CURRICULUM VITAE

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**Education and Training**:

BA, 1977 Biology, *cum laude* Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa,

PhD, 1982 Cell Biology, University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas, Dallas, Texas; Ph.D. Mentor: John G. Parnavelas, Ph.D.

1982 – 1989 Postdoctoral Fellow with Mark E. Molliver, M.D., Departments of Cell Biology and Neuroscience, The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

**Professional Experience**:

1989 – present Research Scientist, Hugo W. Moser Research Institute at Kennedy Krieger

1989 – 1992 Instructor, Department of Neurology, The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

1992 – 1999 Assistant Professor, Department of Neurology, The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

2012 – 2014 Visiting Lecturer (Neurosciences), Perdana University Graduate School of Medicine

2000 – present Associate Professor, Department of Neurology, The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

2001 – present Associate Professor, Department of Neuroscience, The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

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**Extramural Sponsorship**

### *Active Funding*

**R01 HL091541** (Baumgartner) 9/1/2014 – 6/30/2018 1.8 CM

NHLBI

Total Direct Costs: $1,251,110

Total KKI Direct Costs: $261,306 1.8 CM

**Excitotoxicity in Circulatory Arrest-Induced Brain Injury**

Neurological injury remains a major and persistent problem in patients undergoing complex heart and aortic surgery, particularly after hypothermic circulatory arrest (HCA). We have used a translational model to show that excitotoxicity and neuroinflammation are important mechanisms of brain injury after HCA. In this project, we use clinically approved drugs to target these pathways and we test a novel method for drug delivery (dendrimer nanoparticles) that may provide better neuroprotection during HCA at lower doses with fewer serious side effects. Our aims are: 1) To determine dose-response relationships for systemic administration of VPA or NAC monotherapy and for dendrimer-coupled VPA or NAC (D-VPA or D-NAC) monotherapy; 2) To assess the efficacy of combined VPA and NAC therapy on neurological injury after HCA; and 3) To assess the efficacy of targeted, combined D-VPA and D-NAC therapy on neurological injury after HCA. Evaluation of dendrimer-based therapies in a clinically relevant large-animal model will provide important information for translation to patients.

Role: Co-Investigator

**1U54 HD079123** (Silverman) 9/23/2014 – 6/30/2019 1.20 CM

NICHD

Total Direct Costs: $871,320

Translational Neuroscience Core Direct Costs: $91,621

**Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Research Centers**

This award continues supporting activities of the Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Research Center (IDDRC) at the Kennedy Krieger Institute and Johns Hopkins University. The Center’s primary goals focus on supporting actively funded projects targeting developmental disorders through Cores (Clinical Translational Research, Genetics, Neuroscience, Neuroimaging, and Behavior Science. In addition, the grant directly supports a research project exploring novel treatments for hypoxic-ischemic injury in a mouse model.

Role: Core Director

**R21NS10085** (Kannan, Blue Co-PIs) 9/1/2016 – 8/31/2018 1.80 CM

NINDS

NIH

Total Direct Costs $259,951

Total KKI Direct Costs: $48,480

**Dendrimer Therapies for Treatment of Rett Syndrome**

The goals of this project are 1) to evaluate the efficacy of dendrimer conjugated to N-acetyl cysteine (D-NAC) and dendrimer conjugated to a potent anti-glutaminase inhibitor (D-JHU29) in Mecp2-null and HET mice, and 2) to determine whether combination therapy with D-NAC and D-JHU will be more effective than monotherapy in improving survival and long-term neurologic outcomes in Mecp2-null and HET mice.

Role: Co-Principal Investigator

### *Past Funding*

**Treatment of Osteoporosis in Murine Rett Syndrome Models: A Comparison of Zoledronic Acid versus Teriparatide on Osteoblast Function, Gene Expression and Bone Mass**

IRSF (Shapiro) 9/1/11—12/31/13 3%

The goal of this study is to evaluate the efficacy of two drugs that target bones in mouse model of Rett Syndrome (RTT), to better define treatment options for osteoporosis in children and adults with RTT. Dr. Blue is Co-Investigator on this grant.

