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Current Appointments

Hospital

2022-present Assistant Professor, Department of Neurology, School of Medicine, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

University

2025 – present Affiliate Faculty, Data Science and AI Institute, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

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Education and Training

Undergraduate

2004 - 2008 B.S., Biomedical Engineering, minor Computer Science, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA *Thesis: Evaluation of a Device for Quantification of Spasticity in Cerebral Palsy*

Doctoral/graduate

2008 - 2015 Ph.D., Biomedical Engineering, Drexel University, Philadelphia PA, *Thesis: Mechanisms of Axonal Pathology in Traumatic Brain Injury*

Postdoctoral

2015 - 2016 Post-Doctoral Fellow, Drexel University, School of Biomedical Engineering, Science & Health Systems, Cellular Mechanics Lab, Philadelphia, PA

2016 – 2019 Post-Doctoral Fellow, Department of Neurology, School of Medicine, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD

Professional Experience

2019 – 2020 Research Associate, Department of Neurology, School of Medicine, Johns Hopkins University/Baltimore, MD

2020 – 2022 Instructor, Department of Neurology, School of Medicine, Johns Hopkins University/ Baltimore, MD

PUBLICATIONS:

Original Research [OR] [including Research Letters and Brief Reports; multi-authored clinical trials, experimental studies (including in vivo, in vitro, in silico studies), educational research, systematic reviews (e.g. Cochrane, IOM), meta-analyses]. Please indicate your role in multiauthored articles, if not first or senior author.

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2. Chaudhuri, A. D., **Dastgheyb, R. M.**, Yoo, S. W., Trout, A., Talbot Jr, C. C., Hao, H., ... & Haughey, N. J. (2018). TNF α and IL-1 β modify the miRNA cargo of astrocyte shed extracellular vesicles to regulate neurotrophic signaling in neurons. *Cell death & disease*, 9(3), 1-18. *I was responsible for the all of the electrophysiology experiments, analysis, and visualization*
3. Miller SJ, Philips T, Kim N, **Dastgheyb R**, Chen Z, Hsieh YC, Daigle JG, Datta M, Chew J, Vidensky S, Pham JT, Hughes EG, Robinson MB, Sattler R, Tomer R, Suk JS, Bergles DE, Haughey N, Pletnikov M, Hanes J, Rothstein JD. (2019). Molecularly defined cortical astroglia subpopulation modulates neurons via secretion of Norrin. *Nature neuroscience*, 22(5), 741-752. *I was responsible for the all of the electrophysiology experiments, analysis, and visualization*
4. Taga A, **Dastgheyb R**, Habela C, Joseph J, Richard JP, Gross SK, Lauria G, Lee G, Haughey N, Maragakis NJ. (2019). Role of Human-Induced Pluripotent Stem Cell-Derived Spinal Cord Astrocytes in the Functional Maturation of Motor Neurons in a

Multi-electrode Array System. *Stem cells translational medicine*, 8(12), 1272-1285. *I participated in all of the electrophysiological experiments and programmed the software to do the analysis*

