Neuroscience "Hot Topic". Presentation was featured in press release associated with annual meeting.
- 2009 NIH/NCRR supported research featured in NIH presentation to Congress.
- 2009 Newspaper Front Page Focus Article, Sioux Falls Argus Leader, "Stress and Addiction, Finding Cures". 10/19/2009.
- 2001-2003 NIH Ruth Kirschstein National Research Service Award Fellowship. Principal Investigator Eric Nestler, Chair, Department of Psychiatry, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

- 1999-2001 VA Postdoctoral Fellowship. Principal Investigator Fred Petty. Dallas VA Medical Center, University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.
- 1998, 1999 Nelson Graduate Research Fellowship.
- 1997, 1998 Matthew Johnson Memorial Scholarship.
- 1996-1998 Biology Department Travel Award, University of South Dakota.
- 1995, 1996 Louella Cable Scholarship.
- 1983-1988 Earlham Alumni Endowment Scholarship. Earlham College, Richmond, IN.
- 1983 American Legion Citizenship Scholarship.
- 1982 Outstanding Science Student Scholarship. Northern States Power Co., Sioux Falls, SD.

## **SERVICE**

### **Committee and Board Membership**

#### ***University of South Dakota***

- USD Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, 2004-2007, 2010-present.
- USD Sanford School of Medicine, Basic Biomedical Sciences Graduate Committee, 2018-present.
- USD Sanford School of Medical Student Research Committee, 2005-2009, 2013-2016.
- USD Institutional Biosafety Committee, 2006-2012.
- Departmental Review Committee, Biology. Graduate Student Representative. University of South Dakota, 1998.

#### ***Veterans Administration Research and Development***

- Board of Directors, Great Plains Medical Research Foundation (Sioux Falls VA nonprofit corporation)
  - President, 2013-present
  - Vice-President, 2008-2013
  - Board Member, 2006-present
- VA Research & Development Committee
  - Member, 2003-present
  - Chair, 2005-2008
- VA Research & Development Committee Subcommittee on Research Safety
  - Member 2003-present
  - Chair, 2009-present
- North Texas VA (Dallas) Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee, 2002-2003.

### **Community Service**

- Founder and Director, Mark Twain Elementary School Science Fair, Sioux Falls, SD, 2007-2014.
- Science Olympiad Instructor. A SD statewide competition between teams of high school students, 1995,1996,1997,1998.

## **SUPERVISORY EXPERIENCE**

- Faculty Mentor/Advisor for graduate students Jazmin Yaeger(Ph.D), Clarissa Ward (M.A.), Leah Callahan (M.S.), Kristi Tschetter (Ph.D.), Amanda Jonas (M.S.), David Arendt (Ph.D.), Justin Smith (Ph.D.), Justin Achua (M.A.), Clarissa Staton (M.S.), Jazmine Dakota Ward (Ph.D.). 2005-present.
- Faculty Mentor/Advisor, USD Honors Program, Sidney Strait, Timothy Skog, GERALYN PALMER. 2015-present.
- Graduate Committee Member for USD SSOM, Biology and Psychology Dept. M.A., M.S., and Ph.D. students, 2005-present.
- Research Mentor for Medical and Undergraduate Student Summer Fellows. Over 40 students from various NIH, NSF, NASA, USD, USDSM, SDSU, Sanford and Avera programs. 2004-present.
- Research Mentor – Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE), a unique opportunity for American Indian undergraduate students to receive hands-on research experience and mentoring in a cross-disciplinary training program: Samantha Ridley, 2012.
- Graduate Student Mentor, UTSW Medical Center at Dallas, Dallas, TX. 2002-2003.
- Research Mentor – Research Apprenticeship Program. An introduction to biomedical research for American Indian high school students, funded by the National Institutes of Health: Jessica Swick, Summer, 1996.

