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EDUCATION and TRAINING

UNDERGRADUATE:

Dates Attended Name and Location of Institute Degree Received Major Subject

1987 - 1991 Massachusetts Institute of Technology B.S. 1991 Biology

Cambridge, MA

GRADUATE:

1993 - 1999 Princeton University Ph.D. 1999 Molecular Biology

Princeton, NJ

POSTGRADUATE:

Dates Attended Name and Location of Institute Name of Program Director and Discipline

1999 – 2003 Department of Embryology Dr. Andrew Fire

Carnegie Institution for Science

Baltimore, MD

APPOINTMENTS and POSITIONS

ACADEMIC:

Years InclusiveName and Location of InstitutionRank/Title2010 to presentDept. of OB/GYN and Reproductive SciencesAssistant Professor

Magee-Womens Research Institute and University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

Pittsburgh, PA

2009 to 2010 Dept. of OB/GYN and Reproductive Sciences Visiting Assistant Professor

University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

Pittsburgh, PA

2003 to 2009 Department of Embryology Staff Associate

Carnegie Institution for Science

Baltimore, MD

MEMBERSHIPS in PROFESSIONAL and SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

OrganizationYearAssociation for Women in Science1994 - presentGenetics Society of America1995 - presentSociety for Developmental Biology1998 - present

Sigma Xi
New York Academy of Sciences
1999 - present
2000 - present

American Society for Cell Biology 2007 - present

PUBLICATIONS

Referred Articles:

- 1. Meneely PM, McGovern OL, Heinis FI, and **Yanowitz J**. 2012. Crossover distribution and frequency is regulated by *him-5* in *C. elegans*. Genetics Apr;190(4):1251-66. (Epub ahead of print). PMCID: PMC3316641
- 2. Graham PL, **Yanowitz JL**, Penn JKM, Desphpande G, Schedl P. 2011. The translation initiation factor eif4e regulates the Sex-Specific expression of the master switch gene Sxl in Drosophila melanogaster. PLoS Genetics 7(7): e1002185. PMCID: PMC3145617
- 3. Vogel BE, Wagner C, Paterson JM, Xu X, **Yanowitz J**. 2011. An extracellular matrix protein prevents cytokinesis failure and aneuploidy in the *C. elegans* germline. Cell cycle, 10(12): 1916 1920. PMCID: PMC3154414
- 4. Wagner C, Kuervers L, Baillie D, and **Yanowitz J.** 2010. *xnd-1* Regulates the Global Recombination Landscape in *C. elegans*. Nature, 467(7317):839-43. PMCID: PMC3045774
- 5. Yanowitz J. 2010. Meiosis: Making a Break for It. Current Opinion in Cell Biology, 22(6):744-51. PMCID: PMC3003294
- 6. Lim JG, Stine RR, and **Yanowitz J.** 2008. Domain-specific regulation of recombination in *C. elegans* in response to temperature age, and sex. Genetics, Oct;180(2): 715-26. *Issue highlight PMCID: PMC2567375
- 7. **Yanowitz J.** 2008. Genome integrity is regulated by the *C. elegans* Rad51D homolog, *rfs-1*. Genetics, May;179(1): 249-62. PMCID: PMC2390604
- 8. Hochheiser H and **Yanowitz J.** 2007. If I only had a brain: exploring mouse brain images in the Allen Brain Atlas. Biol. Cell, Jul;99(7): 403-9.
- 9. Ward JD, Barber LJ, Petalcorin MIR, **Yanowitz J**, and Boulton, SJ. 2007. Replication blocking lesions present a unique substrate for homologous recombination. Embo J., Jul;26(14): 3384-96. PMCID: PMC1933397
- 10. Foehr ML, Lindy AS, Fairbank RC, Amin NM, Xu M, **Yanowitz J,** Fire AZ, and Liu J. 2006. An antagonistic role for the *C. elegans* Schnurri homolog SMA-9 in modulating TGFbeta signaling during mesodermal patterning. Development, Aug;133(15): 2887-96.
- 11. **Yanowitz J** and Fire AZ. 2005. Cyclin D involvement demarcates a late transition in *C. elegans* embryogenesis. Dev Biol., Mar,1;279(1): 244–51.
- 12. Yanowitz J, Shakir MA, Hedgecock E, Fire AZ and Lundquist EA. 2004. *UNC-39*, the *C. elegans* homolog of the human myotonic dystrophy-associated homeodomain protein Six 5, regulates cell motility and differentiation. Dev Biol., Aug, 15;272(2): 389-402.
- 13. Greenberg T, **Yanowitz J**, and Schedl P. 2004. The *Drosophila* GAGA factor is required for dosage compensation in males and for the formation of the MSL complex chromatin entry site at 12DE. Genetics, Jan;166(1): 279-89. PMCID: PMC1470682
- 14. Deshpande G, Calhoun G, **Yanowitz J**, and Schedl P. 1999. Novel functions of nanos in downregulating mitosis and transcription during the development of the *Drosophila* germline. Cell, Oct,29;99(3):271-81.
- 15. **Yanowitz J**, Deshpande G, Calhoun G, and Schedl P. 1999. An N- terminal truncation uncouples the sex-transforming and dosage compensation functions of *Sex-lethal*. Mol Cell Biol., Apr;19(4): 3018-28.
- 16. Hanish J, **Yanowitz J**, and de Lange T. 1994. Stringent sequence requirements for the formation of human telomeres. Proc Natl Acad Sci USA. Sept,13;91(19):8861-65. PMCID: PMC44706