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6. **Dastgheyb RM**, Sacktor N, Franklin D, Letendre S, Marcotte T, Heaton R, Grant I, McArthur JC, Rubin LH, Haughey NJ. (2019). Cognitive trajectory phenotypes in human immunodeficiency virus infected patients. *Journal of acquired immune deficiency syndromes*, 82(1), 61. *This is one of the first papers looking at cognitive trajectory in people with HIV*
7. Chen S, Datta-Chaudhuri A, Deme P, Dickens A, **Dastgheyb R**, Bhargava P, Bi H, Haughey NJ. (2019). Lipidomic characterization of extracellular vesicles in human serum. *Journal of circulating biomarkers*, 8, 1849454419879848. *I designed and wrote the software to identify and filter the lipids meeting reproducibility criteria from the raw mass spec data*
8. Rubin LH, Li Y, Fitzgerald KC, **Dastgheyb R**, Spence AB, Maki PM, Sharma A, Gustafson DR, Milam J, Weber KM, Adimora AA, Haughey NJ, Ofotokun I, Fischl MA, Konkle-Parker D, Xu Y, Williams DW. (2020). Associations between Antiretrovirals and Cognitive Function in Women with HIV. *Journal of Neuroimmune Pharmacology*, 1-12.
9. Jha MK, Lee Y, Russell KA, Yang F, **Dastgheyb R**, Deme P, Ament XH, Chen W, Liu Y, Guan Y, Polydefkis MJ, Hoke A, Haughey NJ, Rothstein JD, Morrison BM. (2020). Monocarboxylate transporter 1 in Schwann cells contributes to maintenance of sensory nerve myelination during aging. *Glia*, 68(1), 161-177. *I was responsible for the lipidomic analysis and visualization*
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11. Rubin LH, Xu Y, Norris PJ, Wang X, **Dastgheyb R**, Fitzgerald KC, Keating SM, Kaplan RC, Maki PM, Anastos K, Springer G, Benning L, Kassaye S, Gustafson DR, Valcour VG, Williams DW. (2020). Early Inflammatory Signatures Predict Subsequent Cognition in Long-Term Virally Suppressed Women With HIV. *Frontiers in integrative neuroscience*, 14, 20.
12. Li Z, Moniruzzaman M, **Dastgheyb RM**, Yoo SW, Wang M, Hao H, Liu J, Casaccia P, Nogueras-Ortiz C, Kapogiannis D, Slusher BS, Haughey NJ. (2020). Astrocytes deliver CK1 to neurons via extracellular vesicles in response to inflammation promoting the translation and amyloidogenic processing of APP. *Journal of extracellular vesicles*, 10(2), e12035. *I created the software to quantify the tri-color colocalization*
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15. ***Dastgheyb, R. M.**, Yoo, S. W., & Haughey, N. J. (2020). MEAnalyzer—a Spike Train Analysis Tool for Multi Electrode Arrays. *Neuroinformatics*, 18(1), 163-179. ***Corresponding Author**
16. Rubin LH, Sundermann EE, **Dastgheyb R**, Buchholz AS, Pasipanodya E, Heaton RK, Grant I, Ellis R, Moore DJ. (2020). Sex Differences in the Patterns and Predictors of Cognitive Function in HIV. *Frontiers in neurology*, 11. *I was responsible for the clustering analysis and visualization*
17. Rubin LH, Gustafson DR, Warrior L, Sheira L, Fitzgerald KC, **Dastgheyb R**, Weber KM, Tien PC, French A, Spence AB, Sharma A, Williams DW, White CJ, Seaberg EC, Frongillo EA, Weiser SD. Dietary intake is associated with neuropsychological impairment in women with HIV. *The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*.
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19. O'Halloran JA, Wang K, Spence AB, Williams DW, **Dastgheyb R**, Fitzgerald KC, Kamkwala AR, Maki PM, Sharma A, Gustafson DR, Milam J, Weber KM, Adimora AA, Ofotokun I, Fischl MA, Konkle-Parker D, Lahiri CD, Sheth AN, Xu Y, Rubin LH. (2021). Integrase Strand Transfer Inhibitor Start or Switch Impacts Learning in Women With HIV. *JAIDS Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes*, 86(5), 593-599.
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21. Rubin LH, O'Halloran JA, Williams DW, Li Y, Fitzgerald KC, **Dastgheyb R**, Damron AL, Maki PM, Spence AB, Sharma A, Gustafson DR, Milam J, Weber KM, Adimora AA, Ofotokun I, Fischl MA, Konkle-Parker D, Xu Y. (2022). Integrase Inhibitors are Associated with Neuropsychiatric Symptoms in Women with HIV. *Journal of Neuroimmune Pharmacology*.
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23. Williams, D. W., Flores, B. R., Xu, Y., Wang, Y., Yu, D., Peters, B., Adedimeji, A., Wilson, T., Merenstein, D., Tien, P., Cohen, M., Weber, K., Adimora, A., Ofotokun, I., Fischl, M., Turan, J., Turan, B., Laumet, G., Landay, A., **Dastgheyb, R.**, Gange, S.,

