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Postdoc Spotlight! Dr. Carey Y. L. Huh



Dr. Carey Y. L. Huh works with A. Prof Sunil Sandhi in the Department of Neurobiology & Behavior. She is studying how circuits in the brain are affected by sensory challenges such as visual deprivation during development, and how neural dysfunctions can be restored in adulthood. A better understanding of this topic is key to finding a cure for visual disorders such as amblyopia. To study neural responses at various levels of the visual system, she is currently employing *in vivo* two-photon calcium imaging, a powerful technique that allows monitoring of activity in hundreds of neurons simultaneously.

Carey is currently holding a Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Postdoctoral Fellowship, and has just been awarded a Career Starter Grant from the Knights Templar Eye Foundation. Before UCI, she held postdoc positions at UC Berkeley with Prof. Dennis Levi and Stanford University with Prof. Shaul Hestrin. Carey's goal is to develop a comprehensive understanding of the link between neural activity and behavior to gain insights into both how a normal brain works and what goes awry when disease strikes. [Google Scholar](#)

Bio compiled by Phillip Tran, PhD- Dept. Of Otolaryngology & PDA board member



TODAY! Postdoc Association (PDA) Monthly Picnic Lunch

Take a quick break and enjoy the sunshine! *All* postdocs are invited to join this fun group. Bring your lunch; dessert provided.

11:45am~ 1:00pm by of BC's Cavern, at the outside tables. ([campus map](#))



Critical Discussion Groups (CDG)- Informal, unstructured interactions often yield highly creative feedback!

Organizational meeting on Wednesday, May 10 5:30-7:00pm at the Graduate Resource Center- 3rd floor of Gateway Study Ctr ([campus map](#)). Pizza provided.

What are the key components of a successful CDG?

- Discussion of ideas very early in the research process
- Diversity of group members to encourage creativity in thought
- Emphasis on non-hierarchical debate
- Mutual respect existing among participants

CDGs meet at other institutions and a few CDGs already meet here at UCI; several postdocs have expressed interest in forming additional groups. I've attached a paper describing CDGs and included a diagram below so you can best consider this idea.

If you would like to take part, [fill out this simple form](#) and come to the first meeting; we will discuss interests, form appropriate groups, and determine group schedules. [Fill out the form](#) even if you can't attend on May 10.

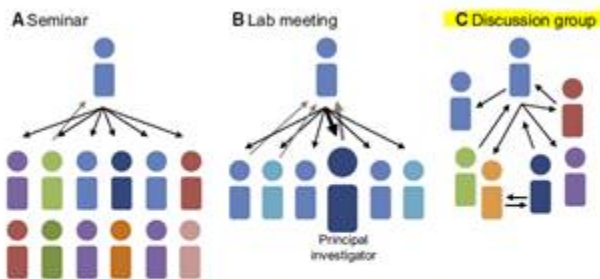
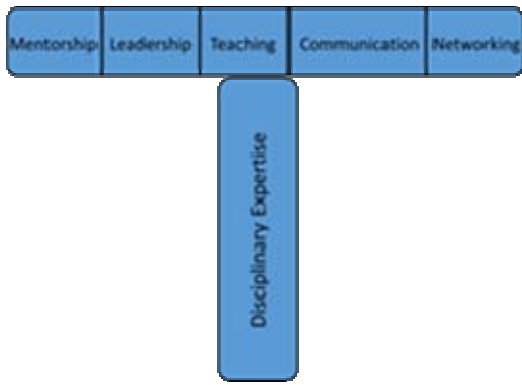


Figure 1. Hierarchy and diversity of inputs in scientific discussions.
Shown are cartoons of presenter-audience interaction in three different environments. Colors indicate diversity of scientific fields. (A) Seminar interactions are hierarchical with mainly unidirectional input from the speaker, while (B) lab group meetings show more interactions yet discussions are often bipolar, focusing on feedback from the principal investigator. (C) The critical discussion group facilitates multi-polar, non-hierarchical, discussions between colleagues from diverse fields.

Upcoming Events to Enhance Your T-shaped Skills

The concept of **T-shaped skills**, or **T-shaped persons** is a metaphor used in job recruitment to describe the abilities of persons in the workforce. The vertical bar on the *T* represents the depth of related skills and expertise in a single field, whereas the horizontal bar is the ability to collaborate across disciplines with experts in other areas and to apply knowledge in areas of expertise other than one's own ([Wikipedia](#))



Memory and Meaning

Friday & Saturday- April 28 & 29

Herklotz Conference Facility- Center for the Neurobiology of Learning and Memory

UCI conference jointly sponsored by Humanities Commons and the Center for the Neurobiology of Learning and Memory. Scholars join from over a dozen departments in humanities, arts, sciences, medicine, business, and law to address questions such as how humans, individually and collectively, form and retrieve memories, remember themselves and their communities, tell stories about their past, and imagine their future. [Registration and details](#)

Lunch and Learn with Don Kastle- This talk will provide the audience with the 13 biggest mistakes that entrepreneurs make in presenting their pitch to prospective investors.

Friday, April 28 - Check-in: 11:30am Presentation: 12:00pm - 1:00pm

[UCI Applied Innovation@ The Cove](#)

Graduate Resource Center (GRC)-[Details and registration](#)

Start Smart: Salary Negotiation Training- Thursday, May 4 2:00-5:00pm

Interview Skills Boot Camp- Thursday, May 11 10:00am-4:00pm

Networking and Your Professional Brand Boot Camp- Friday, May 19 11:00am-1:00pm or Thursday, May 25 3:00-5:00pm

UCI Center for Engaged Instruction (CEI)- [Details and registration](#)

What to Do When Students Give You the Silent Treatment- Monday, May 8, 3:30- 5:00pm

Publications and Presentations Are Not Enough on Today’s Academic Job Market: How to Build a Teaching C.V.- Monday, May 22nd, 2:30- 4:00pm

"A Career in Biotech/ Pharma: Is it the right fit for you?"

Tuesday, May 23 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

UCI Applied Innovation@ The Cove [Details and registration](#)

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