## **SCHOLARY AND PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES**

### ***Professional Society/Organization Membership***

- USD Center for Brain and Behavior Research (CBBRe)
- Society for Neuroscience
- International Society for Behavioral Neuroscience
- Faculty for Undergraduate Neuroscience
- JB Johnston Society for Comparative Neurobiology
- Sigma Xi

### ***Peer Reviewer***

- Review Editor, the Editorial Board of *Frontiers in Neuroendocrine Science*, a specialty of *Frontiers in Endocrinology and Frontiers in Neuroscience*, 2015-present.
- Ad Hoc Reviewer: *Alcohol and Alcoholism, Journal of Neuroscience, Neuron, Journal of Experimental Biology, Neuroscience, Neuroscience Letters, Hormones, Frontiers in Neuroscience, Frontiers in Endocrinology, Frontiers in Neuroendocrine Science, Progress in Molecular Biology and Translational Science.*

## **TEACHING**

- **Course Director**
  - *Introduction to Molecular Biology 475/575*, USD Department of Biology. Advanced course for Medical Biology majors. Responsible for development and presentation of all course material and evaluations for 77 students. Fall, 2015.
- **Instructor/Lecturer**
  - *Medical Neuroscience*, USDSM. Sleep and Behavioral Arousal. 2003-2014.

- *Neurobiology of Disease*, USDSM. Neurobiology of Addiction. 2003-present.
- *Genetic Methods*, USDSM. 2004 and 2005.
- *Research Techniques and Molecular Biology* courses, Guest Lecturer, Augustana College. 2004-present.
- *Special Topics Advanced Seminars in Neuroscience*, USD Dept. Biology. 2004-present.
- *Molecular Neuroscience*, UTSW Medical Center at Dallas, Dallas, TX. 2002-2003.
- *Neurobiology Seminar Series*, University of South Dakota, 1995-1999.
- *General Biology/General Biology for Majors*. University of South Dakota. 1995-1999.
- *Laboratory Instructor for General Biology*, 1996-1999.
- *Research Methods*, Guest Instructor, Paul Quinn College, Dallas, TX. 1999-2000.
- *Laboratory Research Methods*. University of South Dakota. 1997-1999.
- *Cell Physiology, Cell Biology, Endocrinology, Neurobiology, Biology of Reproduction*. Guest Lecturer, University of South Dakota. 1996-1999.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- Ronan, P.J.**, Strait S.A., Palmer, G.M., Beresford, T.P. (2018). Central Administration of Cyclosporine-A Decreases Ethanol Drinking. *Alcohol and Alcoholism*, 53(2): 193-199.
- Beresford, T, Buchanan, J, Thumm, E, Emrick, C, Weitzenkamp, D, **Ronan, P.J.** (2017). Late Reduction of Cocaine Cravings in a Randomized, Double-Blind Trial of Aripiprazole Versus Perphenazine in Schizophrenia and Co-morbid Cocaine Dependence. *Journal of Clinical Psychopharmacology*, 37: 1-6, December, 2017.
- Robertson, J.M., Achua, J.K., Smith, J.P., Prince, M.A., Staton, C.D., **Ronan, P.J.**, Summers, T.R., Summers, C.H. (2017). Anxious behavior induces elevated hippocampal Cb2 receptor expression. *Neuroscience* 352:273-284.
- Ronan, P.J.**, P.J., Wonganmit, N., Beresford, T.P. (2016). Molecular mechanisms of cannabis signaling in brain. *Prog Mol Biol Transl Sci: Molecular basis of drug addiction* 137:123-47.
- Smith, J.P., Prince, M.A., Achua, J.K., Robertson, J.M., Anderson, R.T., **Ronan, P.J.**, P.J., Summers, C.H. (2016). Intensity of anxiety is modified via complex integrative stress circuitries. *Psychoneuroendocrinology* 63:351-361.
- Smith, J.P., Achua, J.K., Summers, T.R., **Ronan, P.J.**, P.J., Summers, C.H. (2014). Decision making under stress: roles of BDNF and neuropeptide S. *Front Behav Neurosci* 8:121.
- Arendt, D.H., Hassell, J., Li, H., Achua, J.K, Guarnieri, D.J., DiLeone, R.J., **Ronan, P.J.**, P.J., Summers, C.H. (2014). Anxiolytic function of the orexin 2 / hypocretin A receptor in the basolateral amygdala. *Psychoneuroendocrinology*. 40:17-26.
- \*Callahan, L.B., Tschetter, K.E., **Ronan, P.J.**, P.J. (2013). Inhibition of corticotropin releasing factor expression in the central nucleus of the amygdala attenuates stress-induced behavioral and endocrine responses. *Front Neurosci* 7:195.
- \*Ranked one of the best performing articles in the Frontiers family of journals for 2013 based on the number of views.
- Arendt, D.H., Oliver, K.D., Callahan, L.B., Summers, T.R., **Ronan, P.J.**, P.J., Summers, C.H. (2013). Depressive behavior and activation of the orexin/hypocretin system. *Behav Neurosci* 127 (1):86-94.
- Hu, Y., Ehli, E.A., Kittelsrud, J., **Ronan, P.J.**, P.J., Munger, K., Downey, T., Bohlen, K, Callahan, L., Munson, V., Jahnke, M., Marshall, L.L., Nelson, K., Huizenga, P., Hansen, R., Soundy, T.J., Davies G.E. (2012). Lipid-lowering effect of berberine in human subjects and rats. *Phytomedicine* 19:861-867.