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 27. Rubin LH, Maki PM, **Dastgheyb RM**, Steigman PJ, Burke-Miller J, Xu Y, Jin W, Sosanya O, Gustafson D, Merenstein D, Milam J, Weber KM, Springer G, Cook JA. (2023). Trauma Across the Life Span and Multisystem Morbidity in Women With HIV. *Psychosomatic medicine*, 85(4), 341-350.
 28. Rubin LH, Du Y, Sweeney SE, O'Toole R, Harrington CK, Jenkins K, Lesniak WG, Veenhuis RT, **Dastgheyb R**, Severson J, Fan H, Holt DP, Hall AW, Dannals RF, Horti AG, Pomper MG, Coughlin JM. Pilot imaging of the colony stimulating factor 1 receptor in the brains of virally-suppressed individuals with HIV(2023). *AIDS*. Jul 15;37(9):1419-1424
 29. Parra-Rodriguez, L., O'Halloran, J., Wang, Y., Jin, W., **Dastgheyb, R. M.**, Spence, A. B., Sharma, A., Gustafson, D. R., Milam, J., Weber, K. M., Adimora, A. A., Ofotokun, I., Fischl, M. A., Konkle-Parker, D., Maki, P. M., Xu, Y., & Rubin, L. H. (2024). Common antiretroviral combinations are associated with somatic depressive symptoms in women with HIV. *AIDS* 38(2), 167–176.
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 32. **Shorer, E. F.**, Rubin, L. H., French, A. L., Weber, K. M., Daubert, E., Yohannes, T., Morack, R., Clish, C., Bullock, K., Gustafson, D., Sharma, A., Rogando, A. C., Qi, Q., Burgess, H. J., & **Dastgheyb, R. M.** (2024). Tryptophan-kynurenine metabolic pathway and daytime dysfunction in women with HIV. *Journal of neurovirology*, 10.1007/s13365-024-01195-x.
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 38. Rubin LH, Shirk EN, Pohlenz L, Romero H, Roti E, **Dastgheyb RM**, Santiuste I, Coughlin JM, Brown TT, Clements JE, Veenhuis RT. Intact HIV reservoir in monocytes is associated with cognitive function in virally suppressed women with HIV. *The Journal of Infectious Diseases*. 2025;231(1):165–174. doi:10.1093/infdis/jiae460
 39. Rubin LH, Cho K, Bolzenius J, Mannarino J, Easter RE, **Dastgheyb RM**, Anok A, Tomusange S, Saylor D, Wawer MJ, Nakasujja N, Nakigozi G & Paul R. Mental health phenotypes of well-controlled HIV in Uganda. *Frontiers in Public Health*. 2025;12:1407413. doi:10.3389/fpubh.2024.1407413
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 41. Vance DE, Lang L, Maki PM, Yu D, **Dastgheyb RM**, Wang Y, Springer G, Anastos K, Gustafson DR, Weber KM, Dykxhoorn DM, Milam J, Diaz M, Kassaye SG, Waldrop D, Xu Y, Rubin LH. Cognitive Predictors of Everyday Functioning in Older Virally Suppressed Women with HIV in the Women's Interagency HIV Study. *Research Square*. 2025;rs.3.rs-6136690/v1. doi:10.21203/rs.3.rs-6136690/v1

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43. Yoo-Jeong M, Easter RE, Coughlin JM, **Dastgheyb RM**, Langenecker SA, Molestina G, Patel J, Rucci S, Shorer EF, Thompson I, Woolsey A, Wilson TE, Rubin LH. Loneliness is related to facial emotion perception in people with HIV. *Sci Rep*. 2025 Jul 1;15(1):22370. doi: 10.1038/s41598-025-04237-4. PubMed PMID: 40595899; PubMed Central PMCID: PMC12215490.
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Review Articles [RA]

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Guidelines/Protocols, Consensus Statement, Expert Opinion, Consortium Articles [GL] Letters,

