

THE EXPERTS  
**Robson Forensic**

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Toxicologist/Neuroscientist

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

2019 to present	<b>Robson Forensic, Inc.</b> <i>Associate</i> Provide scientific and technical investigations, analysis, reports, and testimony toward the resolution of cases involving exposures to drugs, chemicals, toxicants, and environmental agents as well as their effects on human health and performance.	
2020 to present	<b>Medical University of South Carolina, College of Pharmacy</b> <i>Affiliate Professor</i>	
2017 to present	<b>Northeast Ohio Medical University, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences</b> <i>Adjunct Associate Professor</i> <i>Associate Professor (Tenured) and Vice-Chair</i>	2019-present 2017-2019
2018 to 2019	<b>Kent State University</b> <i>Graduate Faculty Status</i>	
2005 to 2017	<b>King University, Department of Biology</b> <i>Endowed Chair</i> <i>Associate Professor</i>	2014-2017 2012-2017
2004 to 2006	<b>Vanderbilt University Medical Center, Department of Pediatrics</b> <i>Research Instructor</i>	
2003 to 2004	<b>Wake Forest University Medical School, Department of Physiology and Pharmacology</b> <i>Postdoctoral Research Fellow (Laboratory of Michael Aschner, Ph.D.)</i>	
2003	<b>Winston-Salem State University, Department of Life Sciences</b> <i>Instructor</i>	
1997 to 1998	<b>Vanderbilt University</b> <i>Graduate Rotation (Laboratory of Ariel Deutch, Ph.D.)</i> <i>Graduate Rotation (Laboratory of Giesla Mosig, Ph.D.)</i> <i>Graduate Rotation (Laboratory of Doyle G. Graham, MD, Ph.D.)</i>	1998 1997 1997
1995 to 1996	<b>East Tennessee State University, Department of Biochemistry</b> <i>Undergraduate Research (Laboratory of David Johnson, Ph.D.)</i>	
1994	<b>Medical College of Virginia at Virginia Commonwealth University, Department Biochemistry</b> <i>Undergraduate Research Internship (Laboratory of Verne Schirch)</i>	

**PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS**

Fellow, Academy of Toxicological Sciences (ATS)

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## EDUCATION

Ph.D., Cellular and Molecular Neuroscience, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, TN Laboratories of Doyle G. Graham, MD, Ph.D., and Thomas J. Montine, M.D., 2003

M.Sc., Sociology of Science and Technology, the University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom, Professor David Bloor, Thesis Advisor, 1997

B.S., (*Cum Laude*) Chemistry, Milligan College, Johnson City, TN  
David Johnson, Senior Thesis Advisor, 1996

## HONORS AND AWARDS

Outstanding reviewer Neurotoxicology Elsevier Publishing Group	2017
Outstanding reviewer Environmental Toxicology and Pharmacology Elsevier Publishing Group	2017
Nominee, by peers in the Society of Toxicology for the "Undergraduate Educator Award"	2016-2017
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Nominee, King University candidate for "USA Teacher of the Year"	2015-2016
Faculty Lecturer, selected by the King University Student Body King University Bristol, TN	2013-2014
Nominee, King University candidate for "TN Science Teacher of the Year" King University Bristol, TN	2011
Outstanding Professor Award King University Student Athlete Advisory Committee Bristol, TN	2010-2011
Top Reviewer Neurotoxicology and Teratology Elsevier Publishing Group	2010
Faculty Lecturer, selected by the King University Student Body King University Bristol, TN	2008-2009

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Institutional Training Grant Funding National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences Center for Molecular Toxicology Vanderbilt University Nashville, TN	2001-2002
Graduate Student Fellowship National Finalist Society of Toxicology Philadelphia, PA	2000
Institutional Training Grant Funding National Institutes of Health Center for Cellular and Molecular Neuroscience Vanderbilt University Nashville, TN	1998-2000
Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholarship District 7570, Bristol, Virginia-TN Club Rotary International	1996-1997
Outstanding Chemistry Student, awarded by the American Chemical Society Milligan College Johnson City, TN	1996
Outstanding Presentation Award (First Place), Undergraduate Research Forum East TN State University Johnson City, TN	1996
<b>Professional Memberships and Activities</b>	
<i>Society of Toxicology</i>	
Full Member, Society of Toxicology	2015-present
Associate Member, Society of Toxicology	2005-2015
Vice-President of the Allegheny-Erie Society of Toxicology Regional Chapter	2019-2020
Member, Undergraduate Recruitment and Education Committee	2019-2020
Member, Toshio Narahashi Travel Awards Committee for the Neurotoxicology Specialty Section	2018-2019
Member, Undergraduate Education Subcommittee	2017-2019
Councilor, Neurotoxicology Specialty Section, Society of Toxicology	2017-2019
Co-Chair, Seeking Funding for Undergraduate Research, Society of Toxicology	2010
Councilor, Neurotoxicology Specialty Section, Society of Toxicology	2009-2011
Member, Undergraduate Education Summit, Society of Toxicology	2007-2008
Chair, K-12 Education Committee, Society of Toxicology	2007-2008

