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EDUCATION AND TRAINING

2010-present Independent Bowes Research Fellow
University of California, Berkeley, Department of Molecular and Cell Biology

2009-2010 Postdoctoral Fellow in the laboratories of Wendell Lim and David Morgan, UCSF

2002-2008 Ph. D. studies in Biochemistry and Cell Biology with David Morgan, UCSF Tetrad program
Thesis title: *"Combinatorial Control of the Cell Cycle"*

2001-2002 Research Associate in the laboratory of Rosemary Akhurst, UCSF Cancer Center

2000-2001 Pre-doctoral fellowship in the laboratory of Amparo Cano, IIB Alberto Sols Cancer Center, Madrid, Spain

1999-2000 Internship in the laboratory of Rosemary Akhurst, UCSF Cancer Center

1998-1999 Internship in the laboratory of Peter Palese, Mount Sinai Medical Center, New York

1996-2000 Masters in Biochemistry, University of Bath, England

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

2014 HHMI and Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation Advanced Imaging Center access grant

2010-present Bowes Research Fellowship Grant, \$1,250,000

2011 UC Berkeley Biology Faculty Research Fund \$60,000

2005-2007 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship

2005 Benjamin Kaminer, Mountain Memorial and Bruce and Betty Alberts Scholarships

2002-2003 Regents Fellowship (UCSF)

2000-2001 Pre-doctoral fellowship (Consejo Superior de Investigaciones Cientificas/British Council)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- Spring 2014 UC Berkeley MCB 130 Cell and Systems Biology Advanced undergraduate class. 50 students. Bistability and switches. Signaling in three dimensions. Trigger waves. Turing reaction diffusion systems and pattern generation.
- Fall 2011 UC Berkeley MCB 230 Advanced Cell Biology Graduate class. 30 Students. Principles of chromosome segregation from the Par system to spindles. Building switches in biology – bistability, ultrasensitivity and signaling dynamics.
- 2007 UCSF Anti-Medical School I helped Marc Shuman, clinical head of QB3, to organize a lecture series aimed at making basic scientists aware of outstanding clinical issues that we currently don't understand. This was a 6 lecture course. The course has now expanded and is taught at UC Berkeley: <http://www.qb3.org/education/ams>
- 2005 UCSF Tetrad Graduate Program Bioregulatory Regulatory Mechanisms (TA) The course covered the central principles of molecular biology: DNA replication, transcription, and translation.

MENTORING

- 2010-present UC Berkeley MCB Graduate Program, I currently mentor one Ph. D. student: Juan Ignacio Gutierrez, a fellow of the Becas Chile research program
- 2010-present UC Berkeley Undergraduate Research Apprentice Program
I have mentored 14 students to date: Conor Howard (Now accepted to the UCSF Tetrad Ph. D. program), Shyam Bhatka, Jonathan Kim, Hairan Zhu (Now in the St. Jude Pediatric Oncology Education Program), Nicholas Luther, Yusuf Chao (Now at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine), Xiaoli Yang, Adrian Arrieta (Now in the San Diego State University MCB graduate program), Haoyu Sun and Nicholas Raj Snyder, Chaaru Dingankar, Kevin Li, Seung Joo Lee and Benson Ma
- Summer 2011 UC Berkeley Amgen Summer Research Program
Jonathan Hibshman (Gettysburg University, now a graduate student at Duke University)

INVITED TALKS

- December 2014 Stanford Department of Biology (Friday Research Lectures), Palo Alto, CA
- October 2014 Transcriptional Imaging Consortium Meeting, Janelia Research Campus, Ashford, VA
- June 2014 Gordon Research Conference on Kinases and G-protein signaling, Biddeford ME
- January 2013 MIT Koch Institute of Integrative Cancer Research Departmental Seminar, Cambridge MA
- January 2013 Pharmacology Seminar Series at Yale School of Medicine, New Haven CT
- September 2012 Northwestern University Department of Molecular Biosciences Seminar, Evanston IL
- June 2012 University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Department of Biology Seminar, Chapel Hill NC
- November 2009 Joining Forces Symposium, ETH Zurich, Switzerland
- September 2009 FEBS Protein Modules Meeting, Seefeld, Austria

