

LEIGH D PLANT, PhD. CURRICULUM VITAE

SUMMARY OF RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Ion channel physiology and pharmacology
- Cardiac arrhythmia, epilepsy, pain, pulmonary hypertension, muscle paralysis
- SUMOylation and the molecular basis of cellular oxygen sensing

INDEPENDENT ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2019 – present Assistant Professor, Dept. of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Northeastern University

EDUCATIONAL AND DEPENDENT POSITIONS

2017 – 2019 Research Associate Professor, Dept. of Pharmaceutical Sciences, Northeastern University

2011 – 2017 Assistant Research Professor, Dept. of Biochemistry, Brandeis University,

2004 –2011 Post-doc, University of Chicago, Dept. of Pediatrics

PROFESSIONAL ACCOLADES

2023 Associate editor for Membrane Physiology & Biophysics, Frontiers in Physiology

2022 Key speaker, FASEB Ion Channel Regulation

2021 Induction into Beta-Tau Chapter of the Rho Chi Pharmacy Society

2021 Gerald Schumacher Pharmacy Faculty Award

2021 Northeastern University, SOPPS, Teaching excellence award

2021 The Rho Chi Society Annual Invited Lecture

2006 – present IUPHAR/ BPS Guide to Pharmacology, committee on K2P channels

2013 Keynote speaker: Glyoxalase Centennial, The Biochemical Society, UK

2012 Cranefield Award: The Society of General Physiologists

2011 Biomedical Research Prize: Pritzker School of Medicine, University of Chicago

1999 – 2003 Medical Research Council of the UK, Doctoral Fellowship,

1998 – 1999 Wellcome Trust Undergraduate Studentship, School of Tropical Medicine, University of Liverpool

SCIENTIFIC AND SCHOLARLY ACTIVITY

Jan 2024 – Dec 2028 Department of defense award: Integrative lymphatic muscle cell biology for the treatment of lymphatic disease; with Tim Padera, MGH

Jul 2023 – Sept 2024 NU Tier 1 award: Axolotl oocytes as a model system for TMEM16A drug discovery
Co-I: Prof. James Monaghan, Biology

Jul 2023 – Sept 2024 Spark award: Ion channel modulators and muscular dystrophy ailments

April 2023 – March 2028 R01NS131467: Dravet Syndrome anti-epileptic control by targeting GIRK channels
PI: Prof Diomedes Logothetis, Northeastern University

June 2020 – June 2024 R01HL059949: Structural Determinants of PIP₂ Regulation
PI: Prof Diomedes Logothetis, Northeastern University

Jan 2019 – Dec 2023 R01HL144615, NIH-NHLBI: SUMO-regulation of ion channels via PIP₂

Jan 2019 - open Barker Foundation Award: Ion channels in human disease

Jan 2019 – Sept 2020 NU Tier 1 award: Interactions of cannabinoid and opioid signaling.
Co-I: Prof. Ryan Koppes, Chemical Engineering

EXTRAMURAL ACADEMIC SERVICE

Federal grant review study sections

Jun 21	DOD, CDMRP Review Panel: Discovery Award
Oct 21, Mar 23, Jul 23	NIH R03: understudied GPCRs, ion channels & kinases

SUMMARY OF UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2022	Faculty search committee in Drug Discovery
2022 – ongoing	Co-chair SOPPS Self Study for PharmD reaccreditation
2021	Directing transition to Plus One program.
2020	BS Pharmaceutical Sciences revision taskforce
2020	Recruitment committee for new co-op coordinator, PS
2019 – ongoing	Directing the BS degree program in Pharmaceutical Science
2019 – ongoing	Bylaws committee, Chair 2023-2024

SUMMARY OF TEACHING, ADVISING & MENTORING

Undergraduate

PHSC 1001:	Introduction to Contemporary Pharmaceutical Sciences (Coordinator)
PHSC 2100:	Lab Research Rotation (Coordinator)
PHSC 2650:	Introduction to Health Sciences Research (Coordinator)
PHSC 3802:	Principles of Pharmacology & Medicinal Chemistry 1 (~20%)
PHSC 3802:	Principles of Pharmacology & Medicinal Chemistry 2 (Coordinator)
PHSC 4995:	Practicum (Coordinator)
PHSC 4997:	Senior Thesis (Coordinator)
PHSC 4998:	Senior Thesis Continuation (Coordinator)

PharmD

PHSC 5110:	Integrated Science & Therapeutics 1
PHSC 5115:	Integrated Science & Therapeutics 2
PHSC 5205:	Integrated Science & Therapeutics 3

Graduate level

PHSC 6216:	Human Physiology and Pathophysiology (Coordinator)
PMCL 6250:	Ion Channel Physiology and Pharmacology (~20%)
PMCL 6252:	Small-Molecule Ligand Pharmacology

Grad student mentees 2019-2023:

