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Phillip Kyriakakis, Ph.D. is a Senior Research Scientist in the Bioengineering Department at Stanford University in the Wu Tsai Institute for Neuroscience. Dr. Kyriakakis did his undergraduate work in Biochemistry at UMass Boston, where he also worked in Dr. Alexey Veraksa's developmental biology lab and started to develop PhyB optogenetics in animal cells (2008). Dr. Kyriakakis continued his education at UC San Diego in the Division of Biological Sciences. There, he studied cellular programming and metabolism to obtain his degree with a specialization in Multiscale Biology. Dr. Kyriakakis did his postdoctoral work in the Bioengineering Department at UC San Diego with Todd Coleman, continuing the development of optogenetic tools and related technologies. In 2021 Dr. Kyriakakis moved to his Senior Research Scientist role at Stanford University in the Bioengineering Department at the Wu Tsai Institute for Neurosciences.

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Senior Research Scientist, Bioengineering

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- BS, University of Massachusetts, Boston , Biochemistry (2008)
- Ph.D., UC San Diego , Multiscale Biology (2014)

PATENTS

- Todd Prentice Coleman, Phillip Kyriakakis. "United States Patent US10407460B2 Solid phase sequence-independent nucleic acid assembly", University of California, Mar 9, 0178
- Todd Prentice Coleman, Marianne Catanho, Phillip Kyriakakis. "United States Patent US11021723B2 System and method for biosynthesis", University of California, May 6, 0169

Teaching

COURSES

2023-24

- Fundamentals for Engineering Biology Lab: BIOE 44 (Win)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Current and emerging tools for studying animal models of sleep and autism.** *Journal of psychiatric research*
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- **Light-Guided Rabies Virus Tracing for Neural Circuit Analysis** *bioRxiv*
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- **Medium-scale Preparation of Drosophila Embryo Extracts for Proteomic Experiments** *JOVE-JOURNAL OF VISUALIZED EXPERIMENTS*
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2017
- **Heparin Mimicking Polymer Promotes Myogenic Differentiation of Muscle Progenitor Cells** *BIOMACROMOLECULES*
Sangaj, N., Kyriakakis, P., Yang, D., Chang, C., Arya, G., Varghese, S.
2010; 11 (12): 3294-3300
- **beta-arrestin Kurtz inhibits MAPK and Toll signalling in Drosophila development** *EMBO JOURNAL*
Tipping, M., Kim, Y., Kyriakakis, P., Tong, M., Shvartsman, S. Y., Veraksa, A.
2010; 29 (19): 3222-3235
- **Tandem affinity purification in Drosophila - The advantages of the GS-TAP system** *FLY*
Kyriakakis, P., Tipping, M., Abed, L., Veraksa, A.
2008; 2 (4): 229-235