1. Morales Pantoja IE, Smirnova L, Muotri AR, Wahlin KJ, Kahn J, Boyd JL, Gracias DH, Harris TD, Cohen-Karni T, Caffo BS, Szalay AS, Han F, Zack DJ, Etienne-Cummings R, Akwaboah A, Romero JC, Alam El Din DM, Plotkin JD, Paulhamus BL, Johnson EC, Gilbert F, Curley JL, Cappiello B, Schwamborn JC, Hill EJ, Roach P, Tornero D, Krall C, Parri R, Sillé F, Levchenko A, Jabbour RE, Kagan BJ, Berlinicke CA, Huang Q, Maertens A, Herrmann K, Tsaïoun K, **Dastgheyb** R, Habela CW, Vogelstein JT, Hartung T. (2023). First Organoid Intelligence (OI) workshop to form an OI community. *Frontiers in Artificial Intelligence*, 6. *I was a workshop member for the data analysis portion and participated in manuscript discussions and review. This workshop received a lot of press and launched a new Frontiers journal.*
2. Hartung, T., Smirnova, L., Morales Pantoja, I. E., Akwaboah, A., Alam El Din, D. M., Berlinicke, C. A., Boyd, L., Caffo, B., Cappiello, B., Cohen-Karni, T., Curley, J., Etienne-Cummings, **R., Dastgheyb, R.,** Gracias, D., H., Gilbert, F., Habela, C., Han F., Harris T., Herrmann K., Hill, E., Huang, Q., Jabbour, R., Johnson, E., Kagan, B., Krall, C., Levchenko, A., Locke, P., Maertens, A., Metea, M., Muotri, A., Parri, R., Paulhamus, B., Plotkin, J., Roach, P., Romero, J., Schwamborn, J., Sillé, F., Szalay, A., Tsaïoun, K., Tornero, D., Vogelstein, J., Wahlin, K., Zack, D. J. (2023). The Baltimore declaration toward the exploration of organoid intelligence. *Frontiers in Science*, 0. *I was a workshop member for the data analysis portion and participated in manuscript discussions and review. The workshop received a lot of press and launched a new Frontiers journal*

Other Publications: Suggested Additional Subcategory Titles: *May adjust as necessary for your specialty*

Proceedings Reports [PR]

1. **Dastgheyb, R. M.,** Gallo, G., & Barbee, K. A. (2014, June). SECONDARY MEMBRANE DAMAGE AND THE POTENTIAL FOR MEMBRANE-TARGETED NEUROPROTECTION. In *JOURNAL OF NEUROTRAUMA* (Vol. 31, No. 12, pp. A93-A93). 140 HUGUENOT STREET, 3RD FL, NEW ROCHELLE, NY 10801 USA: MARY ANN LIEBERT, INC.
2. Tavasoli, A., Andalibi, M. S. S., **Dastgheyb, R.,** Letendre, S., & Ellis, R. (2025, April). Systemic Inflammation and Its Impact on Comorbidities in People with HIV (PWH)(P8-10.001). In *Neurology* (Vol. 104, No. 7_Supplement_1, p. 3197). Hagerstown, MD: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins.

Media Releases or Interviews [MR] *(show by: Date Details)*

- 2023 Move over, artificial intelligence: Scientists announce a new 'organoid intelligence' field. CNN. March 2, 2023. Available at: <https://www.cnn.com/2023/03/02/world/brain-computer-organoids-scen>
- 2023 Could future computers run on human brain cells? *Hub, Johns Hopkins University*. February 28, 2023. Available at: <https://hub.jhu.edu/2023/02/28/organoid-intelligence-biocomputers/>
- 2023 Roadmap shows how 'wetware' can power AI computers. *eeNews Europe Technology News*. February 28, 2023. Available at: <https://www.eenewseurope.com/en/roadmap-shows-how-wetware-can-power-ai-computers/>
- 2023 Biocomputing With Mini-Brains as Processors Could Be More Powerful Than Silicon-Based AI. *Singularity Hub*. March 7, 2023. Available at: <https://singularityhub.com/2023/03/07/biocomputing-with-mini-brains-as-processors-could-be-more-powerful-than-ai>
- 2024 Making Brain Studies More Efficient. *Johns Hopkins University Whiting School of Engineering News*. January 29, 2025. Available at: <https://engineering.jhu.edu/news/making-brain-studies-more-efficient/>

Other Media [OM] (Videos, Websites, Blogs, Social Media, etc.) *(show by: Date Details)*

