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Research, Publications and Presentations

My work integrates extracellular matrix biology with salivary tissue engineering, cancer metastasis, and musculoskeletal biology. I am an expert in the use of complex 3D systems for cell and microtissue culture of both normal and cancerous tissues and I frequently deliver seminars on these topics I regularly present seminars locally, nationally and internationally about research ongoing in our laboratory, and also on topics that include mentoring, building successful research programs and clinical research.

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Education

1983-86: Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, University of Texas System Cancer Center, Houston, Texas (sponsor: W. J. Lennarz, Ph.D., NRSA Fellow); 1983: Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Physiological Chemistry, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD (sponsor: W. J. Lennarz, Ph.D.); 1982-83: Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Biochemistry, Medical College of Virginia/Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA (sponsor: M. Martinez-Carrion, Ph.D.); 1982: Ph.D., Biochemistry, Medical College of Virginia, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond, VA. (Sponsor: M. Martinez-Carrion, Ph.D.); 1978: B.S., Biology (Magna cum laude), University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

Other Academic Appointments (selected)

2017-pres: Adjunct Professor, Departments of Biosciences/Bioengineering, Rice University, Houston, TX; 2011-17: Ralph and Dorothy Looney Professor of Biochemistry and Cell Biology Department of BioSciences, Rice University, Houston, TX; 2009-2017 Professor (tenured), BioSciences, Rice University, Houston, TX; 2013-pres Senior Member, The Center for Theoretical Biological Physics, a Physics Frontiers Center established by the NSF, Rice University, Houston, TX; 2012-pres: Adjunct Professor, Molecular and Cellular Biology, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX; 2006-09 Founding Director, Center for Translational Cancer Research (CTCR), 2000 – 09: Professor (tenured), Department of Biological Sciences, University of Delaware, Newark, DE; 1998 – 2000: Associate Professor (tenured), Department of Biological Sciences, University of Delaware, Newark, DE 1991-98: Assistant/Associate Professor (tenured), Department of Basic Sciences, Section of Biochemistry, The University of Texas Health Science Center, Dental Branch, Houston, TX; 1990-98: Member, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, Houston, TX; 1987-91: Research Assistant Professor, Department of Biological Chemistry, The University of Texas Health Science Center, Dental Branch, Houston, TX; 1986-87: Research Instructor, Department of Physiology and Molecular Biophysics, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX

Administrative Experience Highlights

2022-pres Associate Dean for Research, School of Dentistry, UTHealth

Responsibilities include direct oversight and management of all research programs and resources at the School of Dentistry. Effort focuses on growth of UTSD's basic, clinical, translational and educational research portfolios, facilitating collaborative research, fostering faculty, trainee and staff development and scholarly activities, and ensuring UTSD remains current in research trends and applications. Other responsibilities include directing, integrating and supporting the student research programs, promoting research events, and representing UTSD on the UTHealth Research Council and related university organizations. The Associate Dean represents the Office of Research to internal and external academic communities, alumni, business and industry, government, foundations patient and practitioner groups, and the general community.

2016-pres Director, Clinical and Translational Research, School of Dentistry, UTHealth

As Director of Clinical and Translational Research at the UTHealth School of Dentistry, part of the Center for Craniofacial Research (CCR) at UTHealth, responsibilities include serving as a catalyst for translation of discoveries made by faculty in the School and associated departments focused on craniofacial biology including bone and cartilage, oral health, salivary biology, diagnostics, biomaterials, devices and biosensors. A primary goal is to partner with Sponsors to bring new clinical trials to the School of Dentistry and encourage faculty participation in such trials.

2014-2016 Strategic Advisor, Clinical and Basic Research, Texas Medical Center (TMC)

Responsibilities included working with the TMC Research Council and TMC Institutes to foster collaborations including shared use of Core Facilities for cooperative research; working with the Stem Cell Institute and various Centers focused on Regenerative Medicine; helping to establish a stronger more cooperative agreement between the TMC and the Gulf Coast Consortia (GCC) to avoid duplication of efforts and to enhance research and training opportunities among the seven key GCC institutions.

