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Edward C. and Amy H. Sewall Professor in the School of Medicine and Professor of Otolaryngology - Head & Neck Surgery (OHNS)
Otolaryngology (Head and Neck Surgery)

Bio

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor, Otolaryngology (Head and Neck Surgery)
- Member, Bio-X
- Member, Institute for Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine
- Member, Maternal & Child Health Research Institute (MCHRI)
- Member, Stanford Cancer Institute
- Member, Wu Tsai Neurosciences Institute

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Departmental Senator, Medical School Faculty Senate, (2008-2011)
- Director of Research, Otolaryngology - Stanford, (2005-2014)
- Provost's Advisory Committee on Postdoctoral Affairs, Stanford, (2009-2017)
- Associate Chair, Research, Otolaryngology - Stanford, (2014- present)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Juergen Tonndorf Award, Deafness Research Foundation (2001)
- Basil O'Connor Starter Scholar Research Award, March of Dimes (2001-2003)
- Franklin M. Rizer Lectureship, The American Neurotology Society (2004)
- Burt Evans Young Investigator Award, National Organization for Hearing Research Foundation (2005)
- James Wiggins Associate Professor, Harvard Medical School (4/2005)
- Albert and Ellen Grass Faculty Grant Award, Marine Biological Laboratory, Woods Hole, MA (Summer 2004, Summer 2005)
- Frontiers of Science Scholar (US/Japan 2006), Kavli Foundation (2006)
- McKnight Neuroscience of Brain Disorders Award, McKnight Endowment Fund for Neuroscience (2005-2007)
- Edward C. and Amy H. Sewall Professor, Stanford School of Medicine (7/ 2010)
- Member, Collegium Oto-Rhino-Laryngologicum Amicitiae Sacrum (9/2011)

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Scientific Advisor, Lineage Cell Therapeutics (2022 - present)
- Long Range Planning Committee, Association for Research in Otolaryngology Midwinter Meeting (2021 - present)
- Board of Directors, Avelas Biosciences (2020 - present)

- Board of Directors, Nerio Therapeutics (2020 - present)
- Board of Directors, Fortis Therapeutics (2019 - present)
- Scientific Advisory Board, Institut de L'Audition, Institut Pasteur (2018 - present)
- Hearing Restoration Project, collaborative research group member, Hearing Health Foundation (2011 - present)
- Scientific Advisor, Pipeline Therapeutics (2012 - 2022)
- Board of Directors, Janux Therapeutics (2018 - 2022)
- NIDCD Council, ad hoc member, National Institute for Communication Disorders (2020 - 2021)
- Board of Directors, Adanate Therapeutics (2019 - 2021)
- Award of Merit Committee, Association for Research in Otolaryngology Midwinter Meeting (2014 - 2018)
- Auditory System Study Section (AUD), member, NIDCD/NIH (2014 - 2019)
- Associate Editor, Hearing Research (2010 - 2017)
- Research Advisory Board, American Otological Society (2010 - 2015)
- Council of Scientific Trustees, Deafness Research Foundation / Hearing Health Foundation (2008 - 2014)
- Communication Disorders Review Committee (CDRC study section), chair, NIDCD/NIH (2012 - 2013)
- Program Committee Member, Association for Research in Otolaryngology Midwinter Meeting (2010 - 2013)
- Communication Disorders Review Committee (CDRC study section), member, NIDCD/NIH (2008 - 2013)
- Workshop on hair cell regeneration and future therapies, chair and co-organizer, NIDCD (2012 - 2012)
- Associate Editor, JARO (2009 - 2012)
- Scientific Advisor, Otonomy (2009 - 2012)
- Stem Cell Policy Working Group, Harvard University (2004 - 2005)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Postdoctoral Fellow, The Rockefeller University, New York, NY , Sensory Neuroscience (2000)
- Dr rer nat (Ph.D.), Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz, Germany , Genetics (1994)
- Dipl Biol (M.S.), Johannes Gutenberg University, Mainz, Germany , Biological Sciences (1990)

COMMUNITY AND INTERNATIONAL WORK

- Biology of the Inner Ear Course, <http://www.mbl.edu/bie/>
- 9th Molecular Biology of Hearing & Deafness Conference, Stanford University