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Member, K-12 Subcommittee, Society of Toxicology 2005-2008  
Chair, K-12 Scientific Education Information Exhibition, Society of Toxicology 2005-2007  
Student/Postdoctoral Member, Society of Toxicology 2000-2004  
Member, Neurotoxicology Specialty Section, Society of Toxicology 2000-present

***Other Professional Societies***

Member, Behavioral Toxicology Society 2005-2007  
Member, International Society for the Study of Xenobiotics 1999-2004

***Post-Doctoral and Graduate Societies***

Member, Postdoctoral Fellows Association, Wake Forest University Health Sciences 2004  
Member, Neuroscience Student Organization, Vanderbilt University 1998-2002

**Editorial Board Appointments and Peer Reviewing**

Ad Hoc Reviewer, Environmental Science and Pollution Springer Publishing Company Heidelberg, Germany 2020-present

Review Editor, Editorial Board of Neurotoxicology Frontiers in Toxicology Lausanne, Switzerland 2019-present

Member, Editorial Board, *Neurotoxicology*, Elsevier Publishing Company New York, NY 2017-2020

Ad Hoc Reviewer, *Environmental Toxicology and Pharmacology* Elsevier Publishing Company New York, NY 2015-present

Ad Hoc Reviewer, *Free Radical Research*, Informa Healthcare London, United Kingdom 2010-2014

Member, Board of Directors, Editorial Board, *Toxipedia* 2008-2016

Ad Hoc Reviewer, *Toxicological Sciences*, Oxford University Press New York, NY 2006-present

Ad Hoc Reviewer, *Neurotoxicology and Teratology*, Elsevier Publishing Company New York, NY 2006-present

Ad Hoc Reviewer, *Human and Experimental Toxicology* Hodder Arnold, Bedfordshire, United Kingdom 2005-present

Ad Hoc Reviewer, *Brain Research*, Elsevier Publishing Company New York, NY 2003-present

Ad Hoc Reviewer, *Neurotoxicology*, Elsevier Publishing Company New York, NY 2003-2017

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**Committee Assignments and Administrative Services**

Administrative Course Director for the Foundational Sciences College of Pharmacy Northeast Ohio Medical University Rootstown, OH	2019
Member, Leibelt-Wheeler Faculty Excellence Committee Northeast Ohio Medical University Rootstown, OH	2019
Member, Neuroscience Admissions Committee Kent State University Biomedical Studies Graduate Program Kent, OH	2019
Vice-Chair, Curriculum Committee Northeast Ohio Medical University Rootstown, OH	2018-2019
Member, College of Pharmacy Strategic Planning Task Force Northeast Ohio Medical University Rootstown, OH	2017-2019
Member, College of Pharmacy Curriculum 2.0 Committee Northeast Ohio Medical University Rootstown, OH	2017-2019
Member, Curriculum Committee Northeast Ohio Medical University Rootstown, OH	2017-2019
Member, University Faculty Council Northeast Ohio Medical University Rootstown, OH	2017-2019
Member, Pharmaceutical Sciences Curricular Revision Workgroup Northeast Ohio Medical University Rootstown, OH	2017
Chair, Biology Curriculum Revision Committee King University Bristol, TN	2015
Chair, Human Subjects Research & Review Committee King University Bristol, TN	2013-2016
Chair, Research Council King University Bristol, TN	2013-2014

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Member, Health Sciences Committee King University Bristol, TN	2008-2013
Member, Athletic Committee King University Bristol, TN	2008-2010
Member, Ad Hoc Core Curriculum Committee King University Bristol, TN	2008-2009
Member, Academic Council King University Bristol, TN	2008-2009
<b>Professional Development</b>	
Attendee, The Robert F. Borkenstein Course on Alcohol and Highway Safety Indiana University Center for Studies of Law and Action Bloomington, IN	2021
Attendee, Total Tox Course (Three Day Event) American College of Medical Toxicologists Webinar (Total length, 24 hours)	2021
Invited Reviewer, Neurotoxicology and Alcohol Study Section (NAL) R15, R21, and R01 Applications National Institutes of Health	2020
Panel Member Congressionally Directed Medical Research Programs (CDMRO) Neurotoxin Exposure Treatment Parkinson's Program (NETP) Department of Defense	2020
Invited Reviewer, Special Emphasis Panel Scientific Review Group National Institutes of Health	2020
Attendee, Oral Fluid Testing in DUID Cases Society of Forensic Toxicologists Webinar	2020
Attendee, Cannabis Impaired Driving Society of Forensic Toxicologists Webinar (Total length, eight hours)	2020

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Attendee, Reducing Infectious Disease Transmission with UVGI American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) Webinar	2020
Attendee, Improving Your Negotiation Skills to Close the Salary Gap Women in Toxicology Sponsored Mentoring Event Baltimore, MD	2019
Attendee, So, You Want to be a Consultant... Career Resource and Development Committee of the Society of Toxicology Webinar	2019
Invited Reviewer, National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences K99-R00 Applications National Institutes of Health	2018
Attendee, Cellular and Molecular Mechanisms of Toxicity Gordon Research Conference Andover, NH	2017
Attendee, Innovations in Toxicology Education Undergraduate Education Subcommittee, Society of Toxicology New Orleans, LA	2016
Invited Reviewer, Special Emphasis Panel (SEP) NIH's PAR 14-202: Environmental Contributors to Autism Spectrum Disorders (R21s) National Institutes of Health	2015
Attendee, Undergraduate Biology Educational Research Gordon Research Conference Lewiston, ME	2015
Attendee, Program Funding and Grants Administration National Institutes of Health Baltimore, MD	2015
Attendee, Human Research Protections Workshop National Institutes of Health Baltimore, MD	2015
Invited Reviewer National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences Grant Review Panel	2014
Attendee, Computational and Experimental Aspects of microRNAs in Toxicology Drug Discovery Toxicology Specialty Section, Mechanisms Specialty Section, and the Molecular Biology Specialty Section, Society of Toxicology Phoenix, AZ	2014
Attendee, Cellular & Molecular Mechanisms of Toxicity Gordon Research Conference Andover, NH	2013