2011-2015 Scientific Director, BioScience Research Collaborative, Rice University and Vice Provost, Translational Bioscience

Formal responsibilities included oversight of the scientific operations of the 477,000 gross square foot facility designed to facilitate and encourage interactions among researchers, to broadly oversee the interactions between Rice University and biomedical partners in the TMC, to build interdisciplinary research collaborations in the broad spectrum of biomedical and health research and education, and to build and develop sustainable support for building multidisciplinary basic and translational research programs.

2009-2011 Associate Vice Provost for Research, Rice University

Primary responsibilities for this position included building collaborations between Rice and local biomedical research and educational institutions through the BioScience Research Collaborative (BRC), which opened July 1, 2009. The BRC serves as a hub linking Rice researchers with their neighbors in the TMC. A primary function of the AVPR was to build interdisciplinary research collaborations in the broad spectrum of biomedical and health research and education. The AVPR helped provide scientific leadership and vision for the BRC and also helped expand the ability of the Office of Research to support faculty research activities.

2006- 2009 Founding Director, CTCR, University of Delaware

The CTCR is a formal alliance of the University of Delaware/Delaware Biotechnology Institute, the Helen F. Graham Cancer Center (HFGCC) at Christiana Care, and the Nemours/Al duPont Hospital for Children. The CTCR was created as a center "without walls" to transform clinical, educational and basic scientific efforts in translational cancer research within the State of Delaware into a cohesive effort aimed to reduce the impact of cancer on Delaware families and businesses.

Memberships in Professional Organizations

American Association for the Advancement of Science (Fellow); American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (Fellow); American Society for Bone and Mineral Research; American Association for Cancer Research; American Society for Matrix Biology (Elected to Council 2002 - 2006); American Dental Education Association; Association for Women in Science (Gulf Coast Chapter); Endocrine Society; International Association for Dental Research/American Association for Dental, Oral and Craniofacial Research; Phi Beta Kappa; Sigma Xi

Honors and Awards (selected)

2023	D. Dudley and Judy White Oldham Faculty Award for excellence in service and leadership, UTMDAnderson/UTHealth Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, Houston, TX
2021	Stephen M. Krane Award, American Society for Bone and Mineral Research, San Diego, CA
2018	Elected AIMBE Fellow, Washington, DC
2016	Translational STARS Award, The University of Texas System, Austin, TX
2016	Presidential Mentoring Award, Rice University, Houston, TX
2014	Hearts of Gold Honoree, Honoring Women in Health Care, The Health Museum, Houston, TX

2010	Elected AAAS Fellow, Section on Biological Sciences, Washington, DC
2011	Plenary Poster Presentation, Assoc. Bone and Mineral Research, San Diego, California
2005-06	Community Services and Education Fellow, Christiana Care, Newark, DE
1994-97	Dean's List for Teaching Excellence, The University of Texas Houston Dental Branch and The University of Texas-Houston Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, Houston, TX
1995	John Freeman Outstanding Teacher Award, The University of Texas Health Science Center Dental Branch, Houston, TX
1990-92	Deans List for Teaching Excellence, The University of Texas Health Science Center Dental Branch, Houston, TX
1991	Young Investigator Award, Presented at Eighth Vitamin D Workshop, Paris, France
1983-86	NIH/NRSA Postdoctoral Fellowship, UTMDACC, Houston, TX
1978-79	A.D. Williams Fellowship for Graduate Study, Medical College of Virginia, Richmond, VA
1975-76	Outstanding Freshman, awarded by Phi Beta Kappa, University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

Reviewer Experience (selected)

Representative journals: Biomaterials, Cancer Research, Journal of Bone & Mineral Research, Developmental Biology, Frontiers, Journal of Cellular Biochemistry, Journal of Cell Biology, Journal of Clinical Investigation, New England Journal of Medicine, Molecular Endocrinology, American Journal of Physiology, Bone, In Vitro, Matrix Biology, Tissue Engineering, The Prostate, Biology of Reproduction, Journal of Biological Chemistry, Bone, Journal of Dental Research, JPET, Journal of Orthopaedic Research, PLoS One, Scientific Reports, FASEB J, JOVE, Biomaterials, Biomolecules

