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EDUCATION/TRAINING (Begin with baccalaureate or other initial professional education, such as nursing, include postdoctoral training and residency training if applicable.)			
INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE (if applicable)	MM/YY	FIELD OF STUDY
University of Pennsylvania	BA	1981	Biochemistry, Philosophy
University of Virginia	Ph.D.	1986	Chemistry
Carnegie Mellon University	Postdoctoral	1987-1991	Chemistry, Cell Biology
The Scripps Research Institute	Sr. Rsch. Assoc.	1992-1994	Immunology

**Personal Statement**

Our lab focuses on two synergistic areas: development of novel tools to visualize and manipulate protein activity in living cells and animals, and application of these tools to address questions re the spatiotemporal dynamics of signaling *in vivo*. We are asking how the cytoskeleton acts as a central regulator of signaling, with cytoskeletal dynamics both generating morphodynamics and integrating signals leading to apoptosis and proliferation.

When we address specific molecules relevant to our biological studies, we try to develop generally applicable approaches to visualize and control signaling. These include fluorescent biosensors to quantify conformational changes of endogenous proteins, visualizing and controlling multiple protein activities in the same cell, and novel biosensor designs that reduce perturbation of normal biology. Some of our biosensors are based on engineered protein scaffolds to access otherwise intractable molecules, or use novel fluorescent dyes we develop for enhanced sensitivity and multiplexing. We are devising new approaches to activate or inactivate proteins with seconds and submicron resolution, using either light or engineered domains integrated into allosteric networks for effects on remote active sites. Current targets include kinases, GTPases and guanine exchange factors (GEFs).

Our biological studies center on cytoskeletal and adhesion dynamics, their role in signaling crosstalk, and immune cell function. We are currently studying cell protrusion/retraction mechanisms, the role of cytoskeletal dynamics in coordinating proliferation, apoptosis and motility, the morphodynamics of macrophages and neutrophils, and platelet function. With collaborators, we are extending our cell biology studies to examine metastasis and immune cell function in 3D models.

This work greatly benefits from interactions with collaborators who focus on computational image analysis, modeling of signaling dynamics, and developing novel microscopes.

**Positions and Employment**

1994-1997 Assistant Professor, Department of Neuropharmacology, Scripps Research Institute  
 1997-2000 Assistant Professor, Department of Cell Biology, Scripps Research Institute  
 2000-2004 Associate Professor, Department of Cell Biology, Scripps Research Institute  
 2004-present Thurman Distinguished Professor of Pharmacology, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
 2004-present Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
 2006-present Carolina Cardiovascular Biology Center, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  
 2007-present Department of Medicinal Chemistry, University of North Carolina  
 2009-present UNC Center for Computational and Systems Biology  
 2009-present Founder and Director, UNC-Olympus Imaging Center

**Honors**

1984 Dupont graduate fellowship  
1988 Muscular Dystrophy Association postdoctoral fellowship  
1998 National Institutes of Health James A. Shannon Directors Award  
2004 Ronald Thurman Distinguished Professor of Pharmacology  
2009 NIH Roadmap Transformative R01 Award  
2010 Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science  
2010 Nature Reviews - Molecular Cell Biology: "10 breakthroughs of the decade"

*Plenary and keynote lectures:* Annual Meeting of the Japanese Biochemical Society, 2003; International Society for Analytical Cytology, 2006; NIH Conference on Imaging Probes, 2007; International Conference of Systems Biology, 2009; Korean Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, 2010; Twelfth International Conference on Methods and Applications of Fluorescence 2011; Leica Scientific Forum France 2012; Snyder Institute, U. Calgary Endowed Chair lecture 2013; Labex France Signallife, 2014.

### **Other Professional Activities**

Editor, Biophysical Journal, 2013-present

**Study sections and grant review:** NIH Biophysics study section *ad hoc* reviewer, 2001; The Research Corporation, 2002; Argonne National Laboratories, 2002; Ecole Polytechnique Federale De Lausanne, 2002; NIH study section: Cellular and molecular imaging methods, 2003; NIH Roadmap study section: Molecular Libraries and High Throughput Screening, 2006; Roadmap initiative formulation—Nanomedicine program, 2006; Roadmap initiative oversight—State of Science: molecular imaging and libraries at NIH, 2006; The Wellcome Trust, England, 2006-present; Italian Association for Cancer Research, 2006-present; NIH Microscopic Imaging study section *ad hoc* reviewer, 2007; NIH Cellular Structure and Function study section *ad hoc* reviewer, 2008; NCI Innovative Molecular Technologies Program, *ad hoc* reviewer, 2009; NIGMS Special emphasis panel on cellular imaging, 2009; Bioengineering special emphasis panel, 2009; ARRA Challenge grants study section, 2009; ARRA Go grants study section 2009; NIH College of CSR reviewers 2010-2012. NIH Enabling Biophysical and Imaging Technologies *ad hoc* reviewer 2011. Director's New Innovator Awards study section, 2012; Enabling bioanalytical and imaging technologies (EBIT) study section, *ad hoc* panel, 2012 (chair); NCI Provocative questions review panel, 2012; NIH EBIT study section 2014; NIH Division of Intramural Research, site visit 2014.

