

# CURRICULUM VITAE

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## DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

### Current Appointments

Associate Professor, Department of Psychology, University of California, Berkeley.  
Associate Professor, Helen Wills Neuroscience Institute, University of California, Berkeley.  
Adjunct Associate Professor, Department of Neuroscience, Johns Hopkins University School Of Medicine.

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### Education and Training (in chronological order)

#### Undergraduate

1989-1992 B.Sc.(Hons), Physics, Imperial College London, U.K.

#### Doctoral/graduate

1992-1993 Research Consultant, BT Labs, Martlesham, U.K.

1993-1994 M.Sc.(Hons), Neural Computation, Stirling University, U.K.

1994-1995 Research Associate, Dept. of Experimental Psychology, Oxford University, U.K. (Mentor: Edmund Rolls)

1995-2000 Ph.D., Computational Neuroscience, Edinburgh University, U.K. (Mentors: Richard Morris, Peter Dayan)

#### Postdoctoral - (internship, residency, fellowship etc.)

1999-2000 Postdoctoral associate, Computational Neuroscience, Gatsby Computational Neuroscience Unit, University College London, U.K. (Mentor: Peter Dayan)

2000-2007 Postdoctoral associate, Behavioral Neurophysiology, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA. (Mentor: Matt Wilson)

### Professional Experience

2008- 2015 Assistant Professor, Department of Neuroscience, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD

2015- 2016 Associate Professor, Department of Neuroscience, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD

2017- 2018 Acting Associate Professor, Department of Psychology and Helen Wills Neuroscience Institute, University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley CA

2018- Associate Professor, Department of Psychology and Helen Will Neuroscience Institute, University of California, Berkeley, Berkeley CA

## RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

### Peer Reviewed Original Science Publications

1. Rolls ET, Treves A, Foster D, Perez-Vicente C. (1997) Simulation studies of the CA3 hippocampal subfield modeled as an attractor neural network. *Neural Networks* 10(9): 1559-1569.
2. Foster DJ, Morris RGM, Dayan P. (1998) Hippocampal model of rat spatial abilities using temporal difference learning. *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems* 10:145-151.
3. Foster DJ, Morris RGM, Dayan P. (2000) A temporal difference model of hippocampally dependent, one-trial spatial learning. *Hippocampus* 10:1-16.
4. Foster DJ, Dayan P. (2002) Structure in the space of value functions. *Machine Learning* 49:325-346.
5. Foster DJ, Wilson MA. (2006) Reverse replay of behavioral sequences in hippocampal place cells during the awake state. *Nature* 440: 680-683.
6. Foster DJ, Wilson MA. (2007) Hippocampal theta sequences. *Hippocampus* 17(11): 1093-1099.
7. Foster DJ, Knierim JJ. (2012) Sequence learning and the role of the hippocampus in rodent navigation. *Current Opinion in Neurobiology* 22(2):294-300.
8. Pfeiffer BE, Foster DJ. (2013) Hippocampal place-cell sequences depict future paths to remembered goals. *Nature* 497(7447):74-79.
9. Suh J\*, Foster DJ\*, Davoudi H., Wilson MA., Tonegawa S. (2013) Impaired hippocampal ripple-associated replay in a mouse model of schizophrenia. *Neuron* 80(2):484-493. \*equal contribution.
10. Wu X, Foster DJ. (2014) Hippocampal replay captures the unique topological structure of a novel environment. *Journal of Neuroscience* 34(19):6459-6469.
11. Feng T, Silva D, Foster DJ. (2015) Dissociation between the experience-dependent development of hippocampal theta sequences and single-trial phase precession. *Journal of Neuroscience* 35(12):4890-4902.
12. Altimus CM, Harrold JB, Jaaro-Peled H, Sawa A, Foster DJ. (2015) Disordered ripples are a common feature of genetically distinct mouse models relevant to schizophrenia. *Molecular Neuropsychiatry* 1(1):52-59.
13. Pfeiffer BE, Foster DJ. (2015) Autoassociative dynamics in the generation of sequences of hippocampal place cells. *Science* 349(6244):180-183.
14. Silva D\*, Feng T\*, Foster DJ (2015) Trajectory events across hippocampal place cells require previous experience. *Nature Neuroscience* 18(12):1772-1779.
15. Schiller D, Eichenbaum H, Buffalo EA, Davachi L, Foster DJ, Leutgeb S, Ranganath C. (2015) Memory and space: towards an understanding of the cognitive map. *Journal of Neuroscience* 35(41):13904-13911.
16. Ambrose RE, Pfeiffer BE, Foster DJ. (2016) Reverse replay of hippocampal place cells in uniquely modulated by changing reward. *Neuron* 91(5):1124-1136.
17. Maboudi K, Ackermann E, de Jong LW, Pfeiffer BE, Foster D, Diba K, Kemere C. (2018) Uncovering temporal structure in hippocampal output patterns. *Elife* e34467
18. Boone CE, Davoudi H, Harrold JB, Foster DJ. (2018) Abnormal sleep architecture and hippocampal circuit dysfunction in a mouse model of fragile X syndrome. *Neuroscience* 384:275-289.
19. Davoudi H, Foster DJ. (2019) Acute silencing of hippocampal CA3 reveals a necessary role in place field responses. *Nature Neuroscience*, 22(3):337-342.