2023 Outstanding Reviewer, Acta Biomaterialia; 2021 Reviewer, NIH/NCI Developmental Therapeutics Study Panel (two meetings); 2020 Reviewer, NIH/NCI, Developmental Therapeutics Study Panel; 2019 Reviewer, RFA: Enabling Technologies to Accelerate Development of Oral Devices, NIDCR/NIH; 2019 Reviewer, Grant Proposal, FWF Austrian Science Fund, Vienna, Austria; 2019 Reviewer, Cancer Biotherapeutics Development (CBD) Oncology 2 - Translational Clinical IRG (OTC), STTR/SBIR grants; 2019 Reviewer, Division Biology and Medicine, Swiss National Science Foundation; 2018 Reviewer, NIH ZRG1 OBT-K (02) Member Conflict Study Panel, Oncology; 2017 Reviewer, NIH/NCI/ Cancer Biotherapeutics Development (CBD) Oncology 2 - Translational Clinical IRG (OTC), STTR/SBIR grants; 2017 Reviewer, NIH/NCI Study Panel for "Biological Comparisons in Patient-Derived Models of Cancer"; 2017 Chair, NIH/NIDCR Study Panel for RFA "Biosensors in the Oral Cavity"; 2016 Reviewer, Rett Syndrome Foundation, research grant applications; 2016 Reviewer, NIH/NIDCR R35 applications, Sustaining Outstanding Achievement in Research (SOAR); 2016 Reviewer, Israel Science Foundation, research grant applications; 2015 Reviewer, Oncological Sciences F09B Fellowship Review Panel (NIH); 2010-11 Special Panel reviewer IRSF Translational Research Program Grants (IRSF = International Rett Syndrome Foundation); 2007 Reviewer, PO1 applications, NCI/NIH (Special Panel); 2004 NSF Reviewer (*ad hoc*); 2002-04 Regular Member OBM2, reorganized into SBDD Study Section [2004], NIH, CSR; 2001 OBM2 Special Panels; 2001 NIH, NIDCR Special Panels; 2000 Special Reviewer, NIH/OBM2 Special Panel; 1999 Special Reviewer, Small Grants Program NIH/NIDCR (Panel Chair); 1999 Ad Hoc Reviewer NIH, Orthopaedics Study Section, Oral Biology and Medicine Study Section; 1996-98 Reviewer, Special Panel Review NIH; NIAMS Core Center Review Panel; 1995-98 Regular review member, Study Section, Oral Biology and Medicine 2 (OBM2), NIH, Division of Research Grants (now CSR); 1995-96 Grant Reviewer, National Science Foundation; 1994 Ad hoc Reviewer, Small Grants Program, NIH; 1993-94 Ad hoc Reviewer, Oral Biology & Medicine Study Section, NIH

Boards, Consultantships & Editorial Responsibilities (selected)

2023-pres Editorial Board, Proteoglycans; 2022-pres Editorial Board, J. Dental Research; 2024-pres Scientific Advisory Board, Ambrose Cell Therapy; 2021-pres Scientific Advisory Board, Organamet Bio, Inc.; 2020-2024 Chair, External Advisory Board for Biotechnology Program, Houston Community College, Houston, TX; 2020-pres Editorial Board, Biomolecules; 2018 External Advisor and Program Review, Biomedical Engineering Doctoral Program Boise State University, Boise, ID; 2017-2023 Councilor, AADOCR representing the UTHealth School of Dentistry; 2016 External Advisory Board and Advisor, Research Day for T32 "Training Program in Musculoskeletal Research", Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH; 2016-pres Editorial Board, Matrix Biology (reappointed); 2014-pres Advisor, TMCx business accelerator, Texas Medical Center 2012-18 Scientific Review Board, RettSyndrome.org; 2012-17 Academic Advisory Panel, Baylor College of

Medicine Orthotic/Prosthetic Program, Houston, TX; 2010-12 Editorial Board, Matrix Biology; 2010-12 Member of Advisory Board, Alliance for NanoHealth, Houston TX; 2000-14. Co-Editor, seven volume reference book work "Topics in Bone Biology", Springer Verlag, Publisher, with Felix Bronner and volume guest editors as noted 1. Bone Formation (Oct, 2003) 2. Bone Resorption (July, 2005) with J. Rubin 3. Skeletal Tissue Engineering (Mar, 2007) with A. Mikos 4. Bone and Osteoarthritis (Oct, 2007), 5. Cancer and Bone (Jun, 2009) 6. Bone and Development (Mar, 2010) with H.I. Roach (Volume 7 Bone-Metabolic Functions and Modulators (June, 2012); 2001-07 Editorial Board, External Advisory Board, Osiris Therapeutics, Inc., Baltimore, MD, Bone projects; 1999- 2002 Editorial Board, Am. J. Physiol., Endocrin. and Metab.

