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EDUCATION

- **M.S./B.S.**, Molecular Biophysics & Biochemistry, 1991, **Yale University**, New Haven, CT (**M.S. Advisor: Joan A. Steitz**).
- **Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)**, 1998, **Rockefeller University (MSTP Program; Advisor: Nathaniel Heintz)**, New York, NY.
- **Doctor of Medicine (M.D.)**, 2000, **Weill Medical College of Cornell University (MSTP Program)**, New York, New York.
- **Medicine Internship**, 2000-2001, **New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Cornell Medical Center**, New York, New York.
- **Postdoctoral Fellowship**, 1998-1999; 2001-2002. Laboratory of Molecular Biology (**Advisor: Nathaniel Heintz**), **Rockefeller University**, New York, New York.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSE

New York State Medicine (Physician) License #223628

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2019-present The Terry Semel Chair in Alzheimer's Disease Research and Treatment,
Department of Psychiatry & Biobehavioral Sciences
David Geffen School of Medicine
University of California at Los Angeles
- 2011-present Full Professor (Tenured)
Department of Psychiatry & Biobehavioral Sciences
Center for Neurobehavioral Genetics, Semel Institute for Neuroscience & Human Behavior
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University of California at Los Angeles
- 2008-2011 Associate Professor (Tenured), Department of Psychiatry & Biobehavioral Sciences
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PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Committee Service

2003-2004 Director, Gonda Vivarium Faculty Users' Committee
2003-2006 Co-founder and Faculty Coordinator, Neurogenetics Affinity Group,
Brain Research Institute, UCLA
2003-2011 UCLA Chancellor's Campus Vivarium Faculty Advisory Committee
2003-2010 Curriculum Committee, Neuroscience Inter-departmental Graduate Program
2004- Member, UCLA MSTP Admission Committee
2013-2015 Co-director, Transgenic & Genome Editing Core, UCLA
2014-2016 Member, Faculty Advisory Committee to the UCLA Accelerator
2015-2017 Co-leader, Genome Editing Affinity Group, UCLA Brain Research Institute

Community Service

2008-2011 Chartered Member, **NIH Chronic Neurodegeneration Study Section (CDIN-D)**
2008 Program Committee Member, **2009 Gordon Conference on CAG Triplet Repeat Disorders**
2005-2007 *Ad hoc* reviewer, **NIH Chronic Neurodegeneration Study Section (CDIN-D)**
2005-2009 Scientific Advisory Board Member, **Hereditary Disease Foundation**
2011- Scientific Advisory Board Member, **Hereditary Disease Foundation**
2011 *Ad hoc* reviewer, **NIH Cellular and Molecular Biology of Neurodegeneration Study Section (CMND)**
2013 *Ad hoc* reviewer, **NIH Chronic Dysfunction and Integrative Neurodegeneration (CDIN) Study Section.**
2011-2014 Clinical Consulting Board Member, **NIH Nanomedicine Center**
2015-2021 Chartered Member, **NIH Cellular and Molecular Biology of Neurodegeneration Study Section (CMND)**
2003-present Peer reviewer for journals including: *Science, Cell, Neuron, Nature Neuroscience, Nature Medicine, Nature Chemical Biology, Science Translational Medicine, Cell Stem Cell, Cell Reports, PNAS, Journal of Neuroscience, Gene & Development, Trends in Neuroscience, PLOS Biology, PLOS Genetics, eLife, Neurology, Molecular Neurodegeneration, Journal of Clinical Investigation, Neurobiology of Disease, Human Molecular Genetics, Genome Research, etc.*

Professional Associations and Scholarly Societies

2002- Society for Neuroscience
2005- American Association for Advancement of Science
2005- Chinese Biological Investigators Society

Editorial Service

2005- Editorial Board Member, **Molecular Neurodegeneration**
2005- Faculty Member, Neurogenetics Section, **Faculty of 1000**

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Editorial Member, **Journal of Huntington's Disease**

HONORS AND SPECIAL AWARDS

- *Summa cum laude*; distinction in the major, Yale University (1991).
- Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research: Rapid Response Innovation Award (2008)
- McKnight Neuroscience of Brain Disorders Award (2009)
- Interviewed on NBC Nightly News for the Discovery of Molecular Switch for HD (May 10, 2010)
- The Carol Moss Spivak Scholar in Neuroscience from UCLA Brain Research Institute (2011-2016)
- Center for Excellence in Education Outstanding Alumni in STEM and Business (2013)
- The Most Influential Huntington's Disease Research Paper of 2014, Huntington's Disease Study Group/HD Insights (2014)
- BRAIN Initiative Award from NIH: Tools for Cells and Circuits (2014)
- Leslie Gehry Brenner Prize for Innovation in Science, Hereditary Disease Foundation (2014)
- The Most Influential Huntington's Disease Research Paper of 2015, Huntington's Disease Study Group/HD Insights (2015)
- Elected Member, American Society for Clinical Investigation (2017)
- BRAIN Initiative Award from NIH: Cell Census Network (2018)
- The Terry Semel Chair in Alzheimer's Disease Research and Treatment, Department of Psychiatry & Biobehavioral Sciences, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA (2019).