Published Abstracts:

1. Yanowitz JL. Keystone Symposia Conference Genomic Instability and DNA Repair. March 3-9, 2013, Banff, Alberta, Canada (poster presentation).

2. PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

TEACHING:

Undergraduate Laboratory Mentor3 StudentMWRI2010High School Student Mentor1 StudentMWRI2010Undergraduate Laboratory Mentor8 StudentsCarnegie Institution2003 – 2009

Ethics faculty and staffCarnegie Institution 2009
Introduction to Human Disease 30-40 non-majors Rider University 1997

RESEARCH:

1. Current Grant Support

Grant Number (Funded)	Grant Title	Role in Project & % of Effort	Years	Source \$ Amount
CMRF (Internal Funding)	Dissection of Meiotic Crossover Checkpoint	PI, 5%	8/1/12 to 7/31/13	\$25,000
March of Dimes #5-FY12-40	Identification of Chromatin Modifying Complexes Required for Meiotic Crossover Formation	PI, 10%	2/1/2012 to 1/31/2014	150,000 Direct \$136,364 Indirect \$13,636
1R01GM104007-01	Characterization of Meiotic Crossover Surveillance System	PI, 25%	3/31/2013 to 2/28/2018	Direct \$1,189,309 Indirect \$202,604

Prior Grant Support:

		Role in Project		
Grant Number		&		Source
(Funded)	Grant Title	% of Effort	Years	\$ Amount
K01AG031296	Aging and Meiosis in the Nematode	PI, 75%	3/15/2008 to	
	Germline		2/28/2013	553,018
PA Dept. of Health –	The Impact of Age on the Nematode	PI, 25%	1/1/10 to	707,099
Formula Funds	Germline		12/31/10	
1F32HD00715 Ruth			2000-2003	
L. Kirschstein NRSA				

2. Seminars and Invited Lectureships

University of Virginia School of Medicine, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics, Charlottesville, VA, Deciphering the Recombination Landscape, October 25, 2012

The Simons Center for Systems Biology, Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey, X and the Art of Crossover Maintenance, June 2012

University of Pittsburgh, Dept. of Genetics, X and the Art of Crossover Maintenance, January 2012

Rutgers, Dept. of Genetics, Research Seminar, December 2011

Case Western Reserve, Dept. of Genetics, Research Seminar, October 2011

University of Pittsburgh, Senior Vice-Chancellor's Research Series, September 2011

William and Mary, Dept. of Biology, Research Seminar, April 2011

Cleveland State University, Research Seminar, March 2011

The Hospital for Sick Children, Research Seminar, December 2010

Max F. Perutz Laboratories, Dept. of Chromosome Biology, Research Seminar, December 2010

Cold Spring Harbor Germ Cell Meeting, 2010

Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, Molecular Medicine Research Seminar, May 2010

University of California, San Francisco, Center for Reproductive Sciences, May 2010

University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, Department of Microbiology & Molecular Genetics, April 2010

Johns Hopkins University, Department of Biology, March 2009

University of Iowa, Department of Biology, March 2009

Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health, March 2009

University of Maryland School of Medicine, February 2009

Meiosis Gordon Conference, 2008

Haverford College, Department of Biology, May 2008

Southeast Regional SDB Meeting, Speaker and Session Chair, April 2008

Baltimore Area Repair Symposium: DNA Repair in Cell Biology, Immunology and Cancer, March 2008

GSA: Model Organisms to Human Biology, 2008

Princeton University, Department of Molecular Biology, Developmental Colloquium, 2006

Loyola College, Department of Biology, 2003, 2006

International C. elegans research conference, plenary talk, 2003

Bucknell University, Department of Biology, 1998

Drosophila Research Conference, 1998

3. Other Research Related Activities

Meetings: Co-organizer, Mid-Atlantic Society for Developmental Biology Regional Meeting, 2011 Journal Referee: Genetics, Molecular Biology of the Cell, Nature, Developmental Biology, DNA Repair Editorial Board of International Scholarly Research Network (ISRN) Genetics, August 2012 to current

LIST of CURRENT RESEARCH INTERESTS:

Understanding the underlying causes of chromosome missegregation during the formation of egg and sperm. Specific research interests include the role of chromatin factors in regulating chromosome behavior during the first meiotic division.