Committee Service & Experience (selected)

American Association for Dental, Oral, and Craniofacial Research

Member, Government Affairs Committee (2025-2028); Institutional Representative, AADOCR Mentoring an Mind the Future); Mentor, Cohort III, Mind the Future, (2022-pres); Member, Council representing UTSD (2017-2023)

Texas Medical Center

Advisor, TMCx/TMC, 2015-2020; Co-Chair (with William McKeon), Council of Research Directors, 2018; Co-Chair (with Dr. Robert Robbins), Council of Research Directors, 2014-2016; Council of Research Directors, Rice Representative 2011-14; Member, Strategic Design and Planning, Institute for Regenerative Medicine, 2013-14

Gulf Coast Consortia

Co-Chair, Regenerative Medicine Consortium (2017-2022); Member Steering Committee, Cluster in Regenerative Medicine (2015-17)

Rice University

Rice-Baylor College of Medicine Inter-Institutional Agreement Committee, 2012-2015; Member, Board of Directors, Houston Area Translational Research Consortium (HATRC) a 501(c)(3) organization affiliated with Rice University, 2011-2015; Member, Operations and Governance Committees, BioScience Research Collaborative, 2009-2010; Chair, Institutional Biosafety Committee, 2009-2010; Member, Task Force on BioSciences and Human Health, 2010

The University of Delaware

Planning Coordinator, Center for Translational Cancer Research, Pavilion Building Project Christiana Care Health Systems 2007-2009; Member, Biological Sciences Steering Committee, 1999 – 2009; 2004-05; "Renovation Coordinator, Biological Sciences", Wolf Hall Renovation Team: major project that involved overseeing departmental needs in \$27 Million Dollar building renovation, 1998-2003; Promotion and Tenure Committee, 2001, College of Arts and Science; Member, Graduate Affairs & Admissions Committee, 1998 - 2001, (1999-2001, Committee Chair)

The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

Member, Search Committee, Associate Dean for Research, School of Nursing, 2024-pres; Member, Search Committee, Director Pediatric Research Center and Vice Chair of Pediatrics, 2022-pres; Member, Research Service Center Executive Committee, UTHealth, 2023-pres; Member, COVID-19 Clinical Research Review Committee, UTHealth, 2020-2022; Member, Search Committee, Assistant Professor, Pediatrics 2022-23; Member, Appointment, Promotion, and Tenure Committee, UTHealth School of Dentistry 2019-2022; Member, UTHealth-wide Clinical Trials/Research Strategy Discussion Group, member working subgroup Faculty Development and Incentivization 2019-2021; Chair, Clinical Research Committee, UTHealth School of Dentistry, 2017-present; Member, Research Committee, UTHealth School of Dentistry, 2016-present (*ad hoc* 2023-pres) Chair, Ad Hoc Inquiry Committee, 2018; Dean's Review Committee, UTHealth, 2017; Search Committee, Pediatrics Faculty, McGovern Medical School, 2016-17; Reviewer, Small Grants, Ted Nash Long Life Foundation, 2016; Member, The University of Texas System Committee on the Advancement of Women, 1994-1998; Member, The University of Texas Dental Branch Faculty Compensation Plan Committee Chair, 1995-1997 Member, The University of Texas Dental Branch Representative to The University of Texas-Houston Faculty Salary Review Committee, 1994-1997; Committee on the Status of Women, 1992-96 (Member, *ex-officio*, 1996; Chair of Committee, 1994-95; Member, Status of Women Subcommittee, 1992-93

