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## CURRENT POSITION

Postdoctoral Fellow, 2020-

Kavli Institute for Systems Neuroscience

Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU)

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## EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Kavli Institute for Systems Neuroscience

Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU)

PhD in Medicine (Neuroscience), 2015-2019

Supervisor: Clifford G. Kentros, PhD

University of Oregon (UO)

MS in Biology (Neuroscience), 2012-2015

Supervisor: Clifford G. Kentros, PhD

Ernest Gallo Clinic and Research Center

University of California, San Francisco (UCSF)

Staff Research Associate, 2010-2012

Supervisor: Robert O. Messing, MD

Boston University (BU)

BA in Neuroscience, 2010

Undergraduate Researcher 2008-2010

Supervisor: Howard B. Eichenbaum, PhD

## PUBLICATIONS

(Google Scholar: <https://scholar.google.no/citations?hl=en&user=BeuN-EQAAAAJ>)

8. **Kanter BR**, Lykken CM, Asembisa K, Nguyen TTP, & Kentros CG. Distinct remapping in CA3 and CA1 elicited by depolarization of medial entorhinal cortex layer II. *In preparation*.
7. Lykken C, **Kanter BR**, Dickinson J, Asembisa K, Chadney OMT, & Kentros CG. Grid field firing rate changes control the predictability and stability of hippocampal remapping. *In preparation*.
6. **Kanter BR**, Lykken CM, Avesar D, Weible A, Dickinson J, Dunn B, Borgesius NZ, Roudi Y, & Kentros CG (2017). A novel mechanism for the grid-to-place cell transformation revealed by depolarization of medial entorhinal cortex layer II. *Neuron* 93(6): 1480-1492. [Go to article](#)

5. Lee AM, **Kanter BR**, Wang D, Lim JP, Zou ME, Qiu C, McMahon T, Dadgar J, Fischbach-Weiss SC, & Messing RO (2013). Prkcz null mice show normal learning and memory. *Nature* 493(7432): 416-419. [Go to article](#)
4. Maiya R, McMahon T, Wang D, **Kanter B**, Gandhi D, Chapman HL, & Messing RO (2016). Selective chemical genetic inhibition of protein kinase C epsilon reduces ethanol consumption in mice. *Neuropharmacology* 107: 40-48. [Go to article](#)
3. DeVito LM, Balu DT, **Kanter BR**, Lykken C, Basu AC, Coyle JT, & Eichenbaum H (2011). Serine racemase deletion disrupts memory for order and alters cortical dendritic morphology. *Genes, Brain and Behavior* 10(2): 210-222. [Go to article](#)
2. DeVito LM\*, Lykken C\*, **Kanter BR**, & Eichenbaum H (2010). Prefrontal cortex: role in acquisition of overlapping associations and transitive inference. *Learning & Memory* 17(3): 161-167. \*equal contribution. [Go to article](#)
1. DeVito LM, **Kanter BR**, & Eichenbaum H (2010). The contribution of the hippocampus to memory expression in transitive inference in mice. *Hippocampus* 20(1): 208-217. [Go to article](#)

## AWARDS AND HONORS

- Best Oral Presentation: Norwegian National PhD Conference in Neuroscience 2015
- Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program Award (BU, Spring 2010)
- Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program Award (BU, Summer 2009)
- Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program Award (BU, Spring 2009)

## TEACHING, OUTREACH, AND SERVICE

- Supervisor for 1 Master's student and 2 research associates (NTNU, 2015-)
- Supervisor for 1 research associate and 2 undergraduates (UO, 2013-2015)
- Lecturer for Sensory and Motor Neuroscience (NTNU, Master's level, 2017-)
- Lecturer for Sensory Physiology (UO, Bachelor's level, 2013)
- Creator and lecturer for MATLAB Club (NTNU, all levels, 2017-2018)
- Creator and organizer for Data Analysis Club (NTNU, all levels, 2018)
- Co-creator and organizer for Young Researchers Journal Club (NTNU, pre-doctoral level, 2017-)
- Graduate Teaching Fellow (UO, Bachelor's level, 2012-2013)
  - Sensory Physiology; Developmental Biology; General Biology I: Cells
- Organizer for Trondheim Science Week (NTNU, 2018)
- Peer review service: Neuron, Journal of Neuroscience, Nature Neuroscience

## TALKS/SEMINARS

- Christmas Workshop on CNS Function, Damage, and Repair, Trondheim, Norway, 2018
- Christmas Workshop on CNS Function, Damage, and Repair, Trondheim, Norway, 2017
- National PhD Conference in Neuroscience, Sotra, Norway, 2015
- University of Oregon, Institute of Neuroscience Retreat, 2014

## PUBLISHED ABSTRACTS

9. Kveim VA\*, **Kanter BR\***, Lykken C, & Kentros CG (2018). The effect of recent experience on hippocampal remapping and spatial memory impairment. Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA. \*equal contribution.
8. Lykken C, **Kanter BR**, Dickinson J, Asembisa K, & Kentros CG (2018). The relationship between the relative firing rates of individual grid fields and hippocampal remapping. Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting, San Diego, CA.
7. **Kanter BR**, Lykken CM, Weible A, Dickinson J, Dunn B, Borgesius NZ, & Kentros CG (2016). Transgenic depolarization of medial entorhinal cortex layer II neurons reveals a potential novel mechanism of the grid-to-place cell transformation. Norwegian National PhD Conference in Neuroscience, Oslo, Norway.
6. **Kanter BR**, Nguyen TTP, & Kentros CG (2015). Transgenic activation of medial entorhinal cortex similarly alters spatial firing properties of CA3 and CA1 place cells. Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
5. Lykken C, Estrada N, **Kanter B**, & Kentros C (2015). Transgenic activation of MEC LII results in similar changes in the firing properties of CA1 place cells across distinct environments. Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
4. Lykken C, Estrada N, **Kanter B**, & Kentros C (2015). Transgenic activation of MEC LII results in similar changes in the firing properties of CA1 place cells across distinct environments. Norwegian National PhD Conference in Neuroscience, Sotra, Norway.
3. **Kanter BR**, Zeng L, Wang V, Messing RO, & Newton PM (2012). Protein kinase C-epsilon in the infralimbic cortex mediates the extinction of Pavlovian conditioned responses. Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.

2. Lee AM, **Kanter BR**, Lim JP, Zou M, Qui C, Dadgar J, McMahon T, & Messing RO (2012). Intact learning and memory in mice that lack protein kinase M zeta. Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA.
1. Lykken C\*, DeVito LM\*, **Kanter BR**, & Eichenbaum H (2009). Medial prefrontal lesions impair the acquisition of overlapping olfactory discriminations and transitive inference performance. Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.  
\*equal contribution.

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Norwegian Neuroscience Society: 2015-
- Norwegian Research School in Neuroscience: 2015-
- Society for Neuroscience: 2009-

## REFERENCES

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