### Invited Reviews

1. Pfeiffer BE, Foster DJ. (2015) Discovering the brain's cognitive map. *JAMA Neurology* 72(3):257-258.
2. Foster DJ. (2017) Replay comes of age. *Annu Rev Neurosci.* 40:581-602.
3. Widloski J, Foster DJ (2018) Spoiled for choice, pressed for time. *Nature Neuroscience* 21(11):1501-1503.

### Book Chapters

1. Foster DJ (2018) Electrical signals in the brain are strangely comprehensible. In: "*Think Tank: Forty Neuroscientists Explore The Biological Roots Of Human Experience*", Linden D, ed., Yale University Press, New Haven and London.

### Conference Proceedings

1. Foster DJ, Morris RGM, Dayan P. Hippocampal model of rat spatial abilities using temporal difference learning. *Society for Neuroscience Abstracts*. 1997
2. Foster DJ, Morris RGM, Dayan P. Hippocampal model of rat spatial abilities using temporal difference learning. *Advances in Neural Information Processing Systems* 1998.

3. Foster DJ\*, Suh J\*, Wilson MA, Tonegawa S. Altered hippocampal neural activity during rest periods in a mouse model of schizophrenia. *Society for Neuroscience Abstracts* 2006. (\* joint first author)
4. Pfeiffer BE, Foster DJ. Hippocampal replay expresses multiple behavioral aspects of experience. *Society for Neuroscience Abstracts* 2011.
5. Silva D, Feng T, Foster DJ. Disruption of hippocampal replay by a competitive NMDA receptor antagonist. *Society for Neuroscience Abstracts* 2011.
6. Feng T, Silva D, Pfeiffer BE, Foster DJ. Rapid development of hippocampal theta sequences with experience. *Society for Neuroscience Abstracts* 2011.
7. Wu X, Foster DJ. Hippocampal replay develops rapidly in an environment with novel spatial structure. *Society for Neuroscience Abstracts* 2011.
8. Pfeiffer BE, Ambrose E, Foster DJ. Hippocampal replay during an open field spatial task. *Society for Neuroscience Abstracts* 2011.
9. Feng T, Silva D, Foster DJ. Sequential activation of hippocampal place cells during replay slows down with experience. *Society for Neuroscience Abstracts* 2012.
10. Altimus C, Harrold J, Foster DJ. Ripple events in mouse hippocampal EEG reflect prior behavioral experience. *Society for Neuroscience Abstracts* 2012.
11. Wu X, Foster DJ. Hippocampal replays modulate prefrontal neuronal activities in a spatial alternation task. *Society for Neuroscience Abstracts* 2012.
12. Suh J\*, Foster DJ\*, Davoudi H, Wilson MA, Tonegawa S. Selective impairment of hippocampal sharp wave ripples and memory reactivation in a mouse model of cognitive disease. *Society for Neuroscience Abstracts* 2012. (\* joint first author)
13. Wu X, Foster DJ. Parsing of extended hippocampal replays in a Y maze. *Society for Neuroscience Abstracts* 2012.
14. Pfeiffer BE, Foster DJ. Selective retrieval of neuronal sequences reflecting paths to a remembered goal during a spatial memory task. *Society for Neuroscience Abstracts* 2012.
15. Silva D, Feng T, Foster DJ. Replay memory requires NMDA receptors for encoding but not retrieval, and persists without degradation for many hours after the encoding experience. *Society for Neuroscience Abstracts* 2012.
16. Pfeiffer BE, Foster DJ. Place-cell sequences depict behaviorally relevant trajectories during sleep. *Society for Neuroscience Abstracts* 2013.
17. Foster DJ, Harrold J, Altimus CM, Jaaro-Peled H, Sawa A. C-terminal truncated Disc1 shows altered hippocampal ripple events: Implication in adult onset major mental illness. *Society for Neuroscience Abstracts* 2013.