### Neurotransmitter Injury Mechanism in Developing Brain

NINDS R01NS28208 3/05/07 – 02/28/12 2%

Dr. Blue is Co-Investigator on this grant and devotes 2% effort (Michael V. Johnston, M.D. is the P.I.). To examine the ontogeny of EAA receptor subtypes in the developing rat brain and determine how these changes correlate with neurotoxicity produced by EAA agents.

**Effects of Lead on Cortical Development and Plasticity**

NIEHS R01ES012904 04/03/06 - 02/28/11 10%

Dr. Blue is a Co-Investigator on this grant and devotes 10% effort (Mary Ann Wilson, Ph.D. is the P.I.). This project uses the rodent somatosensory barrel field model to investigate the effects of lead exposure on the development and plasticity of neocortex. We have shown that neonatal lead exposure impairs the development and plasticity of the cortical representation of the whiskers. This project examines the effect of lead exposure on axonal and dendritic morphology and investigates postsynaptic mechanisms that may underlie the effects of lead on cortical development.

### Pathogenesis of Rett Syndrome

NICHD PO1HD24448 07/01/03 – 06/30/08 25%

Dr. Blue was Co-Investigator for Project 4 and Co-Director of the Animal Core for the Rett Syndrome Program Project grant. Dr. Michael Johnston was the Principal Investigator for Project 4; Dr. Sakkubai Naidu was Principal Investigator for the Program Project. The goal of this program project was to further characterize the gene and brain defects in girls that suffer from Rett syndrome (RTT) and based on the findings to design new therapeutic approaches. Project 4 focused on the pathogenesis of the neuronal and neurotransmitter abnormalities in a mouse model for Rett syndrome.

### A Mouse Model for Autism: Postnatal Serotonergic Effects

NIMH U54MH066417 07/01/03 – 04/30/08 20%

Dr. Blue was Principal Investigator for project 2 of a STAART autism center grant and devotes 20% effort. Rebecca Landa, Ph.D. was Principal Investigator for the STAART Center. Project 2 explored the serotonin hypothesis in autism using a mouse model in which serotonergic afferents to the cortex are depleted neonatally. The STAART mechanism ended in 2008.

### Genes, Aneuploidy and Mammalian Development

NICHD PO1-HD24605 12/01/99 – 11/30/04 15%

Dr. Blue was a Co-Investigator on this grant and devoted 15% effort to Core B. Dr. Roger Reeves was the Principal Investigator for the program project. This program utilized recombinant DNA technology, comparative genetics and animal models in attempts to identify and characterize the genes involved in Down syndrome, particularly those producing neurobiological and cognitive deficits. Dr. Blue directed the Brain Morphology/Neurochemical Anatomy Component of Core B. This component of Core B provided qualitative histologic surveys, quantitative histological examinations, autoradiographic studies and immunocytochemical analyses in the Ts65Dn mouse model of Down syndrome (DS) and in other transgenic models of DS.

### Molecular Mechanisms of Inorganic Lead Neurotoxicity

NIEHS P01ES08131 04/01/98‑11/30/03 20%

Dr. Blue was a Co-Investigator on this grant and devoted 20% effort to Project 4. Dr. Michael Johnston was Principal Investigator for Project 4 and Dr. Gary Goldstein was the Principal Investigator for the program project. The goal of the program project was to determine the mechanisms by which lead poisoning disrupts the function of the child’s brain. Project 4 examined the potential effects of lead on GluR expression in the developing brain and evaluated the effects of lead on synaptic plasticity in the developing barrel field.

### EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Dr. Blue receives 10% of her salary from the administration and 10% of her salary from Department of Neurology for teaching in the Neurology and Special Senses Section (NSS) of the Genes to Society Course for first year medical students at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.

