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Curriculum Vitae



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Personal Statement

I have over 15 years of signal processing experience, with specific focus on computational models of pathologic neural responses. In 2014, we were among the first investigators using machine learning to extract electroencephalographic (EEG) predictors of symptom severity in patients with posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD; Shu et al, 2014b). I currently hold a 50% appointment at the Univ. of Ca. San Diego (UCSD), where I lead brain-computer interface (BCI) development and EEG informatics at the Dept. of Psychiatry's Functional Neuroscience Laboratory (FNL; Fiza Singh MD, Principal Investigator, or PI). Current FNL clinical trials include a collaboration with UCSD's Alzheimer's Disease Research Center (ADRC) to test gamma neurofeedback (gamma-NFB) to improve working memory (WM) in patients with mild cognitive impairment (MCI).

Education and Training

1994-1997	BA, Molecular and Cell Biology, Northwestern University	
1998-2000	Medical School Years 1-2, Mount Sinai School of Medicine	
2000-2004 PhD in Neurosciences, Mount Sinai School of Medicine		
	Dissertation: Ventromedial Hypothalamic Regulation of Metabolism	
	– Functional Anatomy and Changes during Diabetes and Aging	
2004-2006	MD, Univ. of Ca. Davis School of Medicine	
2006-2010	Resident Physician, Dept. of Psychiatry, UCSD	
2010-2013	Psychiatry Research Fellow, Veterans Affairs (VA) San Diego	

Professional History

2015-2019	Assistant Clinica	I Professor of I	Psvchiatrv, UCSD
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- 2016-2020 Medical Director, VA San Diego community PTSD services
- 2013-2021 Staff Psychiatrist, VA San Diego
- 2015-2021 Principal Investigator, Research Service, VA San Diego
- 2021-2022 Attending Psychiatrist, Aurora Behavioral Health
- 2018-present Co-Investigator, Functional Neuroscience Laboratory, UCSD Center for Mental Health Technologies
- 2019-present Associate Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, UCSD

Honors and Awards

- 2005 Minority Fellow, American Psychiatric Association
- 2013 Scholar, Young Investigator Colloquium, American Psychosomatic Society
- 2013 Keynote Speaker, Dept. of Psychiatry 8th Annual Junior Faculty and Postdoctoral Research Symposium, UCSD
- 2015 VA San Diego Excellent Care/Service HIGH Five Award
- 2017 Faculty Development Award, Academy of Clinician Scholars, UCSD
- 2018 VA San Diego Leadership Award Honorable Mention
- 2023 National Institute of Aging (NIA) Startup Challenge Finalist

Professional Memberships and Affiliations

2015-2020 Member, International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies

2018-2022	Member, Society for Neuroscience
2022	Member, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE)
2022	Member, IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society
2008-present	Licensed Physician (License #A103813), Medical Board of CA
2009-present	Member, UCSD Clinical Translational Research Institute
2010-present	Member, American Psychiatric Association
2010-present	Member, California Psychiatric Association
2010-present	Member, San Diego Psychiatric Society
2011-present	Diplomate (Psychiatry Certificate #62051), American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology
2024-present	Member, International Neuroinformatics Coordinating Facility

Academic and Professional Service

2010-2011	Member, Ethics Committee, San Diego Psychiatric Society
2012	Contributor, Naval Health Research Center EEG and Functional Magnetic
	Resonance Imaging (fMRI) Workshop
2013	Organizer, 9th Annual Lewis L. Judd Young Investigators Research Symposium
2013-2014	Consultant, Primary Care Psychiatry, VA San Diego
2017	Contributor, VA Clinical Sciences Research and Development PTSD
	Psychopharmacology Initiative Workshop
2017	Contributor, Research Section, VA San Diego Psychiatry Retreat
2013-2019	Interviewer, UCSD Dept. of Psychiatry Research Residency
2019	Member, VA San Diego community mental health services quality improvement
	committee
2019-2020	Member, VA San Diego Tele-Mental Health Workgroup
2019-2020	Member, UCSD Dept. of Psychiatry Professional Development Series Committee
2021	Contributor, Nature Outlook: The Spinoff Prize 2021
2023	Contributor, National Institute of Aging Startup Challenge Pavilion
2019-present	Member, UCSD Dept. of Psychiatry Senior Clinical Faculty Committee
2023-present	Contributor, UCSD NeuroElectroMagnetic data Archive and tools Resource (NEMAR)
2024-present	Contributor, OpenNeuro (an open access platform for shared neurophysiologic data)

