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### EDUCATION

2004	Post-Doc	Harvard Medical School	Neuroscience
2003	Ph.D.	The University of Southern Mississippi	Experimental Psychology
2001	M.A.	The University of Southern Mississippi	Psychology
1998	B.S.	The University of Southern Mississippi	Psychology Minors: Chemistry & Music History and Theory

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2021-present	<b>Chair</b> , Department of Psychology, University of Houston–Clear Lake
2019-present	<b>Professor</b> , Department of Psychology, University of Houston–Clear Lake
2013-2021	<b>Director</b> , Psychology Graduate Program, University of Houston–Clear Lake
2012-2022	<b>Adjunct Faculty</b> , Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, Baylor College of Medicine
2012-2019	<b>Associate Professor</b> , Department of Psychology, University of Houston–Clear Lake
2010-2016	<b>Director</b> , Animal Research Facility, University of Houston–Clear Lake
2008-2012	<b>Assistant Professor</b> , Department of Psychology, University of Houston–Clear Lake
2006-2008	<b>Research Assistant Professor</b> , Department of Physiological Sciences, University of Florida
2004-2006	<b>Lecturer</b> , Department of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School
2004-2006	<b>Assistant Professor</b> , Department of Psychology, Stonehill College
2003-2006	<b>Health Science Specialist</b> , VA Boston Healthcare System
2003-2004	<b>Research Fellow</b> , Department of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School
2001-2003	<b>Instructor</b> , Department of Psychology, University of Southern Mississippi
1998-2001	<b>Graduate Research Assistant</b> , Department of Psychology, University of Southern Mississippi

### GRANTS and CONTRACTS

#### External Awards

2016-2018	National Institute of Drug Abuse/NIH (N44DA-16-1208); <i>XDA - eXperimental Design Assistant, Phase II</i> (\$1,000,000; PI: W. Buras; Role: Sub-Contractor - \$350,000)
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- 2014-2021 Acadia Pharmaceuticals; *Evaluating the effect of a serotonergic drug to alleviate physical dependence on nicotine as indicated by sleep patterns, EEG and behavioral withdrawal signs* (\$210,000; PI: D.H. Malin; Role: Co-PI)
- 2014-2015 AALAS Grants for Laboratory Animal Science; *A Minimally Invasive Electroencephalographic Procedure for Rats* (\$3,200; PI: C.P. Ward)
- 2014-2015 National Institute of Drug Abuse/NIH (N43DA-14-0044); *XDA - eXperimental Design Assistant* (\$149,936; PI: W. Buras; Role: Sub-Contractor - \$46,350)
- 2010-2013 National Institute of Mental Health/NIH(1 R15 MH087934-01A1); *Sleep Loss and Hippocampal Function* (\$284,000; PI: C.P. Ward)
- 2006-2007 Takeda Pharmaceutical; *Effectiveness of Ramelteon in Treatment of Alzheimer's* (\$194,916; Co-PIs: C.P. Ward & R.E. Strecker)

### Internal Awards

Received intramural grants from Stonehill College, University of Florida, and University of Houston-Clear Lake (7 awards; \$42,000 total)