###### Teaching

1974 - 1977 Participant in teaching Introductory Biology and Embryology, Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa

1979 - 1981 **Instructor** in the Gross Anatomy course given to first year medical students, University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas

1984, 1989 **Instructo**r in the Neuroscience Course given to first year medical students, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

* 1. **Co-director** of a neuroanatomy lab in the Neuroscience Course given to first year medical and graduate students, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

2006-2009 **Director** of a neuroanatomy lab in the Neuroscience Course given to first year medical and graduate students, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

2009-present **Small Group Leader** in Genes to Society- Neuroscience and Special Senses Section for first year medical students, Johns Hopkins Univ Sch of Med, Baltimore, MD

2009-2016 **Small Group Leader** in Neurocognition I and II Course for first year graduate students, Neuroscience Graduate Program, Johns Hopkins Univ Sch of Med, Baltimore, MD

2012-2014 **Lecturer and small group leader** in Genes to Society- Neurology and Special Senses Section for second year medical students, Perdana University Graduate School of Medicine, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, a joint venture with Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

**Mentoring:**

1992-Present Teaching autoradiographic methods, image analysis, experimental design to Cardiac Surgery fellows including Drs. **Mark Redmond**, **Malcolm Brock, Elaine Tseng**, **David Caparelli**, **Torin Fitton**, **Christopher Barriero**, **Jason Williams**, **Lois Nwakanma**, **Eric Weiss**, **Jeremiah Geoff Allen**, **George Arnaoutakis,** **Timothy George**, **Claude Beaty**, **Joshua Grimm**, **Trent Magruder, Todd Crawford**.

1992-1996 Teaching autoradiographic methods, image analysis, experimental design to Fellows and new faculty members within the Hopkins community including Drs. **Estelle Gauda**, **Mark Helfaer**, **Rebecca Ichord** and Frances **Northington**.

* 1. Research mentor for **Lisa M. Brennan**, an undergraduate student at Western Maryland College (now McDaniel’s College). Lisa worked in my laboratory in the summer while she was a college student and then as a research associate for a year after graduation from college. She characterized the ontogeny of glutamate receptor expression in the rodent barrel field and was an author on two research publications. Lisa graduated form the University of Maryland Medical School, and completed a residency in Pediatrics at Sinai Hospital and a fellowship in neonatology at Georgetown. She is now a Pediatrician at Johns Hopkins All Children’s Hospital in St. Petersburg, Florida.
  2. Research Mentor for **Priti Patel**, an undergraduate at Johns Hopkins University. Priti worked as a volunteer, a paid summer student and for credit during the school year. Over this time period, Priti assisted me with in a series of experiments examining the role of excitatory amino acid transmitters (excitotoxicity) and activation of nitric oxide synthase in brain injury in a canine model of hypothermic circulatory arrest (HCA). Priti received a Masters in Public Health at Johns Hopkins, MD from the University of Vermont Medical School, a residency in internal medicine at Stanford and is currently Senior Medical Director at Acerta-Pharma, San Carlos, CA.
  3. Postdoctoral mentor for **Akira Nishimura, MD, PhD**. While visiting as a postdoctoral fellow from Japan, Dr. Nishimura worked with me on characterizing the effects of neonatal cholinergic depletion of the cortex, on plasticity in the rodent barrel field. Dr. Nishimura is a productive faculty member in the Department of Pediatrics at Kyoto Prefectural University, Kyoto Japan.
  4. Research mentor for **Brendan Mullaney**, an undergraduate student at Johns Hopkins University. Brendan worked in my laboratory for 4 years during the school year and summers and was involved in research for the Down syndrome and Rett syndrome grants. He graduated cum laude from Hopkins in December 2002. He is first author on a manuscript that we recently published. Brendan obtained his PhD in 2010 from UCSF, was a postdoctoral fellow at the University of California at Berkley from 2011-2015 and is currently a scientist at Invitae in San Francisco, CA.

2000-2007 Research mentor for **Brandon Metcalf**, an undergraduate at Washington College, Chestertown, MD. Brandon began working with me in the laboratory in the summers when he was a junior in high school and has continued to work during breaks and the summers in college. His research efforts focused on a mouse model for Rett syndrome. He presented his findings at the 2004 Society for Neuroscience meeting in San Diego and was the first author on a published manuscript in the journal *Neuroscience*. Brandon spent the intervening year between college graduation and medical school working in my laboratory. Brandon completed a Masters in Public Health at the Bloomberg School of Public Health graduated from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in 2012. He is currently a resident in Neuro-ophthalmology at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI.