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Attendee, Aging, Metabolism, Stress, Pathogenesis, and Small RNAs in <i>C. elegans</i> University of Wisconsin-Madison Madison, WI	2012
Attendee, Mitochondria: Energy, Signals and Homeostasis The American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Lansing, MI	2012
Attendee, Program Funding and Grants Administration National Institutes of Health Washington, DC	2012
Attendee, Continuing Education Course: Predictive Power of Novel Technologies (Cells to 'Omics): Promises, Pitfalls, and Potential Applications Molecular Biology Specialty Section of the Society of Toxicology Salt Lake City, UT	2010
Attendee, Silencing Genomes The Dolan DNA Learning Center and Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Greensboro, NC	2009
Attendee, Continuing Education Course: Free Radicals for Toxicologists: From the Basics to Inflammation and Disease Immunotoxicology, the Inhalation and Respiratory and the Occupational and Public Health Specialty Sections Society of Toxicology Baltimore, MD	2009
Attendee, Rubric Rally: Developing Effective Rubrics for Classroom Teaching Committee for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, King University Bristol, TN	2008
Attendee, Seven Habits of Highly Effective People King University Bristol, TN	2007
Attendee, Appalachian College Community Economic Development Plan Conference The Appalachian College Association and University of North Carolina—Charlotte Charlotte, NC	2007
Attendee, Introduction to Adult Health Care The Association of Adult Health Care Providers Bristol, TN	2007
Attendee, Appalachian College Association Teaching and Learning Conference Appalachian College Association Berea, NC	2007
Attendee, National Science Foundation Day The National Science Foundation Oak Ridge Associated Universities, and Oak Ridge National Labs, Oak Ridge, TN	2007



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Attendee, Women in Medicine and Research Leadership Conference: 2005  
Successful Strategies for Women in Academic Medicine  
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences College of Medicine  
Little Rock, AR

Attendee, Mentoring for Success: A Workshop for Future Faculty 2004  
North Carolina Alliance to Create Opportunity through Education, and the National Science  
Foundation Alliances for Graduate Education and the Professoriate Program  
Raleigh, NC

Attendee, Marketing Yourself as a Toxicologist 2004  
Sponsored by the Student and Postdoctoral Association of the Society of Toxicology  
Baltimore, MD

**Educational Activities**

*Academic Teaching and Course Development*

Affiliate Faculty Member and Lecturer 2020-present  
Biopharmaceutics and Pharmacokinetics  
Medical University of South Carolina  
Charleston, SC

Course Consultant 2019  
Principles of Drug Body Interactions/Pharmacodynamics and Pharmacokinetics  
Northeast Ohio Medical University  
Rootstown, OH

Course Consultant 2019  
Introduction to Pharmaceutical Sciences  
Northeast Ohio Medical University  
Rootstown, OH

Course Director 2019  
Human, Anatomy, Physiology & Pathophysiology II (HAPP 2), Department of  
Pharmaceutical Sciences  
Northeast Ohio Medical University  
Rootstown, OH

Course Director 2018  
Human, Anatomy, Physiology & Pathophysiology I (HAPP 1), Department of  
Pharmaceutical Sciences  
Northeast Ohio Medical University  
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Course Director and Primary Lecturer 2017  
Advanced Toxicology, Department of Biology  
King University  
Bristol, TN

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Course Director and Primary Lecturer Advanced Target Organ Toxicology, Department of Biology King University Bristol, TN	2013
Course Director and Primary Lecturer Honors Seminar: Environmental Justice, Department of Biology King University Bristol, TN	2013
Course Director and Primary Lecturer Clinical Neuroanatomy, Department of Biology King University Bristol, TN	2012-2017
Course Director and Primary Lecturer First Year Experience (KING 1000) for STEM students Sniders Honors Program Department of Biology King University Bristol, TN	2012
Course Director and Primary Lecturer First Year Experience (KING 1000) for mixed majors section, Department of Biology King University Bristol, TN	2011
Course Director and Primary Lecturer Death in Italy: An Introduction to Toxicology for non-science majors, Department of Biology King University Bristol, TN	2011
Course Director and Primary Lecturer Advanced Topics in Neuroscience, Department of Biology King University Bristol, TN	2010-2012
Course Director and Primary Lecturer Biochemistry, Department of Biology King University Bristol, TN	2009-2017
Course Director and Primary Lecturer Senior Thesis Research in Biology, Department of Biology King University Bristol, TN	2008-2016
Course Director and Primary Lecturer Interdepartmental Science Seminar, Department of Biology King University Bristol, TN	2007-2013