Ad Hoc Reviewer

2004	Brain Res
2011-2012	Int J Psychol
2013-2014	Front Hum Neurosci
2014-2016	Psychiatry Res
2015-2017	Biol Psychology
2013-2019	Depress Anxiety
2020	Eur J Psychotraumatol
2020	Neurobiol Stress
2017-present	Clin EEG Neuroscience

Community Service

2014-2018	Judge, Mission Bay Montessori Academy Annual Science Fair
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2023-2024 Assistant Coach, San Dieguito Tennis Club Junior Team Tennis

Patents

 Singh F, Shu IW, Hsu SH, Lin YY, Granholm E. Systems, devices and methods for neurofeedback to promote brain coherence. Filed by The Regents of the University of California, 01/09/2023 (PCT/US2023/073362). Published, 07/03/2024 (WO/2024/050545).

Published Manuscripts

1. Watanabe G, Howe A, Lee RJ, Albanese C, **Shu IW**, Karnezis AN, Zon L, Kyriakis J, Rundell K, Pestell RG. Induction of cyclin D1 by simian virus 40 small tumor antigen. Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A. 1996 Nov 12; 93 (23): 12861-6.

2. Pena P, Reutens AT, Albanese C, D'Amico M, Watanabe G, Donner A, **Shu IW**, Williams T, Pestell RG. Activator protein-2 mediates transcriptional activation of the CYP11A1 gene by interaction with Sp1 rather than binding to DNA. Mol Endocrinol. 1999 Aug; 13 (8): 1402-16.

3. Morrison BM, **Shu IW**, Wilcox AL, Gordon JW, Morrison JH. Early and selective pathology of light chain neurofilament in the spinal cord and sciatic nerve of G86R mutant superoxide dismutase transgenic mice. Exp Neurol. 2000 Oct; 165 (2): 207-20.

4. **Shu IW**, Lindenberg DL, Mizuno TM, Roberts JL, Mobbs CV. The fatty acid synthase inhibitor cerulenin and feeding, like leptin, activate hypothalamic pro-opiomelanocortin (POMC) neurons. Brain Res. 2003 Sep 19; 985 (1): 1-12.

5. Mizuno T, **Shu IW**, Makimura H, Mobbs C. Obesity over the life course. Sci Aging Knowledge Environ. 2004 Jun 16; 2004 (24): re4.

6. Mobbs CV, Isoda F, Makimura H, Mastaitis J, Mizuno T, **Shu IW**, Yen K, Yang XJ. Impaired glucose signaling as a cause of obesity and the metabolic syndrome: the glucoadipostatic hypothesis. Physiol Behav. 2005 May 19; 85 (1): 3-23.

7. **Shu IW**, Onton JA, Prabhakar N, O'Connell RM, Simmons, AN, Matthews SC. Combat veterans with PTSD after mild TBI exhibit greater ERPs from posterior-medial cortical areas while appraising facial features. J Affect Disord. 2014 Feb; 155: 234-40.

8. **Shu IW**, Onton JA, O'Connell RM, Simmons, AN, Matthews SC. Combat veterans with comorbid PTSD and mild TBI exhibit a greater inhibitory processing ERP from the dorsal anterior cingulate cortex. Psychiatry Research: Neuroimaging. 2014 Aug; 224: 58-66.

9. Singh F, **Shu IW**, Granholm EL, Pineda JA. Revisiting EEG-Neurofeedback for Schizophrenia. Schizophr Bull. 2020 Jul 8; 46 (4): 741-742

10. Gandara V, Pineda JA, **Shu IW**, Singh F. A systematic review of the potential use of neurofeedback in patients with schizophrenia. Schizophr Bull Open. 2020 Jan; 1 (1): sgaa005.

11. Singh F, **Shu IW**, Hsu SH, Link P, Pineda JA, Granholm EL. Modulation of frontal gamma oscillations improves working memory in schizophrenia. Neuroimage Clin. 2020; 27: 102339.