2003-2007 Research mentor for **Carolyn Boylan Moloney, MD, PhD**, NICU Fellow, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. As part of her NICU fellowship, Carolyn was required to spend some time on research. Based on her PhD work on the ontogeny of the serotonergic innervation to barrel field cortex, Carolyn spent her research time working on a serotonin depletion model for autism. She characterized the effects of the serotonergic cortical depletion on glutamate and serotonergic receptors. In July 2006, Carolyn joined the neonatology faculty at Johns Hopkins. She continued to work with me on the autism model research, funded by a training grant in the Department of Pediatrics. Presently, Carolyn is an attending neonatologist at St. Agnes Hospital in Catonsville, MD.

2003-2007 Research mentor for **Andrew Bauerschmidt**, an undergraduate at Johns Hopkins University pursuing a pre-med program. Andrew began work in the lab during his freshman year and did research for credit in my laboratory for several semesters. He worked on the Rett syndrome animal model, and in particular the brainstem nuclei that control respiration. Andrew spent an additional year working on this project as part of a Masters in Science Program at Hopkins. Andrew graduated in May 2007 and spent a year working before enrolling in medical school SUNY at Stony Brook in 2008. After finishing Medical school at Stony Brook University, Andrew was an intern at North Shore-LIJ, NY and is currently is a Neurology Resident at Columbia University, New York, NY.

2005-2006 Research mentor for **Suruchi Dewoolkar**, an undergraduate at Johns Hopkins University pursuing a pre-med program. Suruchi also worked on the Rett project. Suruchi graduated from Hopkins in May 2008, and is now a Doctor of Osteopathy practicing in Jersey City, NJ.

* 1. Research mentor for **Lucy Liu**, an undergraduate at Johns Hopkins University pursuing a pre-med program. Lucy began work in the lab during her freshman year and did research for credit in my laboratory for several semesters. She also worked in the lab over the summers as a lab assistant. Lucy worked on the hypothermic circulatory arrest (HCA) model. Lucy graduated from Hopkins in May 2008. She worked in a laboratory for a year and graduated from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in May 2013. She is a resident in Internal Medicine at Kaiser Permanente in Oakland, CA.

2008-2011 Research mentor for **Maria Braileanu**, an undergraduate at Johns Hopkins University pursuing a degree in Neuroscience. Maria spent the summers after her freshman, sophomore and junior years working in the lab for research credit. She did research on the autism and Rett projects. Maria presented her work in November 2011 at the Society for Neuroscience meeting. Maria graduated from Georgetown University in 2015. She is a resident in Radiology at Georgetown University, Washington, DC.

2008-2009 Research mentor for **Nauroz Syed**, an undergraduate at Johns Hopkins University pursuing a degree in Neuroscience. Nauroz spent the spring semester and summer after her junior year working in the lab for research credit. She did research on the Rett project. After graduating from Johns Hopkins in 2009, Nauroz completed a Masters in Public Health at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, and received her MD from Eastern Virginia Medical School. She is currently a resident in Internal Medicine at the University of Maryland Medical Center, Baltimore, MD.

2011-2012 Research mentor for **Delia Vahey**, an undergraduate at Liberty University who majored in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. Delia spent the summer of 2011 working on the Rett project. She graduated from State University of New York Upstate Medical University in 2016.

2013 Research mentor for **Shaliza Manmohan**, a medical student from Perdana University Graduate School of Medicine. Shaliz spent 7 weeks in the lab working on the canine HCA project. She is now a fourth year student at Perdana.

2014 Research mentor for **Maxine Garcia**, an undergraduate student from Pomona College. Maxine spent two months in the lab working on a collaborative project with Dr. Harvey Singer on a deer mouse model of stereotypic behavior. She graduated in May 2016 and is currently a research associate at Kennedy Krieger Institute In Baltimore in the laboratory of one of my colleagues.