PATENTS

- Edge Albert, Heller Stefan. "United States Patent 9375452 Use of stem cells to generate inner ear cells", Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary (Boston, MA), Jun 28, 2016
- Edge Albert, Heller Stefan. "United States Patent 9,265,933 Cochlear implants containing biological cells and uses thereof", Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary (Boston, MA), Feb 23, 2016
- Heller Stefan, Ronaghi Mohammad, Oshima Kazuo. "United States Patent 9,157,064 Methods for generating inner ear cells in vitro", The Board of Trustees of the Leland Stanford Junior University (Stanford, CA), Oct 13, 2015
- Li Huawei, Edge Albert, Heller Stefan. "United States Patent 8,673,634 Method for the treatment of hearing loss", Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary (Boston, MA), Mar 18, 2014
- Heller Stefan, Edge Albert. "United States Patent 8,617,810 Screening method for compounds that promote differentiation of inner ear progenitor cells", Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary (Boston, MA), Dec 31, 2013

LINKS

- Heller Lab Website: <http://hellerlab-stanford.net>

Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

We are interested in how the inner ear forms from an early anlage called the otic placode. Our goal is to describe the otic lineage from an early placodal progenitor until it splits into multiple cell types that make up the sensory epithelia, innervating ganglia, and accessory structures.

In parallel, we apply the knowledge we gained from guiding embryonic and induced pluripotent stem cells along the otic lineage to find ways to cure hearing loss. This involves the identification of mechanisms of sensory hair cell regeneration in animals such as chickens that recover from hearing loss, screening for potential regenerative targets that can be activated with drugs and exploring reprogramming and cell transplantation strategies.

We support inclusive, diverse, and equitable conduct of research. We resist attempts to dictate uniformity and embrace all forms of diversity. Members of the lab are encouraged to be different and to feel good about it.

Teaching

STANFORD ADVISEES

Postdoctoral Faculty Sponsor

Ayse Maraslioglu Sperber, Maggie Matern, Mitsuo Sato

Doctoral Dissertation Advisor (AC)

Austin Huang

GRADUATE AND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

- Bioengineering (Phd Program)
- Biology (School of Humanities and Sciences) (Phd Program)
- Biomedical Informatics (Phd Program)
- Chemical and Systems Biology (Phd Program)
- Developmental Biology (Phd Program)
- Human Genetics and Genetic Counseling (Masters Program)
- Medicine (Masters Program)
- Molecular and Cellular Physiology (Phd Program)
- Neurosciences (Phd Program)
- Neurotology (Fellowship Program)
- Pediatric Otolaryngology (Fellowship Program)
- Stem Cell Biology and Regenerative Medicine (Phd Program)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Transcriptional dynamics of delaminating neuroblasts in the mouse otic vesicle.** *Cell reports*
Matern, M. S., Durruthy-Durruthy, R., Birol, O., Darmanis, S., Scheibinger, M., Groves, A. K., Heller, S.
2023; 42 (6): 112545
- **Inner Ear Cells from Stem Cells: A Path Towards Inner Ear Cell Regeneration** *Hair Cell Regeneration*
Janesick, A., Hashino, E., Heller, S.

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- **Fbxo2CreERT2: A new model for targeting cells in the neonatal and mature inner ear.** *Hearing research*
McGovern, M. M., Hartman, B., Thawani, A., Maunsell, H., Zhang, H., Yousaf, R., Heller, S., Stone, J., Groves, A. K.
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- **Cell-type identity of the avian utricle.** *Cell reports*
Scheibinger, M., Janesick, A., Benkafadar, N., Ellwanger, D. C., Jan, T. A., Heller, S.
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Vaisbuch, Y., Hosseini, D. K., Wagner, A., Hirt, B., Mueller, M., Ponnusamy, R., Heller, S., Cheng, A. G., Lowenheim, H., Aaron, K. A.
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- **Selection Criteria Optimal for Recovery of Inner Ear Tissues from Deceased Organ Donors.** *Otology & neurotology : official publication of the American Otological Society, American Neurotology Society [and] European Academy of Otology and Neurotology*
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Scheibinger, M., Janesick, A., Diaz, G. H., Heller, S.
Springer Nature.2022: 41-58
- **Fluorescent in situ mRNA detection in the adult mouse cochlea.** *STAR protocols*
Diaz, G. H., Heller, S.
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Kubota, M., Heller, S.
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