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Course Director and Primary Lecturer Research Methods in Biology, Department of Biology King University Bristol, TN	2007-2015
Course Director and Primary Lecturer Neurophysiology, Department of Biology King University Bristol, TN	2007-2017
Course Director and Primary Lecturer Mammalian Toxicology, Department of Biology King University Bristol, TN	2006-2017
Course Director and Primary Lecturer Human Anatomy and Physiology I, Department of Biology King University Bristol, TN	2006-2013 2016-2017
Lecturer and Lab Coordinator Human Anatomy and Physiology, Department of Life Sciences Winston-Salem State University Winston-Salem, NC	2003
Instructor (Six Lectures) Fundamentals of Neuroscience, Cellular and Molecular Neuroscience Program Vanderbilt University Nashville, TN	2002
<b><i>Graduate Student Mentoring and Committee Member</i></b>	
Isha Mahtre Ph.D. student in the lab of Jason Richardson, Ph.D., Florida International University)	2018-present
Shelbie Burchfield (Ph.D. student in the lab of Jason Richardson, Ph.D., Florida International University)	2018-present
<b><i>Student Mentoring (Total of 43 Undergraduate Students)</i></b>	
Amanda Ignacz (BS in Cell and Molecular Biology, King University Class of 2019) Brian Larkin (BS Neuroscience, Oberlin College, Class of 2019) Kelly Rivenbark (BS in Biochemistry, King University Class of 2020)	Summer 2018
Samantha Cole (BS in Cell and Molecular Biology, King University Class of 2018) Sonia Kennedy (BS in Cell and Molecular Biology, King University Class of 2018)	2017-2018 Academic Year
Demisha Porter (BS in Cell and Molecular Biology, King University Class of 2017) Cody Rogers (BS in Cell and Molecular Biology, King University Class of 2017)	2016-2017 Academic Year
Kara Montgomery (BS Neuroscience, King University Class of 2016) Cameron Sale (BS General Biology, King University Class of 2016)	Summer 2016

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Kara Montgomery (BS Neuroscience, King University Class of 2016) Caleb Corona (BS General Biology, Class of 2016) Cameron Sale (BS General Biology, King University Class of 2016)	2015-2016 Academic Year
Kara Montgomery (BS Neuroscience, King University Class of 2016) Cameron Sale (BS General Biology, King University Class of 2016)	Summer 2015
Shelbie Burchfield (BS Cell and Molecular Biology, King University Class of 2015) Brooke Widner (BS Cell and Molecular Biology, King University Class of 2015) Royce Nichols (BS Neuroscience, King University Class of 2014) Andrew Bailey (BS Biology, Milligan College Class of 2017) Kara Montgomery (BS Neuroscience, King University Class of 2016)	2014-2015 Academic Year
Andrew Bailey (BS Biology, Milligan College Class of 2017) Kara Montgomery (BS Neuroscience, King University Class of 2016) Ryan Nichols (BA Business, Economics, and Finance, King University Class of 2014)	Summer 2014
Sarah Orfield (BS in Neuroscience, King University Class of 2014) Royce Nichols (BS in Neuroscience, King University Class of 2014) Shelbie Burchfield (BS in Cell and Molecular Biology, King University Class of 2015) Rachel Donaldson (BS in Neuroscience, King University Class of 2014) Andrew Bailey (BS in Biology, Milligan College Class of 2017) Rebekah Frye (BS in Cell and Molecular Biology, King University Class of 2016) Shay Gray (BS in Neuroscience, King University Class of 2014) Caleb Corona (BS in General Biology, King University Class of 2016) Kara Montgomery (BS in Neuroscience, King University Class of 2016)	2013-2014 Academic Year
Royce Nichols (BS in Neuroscience, King University Class of 2014) Shelbie Burchfield (BS in Cell and Molecular Biology, King University Class of 2015) Sarah Orfield (BS in Cell and Molecular Biology, King University Class of 2014)	Summer 2013
Kenneth McVey (BS in Neuroscience, King University Class of 2013) Aireal Valezquez (BS in Forensic Chemistry, King University Class of 2012) Eric Glenn (BS in Neuroscience, King University Class of 2012) Isaac Snapp (BS in Cell and Molecular Biology & BS in Mathematics, King University Class of 2013) Michele Donihe (BS in Cell and Molecular Biology, BA in Psychology, King University Class of 2013)	2012-2013 Academic Year
Kenneth McVey (BS in Neuroscience, King University Class of 2013) Karlyssa Smith (BS Neuroscience, King University Class of 2013) Isaac Snapp (BS in Cell and Molecular Biology, and BS Mathematics, King University Class of 2013)	Summer 2012
Joel Salva (BS in Physics and Mathematics, King University Class of 2011) Karlyssa Smith (BS Neuroscience, King University Class of 2013) Kenneth McVey (BS Neuroscience, King University Class of 2013) Callie Todt (BS in Cell and Molecular Biology, and BS in Chemistry, King University Class of 2013) Isaac Snapp (BS in Cell and Molecular Biology, & BS in Mathematics, King University Class of 2013)	Summer 2011
Megan Johnson (BS in Cell and Molecular Biology, King University Class of 2011) Kenneth McVey (BS in Neuroscience, King University Class of 2013)	2010-2011 Academic Year