- Ronan, P.J.**, P.J. and Summers, C.H. (2011). Chapter 6-Molecular signaling and translational significance of the corticotropin releasing factor system. *Prog Mol Biol Transl Sci* 98:235-292.
- Petersen, J.L. and **Ronan, P.J.**, P.J. (2010). Critical role of 7,8-didemethyl-8-hydroxy-5-deazariboflavin for photoreactivation in *Chlamydomonas reinhardtii*. *J Biol Chem* 285:32467-32475.
- Ronan, P.J.**, P.J. and Summers, C.H. (2008). Biology, animal models. In: Reyes G., Elhai J.D., Ford J.D., eds. *Encyclopedia of Psychological Trauma*. John Wiley & Sons: Hoboken, New Jersey.
- Ronan, P.J.**, P.J., Gaikowski, M.P., Hamilton, S.J., Buhl, K.J., Summers C.H. (2007). Ammonia causes decreased brain monoamines in fathead minnows (*Pimephales promelas*). *Brain Res* 1147C:184-191.
- Ronca, A.E., Abel, R.A., **Ronan, P.J.**, P.J., Renner, K.J. Alberts, J.R. (2006). Labor contractions elevate catecholamine release in newborn rats. *Behavioral Neuroscience*. 120:1308-1314
- Summers, C.H., Korzan, W.J., Lukkes, J.L., Watt, M.J., Forster, G.L., Overli, O., Hoglund, E., Larson, E.T., **Ronan, P.J.**, P.J., Matter, J. M., Summers, T.R., Renner, K.J., Greenberg, N. (2005). Does Serotonin Influence Aggression? Comparing Regional Activity before and during Social Interaction. *Physiol Biochem.Zool.* 78:679-694.
- Ten Eyck, G. R., **Ronan, P.J.**, P.J., Renner, K.J., Summers, C.H. (2005). Serotonin metabolism in directly developing frog embryos during paternal care. *Neurosci Lett* 388:100-105.
- Summers, C. H., G. L. Forster, W. J. Korzan, M. J. Watt, E. T. Larson, O. Overli, E. Hoglund, P. J. **Ronan, P.J.**, T. R. Summers, K. J. Renner, and N. Greenberg. (2005). Dynamics and mechanics of social rank reversal. *J Comp Physiol A Neuroethol Sens Neural Behav Physiol* 191:241-252.
- Summers C.H., Kampshoff J.L., **Ronan, P.J.** P.J., Lowry C.A., Prestbo A.A., Korzan W.J., Renner K.J. (2003). Monoaminergic activity in subregions of raphe nuclei elicited by prior stress and the neuropeptide corticotropin-releasing factor. *J Neuroendocrinol* 15: 1122-1133.
- Summers C.H., Summers T.R., Moore MC, Korzan W.J., Woodley S.K., **Ronan, P.J.** P.J., Hoglund E., Watt M.J., Greenberg N. (2003). Temporal patterns of limbic monoamine and plasma corticosterone response during social stress. *Neuroscience* 116: 553-563.
- Scammell, T.E., E. Arrigoni, M.A. Thompson, P.J. **Ronan, P.J.**, C.B. Saper and R.W. Greene (2003). Focal deletion of the adenosine A1 receptor in adult mice using an adeno-associated viral vector. *J. Neuroscience*. 23(13): 5762-5770.
- Summers, T.R., J.M. Matter, J.M. McKay, P.J. **Ronan, P.J.**, E.T. Larson, K.J. Renner and Summers, C.H. (2003). Rapid glucocorticoid stimulation and GABAergic inhibition of hippocampal serotonergic response; *in vivo* dialysis in the lizard *Anolis carolinensis*. *Hormones and Behavior*. 43(1): 245-53.
- Kram, M., Kramer, G.L., **Ronan, P.J.**, P.J., Steciuk, M. and Petty, F. (2002). Dopamine receptors and learned helplessness in the rat: An autoradiographic study. *Progress in Neuro-Psychopharmacology & Biological Psychiatry*. 26: 639-645.
- Korzan W.J., Summers T.R., **Ronan, P.J.** P.J., Renner K.J., and Summers, C.H. (2001). The role of monoaminergic nuclei during aggression and sympathetic social signaling. *Brain Behavior and Evolution*. 57: 317-327.
- Ronan, P.J.**, P.J., Steciuk, M., Kramer, G.L., Kram, M., and Petty, F. (2000). Increased 5-HIAA efflux in rats that do not develop learned helplessness after inescapable stress. *Journal of Neuroscience Research*. 61: 101-106.
- Emerson, A.J., D.P. Kappenman, P.J. **Ronan, P.J.**, K.J. Renner and Summers, C.H. (2000). Stress induces rapid changes in serotonergic activity: Restraint and exertion. *Behavioural Brain Research* 111: 83-92.
- Kram, M., Kramer, G.L., Steciuk, M., **Ronan, P.J.**, P.J. and Petty, F. (2000). Effects of learned helplessness on brain GABA receptors. *Neuroscience Research*. 38: 193-198.