The University of Texas Health Science Center, School of Dentistry

Faculty/Research Formal Mentor: 10 faculty; CODA Ad Hoc Self-Study Committee/Standard 6/Research, 2018-19; Chair Clinical Research Subcommittee, 2017-pres; Research Committee, 2016-pres (*ad hoc* since 2022); Member, Diagnostic and Biomedical Sciences Department, Leadership Committee; SOD IT Procurement Team, 2017-2022; Search Committee, Physiology Faculty Search, 2017; Search Committee, Associate Dean for Professional Development and Faculty Affairs, 2016; Faculty Appointment, Promotion, Tenure Committee, 1997-

98; Research Action Team, Department of Basic Sciences, 1996-1998; Research Committee 1990-1996; Co-Chair, Student Research Subcommittee, 1993-1995; Co-Organizer, Summer Research Orientation Program, 1992-1994; Member and Chair, Research Committee, Reviewer, BRSG grants, student fellowships, 1993; Member, Planning Committee - Research Day; Search Committee, Faculty, Dental Hygiene, 1995; Search Committee, Faculty, Periodontics, 1995; Search Committee, Director, Dental Hygiene, 1994

The University of Texas Health Science Center, Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

Internal Reviewer, Neuroscience Program, 2023; Facilitator, Mentoring Works, 2021-pres; Executive Committee, 2021-2023; Membership Committee, 2020-2023, Chair 2021-22; Biochemistry and Cell Biology/Molecular and Translational Biology Program, 2016-pres; Associate Member, Medical Physics Program, 2016-pres; Specialized Masters Committee, 1997-1998; UTHSC GSBS Review Committee, 1996-1998; Ombudsman, 1996-1998; Curriculum Committee, Chair, 1995-1996; Executive

Sponsorship of D.D.S., M.S. Students (3)

Randy Snyder, D.D.S., M.S., 1995; Andrea Varesic, D.D.S., M.S., 1997; Mesaad Bahatheq, D.D.S., M.S., 1998

M.S. or Ph.D. Students Supervised

University of Texas Health Science Center (G.S.B.S.) (9)

Robert E. Devoll, DDS., PhD., 1997; J. Gary Meszaros, PhD., 1997; Jeffrey Safran, PhD, 1999; Riting (Allan) Liu, PhD, 1999; Jeffrey Kiefer, PhD, 2001; Tristen Tellman, PhD, 2022; Saleh Ramezani (PhD, 2023); with co-advisor Dan Harrington; Caitlynn Barrows (PhD 2025); with co-advisor Simon Young; Ephraim Vazquez- Rosado (MD/PhD program); with co-advisor Simon Young

University of Delaware (15)

Joel Bergh, PhD, 2003; Yihuan (Catherine) Xu, MS, 2003; Rania Al-Shami, PhD, 2004; Caroline Muir, MS, 2004; Ying Shao, PhD, 2005; Jeff Wallis, MS, 2005; Ben Rohe, MS, 2006; Anissa Brown, PhD, 2008; Lynn Schwarting-Opdenaker, PhD, 2009; Rose Deeter, PhD (with co-advisor Carolyn Schanen), 2009; Angela Petiak MS, 2008; Curt Warren MS, 2009; Swati Pradhan PhD, 2010; William Thompson PhD, 2010; Lisa Gurski PhD; 2012

Rice University (15)

Ariel Diaz MA, 2012; Derek Shenefelt MA, 2012; Curt Warren PhD, 2014; Brian Grindel PhD, 2015; Eliza Fong PhD, 2015, with Antonios Mikos; co-advisor; Jerahme Martinez PhD, 2016; Patricia Chapela PhD, 2017, with Daniel D. Carson; co-advisor; Mariane Martinez PhD, 2019 with Dan Harrington; co-advisor; Kelsea Hubka PhD, 2019, NRSA Fellowship with Antonios Mikos; co-advisor; Lindsey Sablatura PhD, 2020; Alexandru Dan Grigore PhD, 2020, with Dr. Herbert Levine; co-advisor; Fabio Brasil PhD, 2020 with Dan Carson; co-advisor; Caitlin McCowan, PhD, 2022 with Dr. Pratip Bhattacharya; Maximilen DeLeon, (Ph.D. candidate) with Dr. Danielle Wu; co-advisor; Yuqing Han, (Ph.D. candidate) with Dr. Danielle Wu; co-advisor

