

Stanford



Lisa Giocomo

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

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

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Office of Naval Research Young Investigator Award, Office of Naval Research (2018)
- Young Investigator Award, Society for Neuroscience (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

2019-20

- Neuroscience Systems Core: NEPR 203 (Spr)

2018-19

- Neuroscience Systems Core: NEPR 203 (Aut)

2017-18

- Neuroscience Systems Core: NEPR 203 (Aut)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Doctoral Dissertation Reader (AC)

Luke Brezovec, Daniel Cardozo Pinto, Ethan Richman

Postdoctoral Faculty Sponsor

Alexander Attinger, Alex Gonzalez, Emily Jones, Mari Sosa, Yanjun Sun

Doctoral Dissertation Advisor (AC)

Tucker Fisher, Isabel Low, Francis Masuda, Mark Plitt

Doctoral Dissertation Co-Advisor (AC)

Corey Fernandez, John Wen

GRADUATE AND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

- Neurosciences (Phd Program)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Remembered reward locations restructure entorhinal spatial maps.** *Science (New York, N.Y.)*
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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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- **Grid scale drives the scale and long-term stability of place maps** *NATURE NEUROSCIENCE*
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2018; 21 (2): 270–+
- **Cell types for our sense of location: where we are and where we are going** *NATURE NEUROSCIENCE*
Hardcastle, K., Ganguli, S., Giocomo, L. M.
2017; 20 (11): 1474–82
- **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
- **Hyperpolarization-Activated Cyclic Nucleotide-Gated 1 Independent Grid Cell-Phase Precession in Mice** *HIPPOCAMPUS*
Eggink, H., Mertens, P., Storm, E., Giocomo, L. M.
2014; 24 (3): 249-256
- **The Shifting Sands of Cortical Divisions.** *Neuron*
Hardcastle, K., Giocomo, L. M.
2019; 102 (1): 8–11
- **Emergent elasticity in the neural code for space.** *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America*
Ocko, S. A., Hardcastle, K., Giocomo, L. M., Ganguli, S.
2018
- **Self-motion processing in visual and entorhinal cortices: Inputs, integration, and implications for position coding.** *Journal of neurophysiology*
Campbell, M. G., Giocomo, L. M.
2018
- **Heterogeneity in hippocampal place coding.** *Current opinion in neurobiology*
Mallory, C. S., Giocomo, L. M.
2018; 49: 158–67
- **From entorhinal neural codes to navigation** *NATURE NEUROSCIENCE*
Mallory, C. S., Giocomo, L. M.
2018; 21 (1): 7–8
- **Environmental boundaries as a mechanism for correcting and anchoring spatial maps** *JOURNAL OF PHYSIOLOGY-LONDON*
Giocomo, L. M.
2016; 594 (22): 6501-6511
- **Large scale in vivo recordings to study neuronal biophysics.** *Current opinion in neurobiology*
Giocomo, L. M.
2015; 32: 1-7
- **Large scale in vivo recordings to study neuronal biophysics** *CURRENT OPINION IN NEUROBIOLOGY*
Giocomo, L. M.
2015; 32: 1-7
- **Neuroscience: Internal compass puts flies in their place.** *Nature*
Clandinin, T. R., Giocomo, L. M.
2015; 521 (7551): 165-166
- **Spatial representation: maps of fragmented space.** *Current biology*
Giocomo, L. M.
2015; 25 (9): R362-3
- **Computational diversity in the hippocampus: a matter of components.** *journal of physiology*
Giocomo, L.
2015; 593 (7): 1525-1526
- **Imagine a journey through time and space.** *Nature neuroscience*
Giocomo, L. M.
2015; 18 (2): 163-164
- **Topography of head direction cells in medial entorhinal cortex.** *Current biology*
Giocomo, L. M., Stensola, T., Bonnevie, T., Van Cauter, T., Moser, M., Moser, E. I.
2014; 24 (3): 252-262

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Giocomo, L. M., Roudi, Y.
2012; 6
 - **Phase precession and variable spatial scaling in a periodic attractor map model of medial entorhinal grid cells with realistic after-spike dynamics** *HIPPOCAMPUS*
Navratilova, Z., Giocomo, L. M., Fellous, J., Hasselmo, M. E., McNaughton, B. L.
2012; 22 (4): 772-789
 - **Spatial Representation: Maps in a Temporal Void** *CURRENT BIOLOGY*
Giocomo, L. M., Moser, E. I.
2011; 21 (23): R962-R964
 - **Grid Cells Use HCN1 Channels for Spatial Scaling** *CELL*
Giocomo, L. M., Hussaini, S. A., Zheng, F., Kandel, E. R., Moser, M., Moser, E. I.
2011; 147 (5): 1159-1170
 - **Frequency of Subthreshold Oscillations at Different Membrane Potential Voltages in Neurons at Different Anatomical Positions on the Dorsoventral Axis in the Rat Medial Entorhinal Cortex** *JOURNAL OF NEUROSCIENCE*
Yoshida, M., Giocomo, L. M., Boardman, I., Hasselmo, M. E.
2011; 31 (35): 12683-12694
 - **Computational Models of Grid Cells** *NEURON*
Giocomo, L. M., Moser, M., Moser, E. I.
2011; 71 (4): 589-603
 - **Cellular dynamical mechanisms for encoding the time and place of events along spatiotemporal trajectories in episodic memory** *BEHAVIOURAL BRAIN RESEARCH*
Hasselmo, M. E., Giocomo, L. M., Brandon, M. P., Yoshida, M.
2010; 215 (2): 261-274
 - **Cholinergic Modulation of the Resonance Properties of Stellate Cells in Layer II of Medial Entorhinal Cortex** *JOURNAL OF NEUROPHYSIOLOGY*
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2010; 104 (1): 258-270
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Zilli, E. A., Yoshida, M., Tahvildari, B., Giocomo, L. M., Hasselmo, M. E.
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Hasselmo, M. E., Brandon, M. P., Yoshida, M., Giocomo, L. M., Heys, J. G., Fransen, E., Newman, E. L., Zilli, E. A.
2009; 22 (8): 1129-1138
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Giocomo, L. M., Hasselmo, M. E.
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