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Morgan Machen (BS in Biology, King University Class of 2011)	Summer 2010
Joel Salva (BS in Physics and Mathematics, King University Class of 2012)	
Amanda Smith (BS in Neuroscience, King University Class of 2010)	2009-2010
S. Jayne Richardson (BS in Neuroscience, King University Class of 2010)	Academic Year
Oriol Mirallas (BS in Biochemistry, University Class of 2010)	
Brandon Paramore (BS in Cell and Molecular Biology, King University Class of 2010)	
Anthony Fields (BS in Cell and Molecular Biology, King University Class of 2010)	
Kaci Foster (RN, BSN, King University Class of 2010)	
Holly Hatfield (BS in Neuroscience, King University Class of 2009)	2008-2009
Ana Valente (BS in Cell and Molecular Biology, King University Class of 2009)	Academic Year
T. Jordan Smith (BS in Physics, King University Class of 2009)	
J. Andrew Stuart (BS Cell and Molecular Biology, King University Class of 2009)	
Rekek Negga (BS in Cell and Molecular Biology, King University Class of 2009)	
David Rudd (BS in Cell and Molecular Biology, King University Class of 2008)	2007-2008
Rekek Negga (BS in Cell and Molecular Biology, King University Class of 2009)	Academic Year
Nathan Davis (BS in Cell and Molecular Biology, King University Class of 2008)	

**Grants and Contract Awards**

*Funded, but Declined by PI*

Fitsanakis, PI

National Institutes of Health/National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences

2019-2024

R01 ES029994-01A1 (Declined to Request Funding)

Toxic Mechanisms of Mn/Zn-EBDC-Containing Fungicides

The long-term goal of this project is to determine the active component of the widely-used fungicide mancozeb, and how exposure to this compound leads to neurotoxicity in humans. The research will further our understanding about the toxicity of metal-containing compounds, how they are transported into cells, and what metabolic processes are adversely affected. In addition to assessing how a ketogenic diet may reduce the associated toxicity, this work will also provide insight into the mechanisms through which dietary modifications exert the beneficial effects.

Total direct costs: \$1,250,000 (Reviewed February 2019, Percentile: 7.0)

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**Completed Funding**

Fitsanakis, PI  
National Institutes of Health/National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences 2017-2019  
R15-ES027998  
Gene-Environment Interactions in Neurodegenerative Disease  
The long-term goal of this research is to determine if mutations in antioxidant or mitochondrial genes increase risk of neurotoxicity or neurodegeneration following exposure to fungicides containing Mn/Zn-ethylene-bis-dithiocarbamate (Mn/Zn-EBDC).  
Total direct costs: \$300,000

Fitsanakis, PI  
National Institutes of Health/National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences 2007-2015  
2R15-ES015628-02A1 (Successfully Renewed)  
Role of Oxidative Stress and Protein Transporters in Glyphosate and Mancozeb Neurotoxicity  
The overarching goal of this research was to examine the contribution of two high-usage pesticides (Mancozeb and Touchdown) to neurotoxicity by assessing whether specific mitochondrial complexes were inhibited, and the nature of specific reactive oxygen species (ROS) produced. Additionally, the project was designed to determine whether these pesticides could enter neurons via neurotransmitter or metal transporters.  
Total direct costs: \$450,000

Adkins (PI), Swartz (Co-PI), Fitsanakis (Co-PI)  
Appalachian College of Pharmacy Pilot Project 2010-2011  
No Number  
Caffeine Intake and its Correlation with Self-Reported Depression and/or Depressive Symptoms College  
The purpose of this study was to determine if the intake of caffeine is correlated to self-reported depression and/or depressive symptoms in college students.  
Total direct costs: \$5,000

Powell (PI), Fitsanakis (Co-PI), Gilmer (Co-I)  
Appalachian College Association 2007-2008  
No Number  
Nanotechnology Toxicology Pilot Project  
The goal of the pilot project was to generate preliminary data to determine whether *C. elegans* could be used to assess nanotubule toxicity, and whether size of the nanotubules modulated toxicity.  
Total direct costs: \$3,000

Fitsanakis (PI), Brown (Co-PI), Butterworth (Co-PI), Robinson (Co-PI), Slemp (Co-PI), Wilkinson (Co-PI)  
Appalachian College Association 2007-2008  
No Number  
Collaborative Initiative to Integrate and Assess Nursing and Biology Curriculum  
This goal of this proposal was to assesses and align the current biology curriculum and the extent to which it meets the needs of students from the biology department and the nursing program at King University.  
Total direct costs: \$3,500