Sponsorship of Postdoctoral Fellows

Co-Director T32 Neural Control of Organ Degeneration and Regeneration (NeuralCODR) NINDS (2022-pres). Foster a new generation of faculty and scientists by creating new cross-disciplinary projects, through which postdoctoral trainees can acquire and develop techniques to bridge the gap between neuroscience and organ modeling or function. (With Dr. Phil Horner, Houston Methodist Research Institute)

University of Delaware/University of Texas Health Science Center/Rice University (20)

Jeffrey Safran, PhD; Ronald Gomes, Ph.D. (NRSA Fellow); Riting (Allan) Liu, PhD (with Daniel Carson); Kamil Akanbi, PhD; Jean Weber, DMD; Wei Li, PhD; Cristiana Savoré, PhD; Van Tanh Ta, PhD (with Daniel Carson); Weidong (William) Yang, PhD (with Daniel Carson); Chu Zhang, PhD (with Dr. Daniel Carson) (DOD postdoctoral fellowship awardee); Nikki Delk, PhD (NRSA fellow; K award, Faculty Fellow), Daniel Harrington, PhD (Faculty Fellow); Danielle Wu, Ph.D. (NRSA Fellow); Valeria Ferrer, Ph.D. (CNPq Scholar); Brian Grindel, PhD; Lissette Cruz, PhD (CPRIT Computation Cancer Training Program Fellow); Kelsea Hubka, PhD; Shivanand Pudukalakatti, PhD (CPRIT Fellow with Dr. Pratip Bhattacharya, UTMACC); Jiasong Li, PhD (CPRIT Fellow with Dr. Steven Wong, Houston Methodist); Lindsey Sablatura, PhD

Teaching Responsibilities (selected)

Rice University: Co-coordinator, Responsible Conduct of Research, UNIV 594, Fall, annual 2011-15; Coordinator and Instructor, BIOC/BIOE 460/560 Cancer Biology, Spring, 2011-16; Instructor, BIOC 588 Cellular Interactions (3 lectures), Spring, 2013-16, Spring, 2022 (1 lecture); Guest Instructor, RUSP (1 lecture), Spring, 2012-15; Co-Instructor FWIS 160 "Demystifying Bioscience for the Public", Spring, 2013; Lecturer, Rice University, Advances in Tissue Engineering, 1996-present (summer course)

University of Delaware: Coordinator and Instructor, BISC 413 Advanced Genetics Laboratory; Fall, 2004; Co-coordinator and Lecturer, BISC 612 Advanced Cell Biology; (½ of course) Spring (annual); full responsibility for course from Spring, 2007 to 2009; Lecturer, Human Anatomy & Physiology; 1 lecture, Winter, 2000; Coordinator & Lecturer: BISC 806, Advances in Cell & Organ Systems; “Topics in Extracellular Matrix”, Spring 1999 and every other odd year thereafter through 2009; Coordinator & Lecturer: BISC 833, Translational Biology, course for graduate students and residents instituted Spring, 2007; Lecturer, BISC 665, Advanced Molecular Biology & Genetics; 5 lectures, Fall (annual); Lecturer BISC 605, Physiology, 2 lectures, Fall (annual); Lecturer, Rice University, Advances in Tissue Engineering, 1999 - present (invited);

University of Texas Health Science Center-Houston: Module Director and Lecturer, Current Methods in Molecular and Translational Biology CMMTB Module 4: Cell, Tissue and Animal Model Systems, G.S.B.S. 2025-present; Lecturer, Current Methods in Molecular and Translational Biology, G.S.B.S., 2024; Module Presenter, 1991: Introduction to Dental Informatics, UTHealth School of Dentistry. 2019-pres; Lecturer, Endocrine Block (5-10 lectures), 1510: Biomedical Science Core, UTHealth School of Dentistry. 2017-present; Lecturer, Fundamentals of Biology (6 lectures), Medical Physics Program, G.S.B.S. 2017-present; Co-Organizer and Lecturer: Topics in Extracellular Matrix, G.S.B.S. 1992-98; Organizer: Basic and Applied Nutrition, U.T.D.B. 1997-98; Co-PI: Training Grant for Pre- Professional [Dental] Students (with John Powers, PI).