- 02/2025 **Website:** <https://rdastgh1.github.io/SciDataReportR/>- website for *SciDataReportR*, an R toolkit that streamlines reproducible scientific data reporting with EDA helpers, tidy summary tables, codebook/data-dictionary utilities, and visualization aids
- 07/2018 **Website:** <https://www.mathworks.com/matlabcentral/fileexchange/68260-meanalyzer>— Mathworks FileExchange forMEAnalyzer, a stand-alone GUI (MATLAB not required) for multi-electrode array spike-train analysis: import across layouts, crop time windows, compute electrode/network metrics, visualize rasters & plate-wide activity, detect bursts/correlations, and export publication-ready figure

FUNDING

EXTRAMURAL Funding *(Show as current, pending, previous under each subcategory and follow format above.)*

Current

- 01/04/22 – 2/28/27 JHU Center for the Advancement of HIV Neurotherapeutics
R01NS133005

NIH
Award: \$1,499,981 (annual direct)
Multi-PI: Rubin, Slusher, Clements
Role: Biomarker Core Co-director (10%)

01/04/22 – 2/28/27 JHU Center for the Advancement of HIV Neurotherapeutics
P30MH075673
NIH/NIMH
Award: \$3,519,198 (total)
PI: Fitzgerald
Role: Co-investigator

04/01/19—2/31/25 Clinical Research Sites for the MACS/WIHS Combined Cohort Study (MACS-WIHS-
CCS)—Baltimore/Wash DC Center
U01HL146201
NIH/NIAID
Multi-PI: Margolick/Brown
Role: Co-investigator 10%

08/01/19—6/01/26 Mental health and cognition in HIV infection in Rakai Uganda
U01HL146201
NIH/NIMH
Award: \$2,919,706
Multi-PI: Paul/Rubin
Role: Co-investigator 6%

7/1/20-7/30/26 Polypharmacy, Neurotoxicity, and Aging in Adults living with HIV
R01AG063659
NIH/NIA
Award: \$4,076,182
MPI: Ma, Letendre, Rubin
Role: Co-investigator , 20%

5/1/23-4/30/26 Blood brain barrier integrity and immune dynamics contributing to neuropsychiatric sequelae in COVID long
haulers
R01MH133411
NIH/NIMH
Award: \$2,906,437
MPI: Rubin/Veenhuis
Role: Co-investigator , 10%

Previous

01/01/20—12/31/21 The Development of an Astrocyte Hemichannel Blocker to Delay Spatial and Temporal Progression in ALS
AL190044
DOD
PI: Maragakis
Award: \$1,005,852
Role: Co-investigator, 10%

09/15/15—05/31/20 Morphine disrupts the regulation of neuronal function mediated by astrocyte exosomes
NIH/NIDA
R01DA040390
PI: Haughey
Award: \$223,652
Role: Co-investigator

09/15/17—05/31/22 Exosomes: From biogenesis and secretion to the early pathogenesis of Alzheimer's disease
NIH/NIA
R01AG057420
PI: Haughey

	Role: Co-investigator
07/01/19—03/31/24	Astrocyte Norrin, Norrie Disease and Neurodegeneration NIH/NINDS R01NS113565 Award: \$442,448 PI: Rothstein Role: Co-investigator, 50%
05/08/17 – 2/28/22	JHU NIMH center for novel therapeutics for HIV-associated cognitive disorders P30MH075673 NIH/NIMH Award: \$1,005,852 (annual direct) Multi-PI: Haughey, Rubin, Sacktor Role: Co-investigator, 15%
04/01/20—03/31/22	Secondary Analysis of Cognitive Data from the Multi-Center AIDS Cohort Study(MACS) to Identify Longitudinal Change Phenotypes in HIV+ Individuals 1R03MH123290 NIH/NIMH Award: \$100,000 Role: PI, 30%
07/01/19 –06/30/2023	Collaborative Research: New Bayesian Methods for Modeling the Effect of Antiretroviral Drugs on Depressive Symptomatology in HIV Patients National Science Foundation (NSF) Award Number: DMS1918854 Award: \$598,249 MPI: Xu, Rubin Role: Co-investigator, 5%
9/1/22-8/01/25	HIV-OPN/SPP1Triad II: Molecular Pathways Regulating Neuronal-Glial Inflammation in the Brain R01NS102006 NIH PI: Brown Role: Co-investigator , 3%