COMMUNITY AND OUTREACH

- 2014 Founder of the UC Berkeley Scientific Community Initiative: <http://sci.berkeley.edu/>
- 2009, 2013, 2014 Conference organizer “Let’s Have an Awesome Time Doing Science”
<http://sci.berkeley.edu/>
A Symposium on maintaining happiness in a challenging career.
- 2011 - 2014 “Ignite” General science outreach lectures to the community:
2014 “Resurrection of Ancestral Proteins”
<http://www.ignitesanfrancisco.com/ignitesf9/liam-holt-resurrection-of-ancient-proteins/>
2012 and 2013 “How Viruses Shape the World”
2011 “The Evolution of Animals”
- 2008 UCSF 2008 student invitation seminars: Joe Thornton (U Oregon) & Richard Axel (Columbia).
- 2009 - present Reviewer PNAS, MBoC, J Cell Bio, Mol Cell

PUBLICATIONS

- 2014 eLife Howard C, Hanson-Smith V, Kennedy KJ, Miller CJ, Lou HJ, Johnson AD, Turk BE and **Holt LJ**: Ancestral resurrection reveals evolutionary mechanisms of kinase plasticity eLIFE. Oct 13;3.
- 2013 PNAS Miao Y, Wong CCL, Menella V, Michelot A, Agard DA, **Holt LJ**, Yates JR, Drubin DG: Cell cycle regulation of formin-mediated actin cable assembly PNAS, 2013 Oct 16 PMID: 24133141
- 2013 J Cell Sci Gourguechon S, **Holt LJ**, Cande WZ: The Giardia cell cycle progresses independently of the anaphase-promoting complex. J Cell Sci. 2013 May 15;126(Pt 10):2246-55. doi: 10.1242/jcs.121632. PMID: 23525017
- 2011 PNAS Gong YU, Killian CE, Olson IC, Appathurai NP, Amasino AL, Martin MC, **Holt LJ**, Wilt FH, Gilbert PU: Phase transitions in biogenic amorphous calcium carbonate. PNAS 2012 Apr 17;109(16):6088-93. Epub 2012 Apr 4. PMID: 22492931
- 2009 Science **Holt, LJ**, Tuch, BB, Villén, J, Johnson, AD, Gygi, SP & Morgan, DO: Global analysis of Cdk1 substrate phosphorylation sites provides insights into evolution Science, 2009 Sep 25;325(5948):1682-6 PMID: 19779198
- 2009 J Cell Sci Sobrado VR, Moreno-Bueno G, Cubillo E, **Holt LJ**, Nieto MA, Portillo F, Cano A: The class I bHLH factors E2-2A and E2-2B regulate EMT. J Cell Sci. 2009 Apr 1;122(Pt 7):1014-24 PMID: 19295128
- 2008 Nature **Holt LJ**, Krutchinsky, AN, Morgan, DO: Positive Feedback Sharpens the Anaphase Switch. Nature, 454(7202):353-7 PMID: 18552837
- 2008 Mol Cell Biol Sullivan, MJ, **Holt, LJ**, Morgan, DO: Cyclin-specific control of rDNA segregation Mol Cell Biol 10.1128/MCB.00235-08 PMID: 18591250
- 2007 Mol Cell **Holt LJ**, Hutti, J, Cantley, L, Morgan, DO: Evolution of Ime2 phosphorylation sites on Cdk1 substrates provides a mechanism to limit the effects of the phosphatase Cdc14 in meiosis. Mol Cell. 2007 Mar 9;25(5):689-702 PMID: 17349956

2005 Genomics Tang Y, Sook Lee K, Yang H, Logan DW, Wang S, McKinnon ML, **Holt LJ**, Condie A, Luu MT, Akhurst RJ: Epistatic interactions between modifier genes confer strain-specific redundancy for Tgfb1 in developmental angiogenesis. Genomics. 2005 Jan;85(1):60-70. PMID: 15607422

REVIEWS

2012 **Holt LJ**: Regulatory modules: Coupling protein stability to phosphoregulation during cell division FEBS letters 2012 Aug 14;586(17):2773-2777
FEBS letters

REFERENCES

Available upon request