

## CURRICULUM VITAE

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### EDUCATION AND DEGREES

Ph.D. Ongoing Biochemistry/Cell Biology, University of Tennessee, Dr. Barry Bruce  
M.S. 2012 Biochemistry/Cell Biology, University of Tennessee, Dr. Rose Goodchild  
B.S. 2007 Biochemistry w/Honors, Molecular and Cellular Biology; University of Tennessee

### APPOINTMENTS

2014-present Teaching Assistantship, Biochemistry, Molecular & Cellular Biology Department  
2012-2013 Research Assistantship, Biochemistry, Molecular & Cellular Biology Department  
2008-2011 Teaching Assistantship, Biochemistry, Molecular & Cellular Biology Department  
2006-2008 Research Technician, Laboratory of Dr. Nitin Jain

### PUBLICATIONS

**Holbrook, K.,\*** Subramanian, C. \*, Wright, S., Zhang, H., and Bruce, B.D. 2013. Functional analysis of the semi-conserved FGLK motif in plastid transit peptides of flowering plants. \*These authors contributed equally to this work. *In preparation*.

**Holbrook, K.,\*** Vander Heyden, A. \*, Naismith, T., Goodchild, R.E., Hanson, P. 2013. ER-localized oligomerization of LULL1 promotes relocalization of  $\Delta E$  torsinA. \*These authors contributed equally to this work. *In preparation*.

Jungwirth, M., Dear, M.L., Brown, P.B., **Holbrook, K.,** Goodchild, R.E. 2010. Relative tissue expression of homologous torsins can explain the neuronal specific importance of DYT1-dystonia associated torsinA. *Human Molecular Genetics*. (5) 888-900.

Albright, S., Chen, B., **Holbrook, K.,** Jain, N. 2008. Solution NMR studies provide structural basis for endotoxin pattern recognition by the innate immune receptor CD14. *Biochemical and Biophysical Research Communications*. 368(2): 231-237.

### HONORS

2014 ASPB Travel Grant, Portland, OR  
2013 Chancellor's Award for Extraordinary Professional Promise, University of Tennessee  
2013 ASPB Travel Grant, Providence RI  
2013 Wright Graduate Research Award, University of Tennessee  
2013 SARIF Summer Graduate Research Assistantship, University of Tennessee  
2013 Chancellor's Award for Extraordinary Professional Promise, University of Tennessee  
2013 Beverley Green Young Investigator Award for Best Presentation, 22<sup>nd</sup> Western Photosynthesis Conference, Pacific Grove CA

- 2013 Plant Research Center Travel Award, University of Tennessee
- 2012 Best Presentation Award, 38<sup>th</sup> Midwest/Southeast Photosynthesis Conference, Marshall, IN
- 2012 Plant Research Center Travel Award, University of Tennessee
- 2012 Graduate Student Senate Travel Award, University of Tennessee
- 2012 ASPB Travel Grant, Austin TX
- 2012-2013 Gibson Fellow, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- 2010 Grant Writing Institute Fellow, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
- 2004-2007 EdScholar Scholarship
- 2003-2007 Member of Chancellor's Honor Society
- 2003-2007 Bicentennial Scholarship, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

### **PRESENTATIONS AND POSTERS**

- 2014 Speaker, 23<sup>rd</sup> Western Photosynthesis Conference, Pacific Grove CA
- 2013 Poster, ASPB National Conference, Providence, RI ASPB Travel Award
- 2013 Invited Speaker, Departmental Retreat, University of Tennessee, Knoxville TN
- 2013 Speaker, 22<sup>nd</sup> Western Photosynthesis Conference, Pacific Grove CA  
Beverly Green Young Investigator Award for Best Presentation
- 2012 Speaker, 38<sup>th</sup> Midwest/Southeast Photosynthesis Conference, Marshall IN  
Best Presentation Award
- 2012 Poster, ASPB National Conference, Austin, TX ASPB Travel Award
- 2012 Speaker, 2012 Southern Section ASPB Meeting, Myrtle Beach, SC

### **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- 2014 Guest Lecturer and Teaching Assistant in Advanced Cell Biology (BCMB 311)
- 2013 Guest Lecturer and Teaching Assistant in Advanced Cell Biology (BCMB 311)
- 2013 Supervisor for NSF "Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU)" program
- 2011 Teaching Assistant in Introductory Physiology BSc course (BCMB 230)
- 2011 Science Fair Judge, Tate's School of Discovery, Knoxville TN
- 2010 Teaching Assistant in Introductory Genetics BSc course (BCMB 240)
- 2010 Teaching Assistant in Advanced Biochemistry BSc course (BCMB 401)
- 2009 Guest Lecturer, Advanced Cell Biology (BCMB 311)
- 2009 Teaching Assistant in Advanced Biochemistry BSc course (BCMB 401)
- 2009 Teaching Assistant in Introductory Biology BSc course (Biology 140)
- 2009 Math and Science Center Summer Mentoring Program
- 2009 Bio-Processing Module, Tennessee Science Olympiad
- 2009 Pre-Collegiate Research Scholars Program

### **RECOGNITION FOR EDUCATIONAL MENTORING**

- 2014 Supervisor, Amber Bassett, Best Undergraduate Poster, 23<sup>rd</sup> Western Photosynthesis Conference
- 2013 Supervisor, Amber Bassett, ASPB travel grant, Providence RI
- 2013 Supervisor, Amber Bassett, Undergraduate Research Scholarship
- 2013 Supervisor, Amber Bassett, Poster at 22<sup>nd</sup> Western Photosynthesis Conference

- 2012 Supervisor, Amber Bassett, Gibson Fellowship, University of Tennessee
- 2011 Supervisor, Ryne Black, NSF REU Fellow, University of Alabama
- 2010 Supervisor, Daniel Xu, Regional Poster Contest Winner, Pre-Collegiate Research Scholars Program
- 2010 Supervisor, Elizabeth Wunschel, Poster at Pre-Collegiate Research Scholars Program
- 2009 Supervisor, Zac Horner, Poster at Math and Science Center Mentoring Program

## EXPERIENCE

**Computer Skills:** Microsoft Office Suite, ImageJ, NIS-elements, OpenLab, MOE, GraphPad Prism

**Biochemistry:** Recombinant protein expression (*P.pastoris*, *S.frugiperda* (SF9), *E.coli*); isotopic labeling; protein purification (column chromatography); protein characterization (SDS-PAGE, BN-PAGE, Western Blotting, crosslinking, Co-IP); enzyme kinetics (radioactive GTPase experiments:  $Y^{32}P$ -labeled GTP), protein import kinetics (radioactive protein chloroplast import assays)

**Molecular Biology:** Site-directed mutagenesis techniques; DNA manipulation techniques including ligations, subcloning, PCR

**Microscopy:** Cell imaging: epi-fluorescence microscopy, Labeling techniques

**Tissue Culture:** Mammalian cell lines (CHO, TREX CHO, HEK293, HeLa, BHK21); Transfections and dual transfections with DNA and siRNA; Transient and stably transfected; biolistic transformations

## REFERENCES

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