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Education:

08/2017-05/2020	B.S. Vanderbilt University (Summa Cum Laude)
08/2020-ongoing	Ph.D. Yale University (Dr. Alfred Kaye, advisor)

Positions Held:

09/2017-05/2020	Undergraduate Researcher with Dr. Danny Winder, Vanderbilt University
06/2018-08/2018	Summer Student with Dr. Akira Yoshii, University of Illinois at Chicago
06/2019-08/2019	Intern, Neuroscience Division, Merck and Co.
08/2020-02/2021	Rotation Student with Drs. Marina Picciotto, Yong-hui Jiang, Alex Kwan, Ralph DiLeone, Yale University
03/2021-ongoing	Graduate Researcher with Dr. Alfred Kaye, Yale University

Teaching:

09/2021-12/2021	Teaching Fellow, Neurobiology (NSCI 320), Yale University
02/2024-05/2024	Teaching Fellow, Principles of Cell Biology (BIOL 102), Yale University

Honors and Awarded Funding:

2017-2020	Dean's List, Vanderbilt University
2019	Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship
2022	NSF Graduate Research Fellowship – Honorable Mention
2022-2023	NINDS T32, "Neurobiology of Cortical Systems" Training Grant
2024	Molecular Psychiatry Association Meeting Young Investigator Travel Award
2024-2026	NIMH F31, MH138088, "Norepinephrine and second messenger encoding of temporal threat proximity" (18th percentile)

Selected Posters and Oral Presentations:

Time uncertainty in threat prediction explains prefrontal norepinephrine release. Poster Presented at Society for Neuroscience Meeting 2023, Washington, DC.

Time uncertainty in threat prediction explains prefrontal norepinephrine release. Poster Presented at CoSyNe Meeting 2023. Montreal, QC, CA.

Norepinephrine as a threat prediction error: A new computational role in traumatic memory retrieval. Presented to PTSD Brain Bank Animal Models Workgroup, 2023.

Prefrontal norepinephrine represents a threat prediction error under uncertainty. Presented during Norepinephrine Minisymposium at Society for Neuroscience Meeting 2022. San Diego, CA.

Norepinephrine as a threat prediction error: A new computational role in traumatic memory retrieval. Presented during NC-PTSD Research Seminar, 2022.

Publications:

Basu, A., Yang, J.-H., Yu, A., Glaeser-Khan, S., Rondeau, J. A., Feng, J., Krystal, J. H., Li, Y., & Kaye, A. P. (2024). Frontal norepinephrine represents a threat prediction error under uncertainty. Biological Psychiatry,

Melchior, J. R., Perez, R. E., Salimando, G. J., Luchsinger, J. R., Basu, A., & Winder, D. G. (2021). Cocaine Augments Dopamine-Mediated Inhibition of Neuronal Activity in the Dorsal Bed Nucleus of the Stria Terminalis. Journal of Neuroscience, 41(27), 5876–5893.

Perez, R. E., Basu, A., Nabit, B. P., Harris, N. A., Folkes, O. M., Patel, S., & Gilsbach, R. (2020). α 2A -adrenergic heteroreceptors are required for stress-induced reinstatement of cocaine conditioned place preference. Neuropsychopharmacology, February, 1–9.

Fetterly, T. L., Basu, A., Nabit, B. P., Awad, E., Williford, K. M., Centanni, S. W., Matthews, R. T., Silberman, Y., & Winder, D. G. (2019). α2A-Adrenergic Receptor Activation Decreases Parabrachial Nucleus Excitatory Drive onto BNST CRF Neurons and Reduces Their Activity In Vivo. Journal of Neuroscience, 39(3), 472–484.