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EDUCATION

PH.D. Biochemistry, University of Oxford	2009-14
Supervisors: Kenton J. Swartz (NIH), Simon Newstead (Oxford), Mark. S.P. Sansom (Oxford)	
B.S. Biophysics, Minor: Screenwriting, University of Southern California, cum laude	2005-09

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Postdoctoral Fellow, Computational Biology Program, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center	2014-present
PI: John D. Chodera.	
Developing a combined pipeline of automated wetlab experiment and molecular simulation to dissect the contribution of conformational reorganization energies to kinase inhibitor binding. PH.D. Biochemistry, University of Oxford	2009-14
Dissertation: <i>Structural, biochemical and computational studies of TRP channel transmembrane domain modularity.</i> Funded via the NIH-Oxford-Cambridge scholars program, specifically the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) of the National Institutes of Health	
University of Southern California Undergraduate research with Lin Chen (computational modeling and docking of antibody-ion channel interaction).	2007-09
Indiana University Undergraduate research with Santiago Schnell (mathematical models of enzyme kinetics).	2005-07
ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE	

Course Instructor 'Quantitative and computational biology' at Gerstner Sloan Kettering Graduate School	2016
Ad hoc reviewer, JoVE	2016
MSKCC Postdoctoral Association Board Member	2015-16
Gordon Research Seminar 'Computer Aided Drug Design' - Discussion Leader	2015
Ad hoc reviewer, Biochemistry	2015
Biophysical Society 59th Annual Meeting Platform Co-Chair: 'Protein-Small Molecule Interactions'	2015

AWARDS AND HONORS

Biophysical Society Committee for Professional Opportunities for Women (CPOW) Travel Award Scholarshin Recipient, ByGotham 2016	2016
Materials Computation Center (MCC) Travel Award to attend "Molecular and chemical kinetics" workshop	2015
OXION: Ion Channels and Disease Initiative Day Poster Award	2013
Bursary Award to Attend 2013 4th RSC/SCI symposium on Ion Channels as Therapeutic Targets	2013
NIH-Oxford-Cambridge Biomedical Research Scholar	2009-14
B.S. awarded cum laude and with 'Discovery honors' for original research from USC	2009
Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship	2008
Interdisciplinary Award at the USC Undergraduate Research Symposium	2008
National Merit Finalist Presidential Scholarship from the University of Southern California	2005-09

SCIENCE COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES

Volunteer at Rockefeller University's 'Science Saturday' - Protein biochemistry super station	2016
General Audience Lecture at Genspace NYC - How computer programs can help us design better cancer drugs	2016
Biophysical Society Annual Meeting Guest Blogger	2015-16
Demo Presenter at NYC Media Lab Annual Summit	2015
The Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science Boot Camp	2015
Founding Editor of the Oxbridge Biotech Roundtable Review: Editor in Chief 2011-12, Oxford Editor 2011-13	2011-13

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

New York Academy of Sciences Biophysical Society	2014-present 2009-present
Member of the organizing committee for Undergraduate Women in Physics Conf. at USC	2008

TALKS

Developing high-throughput fluorescence-based assays for measuring kinase inhibitor free energies of binding	2015
Biophysical Society 59th Annual Meeting - Baltimore, MD	
Hanson SM, Prinz JH, Behr JB, Grinaway PB, Rustenburg AS, Beauchamp KA, Parton DL, Chodera JD	
Tackling complex problems in small molecule recognition using computation and automated biophysical experiment	2014
Telluride TSRC 'Molecular Recognition' Workshop - Telluride, CO	
Hanson SM Prinz IH Grinaway PB Rustenburg AS Beauchamn KA Behr IB Parton DL Chodera ID	

PUBLICATIONS

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Parton DL, Grinaway PB, **Hanson SM**, Beauchamp KA, and Chodera JD. Ensembler: Enabling high-throughput molecular simulations at the superfamily scale. *PLoS Computational Biology* 12(6):e1004728, 2016 · DOI

Zhang F*, **Hanson SM***, Jara-Oseguera A, Krepkiy D, Bae C, Pearce LV, Blumberg PM, Newstead S, and Swartz KJ. Engineering vanilloid-sensitivity into the rat TRPV2 channel. *eLife* 2016;10.7554/eLife.16409, 2016 · DOI

Hanson SM, Ekins S, and Chodera JD. Modeling error in experimental assays using the bootstrap principle: Understanding discrepancies between assays using different dispensing technologies. *Journal of Computer-Aided Molecular Design* 29(12):1073-86, 2015 · DOI

Hanson SM, Sansom MSP, and Becker EB. Modeling suggests TRPC3 hydrogen bonding and not phosphorylation contributes to the ataxia phenotype of the Moonwalker mouse. *Biochemistry* $54(26):4033-41, 2015 \cdot DOI$

Hanson SM, Newstead S, Swartz KJ, and Sansom MSP. Capsaicin interaction with TRPV1 channels in a lipid bilayer: Molecular dynamics simulation. *Biophysical Journal*, 108(6):1425-34, 2015 · DOI *Selected for 'Best of 2015' reprint collection as one of 12 most-accessed articles in the Biophysical Journal in 2015.*

Fogel BF, **Hanson SM**, and Becker EB. Do mutations in the murine ataxia gene TRPC3 cause cerebellar ataxia in humans? *Movement Disorders*, 30(2):284–6, 2014 · DOI

Dellisanti CM, **Hanson SM**, Chen L, and Czajkowski C. Packing of the extracellular domain hydrophobic core has evolved to facilitate pentameric ligand-gated ion channel function. *The Journal of Biological Chemistry*, 286(5):3658–70, 2011 · DOI

Hanson SM and Schnell S.The reactant stationary approximation in enzyme kinetics. *The Journal of Physical Chemistry A*, 112:8654–58, 2008 · DOI

Schnell S and Hanson SM. A test for measuring the effects of enzyme inactivation. *Biophysical Chemistry*, 125:269–74, 2007 · DOI

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