RESEARCH GRANTS RECEIVED

Agency: National Institute of Mental Health/BRAIN Initiative (U01MH117079)

Date: September 2018-May 2023

Title: Dendritome mapping of genetically-defined and sparsely-labeled cortical and striatal projection neurons

Joint-PIs: Yang (Contact PI) & Hongwei Dong (USC)

Agency: National Institute of Aging (RF1AG056114)

Date: 04/01/2017 – 03/31/2022

Title: BAC transgenic mouse models of TREM2 to study neuroprotective mechanisms in AD

PI: Yang

Agency: National Institute of Neurological Disease and Stroke (R01NS113612)

Date: 07/01/2019 – 06/30/2024

Title: Novel Mouse Genetic Models to Study Modifiers of Huntington's Disease

PI: Yang

Agency: CHDI Foundation, Inc.

Date: 07/01/2013 – 06/30/2021

Title: CHDI-UCLA Collaborative Research on Huntington's Disease Systems Biology

PI: Yang

Agency: National Institute on Drug Abuse (2P50DA005010)

Date: 07/01/2007 – 06/30/2022

Title: Center for Study of Opioid Receptors and Drugs of Abuse (CSORDA) - "Molecular and Genetic Analyses of the Striatal Indirect Pathway Neuronal Circuit in Mediating Opiate Withdrawl-Induced Aversive Behavior"

PI: Evans *Component I PI:* Yang

Agency: Hereditary Disease Foundation

Date: 07/15/2017 – 12/14/2020

Title: Novel Fan1 knockin mice to facilitate Huntington's disease genetic modifier research
PI: Yang

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RESEARCH PAPERS (PEER REVIEWED)

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3. Baserga, S.J., Gilmore-Hebert, M., **Yang, X.** Distinct molecular signals for nuclear import of the nucleolar snRNA, U3. *Genes & Development* 6, 1120-1130 (1992).
4. **Yang, X.W.**, Zhong, R., Heintz, N. Granule cell specification in the developing mouse brain as defined by expression of the zinc finger transcription factor Ru49. *Development* 122: 555-566 (1996).
5. **Yang, X.W.**, Model, P., Heintz, N. Homologous recombination based modification in *E.Coli* and germline transmission in transgenic mice of an 131kb Bacterial Artificial Chromosome (BAC). *Nature Biotechnology* 15, 859-865 (1997).
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7. Misulovin, Z., **Yang, X.W.**, Yu, W., Heintz, N., Merfre, E. A rapid method for targeted modification and screening of recombinant Bacterial Artificial Chromosome. *J. Immuno. Methods* 257, 99-105 (2001).
8. Gong, S., **Yang, X.W.**, Li, C., Heintz, N. Highly efficient modifications of Bacterial Artificial Chromosomes (BACs) using novel shuttle vectors containing the R6Kg origin of replication. *Genome Research* 12, 1992-1998 (2002).
9. Gu, X., Li, C., Wei, W., Lo, V., Gong, S., Li, S., Iwasato, T., Itohara, S., Li, X., Mody, I., Heintz, N., **Yang, X.W.** Pathological cell-cell interactions elicited by a neuropathogenic form of mutant Huntingtin critically contribute to cortical pathogenesis in vivo. *Neuron* 46:433-444 (2005).
10. Yang, Z., Jiang, H., Chachainasakul, T., Gong, S., **Yang, X.W.**, Heintz, N., Lin, S. Modified Bacterial Artificial Chromosomes for zebrafish transgenesis. *Methods* 39, 183-188 (2006).
11. Lobo, M.K., Karsten, S.L, Gray, M., Geschwind, D.H., **Yang, X.W.** FACS-array profiling of striatal projection neuron subtypes in juvenile and adult mouse brains. *Nature Neuroscience* 9, 443-452 (2006).
12. Gu, X., Andre, V.M., Cepeda, C., Li, S.H., Li, X.J., Levine, M.S., **Yang, X.W.** Pathological cell-cell interactions are necessary for striatal pathogenesis in a conditional mouse model of Huntington's disease. *Molecular Neurodegeneration* 2, 8 (2007).
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16. Spanpanato, J., Gu, X., **Yang, X.W.***, Mody, I.* Progressive synaptic pathology of motor cortical neurons in a BAC transgenic mouse model of Huntington's disease. *Neuroscience* 157, 606-620 (2008) (* co-corresponding authors).
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CHAPTERS & REVIEWS

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