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- Atwood, H.L., Tomasso, J.R., **Ronan, P.J.**, P.J., Barton, B.A., and Renner, K.J. (2000). Brain monoamine concentrations as predictors of growth inhibition in channel catfish exposed to ammonia. *Journal of Aquatic Animal Health*. 12: 69-73.
- Summers, C.H., Larson, E.T., **Ronan, P.J.**, P.J., Hofmann, P.M., Emerson, A.J., and Renner, K.J. (1999). Serotonergic responses to corticosterone and testosterone in the limbic system. *General and Comparative Endocrinology*. 117: 151-159.
- Deckel, A.W., R. Lillianey, P.J. **Ronan, P.J.** and Summers, C.H. (1998). Lateralized effects of ethanol on aggression and serotonergic systems. *Brain Research* 807: 38-46.
- Matter, J.M., P.J. **Ronan, P.J.** and Summers, C.H. (1998). Central monoamines in free-ranging lizards: Differences associated with social roles and territoriality. *Brain Behavior and Evolution* 51: 23-32.

### **MANUSCRIPTS SUBMITTED**

- Beresford, T., **Ronan, P.J.**, Schmidt, B., Thumm, B., Temple, B., Wortzel, H., Weitzenkamp, D., Emrick, C., Kelly, J., Arciniegas, D. (2018). A double-blind, placebo controlled, randomized trial of divalproex sodium for affective lability and alcohol use one year or more after traumatic brain injury. Submitted to *New England J. Med* 11/17/18.
- Ronan, P.J.**, Brudvig, J.J., Callahan, L.B., Kalkman, K.K., Arendt, D.H., Summers, C.H. (2018). Anatomical evidence for functional cross-talk between orexin/hypocretin and corticotropin releasing factor systems. *European Journal of Neuroscience*. In Review.
- Achua, J.K., Smith, J.P., **Ronan, P.J.**, Summers, C.H. (2018). Orexin/hypocretin receptor and BDNF gene expression in dorsal and ventral hippocampus is dependent on conditioned social anxiety during decision-making. *Neurobiology of Learning and Memory*. In Revision.