### PUBLICATIONS

\* Student authors

- Malin, D. H., Tsai, P. H.\*, Campbell, J. R.\*, Moreno, G. L., Chapman, H. L.\*, Suzaki, A.\*, Keivan, M. S.\*, Gibbons, K. M.\*, Morales, E. R.\*, Burstein, E. S., & Ward, C. P. (2023). Pimavanserin reverses multiple measures of anxiety in a rodent model of post-traumatic stress disorder. *European Journal of Pharmacology*, 939, 175437.
- Bistricky, S.L., Walther, C., Balderas, J., Prudon, J., Ward, C.P. (2021). Distinct sleep deficits and depression yield distinct neurocognitive responses to social information. *Sleep and Biological Rhythms*, 19, 237-245.
- McCoy, J.G. & Ward, C.P. (2021) Stress. In Fahmy, R. (Ed.), *NASM Certified Wellness Coach*. National Academy of Sports Medicine.
- McCoy, J.G. & Ward, C.P. (2021) Emotion Processing. In Fahmy, R. (Ed.), *NASM Certified Wellness Coach*. National Academy of Sports Medicine.
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- Malin, D.H., Hetherington, S., Nghiem, D.M.\*, Ward, C.P., Kelling, N., Izygon, J.\*, Harrison-Walker, L.J., Campbell, J.\*, Hughes, R.\*, Buras, W. (2019). Software for designing rigorous and replicable preclinical research: The Experimental Design Accelerator. *Journal of Neuroscience Research*, 97, 1043-1050.

- Malin, D.H., Henceroth, M.M.\*, Elayoubi, J.\*, Campbell, J.R.\*, Anderson, A.\*, Goyarzu, P., Izygon, J.\*, Madison, C.\*, Ward, C.P., Burstein, E.S. (2018). A subtype-specific Neuropeptide FF receptor antagonist attenuates morphine and nicotine withdrawal syndrome in the rat. *Neuroscience Letters*, 684, 98-103.
- Ward, C.P., Wooden, J.I.\*, & Kieltyka, R.\* (2017). Effects of sleep deprivation on spatial learning and memory in juvenile and young adult rats. *Psychology & Neuroscience*, 10(1), 109-116.
- Kelling, N., Ward, C.P., Malin, D.H., Buras, W., & Hetherington, S. (2017). The use of human factors to address medical research replicability through the development of a software based solution. *Proceedings of the Human Factors and Ergonomics Society Annual Meeting*, 61(1).
- Gadam, S.\*, Elayoubi, J.\*, Ma, X., & Ward, C.P. (2015). Dysfunctional cognitions mediate the relationship between symptoms of depression, anxiety, and sleep quality in a non-clinical population. *Journal of Sleep Medicine and Disorders*, 2(5), 1031-1036.
- Malin, D.H., Schaar, K.L.\*, Izygon, J.I.\*, Sikirat, Y.J.\*, Duyen, M.N.\*, Henceroth, M.H.\*, Chang, Y.\*, Daggett, J.M.\*, & Ward, C.P. (2015). Validation and scopolamine-reversal of latent learning in the water maze utilizing a revised direct platform placement procedure. *Pharmacology Biochemistry and Behavior*, 135, 90-96.
- Wooden, J.I.\*, Pido, J.\*, Mathews, H.\*, Kieltyka, R.\*, Montemayor, B.\*, & Ward, C.P. (2014). Sleep deprivation impairs recall of social transmission of food preference in rats. *Nature and Science of Sleep*, 6, 129-135.
- Milone, J.M., Gottumukkala, A., Ward, C.P., & York, K.M. (2013). The Impact of Supervision on Internal Medicine Residents' Attitudes and Management of Depression in Primary Care: A Pilot Study. *Academic Psychiatry*, 37(2), 94-7.
- Klopp, C.\*, Garcia, C.\*, Schulman, A.H., Ward, C.P., & Tartar, J.L. (2012). Acute social stress increases biochemical and self report markers of stress without altering spatial learning in humans. *Neuroendocrinology Letters*, 34(4), 425-30.
- Ward, C.P., York, K.M., & McCoy, J.G. (2012). Risk of obstructive sleep apnea in double reed wind musicians. *Journal of Clinical Sleep Medicine*, 8(3), 251-255.
- McKenna, J.T., Christie, M.A., Jeffery, B.A.\*, McCoy, J.G., Lee, E., Connolly, N.P.\*, Ward, C.P., & Strecker, R.E. (2012). Chronic ramelteon treatment in a mouse model of Alzheimer's disease. *Archives Italiennes de Biologie*, 150(1), 5-14.
- Murphy, L.\*, Denis, R.\*, Ward, C.P., & Tartar, J.L. (2010). Academic stress differentially influences perceived stress, salivary cortisol and immunoglobulin-A in undergraduate students. *Stress*, 13(4), 365-370.