INTRAMURAL Funding

Research Intramural Funding

Current

01/01/23—12/31/26	Psychosocial Phenotypes and Potential Mechanisms in Women Living with HIV P30AI094189 Award : \$42,525 Role: PI
02/19/26—12/31/26	Blood Brain Barrier Permeability Endotypes and Plasma Proteomic Signatures in Long-COVID Michael and Ann Hankin Fund Award : \$25,000 Role: PI

Previous

10/01/21—09/30/22	Development of Software Tools to Facilitate the Analysis of Digital Neurocognitive Testing Data NIH/NIAID CFAR Pilot P30AI094189 Award : \$6,500 Role: PI
01/01/20—12/21/20	Combined Systems Analysis and Predictors of Neurocognitive Trajectory in HIV+ Individuals

NIH/NIAID CFAR Pilot
P30AI094189
Award : \$50,000
Role: PI

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES *(in chronological order, earliest first by start date under each subcategory)*

Educational Focus

My educational focus is on applying computational methods to biological data. This includes software design, graphical user interfaces, and informative data visualization.

Teaching and Facilitating Learning

Classroom instruction

JHMI/Regional

2013 – 2014	Graduate Teaching Assistant, Undergraduate level, Programming & Modelling , Drexel University, Philadelphia PA
2009 – 2013	Graduate Teaching Assistant, Undergraduate level, Experimental and Biomechanics Lab, Drexel University, Philadelphia PA
2010 – 2011	Graduate Teaching Assistant, Undergraduate level, Junior Design , Drexel University, Philadelphia PA
2010	Graduate Teaching Assistant, Undergraduate level, Medical Sciences I, Drexel University, Philadelphia PA
2010	Graduate Teaching Assistant, Undergraduate level, Body Synthetic , Drexel University, Philadelphia PA
2019	Instructor, Undergraduate level, SOUL: Hands-on Matlab App Development for Biomedical Applications, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore MD

National

2024	STAHHR Summer institute lecture to fellows and junior faculty, “From Data to Insights: An Introduction to Data Science and Machine Learning”, University of California San Diego
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Workshops /seminars

JHMI/Regional

National

2021	Dastgheyb RM. Machine learning approaches to understand neuropsychiatric profiles. Invited talk, Machine Learning Working Group, NIMH “Biotypes of CNS Complications in People Living with HIV” meeting; virtual via Zoom; October 21, 2021
2022	Invited Member, “First Organoid Intelligence (O.I.) Workshop: Forming an O.I. Community”, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
2023	NIMH DAR Distinguished Speaker Series, “Data Science Methods to Unravel and Understand Phenotypes from HIV Cohorts”, National Institutes of Mental Health

Mentoring, coaching, and advising

High School Mentees

2020	Jennifer Hinton - Johns Hopkins Neuroscience Scholar Program
2025	Polaris Booth – Johns Hopkins Internship for Brain Sciences
2025	Adelaide McMurray– Johns Hopkins Internship for Brain Sciences

Pre-doctoral Advisees /Mentees

2013 - 2015	Miao Jingya, M.S
2019 - 2024	Cynthia Lo, B.S in Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering – currently a data scientist. Awarded Genentech fellowship and BMES presentation.
2020 – 2021	Danyang Yu – currently a Senior Machine Learning Engineer
2021 – 2025	Jonathan Ye – currently a technical solutions engineer at Epic

2022 – 2025	Wenxuan Lu – currently a PhD Student at Bloomberg school of public health
2023 – Present	Edna Ferreira
2024 – Present	Avery Ye
2025 – Present	Hannah Moore

Post-doctoral Advisees /Mentees

2022 – 2025	Eran Shorer, MD – now a neurology resident at Mt.Sinai
2024 – Present	K Ridgeway
2024 – Present	Aparna Bhattacharryya

Thesis committees

2024	Ching-Huan Wang	Signal Detection for Adverse Events by Component Levels of Antiretroviral Drugs
2024	Jonathan Ye	Exploring the Cognitive Impact of Polypharmacy: A Clustering Approach to Medication Patterns
2024	Edna Ferreira	The Effect of Sex on the Immune Response to SIV Infection

Program Building and Curriculum Development

2024 – Present Synapticoders: Synapticoders Coding Group, founder and lead. Weekly peer code-review and methods clinic; ~10 participants per session; setting: Zoom with occasional in-person at JHU Neurology; curriculum focuses on R/Python workflows, reproducibility, Git, testing, and performance tuning.