**Organization of scientific meetings:** Organizer, Signal Transduction Targets for Effective Therapeutics, Cambridge Healthtech Institute, 2004; Organizer, Molecular Microscopy of Living Cells, ASCB Annual meeting, 2004; Program Committee, International Society for Analytical Cytology Annual Meeting, 2007; Organizer, ASCB subgroup meeting on High Performance Image Analysis and Photomanipulative Techniques for Cell Biology, 2007; Co-chair, Imaging and Biosensors, ASCB annual meeting, 2008; Session chair, Biophysical Society Meeting, 2011; ASCB annual conference program committee, 2011; Co-organizer, Keystone meeting on Optogenetics, 2015.

**Consulting and advisory boards:** Scientific Advisory Board, Q3DM Company, 2001-2003; Consultant, Amersham Corporation, 2002; Scientific Advisory Board, Panomics Company, 2003-2008; Sigma Chemical Company biosensor advisory board, 2006-2008; Scientific Advisory Board, NIH Center for Computer Integrated Systems in Microscopy and Manipulation, 2011-present; UNC Translational and Clinical Sciences Institute, 2013-present.

**Professional memberships:** American Society for Cell Biology; American Chemical Society; Biophysical Society; International Society for Analytical Cytology; American Association for the Advancement of Science; The Protein Society.

### **Patents**

US 6,951,947 (2005); US 7,176,037 (2007); US 7,351,797 (2008); US 7,592,188 (2009); US 8,835,632 (2014); 8,859,232 (2014); On dye chemistry, biosensors, protein photomanipulation, and engineered allosteric activation

### **Peer-reviewed publications (15 from >100)**

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**Research Support** (selected past and ongoing, for past 3 years)

Transformational Roadmap Award (Hahn, Danuser) NIH <i>Quantitative imaging of signaling networks</i> We are developing complementary biosensor designs and image processing approaches to enable high resolution mapping of signaling networks in vivo.	10/2009-09/2014	Role: PI
RGP0022/2010-C102 (Hahn, Kasai, Kuhlman) Human Frontiers in Science Program <i>Optogenetics for small G-proteins and protein kinases in neuroscience</i> This grant focuses on producing new tools to turn proteins on and off with light in neuronal spines. Specific targeting strategies and photoactivatable proteins are being developed for neurodevelopmental studies.	08/01/2010-07/31/2014	Role: PI
1 U01GM094663-01 (Liddington)	09/30/2010–06/30/2015	Role: Project leader

NIH

*Assembly, dynamics and evolution of cell-cell and cell-matrix adhesions*

The investigators work with the NIH Protein Structure Initiative (PSI) to determine the structures of adhesion proteins and apply that knowledge in a range of experimental approaches to understand adhesion signaling. Hahn lab is generating biosensors and caged proteins for adhesion signaling.

- N/A (Hahn, Huttenlocher) 07/01/2012 – 06/30/2017 Role: PI  
University of Wisconsin (NIH)  
*A toolkit for imaging and photo-manipulation of signaling in zebrafish*  
The long term goal of the proposed research is to make the visualization and manipulation of signaling practical in zebrafish, thereby enabling broad application to areas of developmental biology and disease pathogenesis.
- N/A (Bergmeier, Campbell, Hahn) 01/01/2013 – 12/31/2014 Role: PI  
NC Biotechnology Center  
*Multidisciplinary approach to study the CalDAG-GEFI/Rap1 signaling module in platelets*  
The goals of this proposal are to characterize the molecular mechanism(s) by which the C1-like domain contributes to CalDAG-GEFI function, to generate unique tools for mechanistic studies on the CalDAG-GEFI/Rap1 signaling module, and to test new findings in preclinical models of thrombotic disease.
- R01 HL114388 (Hahn, Doerschuck, Burridge) 04/01/2012 – 06/30/2017 Role: PI  
NIH  
*Rho-mediated Signaling in Lung Endothelial Cells Induced by Neutrophil Adhesion*  
The proposed studies address signaling pathways that regulate neutrophil passage across the endothelium during inflammation and will contribute to an integrated model of endothelial adhesion molecule signaling, incorporating spatial and temporal control that is novel and important to a comprehensive understanding of inflammation.
- P01 GM103723 (Hahn, Burridge, Danuser, Hall, Sondek) 12/01/2012 – 11/30/2017 Role: Pgm Proj leader  
NIH  
*Spatio-temporal dynamics of GEF-GTPase networks*  
This PPG will bring together multiple investigators to examine the circuitry of GEF-GTPase interactions in real time. We will develop new methodology for visualization, photomanipulation, and image analysis of these circuits *in vivo*, and will explore their role in motility, polarization, mechanotransduction and tissue migration.
- R01 (Hahn, Kuhlman, Stahl) 10/2013 - 9/2017 Role: PI  
NIH  
*Spatiotemporal Control of the Epigenome via Photoactivatable Nuclear Localization*  
The aim of this proposal is to create a general approach for the control of epigenetic modifications that is reversible and can be applied at specific times in development to a specified set of cells.
- R01 CA175747 (Der, Hahn) 12/2013 – 11/30/2018 Role: PI  
NIH  
*Mechanisms of PAK1 activation, signaling and tumor resistance*  
In this project we will develop and apply three state-of-the art technologies to dissect the spatio-temporal regulation of PAK1 signaling and its consequences: a PAK1 biosensor, an inducible PAK1, and kinome-wide profiling. Our studies will build on two emerging concepts in signal transduction, to define the critical role of spatial regulation in defining PAK1 substrate utilization and biological output, and to profile the dynamic reprogramming of the kinome in response to PAK1 inhibition, leading to mechanisms of PDAC de novo and acquired resistance to pharmacologic PAK1 inhibition.