- Tartar, J.L., McKenna, J.T., Ward, C.P., McCarely, R.W., Strecker, R.E., & Brown R.E. (2010) Sleep fragmentation reduces hippocampal CA1 pyramidal cell excitability and response to adenosine. *Neuroscience Letters*, 469, 1-5.
- Ward, C.P., McCoy, J.G., McKenna, J.T., Connolly, N.P.\*, McCarley, R.W., & Strecker, R.E. (2009). Spatial learning and memory deficits following exposure to 24 h of sleep fragmentation or intermittent hypoxia in a rat model of obstructive sleep apnea. *Brain Research*, 1295, 128-137.
- McKenna, J.T., Cordeira, J.W.\*, Jeffrey, B.\*, Ward, C.P., Winston, S., McCarley, R.W., & Strecker, R.E. (2009). c-Fos protein expression is increased in cholinergic neurons of the rodent basal forebrain during spontaneous and induced wakefulness. *Brain Research Bulletin*, 80(6), 382-388.
- Ward, C.P., McCarley, R.W., & Strecker, R.E. (2009). Experimental sleep fragmentation impairs spatial reference but not working memory in rats. *Journal of Sleep Research*, 18(2), 228-244.
- Watson, S.L., McCoy, J.G., Fontenot, M.B., Hanbury, D.B., & Ward, C.P. (2009). L-Tryptophan and Correlates of Self-Injurious Behavior in Garnett's Bushbaby. *Journal of the American Association for Laboratory Animal Science*, 48(2), 185-191.
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- McKenna, J.T., Tartar, J.L., Ward, C.P., Thakkar, M.M., Cordeira, J.W.\*, McCarley, R.W., & Strecker, R.E. (2007). Sleep fragmentation elevates behavioral, electrographic and neurochemical measures of sleepiness. *Neuroscience*, 146(4), 1462-1473.
- McCoy, J.G., Bebis, A.C.\*, Tartar, J.T., Ward, C.P., McKenna, J.T., Baxter, M.G., McGaughy, J., McCarley, R.W., & Strecker, R.E. (2007). Experimental sleep fragmentation impairs attentional set-shifting in a rodent model of obstructive sleep apnea. *Sleep*, 30(1), 52-60.
- Tartar, J.L., Ward, C.P., McKenna, J.T., Thakkar, M.M., Arrigoni, E., Brown, R.E., McCarley, R.W., & Strecker, R.E. (2006). Hippocampal synaptic plasticity and spatial learning are impaired in a rat model of sleep fragmentation. *European Journal of Neuroscience*, 23(10), 2739- 48.
- Ward, C.P., Harsh, J.R., York, K.M., Stewart, K.L.\*, & McCoy, J.G. (2004). Modafinil facilitates performance on a delayed non-matching to position swim task in rats. *Pharmacology, Biochemistry, and Behavior*, 78(4), 735-741.

McCoy, J.G., Strawbridge, C., McMurtrey, K.D., Brower, V.G., & Ward, C.P. (2003). A Re-evaluation of the effects of tetrahydropapaveroline on ethanol consumption in rats. *Brain Research Bulletin*, 60(1-2), 59-65.

Ward, C.P., Redd, K.\*, Williams, B., Caler, J., Luo, Y., & McCoy, J.G. (2002). Ginkgo biloba extract: Cognitive enhancer or anti-stress buffer. *Pharmacology, Biochemistry, and Behavior*, 72(4), 913-922.

Williams, B., Luo, Y., Ward, C., Redd, K.\*, Gibson, R.\*, Kuczaj, S., & McCoy, J.G. (2001). Environmental enrichment improves spatial memory and induces hippocampal CREB expression. *Physiology and Behavior*, 73, 649-658.