18. Altimus CM, Harrold JB, Reeves RH, Foster DJ. Hippocampal ripple events reflect learning of prior spatial environments providing an assay of hippocampal function in awake, behaving mice. *Society for Neuroscience Abstracts* 2013.
19. Feng T, Silva D, Foster DJ. Mechanisms contributing to experience-dependent changes in the structure of hippocampal replay sequences. *Society for Neuroscience Abstracts* 2015.
20. Pfeiffer BE, Foster DJ. Auto-associative dynamics in the generation of sequences of hippocampal place cells. *Society for Neuroscience Abstracts* 2015.
21. Davoudi H, Foster DJ. Hippocampal area CA3 is necessary for the induction of sharp-wave ripples in area CA1. *Society for Neuroscience Abstracts* 2015.
22. Ambrose RE, Pfeiffer BE, Foster DJ. Rate of reverse, but not forward hippocampal replay increases with a relative increase in reward. *Society for Neuroscience Abstracts* 2015.
23. Altimus CE, Ambrose RE, Pfeiffer BE, Harrold JB, Foster DJ. Motivation and validation of an EEG-based estimate of hippocampal replay content. *Society for Neuroscience Abstracts* 2015.
24. Davoudi H, Foster DJ. Hippocampal area CA3 is necessary for ripples and place field responses. *Society for Neuroscience Abstracts* 2017.
25. Kleinman MR, Foster DJ. The spatial localization of reward-related changes in hippocampal sharp-wave ripple rate requires normal dopamine signaling. *Society for Neuroscience Abstracts* 2019.
26. Widloski J, Foster DJ. Hippocampal replay rapidly and repeatedly adapts to reconfigurations of barrier wall structure in a changing complex maze. *Society for Neuroscience Abstracts* 2019.
27. Croughan WD, Foster DJ. Fast triggering of brain stimulation contingent on the trajectory content of online-detected hippocampal replay. *Society for Neuroscience Abstracts* 2019.
28. Berners-Lee A, Wu X, Foster DJ. Prefrontal neurons are tuned to the spatial trajectory information content of hippocampal neurons during non-local hippocampal representation of future and past places, but not during local hippocampal representation of current place. *Society for Neuroscience Abstracts* 2019.

## **ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES**

### **Institutional Administrative Appointments**

2009 – 2016	Johns Hopkins Neuroscience department vivarium committee, co-chair
2011-2013	Member, Search committee for BSI faculty search (three years)
2012-2016	Member, Baltimore Chapter of Society for Neuroscience Organizing Committee
2013-2014	President, Baltimore Chapter of Society for Neuroscience (covering Johns Hopkins University, University of Maryland, National Institute on Aging, National Institute on Drug Abuse, Stevenson University, Morgan State University and Goucher College)
2014-2015	Member, Hopkins Kavli Institute planning committee
2015 – 2016	Member, Hopkins Kavli Institute steering committee
2015 – 2016	Johns Hopkins Biomedical Engineering graduate admissions committee
2015 – 2016	Johns Hopkins Neuroscience Dept graduate admissions committee
2017 –	Member, UC Berkeley Helen Wills Neuroscience Institute graduate admissions committee
2017 –	Member, UC Berkeley Department of Psychology Faculty Lectures Committee
2018 --	Member, UC Berkeley Department of Psychology Futures Committee

### **Editorial Activities**

Journal Reviewer for:

Nature  
Science  
Neuron  
Nature Neuroscience  
Elife  
Journal of neuroscience  
Journal of neurophysiology  
Hippocampus  
Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences  
PLoS One  
Cerebral Cortex  
Current Biology  
Biological Cybernetics  
Adaptive Behavior  
Frontiers

