

Personal Information

Scott M. Sternson, Ph.D.

DOB: 23 May, 1974

Education/Training

1992-1996 Bowdoin College, B.A.- Chemistry, *summa cum laude*

1994-1995 University of St. Andrews

1996-2001 Harvard University, PhD- Chemistry

2001-2006 Postdoctoral Associate- Rockefeller University

2002 Neural Systems and Behavior Course- Woods Hole, MA

2004 Computational Neuroscience Course- Woods Hole, MA

Positions

2007- Group Leader- Janelia Research Campus, HHMI

Honors

2018 Philip A. Sharp Lecture in Neural Circuits- McGovern Institute, MIT

2017 J Denis McGarry Lecture, Montreal Diabetes Research Center

2014 Linda and Jack Gill Transformative Investigator Award

2013 Helmholtz Foundation Young Investigator in Diabetes Award

2002-5 Helen Hay Whitney Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship

2001 1st prize Harvard Business School Business Plan Contest

2001 1st prize Harvard Biotech Club Business Plan Contest

2001 Semifinalist MIT Business Plan Contest

1997 National Science Foundation predoctoral fellowship

1997 Derek Bok Award for Excellence in Teaching, Harvard University

1996 Phi Beta Kappa, Bowdoin College

1996 American Institute of Chemists Prize, Bowdoin College

1996 Guy Charles Howard Award for academic excellence, Bowdoin College

1992-6 James Bowdoin Scholar

1992-6 National Merit Scholarship from Dow Chemical

Conference Organization

2017 Keystone Conference: Neural Control of Appetite

2015 Hypothalamic Circuits for Control of Survival Behaviors

2015 Motivational Circuits

2013 Hormonal Control of Circuits for Complex Behaviors

2010 Genetic Manipulation of Neuronal Activity

2009 Can New Tools Revolutionize Understanding of Hypothalamic Circuits?

2007 Chemistry in Neuroscience

Service

2018 Scientific Advisory Board- Helmholtz Pioneer Campus

2017-19 Chan-Zuckerberg Cell Atlas Grant Review

2017-19 Scientific Review Committee, Klarman Family Foundation

2014 BRAIN Initiative Study Section- Cell type specification

2014-15 Integrated Physiology, Obesity, Diabetes study section, *ad hoc*

2012-13 Scientific Review Committee, Klarman Family Foundation

2011 Finals Judge, Siemens Foundation National Science Competition

Teaching

- 2019 Cajal Course- Biosensors and actuators- Bordeaux
- 2019 Winter school on Neural control of instinctive and innate behaviour
- 2017 Champalimaud summer neuroscience course- Lisbon
- 2015 Grass Fellowship lecture- CSHL, NY
- 2014 CSHL Course in Addiction- Barcelona
- 2011,13 FENS Course in Neural Circuits- Bertinoro, Italy
- 2001-2 Teacher for Graduate Equivalency Degree- Columbia University, New York
- 1996-7 Teaching Fellow- Chemistry- Harvard University

Editorial Board: Cell Metabolism

Advisory Board: SAB Helmholtz Research Campus (Munich), SAB Inscopix (Palo Alto)

Company: Founder- Redpin Therapeutics (2017)

Papers

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- 36. H. Yang and S.M. Sternson. Raphe circuits on the menu. *Cell* 170 (2017) 409-410.
- 35. S.M. Sternson & A.K. Eiselt. Three pillars for the neural control of appetite. *Annu Rev Physiol* 79 (2017) 401-23.
- 34. T. Branco, A. Tozer, C.J. Magnus, K. Sugino, S. Tanaka, A.K. Lee, J.N. Wood, S.M. Sternson. Near-perfect synaptic integration by Nav1.7 in hypothalamic neurons regulates body weight. *Cell* 165 (2016) 1749-61.
- 33. S.M. Sternson, D. Atasoy, J.N. Betley, F.E. Henry, S. Xu. An emerging technology framework for the neurobiology of appetite. *Cell Metabolism* 23 (2016) 234-53.
- 32. S.M. Sternson. Hunger: the carrot and the stick. *Molecular Metabolism* 5 (2016) 1-2.
- 31. J.N. Betley and S.M. Sternson. Applying the brakes: When to stop eating. *Neuron* 88 (2015) 440-1.
- 30. Y. Yang, P. Lee, S.M. Sternson. Cell type-specific pharmacology of NMDA receptors using masked MK801. *eLife* (2015) 4:e10206.
- 29. F.E. Henry, K. Sugino, A. Tozer, T. Branco, S.M. Sternson. Cell type-specific transcriptomics of hypothalamic energy-sensing neuron responses to weight-loss. *eLife* (2015) 4:e09800.
- 28. J.N. Betley, S. Xu, Z.F. Huang Cao, R. Gong, C. Magnus, Y. Yang, S.M. Sternson. Neurons for hunger and thirst transmit a negative valence teaching signal. *Nature* 521 (2015), 180-185.

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26. S.M. Sternson & D. Atasoy. AGRP neuron circuits that regulate appetite. *Neuroendocrinology* **100** (2014) 95-102.
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22. J.N. Betley, Z.F. Huang Cao, K.D. Ritola, S.M. Sternson. Parallel, redundant circuit organization for homeostatic control of feeding behavior. *Cell* **155** (2013) 137-50.
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Book

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Patents

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2. Scott Sternson, Hui Yang, Fredrick Henry, Shengjin Xu. Materials and methods for serial multiplexed detection of nucleic acids in cells and tissues. PCT62/403,904, pending.
3. Scott Sternson, Christopher Magnus, Peter Lee. Modified ligand gated ion channels and uses thereof. PCT/US2017/041147, pending. -Licensed by Redpin Therapeutics
4. Scott Sternson, Loren Looger, Peter Lee. Novel chimeric ligand-gated ion channels and uses thereof. (2013) U.S. Pat. 8435762 -Licensed by Redpin Therapeutics
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