### **PRESENTATIONS WITH PUBLISHED ABSTRACTS**

- Ronan, P.J.**, Mehta, T.I., Hipp, D., Beresford, T.P. (2018). Alcohol drinking patterns in aged C57Bl/6NHSd mice. *Research Society on Alcoholism, San Diego, CA*.
- Hipp, D., **Ronan, P.J.**, Davatzikos, C., Beresford, T.P. (2018). Structural MRI reveals regional brain volume differences in alcoholism with TBI. *Research Society on Alcoholism, San Diego, CA*.
- Beresford, T.P., Ronan, P.J., Hipp, D., (2018). What does it mean? Weighting symptoms in alcohol withdrawal syndrome assessment with the severity of alcohol withdrawal scale (SEWS). *Research Society on Alcoholism, San Diego, CA*.
- Yaeger, J.D., Haround, F., Khalid, D.D., Seidel, T.C., Summers, T.R, **Ronan, P.J.**, Summers, C.H. (2017). Anxiolytic effects of orexin 2 receptors during stressful social interaction. 2017 Abstract Viewer/Itinerary Planner. Washington D.C.: Society for Neuroscience, 2017.
- Ronan, P.J.** and Beresford, T.P. (2017). Central Administration of Cyclosporin-A Decreases Ethanol Intake in a Rodent Model of Binge Drinking. *Research Society on Alcoholism, Denver, CO*.
- Ronan, P.J.** and Beresford, T.P. Immunosuppressants Act in Brain to Inhibit Alcohol Intake. *Society for Biological Psychiatry, San Diego, CA*. May 2017.
- Staton, C.D., Yaeger, J.D.W., Khalid, D., Seidel, T.C., Haroun, F., Summers, T.R., **Ronan P.J.**, Summers, C.H. (August, 2017). Social stress & the anxiolytic effects of orexin 2 receptors. *CBBRe Annual Neurobehavioral Research Symposium*. Vermillion, SD.