Presentations

Invited Seminars/Talks/Oral Presentations (selected from 170; since 2015)

1. “Perlecan/HSPG2 and Border Patrol in Tissues: Applications to Tissue Engineering and Cancer Biology”, Sidney Kimmel Center for Prostate and Urologic Cancers, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York, NY, 2015
2. “Use of Stem Cells in Salivary Gland Replacement: Restoring Function to Patients with Post-Radiation Xerostomia” Image Guided Therapies program, Houston Methodist Research Institute, Houston, TX, 2015
3. “Perlecan/HSPG2: Border Patrol for Health and Disease in Bone” Orthopaedic Grand Rounds, University Hospitals, Case Western Reserve University Medical Center, Cleveland, OH, 2016
4. “Perlecan and Tissue Border Patrol in Health and Disease” Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology, Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, IN, 2016
5. “Recreating the Tissue Microenvironment Using ECM-Modified Hydrogels in Cancer Biology and Tissue Engineering” Dan L. Duncan Comprehensive Cancer Center Distinguished Lecture Houston, TX 2017
6. “Perlecan/HSPG2 and Border Patrol in Tissues: Applications to Tissue Engineering and Cancer Biology” Dept. Biological Sciences, University of Texas at Dallas, Dallas, TX 2019
7. “Restoring Salivation in Patients With Xerostomia” Looking Back and Facing the Future: From NIDR to NIDCR A Legacy of 70 Years of Research Advances Improving Dental, Oral and Craniofacial Health, NIH/NIDCR, Bethesda, MD 2019
8. “The Legacy of William (Bill) Butler” Dentin and Bone Matrix Biology: Inspiration from William Butler Symposium, International Association for Dental Research, Vancouver, B.C., Canada 2019
9. “Engineering a Stem-Cell Based Salivary Gland Neotissue for Relief of Xerostomia (Dry Mouth)” Houston Methodist Research Institute, Zusman International Workshop on Neuroregeneration Symposium, Houston, TX 2021
10. “Preclinical Models for Testing the 3D Salivary Tissue (3D-ST) for Treatment of Xerostomia” IADR/AADR/CADR Virtual Symposia New Insights into Salivary Gland Biology and Regeneration, 2021
11. “From Salivary Avatars to Preclinical Animal Models: Strategies to Restore Salivary Function, Evaluate Sialogogues and Evaluate SARS Cov-2 Infections”, Center for Craniofacial Research Retreat, Houston, TX, 2022
12. Keynote “Tissue Engineered Avatars for Regenerative Medicine and Preclinical Research” Cancer Systems Imaging 2022 Scientific Symposium/Retreat at the San Luis in Galveston, Galveston, TX, 2022
13. “Tissue Engineered Avatars for Regenerative Medicine and Preclinical Research” OsteoScience Symposium at IAOO, Chicago, IL, 2022
14. “From Salivary Avatars to Preclinical Animal Models: Cell-based Strategies to Restore Salivary Function” Webinar, NOCO Head and Neck Cancer Support Group, 2023
15. “Stepping Stones: I Got by With a Little (Lotta!) Help from My Friends” Mind the Future Trainee Symposium, IADR/AADOCR/CADR meeting, New Orleans, LA, 2024

16. "Sowing Seeds in Arid Lands: Challenges in Cell-Based Therapies for Radiation-Induced Xerostomia" Gordon Research Conference on Salivary and Exocrine Biology, Ventura, CA, 2025
17. "GRC Power Hour: Creating Professional Resilience in Academic and Corporate Careers" Gordon Research Conference on Salivary and Exocrine Biology, Ventura, CA, 2025
18. "Tissue Engineered Salivary Avatars for Regenerative Medicine for Cancer Patients" Stem Cells, Cell Therapies, and Bioengineering in Lung Biology and Diseases Conference", Burlington, VT, 2025

Service as organizer, session chair, panelist or discussant at professional meeting (selected, since 2015)

Panelist, Women in Surgery and Science: Strategies to Promote Excellence, sponsored by: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery IADR/AADOCR/CADR meeting, New Orleans, LA, 2024; Discussion Leader, Gordon Research Conference, Salivary Glands and Exocrine Biology, Ventura, CA 2023; Panelist, Faculty Perspectives on Pre-Award Activities, NCURA Region V meeting, virtual, 2022; Conference Co-Organizer, Gulf Coast Consortia Conference on Regenerative Medicine, Houston, TX 2017, 2018, 2019, [2020 postponed due to COVID-19] 2021, 2022; Discussion Leader, Gordon Research Conference, Salivary Glands and Exocrine Biology, Galveston, TX 2017.

