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Education

2019 – now **Ph.D. Student, Biology**, Mentor: Dr. Brent Lockwood University of Vermont
2016 **B.A. Biology**, *cum laude* University of Vermont

Fellowships & Awards

2022 – now **Research Assistantship** University of Vermont
ThermoFly EPSCoR Grant, National Science Foundation (NSF)
2019 – now **Research Traineeship Fellow** University of Vermont
QuEST, National Science Foundation (NSF)
2012 – 2016 **Presidential Scholarship** University of Vermont
Awarded to out-of-state students who have demonstrated the highest academic performance
2012 – 2016 **Track & Field Athletic Scholarship** University of Vermont
Awarded to high-achieving prospective student-athletes
2015 **America East All-Academic Team** University of Vermont
Awarded to All-Conference athletes with a high cumulative grade point average

Publications

10. Barefield DY, Tonino P, Woulfe, K, Rahmanseresht S, **O'Leary TS**, Wasserstrom JA, ... & McNally E. (submitted for publication). Myosin binding protein H-like regulates myosin binding protein distribution and function in atrial cardiomyocytes.
9. Wood NB, Kelly CM, **O'Leary TS**, Marin JL, & Previs MJ (2022). Cardiac muscle thick filaments are maintained by stochastic protein replacement. *Molecular & Cellular Proteomics*. 21 (10), 100274. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.mcpro.2022.100274>
8. Previs MJ, **O'Leary TS**, Morley MP, Palmer BM, LeWinter M, Yob JM, ... & Day, SM (2022). Defects in the Proteome and Metabolome in Human Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy. *Circulation. Heart Failure* <https://doi.org/10.1161/CIRCHEARTFAILURE.121.009521>
7. Tsan YC, DePalma SJ, Zhao YT, Capilnasiu A, Wu YW, ... **O'Leary TS**, ...Helms AS (2021). Physiologic biomechanics enhance reproducible contractile development in a stem cell derived cardiac muscle platform. *Nature Communications*, 12 (1), 6167. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41467-021-26496-1>
6. Rahmanseresht S, Lee KH, **O'Leary TS**, McNamara JW, Sadayappan S, Robbins J, Warshaw DM, Craig R, & Previs MJ (2021). The N Terminus of Myosin-Binding Protein C Extends toward Actin Filaments in Intact Cardiac Muscle. *The Journal of General Physiology*, 153 (3). <http://dx.doi.org/10.1085/jgp.202012726>
5. Daneshparvar N, Taylor DW, **O'Leary TS**, Rahmani H, Yeganeh FA, Previs MJ, & Taylor KA (2020). CryoEM Structure of *Drosophila* Flight Muscle Thick Filaments at 7Å Resolution. *Life Science Alliance*, 3 (8), e202000823. <http://dx.doi.org/10.26508/lsa.202000823>
4. Lecheta MC, Awde DN, **O'Leary TS**, Unfried LN, Jacobs NA, Whitlock MH, ... Helms Cahan S (2020). Integrating GWAS and transcriptomics to identify the molecular

underpinnings of thermal stress responses in *Drosophila melanogaster*. *Frontiers in Genetics*, 11 (658), 1–17. <http://dx.doi.org/10.3389/fgene.2020.00658>

3. Helms AS, Tang VT, **O’Leary TS**, Friedline S, Wauchope M., Arora A., ... Day SM (2020). Effects of *MYBPC3* loss of function mutations preceding hypertrophic cardiomyopathy. *Journal of Clinical Insights*, 5 (2), e133782. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1172/jci.insight.133782>
2. Li A, Nelson SR, Rahmanseresht S, Braet F, Cornachione AS, Previs S, **O’Leary TS**, ... Warshaw DM (2019). Skeletal MyBP-C isoforms tune the molecular contractility of divergent skeletal muscle systems. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, 116 (43), 21882–21892. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1073/pnas.191054911>
1. **O’Leary TS**, Snyder J, Sadayappan S, Day SM, & Previs MJ (2019). MYBPC3 truncation mutations enhance actomyosin contractile mechanics in human hypertrophic cardiomyopathy. *Journal of Molecular and Cellular Cardiology*, 127, 165–173. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.yjmcc.2018.12.003>

Teaching Experience

Teaching Assistant

- 2022 spring **Molecular and Cellular Biology**
Sophomore-level course for science majors, University of Vermont
- 2020 spring **Genetics**
Sophomore-level course for science majors, University of Vermont
- 2019 & 2021 **Comparative Physiology**
Senior-level capstone course for biology majors, University of Vermont

Workshops

- 2022 summer **Data Science Workshop – UVM ThermoFly**
Introductory, eight-day, two-part, [data science workshop](#) for undergraduate REU students

Guest Lectures

- 2022 Acclimation to temperature through epigenetic regulation
Climate Change Genetics, University of Vermont
- 2021 Redox homeostasis & heat adaptation in *D. melanogaster* embryos
Comparative Physiology, University of Vermont
- 2019 Proteomics, *MYBPC3* truncation mutations, & hypertrophic cardiomyopathy
Comparative Physiology, University of Vermont

Committee & Departmental Service

- 2022 – 2023 **Co-Representative**
Graduate Student Affairs Committee, Department of Biology, University of Vermont
- 2020 – 2021 **Cohort II Representative**
QuEST Leadership Team, University of Vermont
- 2020 – now **Biology Graduate Student Social Committee**
Department of Biology, University of Vermont
- 2020 – 2022 **Science Outreach and Communication Team**
QuEST, University of Vermont

Seminars & Presentations

- 2023 HEATER: How embryos acclimate to temperature through epigenetic regulation
Graduate Seminar, University of Vermont
- 2022 Maintaining redox balance during acute heat stress in *D. melanogaster* embryos

- Graduate Seminar, University of Vermont
 2021 **Molecular mechanisms of heat adaptation in *D. melanogaster***
 Graduate Seminar, University of Vermont
 2019 **MYBPC3 truncation mutations and hypertrophic cardiomyopathy** t
 Graduate Seminar, University of Vermont

Skills

Coding R, python, and Matlab
Lab enzyme activity, proteomics, transcriptomics, RNA & DNA extraction, and sequencing, single-cell sequencing

Professional Experience

- 2018 – 2019 **Laboratory Research Technician** University of Vermont
 Previs Lab, Department of Molecular Physiology and Biophysics
 2017 – 2018 **Laboratory Research Technician** University of Vermont
 Lockwood Lab, Department of Biology
 2016 – 2017 **Laboratory Technician I & II** Charles River Labs
 Sequencing Team, Molecular Biology Department, Malvern, PA

Athletics

- 2017 – now **Volunteer Coach** University of Vermont
 Varsity Cross Country and Track & Field
 2014 – 2016 **Captain** University of Vermont
 Varsity Cross Country and Track & Field
 2012 – 2016 **Division I Athlete** University of Vermont
 Varsity Cross Country and Track & Field