- Fleischer, A., Kooima, T., Palmer, G., Fox, L., **Ronan, P.**, Summers, C. and Forster G. (August, 2017). Naturally Cycling Sex Steroids and Their Influences on Neural Mechanisms Underlying Fear Conditioning. CBBRe Annual Neurobehavioral Research Symposium. Vermillion, SD.
- Hummel, F., **Ronan, P.J.**, Munger, K.A., Field, T.J., and Gorres-Martens, B.K. (August, 2017). Brain Analysis of the Protective Effects of Estrogens on Type 2 Diabetes. South Dakota BRIN Undergraduate Research Symposium. Pierre, SD.
- Ronan, P.J.**, Strait, S., Palmer, G., Rollag, A., Baker, P., Beresford, T.P. Immunosuppressants Act in Brain to Inhibit Alcohol Intake. Sioux Falls VA Research Days, May 16, 2017.
- Ronan, P.J.** and Beresford, T.P. Central Administration of Cyclosporin-A Decreases Ethanol Intake in a Rodent Model of Binge Drinking. Denver VA Research Days, May 26, 2017
- Strait, S. and **Ronan, P.J.** Central Administration of Cyclosporin-A Decreases Ethanol Intake in a Rodent Model of Binge Alcohol Drinking. Student Pierre Poster Session to Legislators, Pierre, SD., March, 2017.
- Sydney Strait was selected to present a poster at the Student Pierre Poster Session in the Capitol Rotunda in Pierre; an event to showcase impactful research at South Dakota universities, and heighten the awareness of state legislators regarding the benefits of research for the state. She was introduced to the legislators in session and gave an overview of the research. Only 10 students were selected from among the thousands who do research at colleges and universities across the state each year.
- Ronan, P.J.**, P.J., Skog, T.D., Brudvig, J.J., Callahan, L.B. and Summers, C.H. (2016). Topographical organization of perifornical orexin neurons; Implications for stress-induced disorders. 2016 Abstract Viewer/Itinerary Planner. San Diego, CA: Society for Neuroscience, 2016
- Prince, M.A., Achua, J.K., Smith, J.P., Robertson, J.M., **Ronan, P.J.**, P.J. Summers, T.R and Summers, C.H. (2015). Decision-making during social interaction in mice is not driven by aggression, but is related to ventral dentate gyrus expression of orexin receptors. 2015 Abstract Viewer/Itinerary Planner. Chicago, IL: Society for Neuroscience, 2015.
- Robertson, J.M., Prince, M.A., Achua, J.K., Smith, J.P., Summers, T.R., **Ronan, P.J.**, P.J. and Summers, C.H. (2015). Endocannabinoid receptor CB2 gene expression in hippocampus reflects modulation of anxious behavior. 2015 Abstract Viewer/Itinerary Planner. Chicago, IL: Society for Neuroscience, 2015.
- Achua, J. K., Callahan, L. B., Brudvig, J. J. , Summers, C. H., **Ronan, P.J.**, P. J. (2014). Cross-talk between orexin/hypocretin and corticotropin releasing factor systems. 2014 Abstract Viewer/Itinerary Planner. Washington D.C.: Society for Neuroscience, 2014.
- Prince, M. A., J. P. Smith, J. Robertson, J. K. Achua, R. T. Andersone, C. Donohoe, T. Summers, P. J. **Ronan, P.J.**, C. H. Summers (2014). Winning repeated aggression stimulates protracted AVP and NPS gene expression as well as anxious behavior. 2014 Abstract Viewer/Itinerary Planner. Washington D.C.: Society for Neuroscience, 2014.
- Robertson, J., J. P. Smith, J. K. Achua, M. A. Prince, T. R. Summers, P. J. **Ronan, P.J.**, C. H. Summers (2014). Decision-making across a gradient of anxiety differentially influences central amygdala NPS and BDNF gene expression. 2014 Abstract Viewer/Itinerary Planner. Washington D.C.: Society for Neuroscience, 2014.
- Ronan, P.J.**, P.J. (2013). Neuropeptide Mechanisms and Treatment Targets in Stress-Induced Psychiatric Disorders. International Behavioral Neuroscience Society Annual Meeting, Dublin, Ireland, 2013. Invited Speaker.
- Arendt, D.H., Hassell, J., Li, H., Achua, J.K, Guarnieri, D.J., DiLeone, R.J., **Ronan, P.J.**, P.J., Summers, C.H. (2013). Anxiolytic function of the orexin 2/hypocretin A receptor in the basolateral amygdala. 2013 Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA.



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- Arendt, D. H., Brudvig, J.J., Kalkman, K. L., Callahan, L. B., Summers, C. H. and **Ronan, P.J.**, P. J. (2012) Evidence for cross-talk between corticotropin releasing factor and orexin/hypocretin systems. 2012 Abstract Viewer/Itinerary Planner. New Orleans, LA: Society for Neuroscience, 2012.
- Callahan, L. B., Tschetter, K. E. and **Ronan, P.J.**, P. J. (2012). Afferent corticotropin releasing factor (CRF) projections to the nucleus accumbens. 2012 Abstract Viewer/Itinerary Planner. New Orleans, LA: Society for Neuroscience, 2012.
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- \*Tschetter K.E., Callahan, L., **Ronan, P.J.**, P.J. (2011). Early life stress alters brain corticotropin releasing factor and serotonergic systems and a leads to the development of a drug-seeking phenotype in adolescence. 2011 Abstract Viewer/Itinerary Planner. Washington D.C.: Society for Neuroscience, 2011.
- \* *Featured in Society for Neuroscience "Hot Topics" press release for 2011 annual meeting.*
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- Afferent Corticotropin Releasing Factor (CRF) projections to the nucleus accumbens. Avera-SDSU Research Symposium. Brookings, SD. October, 2013.
- Evidence for Cross-talk Between Corticotropin Releasing Factor and Orexin/Hypocretin Systems. Avera-SDSU Research Symposium. Brookings, SD. October, 2013.
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- Deployment Mental Health: Informing Best Clinical Practice with Recent Research in VISN 23. Invited Panelist: Lessons from New Investigators. Omaha, NE, 2009.
- Neurobiology of Corticotropin Releasing Factor and Its Influence on Psychiatric Disorders. USDSM Department of Psychiatry Grand Rounds. August 2008.
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