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McGovern (PI), Teng (Co-PI), Fitsanakis (Co-PI) Appalachian College Association Regional Economic Planning and Development Grant No Number King University Economic Planning and Community Contributions This grant provided an opportunity to assess the regional strengths associated with small business growth and development, and to determine the current strengths and weaknesses. It also involved assessing how King University could facilitate regional economic development and job retention Total direct costs: \$100,000	2007-2010
Ashner (PI), Fitsanakis (Co-PI) United States Army and the Department of Defense W81XWH-0510239 (Part of the Manganese Health Research Project Funding) MRI assessment of Mn accumulation in the rat brain associated with Fe-deficiency and supplementation The goal of the proposal was to assess the temporal deposition of brain manganese using magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). It also examines the effect of iron-deficiency and iron-supplementation on the temporal deposition and distribution of brain manganese. Total direct costs: \$150,000	2005-2007
Fitsanakis (PI) National Institutes of Health/National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences No Number (Pilot Funding from The Vanderbilt Center for Molecular Toxicology) Use of MRS to assess Mn neurotoxicity The goal of this funding was to generate preliminary data to assess the working hypothesis that pallidal neurodegeneration following exposure to Mn results from mitochondrial dysfunction. Magnetic resonance spectroscopy (MRS) was used to determine (1) whether increased Mn levels led to reduced brain ATP levels and (2) whether these changes were specific to gamma-aminobutyric acid (GABA) and glutamate. Total direct costs: \$50,000	2005-2006
<b><i>Competitive Student-Awarded Funding (Undergraduate Students)</i></b>	
Amanda Ignacz Society of Toxicology Regional Chapter Communication and Collaboration Committee (RC4) Provided travel money to the 58 <sup>th</sup> annual Society of Toxicology meeting to present her poster entitled "Parkinson's disease-relevant gene mutations render <i>C. elegans</i> more vulnerable to mancozeb fungicide exposure and mitochondrial hyperpolarization". Total award: \$1,000	2019
Kenneth McVey and Isaac Snapp Appalachian College Association (ACA) Ledford Student Research Awards Summer funding to work on projects entitled "Pre-Natal Exposure to TouchDown™ May Lead to Impaired Neurodevelopment" (KM), and " <i>In Utero</i> Exposure to TouchDown™ May Promote Early Oxidative Stress" (IS). Students presented their work at the annual ACA meeting, and at annual the Society of Toxicology meeting. Total award: \$8,800	2012

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- Anthony Fields 2009-2010  
Appalachian College Association (ACA) and National Science Foundation  
Academic scholarship that included mentoring sessions for student and faculty sponsor (Fitsanakis) at the annual ACA meeting. Also included and money for presenting his work at the annual Society of Toxicology.  
Total award: \$6,500
- Ana Valente and Reid Barnett 2009  
Society of Toxicology Undergraduate Travel Award  
Competitive travel awards to attend the annual Society of Toxicology meeting to present their research at the main conference sessions. The award included participation in seminars targeting undergraduates interested in pursuing graduate or medical degrees. Total travel award: \$4,500
- Amanda Justice 2009  
Appalachian College Association (ACA) and National Science Foundation  
Awarded a travel grant to present her research at the annual meeting of the Society of Toxicology.  
Total travel award: \$500
- Lindsey Vencill and Amanda Justice 2008-2009  
Appalachian College Association (ACA) and National Science Foundation  
Competitive academic scholarships that also included mentoring sessions for students and faculty sponsor (Fitsanakis) at the annual ACA meeting. Also included money Amanda Justice to present her research at the annual Society of Toxicology meeting.  
Total award: \$13,000
- Reid Barnett and Amanda Justice 2008  
Appalachian College Association (ACA) Ledford Student Research Awards  
Summer funding to work collaboratively on various aspects of a project entitled "Potential Neurodegenerative Effects of Widely-Used Pesticides". Students presented their work at the annual ACA meeting.  
Total award: \$6,280
- T. Jordan Smith 2008  
Appalachian College Association (ACA) Ledford Student Research Awards  
Summer funding to work at the Vanderbilt University Institute of Imaging Sciences (VUIIS) with Dr. Todd Peterson on a project entitled "Using PET to Examine the Effect of Sub-Acute Manganese Exposure in Rats" (JTS). Research was presented at the annual ACA meeting, and the annual Society of Toxicology meeting.  
Total award: \$4,200
- Nathan Davis, David Rudd, and Rekek Negga 2007  
Appalachian College Association (ACA) Ledford Student Research Awards  
Summer funding to work collaboratively on a project entitled "Determination of LC<sub>50s</sub> of RoundUp and Manzate in the Nematode *C. elegans*". Students presented their work at the annual ACA meeting, and the annual meeting of the Society of Toxicology.  
Total award: \$8,500



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Alexia Melo 2007  
Appalachian College Association (ACA) Ledford Student Research Awards  
Summer funding to travel to the Mayo Clinic where she participated in undergraduate research through the Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) program at the Mayo Clinic. While there, she worked with Kay Medina, Ph.D. She presented her work at the annual meeting of the ACA, and the annual meeting of the Society of Toxicology.  
Total award: \$1,000

Catherine Michelle Lassiter 2007  
Appalachian College Association (ACA) Ledford Student Research Awards  
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“Vaping: The Additives and the Toxicology” Southeast Region American Board of Trial Advocates Meeting Destin, FL	2021
“Why Do I Need a Toxicologist?” Etheridge Society Remote Webinar	2020
“Weaponizing Toxicology” Kingsport Alliance for Continued Learning East Tennessee State University	2019
“Common Toxic Chemicals in Our Environment: A Series of Four Lectures” Kingsport Alliance for Continued Learning East Tennessee State University	2017
“Every Day Toxicology: Introduction, Mechanisms, and Case Studies” Kingsport Alliance for Continued Learning East Tennessee State University Kingsport, TN	2015
“The Brain: A Series of Four Lectures” Kingsport Alliance for Continued Learning East Tennessee State University Kingsport, TN	2015
“Reviewing Neuroanatomy Associated with the Neurological Exam” Beyond the Basics Bristol Regional Medical Center Bristol, TN	2014



