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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor, Neurobiology
- Member, Bio-X
- Member, Wu Tsai Neurosciences Institute

HONORS AND AWARDS

- HHMI Investigator, Howard Hughes Medical Institute (2024)
- Vallee Scholar Award, The Vallee Foundation (2019)
- Young Investigator Award, Society for Neuroscience (2018)
- Office of Naval Research Young Investigator Award, Office of Naval Research (2018)
- James S McDonnell Foundation Scholar, James S McDonnell Foundation Scholar (2016 - 2022)
- Robertson Neuroscience Investigator – New York Stem Cell Foundation, New York Stem Cell Foundation (2015-2019)
- Klingenstein-Simons Fellowship Award in the Neurosciences, Klingenstein-Simons Foundation (2014-2017)
- Sloan Fellow, Alfred P. Sloan Foundation (2013-2015)
- Peter and Patricia Gruber International Research Award, The Gruber Foundation (2012)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- BA, Baylor University , Psychology (2002)
- PhD, Boston University , Neuroscience (2008)

LINKS

- Giocomo Lab Page: <http://giocomolab.weebly.com/>

Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

My laboratory studies the cellular and molecular mechanisms underlying the organization of cortical circuits important for spatial navigation and memory. We are particularly focused on medial entorhinal cortex, where many neurons fire in spatially specific patterns and thus offer a measurable output for molecular manipulations. We combine electrophysiology, genetic approaches and behavioral paradigms to unravel the mechanisms and behavioral relevance of non-sensory cortical organization. Our first line of research is focused on determining the cellular and molecular components crucial to the neural representation of external space by functionally defined cell types in entorhinal cortex (grid, border and head direction cells). We plan to use

specific targeting of ion channels, combined with in vivo tetrode recordings, to determine how channel dynamics influence the neural representation of space in the behaving animal. A second, parallel line of research, utilizes a combination of in vivo and in vitro methods to further parse out ionic expression patterns in entorhinal cortices and determine how gradients in ion channels develop. Ultimately, our work aims to understand the ontogenesis and relevance of medial entorhinal cortical topography in spatial memory and navigation.

Teaching

COURSES

2025-26

- The Nervous System: NBIO 206 (Win)

2024-25

- The Nervous System: NBIO 206 (Win)

2023-24

- Mathematical Tools for Neuroscience: NBIO 228 (Spr)
- Neuroscience Systems Core: NEPR 203 (Spr)
- The Nervous System: NBIO 206 (Win)

2022-23

- Mathematical Tools for Neuroscience: NBIO 228 (Spr)
- Neuroscience Systems Core: NEPR 203 (Spr)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

Mahad Ahmed, Sapeeda Barati, Matthew Bauer, Deniz Bingul, Lucas Encarnacion-Rivera, Ying Hu, Elizabeth Jun, Rennie Kendrick, Yandan Wang, Ilana Zucker-Scharff

Postdoctoral Faculty Sponsor

Kanha Batra, Frances Cho, Samuel Levy, Rufe Li, Michelle Stackmann

Doctoral Dissertation Advisor (AC)

Faith Aloboudi, Tucker Fisher, Charlotte Herber, Chelsea Li, Lavonna Mark, Sky Shi

GRADUATE AND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

- Neurosciences (Phd Program)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **A flexible hippocampal population code for experience relative to reward.** *Nature neuroscience*
Sosa, M., Plitt, M. H., Giocomo, L. M.
2025
- **One-shot entorhinal maps enable flexible navigation in novel environments.** *Nature*
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2024
- **Subicular neurons encode concave and convex geometries.** *Nature*
Sun, Y., Nitz, D. A., Xu, X., Giocomo, L. M.

2024

- **Parahippocampal neurons encode task-relevant information for goal-directed navigation.** *eLife*
Gonzalez, A., Giocomo, L. M.
2024; 12
- **Ketamine evoked disruption of entorhinal and hippocampal spatial maps.** *Nature communications*
Masuda, F. K., Aery Jones, E. A., Sun, Y., Giocomo, L. M.
2023; 14 (1): 6285
- **Neural circuit dynamics of drug-context associative learning in the mouse hippocampus.** *Nature communications*
Sun, Y., Giocomo, L. M.
2022; 13 (1): 6721
- **Experience-dependent contextual codes in the hippocampus.** *Nature neuroscience*
Plitt, M. H., Giocomo, L. M.
2021
- **Mouse entorhinal cortex encodes a diverse repertoire of self-motion signals.** *Nature communications*
Mallory, C. S., Hardcastle, K., Campbell, M. G., Attinger, A., Low, I. I., Raymond, J. L., Giocomo, L. M.
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- **Principles governing the integration of landmark and self-motion cues in entorhinal cortical codes for navigation.** *Nature neuroscience*
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2018
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Mallory, C. S., Hardcastle, K., Bant, J. S., Giocomo, L. M.
2018; 21 (2): 270+
- **A Multiplexed, Heterogeneous, and Adaptive Code for Navigation in Medial Entorhinal Cortex** *NEURON*
Hardcastle, K., Maheswaranathan, N., Ganguli, S., Giocomo, L. M.
2017; 94 (2): 375-?
- **Environmental Boundaries as an Error Correction Mechanism for Grid Cells** *NEURON*
Hardcastle, K., Ganguli, S., Giocomo, L. M.
2015; 86 (3): 827-839
- **Unifying Subicular Function: A Predictive Map Approach.** *bioRxiv : the preprint server for biology*
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- **Spatial representation: How fish know their place.** *Current biology : CB*
Cho, F. S., Giocomo, L. M.

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- **NeuroRoots, a bio-inspired, seamless brain machine interface for long-term recording in delicate brain regions.** *AIP advances*
Ferro, M. D., Proctor, C. M., Gonzalez, A., Jayabal, S., Zhao, E., Gagnon, M., Slézia, A., Pas, J., Dijk, G., Donahue, M. J., Williamson, A., Raymond, J., Malliaras, et al
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Aery Jones, E. A., Low, I. I., Cho, F. S., Giocomo, L. M.
2024
- **Spatial Coding Dysfunction and Network Instability in the Aging Medial Entorhinal Cortex.** *bioRxiv : the preprint server for biology*
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- **Neural ensembles in navigation: From single cells to population codes.** *Current opinion in neurobiology*
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- **A unified theory for the computational and mechanistic origins of grid cells.** *Neuron*
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- **From Rats to Humans: how novel behavioral paradigms and reinforcement learning can bridge the gap in translation.** *Lab animal*
Gonzalez, A., Giocomo, L. M.
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- **Task engagement turns on spatial maps.** *Nature neuroscience*
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- **Fifty years of the brain's sense of space** *NATURE*
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- **Nicotinic modulation of glutamatergic synaptic transmission in region CA3 of the hippocampus** *EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF NEUROSCIENCE*
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