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Onn Brandman

Associate Professor of Biochemistry and, by courtesy, of Chemical and Systems Biology

Curriculum Vitae available Online

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Associate Professor, Biochemistry
- Associate Professor (By courtesy), Chemical and Systems Biology
- Member, Bio-X
- Member, Stanford Cancer Institute
- Member, Wu Tsai Neurosciences Institute

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Ph.D., Stanford University , Chemical and Systems Biology (2008)
- M.S., Stanford University , Computer Science (2000)
- B.S., University of California, San Diego , Computer Science (1998)

LINKS

- http://web.stanford.edu/~onn/: http://web.stanford.edu/~onn/

Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

The Brandman Lab studies how cells sense and respond to stress. We employ an integrated set of techniques including single cell analysis, mathematical modeling, genomics, structural studies, and in vitro assays.

Teaching

COURSES

2026-27

- Biochemistry Department Minicourse: BIOC 202 (Aut)

2025-26

- Biochemistry Department Minicourse: BIOC 202 (Aut)

2024-25

- Biochemistry Department Minicourse: BIOC 202 (Aut)

2023-24

- Biochemistry Mini-Course: BIOC 202 (Aut)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

Carlo Armijo

Postdoctoral Faculty Sponsor

Kar Ling Hoh

Doctoral Dissertation Advisor (AC)

Kathy Le, Angel Madero Rincon, Ananya Vinayak

Doctoral Dissertation Co-Advisor (AC)

Jacob Schwartz

Doctoral (Program)

Angel Madero Rincon

GRADUATE AND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

- Biochemistry (PhD Program)
- Biophysics (PhD Program)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

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  Davis, Z. H., Mediani, L., Antoniani, F., Vinet, J., Li, S., Alberti, S., Lu, B., Holehouse, A. S., Carra, S., Brandman, O.
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- **Primordial Protein Tails.** *Molecular cell*
  Brandman, O. n., Frost, A. n.
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- **Sis1 delivers the State of the Union.** *The Journal of cell biology*
  Khan, D. n., Brandman, O. n.
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- **Adaptability of the ubiquitin-proteasome system to proteolytic and folding stressors.** *The Journal of cell biology*
  Work, J. J., Brandman, O. n.
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  2020
- **Detection and Degradation of Stalled Nascent Chains via Ribosome-Associated Quality Control.** *Annual review of biochemistry*
  Sitron, C. S., Brandman, O.
  2020; 89: 417–42
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  CELL PRESS.2020: 181A
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  Sitron, C. S., Brandman, O.
  2019
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  Persson, L. n., Brandman, O. n.
  2019

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