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“Herbicide Exposure & the Potential Contribution to Parkinson's Disease” Bristol Regional Medical Center Physician Grand Rounds Bristol Regional Medical Center Bristol, TN	2013
“Toxicology of Designer Drugs” Beyond the Basics Bristol Regional Medical Center Bristol, TN	2012
“Clinical Cases Involving Non-Cortical Stroke: Anatomical Explanations” 10 <sup>th</sup> Annual Stroke Symposium Bristol Regional Medical Center Bristol, TN	2011
“Traumatic Brain Injury and Dementia” Bristol Regional Medical Center Physician Grand Rounds Bristol Regional Medical Center Bristol, TN	2011
“Neuroanatomy & Physiology—A Review” 9 <sup>th</sup> Annual Stroke Symposium Bristol Regional Medical Center Bristol, TN	2010
“Parkinson’s Disease (PD): Understanding Symptoms & Anatomy” Beyond the Basics Bristol Regional Medical Center Bristol, TN	2010
“Ischemic Stroke: Vasculature and Genetics” Bristol Regional Medical Center Physician Grand Rounds Bristol Regional Medical Center Bristol, TN	2010
“Basic Neuroanatomy: An Interactive Workshop” Beyond the Basics Bristol Regional Medical Center Bristol, TN	2009
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“The Human Brain: What Do Those Areas Do?” 2009  
Lunch and Learn  
Bristol Regional Medical Center  
Bristol, TN

“Principles of Neurotoxicology” 2004  
Professional Development Seminar  
Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System  
Winston-Salem, NC

**Local/Regional Presentations**

“Neurotoxicity Associated with the Manganese-Containing Fungicide Mancozeb” 2018  
Pittsburgh Area Worm Club  
University of Pittsburgh and UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital  
Pittsburgh, PA

“Assessing Gene-Environment Interactions in *Caenorhabditis elegans* for Parkinson’s Disease” 2018  
Biomedical Sciences Graduate Student Seminar Series  
Kent State University  
Kent, OH

“Using *C. elegans* to Assess Neurodegeneration Related to Pesticide Exposure” 2017  
Biomedical Sciences Graduate Student Seminar Series  
Kent State University  
Kent, OH

**Peer-reviewed Presentations**

“Brain-Based Learning: Explanations and Strategies” 2009  
Education-Career Development Session: Toxicologists: The Next Generation  
48<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society of Toxicology  
Baltimore, MD

“Synchronizing for Student Success: Cooperation Among Admissions, Biology & Nursing” 2008  
Appalachian College Association (ACA) Break-Out Session  
11<sup>th</sup> Annual ACA Summit  
Abingdon, VA

“Developing a Collaborative Research Program in Nanotechnology and Toxicology” 2008  
Appalachian College Association (ACA) Break-Out Session  
11<sup>th</sup> Annual ACA Summit  
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“Leave Them Wanting More: Strategies to Revitalize Your Course Presentation” 2007  
Appalachian College Association (ACA) Break-Out Session  
10<sup>th</sup> Annual ACA Summit  
Abingdon, VA

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**Invited Academic Presentations**

“Assessing the Role of Genes and Environment in Parkinson’s Disease” 2019  
Tox Scholar and John S. Toll Fellows Program Lecturer  
Washington College  
Chestertown, MD

“Neurotoxicity Associated with the Manganese-Containing Fungicide Mancozeb” 2017  
Student Invited Speaker Presentation  
Central States Society of Toxicology Meeting  
Ames, IA

“Reducing Wiggle Room in Data Generated from *C. elegans*” 2017  
Platform Presentation  
41<sup>st</sup> Annual Developmental Neurotoxicology Society Meeting  
Denver, CO

“*C. elegans* Treated with the Fungicide Manzate Show Mitochondrial Inhibition and Elevated ROS” 2016  
Research Presentation  
Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences Seminar Series  
Northeast Ohio Medical University  
Rootstown, OH

**Research Presentation**

“*C. elegans* Treated with the Glyphosate-Containing Herbicide Touchdown Show Mitochondrial Inhibition and Elevated ROS” 2015  
Duke University Toxicology Seminar Series  
Duke University  
Raleigh, NC

“Both Pre-Fertilization and *In Utero* Exposure to Glyphosate-Containing Herbicide Leads to Neurodegeneration in *C. elegans*” 2013  
New Technologies Special Interest Group Breakfast  
44<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Environmental Mutagenesis and Genomics Society  
Monterey, CA

“Potential Neurodegeneration in *C. elegans* following Chronic Exposure to Glyphosate-Containing Herbicides” 2013  
Research Presentation  
Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences Institute (EOHSI) Seminar Series  
Rutgers University  
Piscataway, NJ

“Neurodegeneration in *C. elegans* Following Pesticide Exposure” 2011  
Research Presentation  
Columbia University School of Public Health  
Department of Environmental Health Sciences  
New York, NY