2014 Research mentor for **Yew Ei Tan**, a medical student from Perdana University Graduate School of Medicine. Yew Ei spent 6 weeks in the lab working on a project exploring in a mouse model of Rett Syndrome the effects on neonatal whisker follicle ablation. She is now a third year student at Perdana.

2015-2016 Research mentor for **Nishell Savory**, a senior at Morgan State University. Nishell never had any neuroscience training and learned basic morphological techniques and knowledge about the brain. She is also worked on a project exploring in a mouse model of Rett Syndrome the effects on cortical volume. Nishell graduated from MSU in May and will begin a post-baccalaureate program in Neuroscience at Brown University this summer.

2015-2016 Research mentor for **Serena Kline**, a senior at Johns Hopkins University. She is working on the Rett Syndrome Project. Serena is graduating from Hopkins in December 2016.

2015-present Research co-mentor along with Dr. Sujatha Kannan for **Liz Smith**, a postdoctoral fellow at JHSOM.

2016-2017 Research mentor for **Jonathan Paris** and **Carol Cheney**, two undergraduate students at Johns Hopkins University. Both are working on the Rett Syndrome Project.

**Editorial Activities:**

*Journal Peer Reviews:* Brain, Cerebral Cortex, Experimental Neurology, Neuroscience Letters, Journal of Comparative Neurology, Journal of Neurobiology, Journal of Neuroscience, Somatosensory and Motor Research, Neuroscience, European Journal Of Neuroscience, Anatomical Record, Behavioral Brain Research

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES

**Administrative Appointments:**

Director of the Neurohistology Imaging Facility, Kennedy Krieger Institute

1990-present

Dr. Blue established the Neurohistology Imaging Facility when she joined the Faculty in Neurology at the Kennedy Krieger Research Institute. This core facility has expanded over the years and is used by all the biomedical researchers in the Institute as well as researchers within the Hopkins community. Over the years, I have provided training in histological, autoradiographic and immunocytochemical techniques and in image analysis for many research fellows, new faculty members and research associates.

**Professional Societies**:

Society for Neuroscience

2000-2002: President of the Baltimore Chapter of the Society for Neuroscience.

**Review Groups:**

NIDA, 1990 *Ad hoc* Reviewer

NSF, 1993-1997 *Ad hoc* Reviewer

NICHD, 1999 Site Visit Reviewer

NICHD, April 2005 Mental Retardation Research CenterGrants Review, *Ad hoc* Reviewer

NICHD, March, 2006 Mental Retardation Research CenterGrants Review, *Ad hoc* Reviewer

IRSF, September, 2008 Reviewer for Research proposals.

NIMH, June, 2009 Write in Reviewer and Editorial Board Member for NIMH RFA.

IRSF, September, 2009 Reviewer for Research proposals.

#### IRSF, June, 2010 Reviewer for Research proposals.

IRSF, November, 2011 Reviewer for Research proposals, Scientific Board Member.

NIH, CSR June, 2013 *Ad hoc* Reviewer for F03 Application Study Section

IRSF, November, 2013 Reviewer for Research proposals, Scientific Board Member.

NINDS, February, 2014 *Ad hoc* Reviewer for F03 Application Study Section

NSF, April, 2014 Activation-1 Pre-proposal Panel, Reviewer

NIH, CSR February, 2015 *Ad hoc* Reviewer for DBD study section

NIH, CSR June, 2015 *Ad hoc* Reviewer for DBD study section

IRSF, November, 2015 Reviewer for Research proposals

NIH, CSR June, 2016 *Ad hoc* Reviewer for F03 Application Study Section

NIH, CSR November, 2016 *Ad hoc* Reviewer for F03 Application Study Section

NIH, CSR February, 2017 *Ad hoc* Reviewer for F03 Application Study Section

NIH, CSR October, 2017 *Ad hoc* Reviewer for F03 Application Study Section

#### RECOGNITION

**Awards:**

August, 1996 Award for Best Poster Presentation from the Research for Rett Foundation at the World Congress on Rett Syndrome, Gothenburg, Sweden