### **Advisory Committees, Review Groups/Study Sections**

January 2013	Ad-hoc Member, Learning and Memory (LAM) NIH Study Section, Santa Barbara CA
Feb 2013	Ad-hoc Member, NIH Special emphasis panel
May 2013	Ad-hoc Member, NIH Special emphasis panel
Feb 2014	Ad-hoc Member, NIH Special emphasis panel
Oct 2014	Ad-hoc Member, NIH Special emphasis panel
Feb 2015	Ad-hoc Member, NIH Special emphasis panel
March 2015	Reviewer, Fellowship application, Boehringer Ingelheim Fonds
October 2015	Ad-hoc Member, Learning and Memory (LAM) NIH Study Section, Santa Barbara CA
July 2016 – 2020	Standing Member, Learning and Memory (LAM) NIH Study Section
Dec 2018	Invited external participant, HHMI Janelia planning workshop on Mechanistic Cognitive Neuroscience
July 2019	Advisory Panel Reviewer for career evaluation of HHMI Janelia Farms Group Leaders
April 2020	Invited external review, Allen Brain Institute

### **Professional Societies**

Oct 2013 – Oct 2014	President, Baltimore Chapter of Society For Neuroscience
1995 – present	Member, Society for Neuroscience

### **Conference Organizer, Session Chair**

- October 2010 Session organizer “Space and architecture”, Johns Hopkins University  
BSi Science of the Arts Event, Baltimore.
- December 2014 Organizer and chair, Baltimore Chapter of Society for Neuroscience  
Annual regional meeting, Johns Hopkins Medical School, Baltimore
- April 2015 Session Co-chair, Austin Conference on Learning and Memory, Austin, TX

### **RECOGNITION**

#### **Awards, Honors**

- 1995 Holdsworth Scholarship, Faculty of Medicine, University of Edinburgh
- 1996 Oxford University, McDonnell-Pew Scholarship Travel Grant.
- 2006 Paper awarded highest rating by Faculty of 1000 Biology
- 2009 Alfred P. Sloan Research Fellow
- 2009 NARSAD Young Investigator Award
- 2012 Plenary Lecture, AAN annual meeting.
- 2013 Freedman Prize Honorable Mention, Brain & Behavior Research Foundation
- 2014 NARSAD Independent Investigator Award
- 2015 McKnight Memory and Cognitive Disorders Award
- 2016 Standing membership, LAM (Learning & Memory) NIH Study Section
- 2017 Invited review, Annual Review of Neuroscience

#### **Invited Talks, Panels**

- Fall, 1997, U. Mass, Amherst, MA.
- Spring, 1998, Dept. of Brain and Cognitive Sciences, M.I.T.
- Spring, 2005, Picower Centre for Learning and Memory, M.I.T.
- Spring, 2005, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Learning & Memory.
- March 14, 2006, Harvard University Psychology Department.
- January 18, 2007, Department of Neuroscience, The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine.
- February 1, 2007, Biology Department, University of Pennsylvania.
- February 26, 2007, Department of Neurobiology & Behavior, University of California, Irvine.
- March 19, 2007, Department of Neuroscience, Baylor College of Medicine.
- April 11, 2007, Department of Neurobiology, University of Chicago.
- March 3, 2008, Computational and Systems Neuroscience (COSYNE) 2008, Workshop  
(Neurophysiology in awake, behaving rodents).
- June, 2009, 2009 Spring Hippocampal Research Conference, Verona, Italy.
- March 2011, Psychiatry Department, Johns Hopkins University
- April 2011, Guest at Indo-U.S. Kavli Frontiers of Science Symposium, Irvine, CA
- June 2011, 2011 Spring Hippocampal Research Conference, Verona, Italy.
- May 2012, Plenary Lecture, American Academy of Neurology annual conference, New Orleans.
- May 2012, Guest at President’s Circle annual meeting, The National Academies, Washington DC
- December 2013, Sigma Xi guest lecture, Swarthmore College, PA.
- June 2013, 2013 Spring Hippocampal Research Conference, Taormina, Sicily, Italy.
- October 9, 2013, Howard Hughes Janelia Farm Research Campus, VA
- December 2, 2013, Neuroscience Course on “Hippocampus and decision making”, Champalimaud Center for  
the Unknown, Lisbon, Portugal
- January 6, 2014, Winter Conference on Neurobiology of Learning and Memory, Park City, Utah
- February 7, 2014, Kavli Institute Course of Neurophysics, Santa Barbara, CA
- March 1, 2014, Brain Awareness Day, Center for Genomics, University of Chicago
- March 24, 2014, Krasnow Institute for Advanced Study, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA
- April 3, 2014, Neuroscience Dept., Mount Sinai School of Medicine, Mt Sinai Hospital, New York City
- May 28, 2014, Neuroscience Dept., Dartmouth College, NH.