Educational Leadership

2010 – 2011	Graduate Representative, Drexel Middle States Mission and Goals Working Group
2011 – 2012	President, Drexel Biomedical Engineering Graduate Student Association

Educational Demonstration Activities to external audiences, on or off campus

2010	Alum Chaperone, NIH-NIDDK STEP-UP Program
2011 – 2015	Judge, Research Experience for Undergraduates, Drexel University
2010 – 2011	Guest Scientist, Science Leadership Academy, School District of Philadelphia
2013	Mentor, Biomedical Engineering Summer Research Experience for Highschool Students, Drexel University
2018	Roots and Branches Elementary School – Interactive Proprioception Presentation
2021-2025	Neuromatch Academy – summer mentoring for a group using the Steinmetz dataset to investigate computational models of how inter-areal connectivity patterns pre-stimulus relate to decision response time/latency

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Research Focus

My professional passion unites two worlds: engineering and the brain. Every project I pursue sits squarely at this intersection. Trained in biomedical engineering and computer science, I thrive on using quantitative methods to solve biological questions that matter to patients, and I have extensive experience in wet-lab, computational, and clinical areas. My graduate career was very wet-lab based, focused on investigating the mechanisms of axonal pathology in traumatic brain injury, and the subsequent secondary neurodegeneration mechanisms it shares with many other conditions. For my postdoctoral training I continued to use and adapt my engineering background to further understand the mechanisms of disorders that affect the brain and spinal cord, designing software and experiments for the analysis of direct neuronal activity measurements through multi-electrode arrays in cultured primary neurons, stem cells, organoids, and brain slices. The pivot to translating those tools to real human data was a natural progression. The question then became not “what questions can we answer with the tools we have”, but “what tools do we need to build to answer the important questions?” With this mindset I published the largest cognitive phenotyping ever done in women with HIV which has sparked many other cognitive phenotyping studies.

Today I co-direct two translational engines at Johns Hopkins: the Brain Health Program Data Science and Mathematical Modeling Core of the Brain Health program, and the JH-CAHN biomarker core. In these roles I integrate omics and advanced machine learning to identify targets for cognitive decline and mental health changes seen in a variety of neurodegenerative diseases. I work closely with the other cores, including the Johns Hopkins Drug Discovery Center, to validate markers and see if we can identify targets for compound screening and eventual testing. I also work with the MWCCS Data Analysis & Coordination Center, leading the initiative to convert in-person neuropsychological testing to tablet based.

I feel strongly that we are not limited to answering questions with the tools we currently have at our disposal, but instead should find and develop tools to answer the questions that we believe to be of the utmost clinical importance. Some of these tools may already exist and I believe that translating methods from external fields to neurology can quickly open new doors for research progress.

Research Program Building / Leadership

2012 – 2013 Chair, Drexel Doctoral Student Academic Affairs Advisory Committee
2023 – Present Co-director, JH-CAHN Biomarker Core
2023 – Present Co-director, Brain Health Program Data Science and Mathematical Modeling Core

Research Demonstration Activities to external audience, on or off campus

June 2023 SciDataReportR use, R/Medicine video release

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Institutional Administrative Appointments

2020 Member, Neurology Restart Committee

Editorial Activities

2021 Review Editor – Neurological and Mental Health Epidemiology (specialty section of Frontiers in Epidemiology)
2023 Associate Editor – Organoid Intelligence (specialty section of Frontiers in Artificial Intelligence)
2025 Review Editor - Frontiers in psychiatry

Journal peer review activities

2018 PLOS Computational Biology
2019 Journal of Neurovirology
2019 JAIDS: Journal of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndromes
2021 Neuroinformatics
2022 Psychosomatic Medicine
2023 Scientific Reports
2023 Journal of Open Source Software

Other peer review activities [*non medico-legal*]

2020 Scientific Computing with Python - General Track
2020 Scientific Computing with Python - Tutorials
2021 Scientific Computing with Python - General Track
2021 Scientific Computing with Python - Tutorials
2025 Biomedical Engineering Society Conference