**Invited Talks:**

October, 1987 Seminar on Serotonin Development, Department of Biology, New York University, New York, New York

April, 1988 Seminar on Serotonin Neurotoxicity, Department of Biology, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC

May, 1989 Seminar on Serotonin Development and Neurotoxicity, Department of Anatomy, St. Louis University School of Medicine, St. Louis, Missouri

March, 1994 Tuesday Research Seminar on Glutamate Receptor Development, Department of Neurology, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, Maryland

February, 1995 Seminar on Glutamate Receptor Development, Department of Pharmacology, University of Maryland School of Medicine, Baltimore, Maryland

February, 1996 Invited speaker for AAAS Symposium on Brain Development, “How our early sensory experiences shape brain development”, Baltimore, Maryland

February, 1996 Invited panelist for National Public Radio Show *Science Friday*, Baltimore, Maryland

October, 1998 Seminar on Glutamate Receptors in Development and Disease, Department of Anatomical Sciences, University of Louisville School of Medicine, Louisville, Kentucky

November, 1998 Seminar on Brain Mapping for MARC students, Department of Biology, Morgan State University, Baltimore, Maryland

November, 1998 Invited speaker for Panel on Barrel Development at the Barrels XI Symposium, La Jolla, California

September, 1999 Seminar on Glutamate Receptors in Development and Disease, Department of Pharmacology and Neuroscience, Albany Medical College, Albany, New York

October, 1999 Invited Speaker for Royal Society of Medicine Symposium “The Rett Disorder and the Developing Brain”, London, England

October, 1999 Seminar on Glutamate Receptors in the Developing Brain, Physiology Department, University of Oxford, Oxford, England

March, 2000 Seminar on Barrel Field Cortex Model for Assessing the Role of Neurotransmitters and Neurotoxicants in Cortical Development and Plasticity, Department of Biomedical Engineering, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

January, 2003 Invited speaker for a workshop entitled “Serotonin as a Trophic Factor” at the 36th Annual Winter Conference on Brain Research, January 25-31, 2003 Snowbird, Utah

June, 2003 Invited speaker for the Kennedy Krieger Institute Center for Autism and Related Disorders Annual Conference on Autism, Baltimore, MD

January, 2004 Invited seminar speaker for the Johns Hopkins Clinical Neuroscience Seminar, Baltimore, MD

March, 2004 Invited speaker in Spectrum of Developmental Disabilities XXVI: “Disorders of Communication in the School Aged Child: From Autism to ADHD”, Baltimore, MD

May, 2004 Invited seminar speaker at Children’s Medical Center in Washington, DC

June, 2004 Invited speaker for the Kennedy Krieger Institute Center for Autism and Related Disorders Annual Conference on Autism, Baltimore, MD

June, 2004 Invited speaker for symposium on animal models of developmental disorders entitled “modeling abnormal behavior, when more is better” at the International Behavioral Neuroscience Society Annual Meeting, Key West, Florida

July, 2004 Invited participant for a working group exploring the commonalities and differences in the developmental disorders autism, Fragile X and Rett syndrome, Newport, Rhode Island

May, 2005 Invited guest on local TV and radio program, WJZ-13, *Just in Time*, with Kai Jackson, Baltimore, MD

May, 2006 Invited participant for Clinical Trials for Rett Syndrome meeting in San Francisco, CA

September, 2006 Invited speaker for GTC Bio meeting on Epigenetics in Developmental Disorders in Beltsville, MD

November, 2006 Invited speaker for Defense Science Research Council (DSRC) Data Fusion Workshop in Arlington, VA

January, 2008 Invited lecturer for Neuropsychology Program, Kennedy Krieger Institute

April, 2009 Invited Speaker, Mid Atlantic Research Consortium of IRDDRC Centers, Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

September, 2010 Invited speaker, Department of Neuroradiology, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD.

October, 2014 Invited speaker, Meet the Expert Series, Perdana University Graduate School of Medicine, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

March, 2017 Invited speaker for International Symposium in Pediatrics, University of Sassari, Sassari, Sardinia