12. Stein MB, Jain S, Simon NM, West JC, Marvar PJ, Bui E, He F, Benedek DM, Cassano P, Griffith JL, Howlett J, Malgaroli M, Melaragno A, Seligowski AV, **Shu IW**, Song S, Szuhany K, Taylor CT, Ressler KJ; LOSe-PTSD Investigators. Randomized, placebo-controlled trial of the angiotensin receptor antagonist losartan for posttraumatic stress disorder. Biol Psychiatry. 2021 Oct 1; 90 (7): 473-481.

13. **Shu IW**, Granholm EL, Singh F. Targeting frontal gamma activity with neurofeedback to improve working memory in schizophrenia. Curr Top Behav Neurosci. Curr Top Behav Neurosci, 2022.

14. Lin YY, **Shu IW**, Hsu SH, Pineda JA, Granholm EL, Singh Fiza. Novel EEG-based neurofeedback system targeting frontal gamma activity of schizophrenia patients to improve working memory. 44th Annual International Conference of the IEEE Engineering in Medicine and Biology Society (EMBC), 2022: 4031-4035.

15. Palmer BW, Shir C, Chang H, Mulvaney M, Hall JMH, **Shu IW**, Jin H, Lohr JB. Increased prevalence of metabolic syndrome in veterans with PTSD untreated with antipsychotic medications. International Journal of Mental Health. 2023; 52 (1): 45–60.

16. Lin YY, **Shu IW**, Singh Fiza. Frontal gamma as a marker of effective training during neurofeedback to improve memory in patients with mild cognitive impairment. 11th International IEEE EMBS Conference on Neural Engineering (NER), 2023: 1-4.

17. **Shu IW**, Lin YY, Granholm EL, Singh F. A focused review of gamma neuromodulation as a therapeutic target in Alzheimer's spectrum disorders. J Psychiatry Brain Sci. 2024; 9: e240001.

News and Media

Madhusoodanan J. Better brain training for treating psychological conditions. Nature. 2021 June 24. [expert source]

Teaching and Supervision

2010	Panelist, UCSD Medical Student Psychiatry Interest Group Meeting
2012	Speaker, Naval Medical Center San Diego Mental Health Grand Rounds
2015	Faculty Discussant, International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies Student Luncheon Meeting
2016	Speaker, VA San Diego Quarterly Nurse Practitioner/Clinical Nurse Specialist Retreat
2017-2019	Faculty Discussant, UCSD Dept. of Psychiatry Resident Rounds on PTSD/Trauma
2017-2019	Speaker, UCSD Dept. of Psychiatry PGY3 Seminar Series
2019	Panelist, UCSD Dept. of Psychiatry Faculty Mentorship Seminar Series
2016-2021	Site director and Attending Physician, UCSD/VA San Diego PTSD Resident Clinics
2020-2021	Site director and Attending Physician, UCSD/VA San Diego General Mental Health
	Resident Clinics

Project Funding History

1.	. Targeting Dopamine Mediated Social Reward Sensitivity to Remediate Social Disconnection			Disconnection
		Role: Research Psychiatrist	(12.5% effort)	PI: Charles Taylor PhD
Na	tional Institute of Me	ntal Health (NIMH)	1R61MH129380	04/01/2023-03/31/2026
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3.	Endocannabinoid S	System Engagement and Clinic	cal Symptom Change with Ca	nnabidiol for Social
	Anxiety Disorder	Role: Research Psychiatrist	(12.5% effort)	PI: Charles Taylor PhD
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4	Enhancing Gamma	Band Response in Schizoph	renia to Improve Working Men	10rv
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5.	National Adaptive 7	rial for PTSD-Related Insomn	ia	
		Role: Local Site Investigator	(10% effort)	PI: Jon Krystal MD
VA	Cooperative Studie	s Program	CSP #2016	10/01/2019-09/30/2023
6	Anti-Depressant Re	sponse in Neurobiologically F) efined Psychiatric Veteran G	roups
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7. Enhancing Fear Extinction via Angiotensin Type 1 Receptor Inhibition: A Randomized Controlled Trial
in Posttraumatic Stress DisorderRole: Lead Psychiatrist (10% effort)PI: Murray Stein MDDepartment of DefenseW81XWH-15-2-009010/01/2015-06/30/2020