Graduate student mentees in the Plant lab

Yuchen Yang	Pharmacology, PhD, <i>graduated Aug 2022 (NIH)</i>
Rokhand Arvan	Biomedical Sciences, PhD, <i>graduated Dec 2022 (Biotech)</i>
Jordie Kamuene	Biomedical Sciences, PhD, <i>graduated May 2023 (Biotech)</i>
Jenna Connolly	Pharmacology, PhD program
R. Charles Kissell	Pharmacology, PhD program
Ting An Tsai	MS Biochemistry Thesis student, graduated Aug 2021
Christelle Aoun	MS Pharmacology Thesis student, <i>Biogen</i>

Graduate student committees

Katlynn Gwilt	PhD candidate, Miller lab, graduated 2019
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Kirin Gada	PhD candidate, Logothetis lab, graduated 2021
Lucas Cantwell	PhD candidate, Thakur lab, graduated 2022
Dimitris Gazgalis	PhD candidate, Logothetis lab, graduated 2022
Lisa Fleischer	PhD candidate, Logothetis lab, graduated 2022
Brenda Winn	PhD candidate, Logothetis lab, graduated 2023
Matthew Sullivan	PhD candidate. Konry lab, graduated 2023
Jose Estevam	PhD candidate. Konry lab
Evan Smith	PhD candidate, Makriyannis lab
Wilder Felix	PhD candidate, Thakur lab
Bryce Johnson	PhD candidate, Booth lab
Nicholas Fragola	PhD candidate, Booth lab
Erin Sullivan	PhD candidate, Booth lab
Reed Masakayan	PhD candidate, Hatfield lab
Anh Minh Nguyen	PhD candidate, Yano lab
Andrew Zorn	PhD candidate, Logothetis lab
Sachin Thigale	PhD candidate, Logothetis lab
Nicole Rivera	MS Thesis, graduated Aug 2022; PhD candidate, Logothetis lab
Jahnvi Simhadri	MS Thesis, graduated Aug 2022; PhD candidate, Logothetis lab
Mehek Ningoo	MS Thesis, graduates, 2021 now PhD candidate at Icahn School of, Mt Sinai
Yifang Liu	MS Thesis, graduated 2020, now PhD candidate in Biomedical Engineering
Daniela Cozzi	MS Thesis, graduated 2023, now PhD candidate at Georgetown

Undergraduate & PharmD Student mentees in the Plant lab 2019 -2024:

Aviv Ilana	BS Behavioral neuroscience, now MD program at UMass
Dorian Stump	BS Behavioral neuroscience, now PA program at Tufts
Ilana Mereminsky	BS Behavioral Neurosciences, now MD program at Drexel
Elisa Abraham	BS Pharm Sci graduate, now MS candidate in pharmacology, NU
Johanna Rajotte	BS Biochemistry graduate, now MD/PhD program at Buffalo, NY
Anne Yauch	BS Biochemistry graduate, now research tech, Plant lab
Austin Baggetta	BS Pharm Sci graduate, now a PhD candidate at Mt Sinai
Tatiana Tsapaeva	BS Pharm Sci graduate, now MBA Stanford University
Jihwan Park	BS Pharm Sci graduate.
Elizabeth Scholl	BS Pharm Sci thesis student
Charlize Iratogotia	BS Pharm Sci thesis student
Jennifer Uyanga	BS Pharm Sci thesis student
Sophie Herbst	BS Pharm Sci thesis student
Allen Guo	BS Pharm Sci thesis student
Angie Chen	BS Pharm Sci thesis student
Jessica Vassallo	BS Pharm Sci thesis student
Lingshan Liu	BS Pharm Sci thesis student
Megan Johnsen	BS Pharm Sci thesis student
Alejandra Llamas	Bioengineering, class of 2023
Teerithveen Pasricha	Bioengineering, class of 2023
Gaia Di Bernardini	Bioengineering, class of 2023

Zhangshen Li	Bioengineering, class of 2023
Jordan Miller	BS Chemistry student
Sophie Pyrah	BS Biochemistry student
Hao Nyugen	Pharm D student, capstone
Trevor McRobie	Pharm D student, capstone
Seojin Park	Pharm D student, capstone
Joan Zhang	Pharm D student, capstone
Eric Wang	Pharm D student, capstone
Tenko Ka	Pharm D student, capstone
Lucinda Chen	Pharm D student, capstone
Yuton Chen	Pharm D student, capstone
Salima Amiji	Pharm D student, capstone
Catherine Murphy	Pharm D student, capstone
Sarika Satishkumar	Pharm D student, ad hoc lab research
Clare Russo	Pharm D student, ad hoc lab research
Sophie Friedman	Pharm D student, ad hoc lab research

PUBLICATIONS:

Peer-reviewed research articles and reviews, exclusive of abstracts

Google Scholar Metrics: 4458 citations, h-index: 29; i10 index: 38

Full bibliography: <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=x1iqszoAAAAJ&hl=en>

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