September 5, 2014. Vespucci Institutes, "Space and the brain", Lisbon, Portugal.  
September 13, 2014. Japanese Neuroscience Society, Yokohama, Japan  
September 16, 2014 RIKEN, Tokyo, Japan.  
November 10, 2014 UC Berkeley. Invited lecture in celebration of Edward C. Tolman.  
March 10, 2015 Computational and Systems Neuroscience (COSYNE) workshop, Snowbird, Utah.  
June 11, 2015. 2015 Spring Hippocampal Research Conference, Taormina, Sicily, Italy.  
June 15, 2015 CNRS, Gyf-sur-Yvette, Paris, France.  
September 6, 2015. Kavli Institute for Systems Neuroscience, Trondheim, Norway.  
October 19, 2015. Society for Neuroscience, invited speaker, mini-symposium: "Can We Merge the Divergent Views of Hippocampal Function?"  
November 1, 2015. International symposium on "Prediction and Decision Making", Tokyo University, Japan.  
November 2, 2015 Kyoto University, Kyoto, Japan.  
November 8, 2015. Conference on Hippocampal-Entorhinal Complexities, HHMI Janelia Farms, VA.  
December 7, 2015. Psychology Department, UC Berkeley  
February 9, 2016 Neuroscience graduate program, UC San Diego  
June 8, 2016 SUNY Downstate, Brooklyn, NY  
June 24, 2016 RIKEN Summer School lecturer, Tokyo, Japan  
September 15, 2016 EBPS Workshop on Neural Ensembles, Amsterdam.  
October 13, 2016 Princeton Neuroscience Institute, Princeton, NJ  
October 31, 2016 Dept. of Neuroscience, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven CT  
November 3, 2016 Dept. of Neuroscience, Columbia University, New York NY  
June 13, 2017 2017 Spring Hippocampal Research Conference, Taormina, Sicily, Italy.  
September 23, 2017 Keynote speaker, UC Davis Neuroscience Retreat  
December 2017 Federation of European Neuroscience Societies Winter School, Obergurgl, Austria  
March 2018 Computational and Systems Neuroscience Workshop, Breckenridge, CO  
April 2018 2018 International Conference on Learning and Memory, UC Irvine, Huntington Beach, CA  
June 2018 AREADNE 2018, Research in encoding and decoding neural ensembles, Santorini, Greece  
July 2018 Computational and Cognitive Neuroscience Summer School, Shanghai, China  
September 2018 Workshop, Bernstein Conference, Berlin, Germany  
November 2018 Max Planck Institute for Brain Research, Frankfurt, Germany  
December 2018 Planning Talks, HHMI Janelia Workshop on Mechanistic Cognitive Neuroscience, Janelia Farms, Fairfax VA  
May 2019 Dept of Neuroscience, UT Southwestern, Dallas TX  
June 2019 McKnight Foundation Conference, Aspen, CO  
July 2019 Reinforcement Learning and Decision Making, Montreal, Canada  
July 2019 Japanese Neuroscience Society, Niigata, Japan

### Media interest

New York Times: "Rats in a maze take a moment to remember, but in reverse", Nicholas Wade., Feb 14, 2006.  
Boston Globe: "Is 'instant replay' a learning tool?" Carey Goldberg, Feb 20, 2006.  
Fox News: "Study: Brains Run Events Backwards to Store Memories" , Ker Than, Feb 13, 2006.  
Scientific American "Rat brain's instant replay may be key to memory", David Biello, Feb 13, 2006  
New Scientist: "Play it again, brain, but in reverse". Roxanne Khamsi, Feb 13, 2006.  
Scientific American Mind "Learn By Reverse Replay", JR Minkel, April 2006.  
Sciencentral: "Coffee break brain" (Video) Victor Limjoco, June 23, 2006.  
Neurology Today: "News from the AAN Annual Meeting: A new view on the role of the hippocampus in memory – of the past and planning for the future". Richard Robinson, August 2, 2012.  
El Pais: "Un GPS en el cerebro". Javier Sampedro, April 17, 2013.  
Science Daily: "Going places: rat brain 'GPS' maps routes to rewards". April 17, 2013.  
Science Daily: "Scientists 'watch' rats string memories together". July 14, 2015.  
Quanta Magazine: "New clues to how the brain maps time". January 26, 2016.  
Science Daily: "The brain uses backward instant replays to remember important travel routes" August 25, 2016