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“Maneb, A Mn-Containing Pesticide, and Parkinson's Disease: Potential Mechanisms of Neurotoxicity” Biological Sciences Seminar Series East Tennessee State University Johnson City, TN	2003
“Maneb and Parkinson’s Disease” Graduate Student/Postdoctoral Fellow Seminar Series Department of Physiology and Pharmacology Wake Forest University Medical School Winston-Salem, NC	2003
“Mechanisms of Neurotoxicity of Manganese Ethylene- <i>bis</i> -Dithiocarbamate: A Structure-Function Approach” Milligan College Science Seminar Series Johnson City, TN	2003
“Neurotoxic Mechanisms of Maneb” Invited Speaker Series Neurotoxicology Division Environmental Protection Agency Durham, NC	2002
<b>Professional Community Activities</b>	
Panel Member, Exploring Academic and Toxicology Careers in Pharmacy (P3) Northeast Ohio Medical University	2019
Panel Member, Exploring Toxicology-Related Careers in Pharmacy (P1) Northeast Ohio Medical University	2019
Judge, Annual Research Day Kent State University	2018
Scientific Co-Chair, Neurotoxicity of Pesticides Annual Meeting of the Society of Toxicology	2018
Organizer, Neurotoxicology Specialty Section Student/Postdoc Poster Competition Society of Toxicology	2017-2019
Judge, Neurotoxicology Specialty Section Student/Postdoc Poster Competition Society of Toxicology	2008-2016
Contributor (Invited), Educational Summit for Undergraduate Society of Toxicology Education Committee	2011
Panel Member, Toxicologists Educating and Mentoring Students (TEAMS) Society of Toxicology	2008
Chair, Lab Sciences Section of the Ledford Scholars Meeting Annual Summit of the Appalachian College Association	2008

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Scientific Co-Chair, Neurotoxicity of Metals: Dosimetry and Effects Annual Meeting of the Society of Toxicology	2005
Teacher Workshop Coordinator, Paracelsus Goes to School Annual Meeting of the Society of Toxicology	2002
Chair, Student-Invited Speaker Committee, Neuroscience Student Organization Vanderbilt University	2001-2002
Co-Chair, Student-Invited Speaker Committee, Toxicology Student Organization Vanderbilt University	2000-2001
<b>General Community (Lay Audience) Presentations</b>	
“Your Brain is Awesome!”, Pre-K3 Students (20 students) Creative Learning Center Bristol, TN	2017
“Basic Neuroanatomy and What It Means to You” Cold Spring Community Center Bristol, TN	2017
Coordinator, “It’s Brain Day!”, 3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup> Grade (265 students) Castlewood Elementary School Castlewood, VA	2012
“What is College and How Do I Get There?”, Junior and Senior High School Students Richlands High School (Fewer than 15% of students from here go on to college) Richlands, VA	2012
“This is Your Brain”, Pre-K to 7 <sup>th</sup> Grades Bristol Area Home School Coalition Bristol, TN	2011
“Helmet Safety and Your Beautiful Brain”, Pre-K to 5 <sup>th</sup> Grades Russell Prater Elementary School Vansant, VA	2011
Panelist and Presenter, “12th Annual Celebrating Women Luncheon and Silent Auction” YWCA Bristol, TN	2010
“The Beautiful Brain”, Central Presbyterian Church Wednesday Night Program Central Presbyterian Church Bristol, VA	2010
Mistress of Ceremony, 1 <sup>st</sup> Annual Community Celebration Renaming of Martin Luther King Jr Blvd Bristol, TN/VA	2008
Fund Manager, Martin Luther King Jr Team Bristol, TN/VA	2008

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Mentor, Bristol Youth Leadership Class Bristol Tennessee/Virginia Chamber of Commerce Bristol, TN/VA	2008
“Gender and Power: What is ‘Woman’s Work?’” King University Snider Honors Seminar Series Bristol, TN	2008
“Human Experimentation During WWII: Lessons (?) from History” King World Awareness and Activation Club Bristol, TN	2008
Presenter/Facilitator, “Depleted Uranium: What is This Stuff?” Christian Peace Makers Erwin, TN	2007
“The Growth of Science at King College” Bristol VA/TN Noon Rotary Club Bristol, VA	2007
“Current Toxicology Research in the King University Department of Biology” Bristol VA/TN Noon Rotary Club Bristol, VA	2007
Co-Organizer, K-12 Curricular Materials, “Paracelsus Explores the Genome” San Diego Natural History Museum Family Day Society of Toxicology San Diego, CA	2006
“Neurotoxicology: A Great Way to Use a Liberal Arts Education” 51 <sup>st</sup> Annual King University Science Open House Bristol, TN	2006
“Brain Awareness Month: Stroke” Family Night Supper Series at Cold Spring Presbyterian Church Bristol, TN	2004
Chief Organizer, Brain Awareness SciWorks Science Museum Winston-Salem, NC	2003-2004
Co-Organizer, Brain Awareness Forsythe County School system Winston-Salem, NC	2003-2004
Co-Organizer, Community Health Fair Radnor Neighborhood Association and Woodbine Community Organization Nashville, TN	2002
Presenter, “Parkinson’s Disease”, Annual Brain Awareness Day Cumberland Science Museum Nashville, TN	2000-2002