## **SELECTED PUBLISHED ABSTRACTS and PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

Over 60 conference presentations at regional, national, and international conferences including the Society for Neuroscience, Associated Professional Sleep Societies, and Southwest Psychological Association. Over 50 students have served as co-presenters.

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **University of Houston–Clear Lake**

*Graduate:* Courses in Neuroscience, Neuroscience Techniques, Research Methodology, Statistics, Psychopharmacology, and Sleep and Dreaming

*Undergraduate:* Courses in Neuroscience, Neuroscience Techniques, Research Methodology, Statistics, Learning Theory, Psychopharmacology, and Sleep and Dreaming

### **Baylor College of Medicine**

*Post-Graduate:* Course in Research Methodology

### **University of Florida**

*Undergraduate:* Courses in Neuroscience and Physiology

### **Stonehill College**

*Undergraduate:* Courses in Neuroscience, Research Methodology, Statistics, Internship, and Introductory Psychology

### **University of Southern Mississippi**

*Graduate:* Course in Statistics

*Undergraduate:* Courses in Neuroscience, Learning Theory, Research Methodology, Statistics, and Introductory Psychology

## **Thesis Advisement**

Chaired or Co-Chaired over 20 thesis projects; member of over 15 thesis committees; member of 4 dissertation committees

## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

### Professional

- 2022-present Associate Editor, *Frontiers in Neuroscience (Sleep and Circadian Rhythms)*
- 2019-2020 Member, Organizing Committee, Sleep Research Society Data Blitz 2019 & 2020
- 2018-2020 Grant Reviewer, NASA (Jun '18, Feb '19, Oct '20, & May '23)
- 2017-2021 Member, Membership Committee, Sleep Research Society
- 2010-2011 Member, Congressional Liaison Committee, Sleep Research Society
- 2009-2012 Member, Membership and Communication Committee, Sleep Research Society

### University of Houston System

- 2015-present Vice Chair, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)
- 2013-2015 Member, University Faculties Executive Committee
- 2010-2015 Member, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)

### University of Houston–Clear Lake (*major committees/leadership only*)

- 2020-2021 Chair, HSH Post-tenure Review Committee
- 2020-2022 Member, University Budget Taskforce
- 2018-2021 Chair, Facilities and Support Services Committee
- 2018-2019 Representative of Program Directors for Dean's Administrative Team
- 2018-2019 Chair, HSH Committee on Educational Policy
- 2018-present Chair, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)
- 2018-2021 Member, Faculty Senate
- 2015-2017 Representative of Faculty for Dean's Administrative Team
- 2015-2017 Convener, School of Human Sciences and Humanities
- 2013-2017 President, Faculty Senate (President Elect, President, Past-President-two terms)
- 2013-2018 Member, Committee for Education Policy
- 2012-2013 Chair, Faculty Senate Budget Committee
- 2010-2013 Faculty Representative, University Planning and Budgeting Committee
- 2010-2013 Member, Faculty Senate
- 2008-2017 Member, Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC)

### Search Committees

Served as Co-Chairs for AVP of IT/CIO and AVP of Facilities; member of searches for college Dean, VP of Advancement, and AVP of Marketing/Communications; Chair of three faculty searches, member of 15 faculty search committees

## PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

- 2013-present Southwestern Psychological Association
- 2002-present Society for Neuroscience
- 1998-present Sleep Research Society

**AWARDS and HONORS**

2023 President's Distinguished Service Award, UHCL  
2016 University Faculty Fellowship, UHCL  
2007 Honorable Mention Abstract Award, Sleep Research Society  
2004 Trainee Merit Based Travel Award, Association of Professional Sleep Societies  
2002 Department of Psychology Outstanding Graduate Research Award, USM  
1998 Trainee Travel Award, Association of Professional Sleep Societies  
1998 Honors Graduate, USM