Patents (selected)

Farach-Carson, Mary C., Witt, Robert L., Jia, Xinqiao, Pradhan-Bhatt, Swati, Harrington, Daniel A. "Implantable Modular Hydrogel for Salivary Gland Restoration"

PCT/US2012/70173. Filed December 17, 2012. Published October 2, 2014, Issued May 9, 2017.

Safran, Catherine B., Farach-Carson, Mary C., Jia, Xinqiao, Srinivasa, Padma P. Jha, Amit "Injectable Delivery System for heparan-binding growth factors", Filed March 16, 2012. Published January 22, 2014, Issued March 21, 2017.

Farach-Carson, Mary C. "Perlecan Fragments as Biomarkers of Bone Stromal Lysis" Patent 8481273. Filed June 16, 2009. Published January 28, 2010, Issued 7/9/2013.

Carson, Daniel, Farach-Carson, Mary C., French, Margaret, Gomes, Ronald. "Delivery system for heparin binding growth factors" Patent 7875591. Filed April 22, 2009. Issued, January 25, 2011.

Farach-Carson, Mary C., Carson, Daniel, Safran, Jeffrey B. "Bioactive peptide for cell adhesion." Patent 7897727. Filed March 5, 2009, Issued March 1, 2011.

Farach-Carson, Mary C., Carson, Daniel D., and Safran, Jeffrey B. "Bioactive peptide for cell adhesion." Number: 7,803,905. Filed July 7, 2003. Published March 4, 2004. Issued September 28, 2010.

Carson, Daniel D., Farach-Carson, Mary C., French, Margaret, Gomes, Ronald, Timpl, Rupert. "Delivery system for heparin-binding growth factors." Number: 7,671,018. Filed August 4, 2003. Published April 1, 2004. Issued March 2, 2010.

Publications (Abstracts not listed)

Refereed original articles in journals (selected from 216)

1. Carson, D.D., **Farach, M.C.**, Earles, D.S., Decker, G.L., and Lennarz, W.J. A monoclonal antibody inhibits calcium accumulation and skeleton formation in cultured embryonic cells of the sea urchin. *Cell*. 41:639-48. 1985. PMID: 3986913.
2. **Farach, M.C.**, Valdizan, M., Park, H.R., Decker, G.L., and Lennarz, W.J. Developmental expression of a cell surface protein involved in calcium uptake and skeleton formation in sea urchin embryos. *Dev. Biol*. 122:320-31. 1987. PMID:3297856.
3. Caffrey, J.M., and **Farach-Carson, M.C.** Vitamin D3 metabolites modulate dihydropyridine-sensitive calcium currents in clonal rat osteosarcoma cells. *J. Biol. Chem.* 264(3-4):20265-74. 1989. PMID: 2479647.
4. Safran, J.B., Butler, W.T. and **Farach-Carson, M.C.** Modulation of osteopontin post-translational state by 1,25-(OH)₂-vitamin D₃. *J. Biol. Chem.* 273:29935-41. 1998. PMID: 9792712.
5. **Farach-Carson, M.C.**, Brown, A.J., Lynam, M., Safran, J.B., and Carson, D.D. "A novel peptide sequence in perlecan domain IV supports cell adhesion and spreading" *Matrix Biology* 27:150-60, 2007. PMID: 17997086.
6. Brown, A.J., Alicknavitch, M., D'Souza, S.S., Daikoku, T., Kirn-Safran, C., Marchetti, D., Carson, D.D., and **Farach-Carson, M.C.** "Heparanase expression and activity influences chondrogenic and osteogenic processes during endochondral bone formation." *Bone* 43(4):689-99, 2008. PMID: 18589009.

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