Professional Societies (*when you include additional duties for the society, move “Member” to its own line; see examples*)

2013 - present Member, Biomedical Engineering Society (BMES)
2014 - 2015 Member, National Neurotrauma Society (NNS)
2016 – 2020 Member, International Society for NeuroVirology (ISNV)
2016 – present RLadies Baltimore
2016 – present Association for Women in Science (AWIS)
2022 – present Data Visualization Society
2022 – present Baltimore Women in Machine Learning and Data Science

Session Chair (*separate into JHMI/Regional – National - International activities*)

National

2025 Biomedical Engineering Society Conference – Neural Engineering, Neurodegeneration & Hydrocephalus
2025 Biomedical Engineering Society Conference – Bioinformatics, Computational and Systems Biology

RECOGNITION

Awards, Honors

2014	Most Outstanding Graduate Student Paper and Poster Presentation, Northeastern Biomedical Engineering Conference(NEBEC)
2014	Travel Award, National Neurotrauma Society
2015	Office of Graduate Studies Dissertation Fellowship
2016	Travel Award, International Society for Neurovirology
2016	Howard E. Gendelman 2016 ISNV Pioneer in NeuroVirology Lectureship Award
2018	Sponsored Registration, SciPy 2018 Conference

Invited Talks

JHMI/Regional

2015	Commencement Speaker, Drexel University School of Biomedical Engineering
2017	“How do we measure what’s in our head?”, HEAD Talks: Ideas in Neurology worth sharing, Johns Hopkins Neurology
2017	“Moveable Feast: Feed People, Fight Disease, Foster Hope”, Johns Hopkins University
2019	“Mass-Spectrometric Analysis of Lipids in Brain & Blood: Lipids as Potential Biomarkers for TBI” , CNRM & Department of Pharmacology & Molecular Therapeutics, Uniformed Services University
2021	“MEAnalyzer – Computational Software for Analyzing Spike Trains from Multi-Electrode Arrays”, JHU Center for Alternatives to Animal Testing (CAAT)
2022	“Development of Software Tools to Facilitate the Analysis of Digital Neurocognitive Testing Data”, JHU Center for Aids Research (CFAR)
2023	“Big Data and Omics pipelines for HIV Cohorts”, MCP Seminar Series

National

2021	“Patterns and Predictors of Neuropsychiatric Complications”, MACS/WIHS Combined Cohort Study (MWCCS) semi-annual meeting
2022	“Machine learning approaches to understand neuropsychiatric profiles”, NIMH Biotypes of CNS Complications in People Living with HIV workshop
2022	Sleep disturbance and cognitive function in women with HIV. Early Stage Investigator presentation, Sleep Working Group, MWCCS Executive Committee Meeting (MACS/WIHS Combined Cohort Study); virtual via Zoom; October 13, 2022
2023	“Data Science Methods to Unravel and Understand Phenotypes from HIV Cohorts”, NIMH Division of AIDS(DAR) Distinguished Speaker Series
2024	“SciDataReportR: Streamlining Scientific and Clinical Data Exploration in R”, R/Medicine Conference
2026	“Translating data into insights: an interdisciplinary approach to brain health in HIV”, Drexel University College of Medicine, Department of Pharmacology and Physiology
2026	“Blood-Brain-Bytes: From Multi-Electrode Arrays to Multi-Cohort Data”, American Society for Neurochemistry, St.Charles MO

Visiting Professorships

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS *(Optional)*

1. **Dastgheyb, R. M.**, Gallo, G., & Barbee, K. A. (2011, April). Quantification of beading intensity in cultured neurons. In *2011 IEEE 37th Annual Northeast Bioengineering Conference (NEBEC)* (pp. 1-2). IEEE.
2. **Dastgheyb, R. M.**, Cochran, M. C., & Barbee, K. A. (2012, March). Interactions of fluorescein isothiocyanate-labeled poloxamer P188 with cultured cells. In *2012 38th Annual Northeast Bioengineering Conference (NEBEC)* (pp. 311-312). IEEE.
3. **Dastgheyb, R.**, Gallo, G., Barbee, K. An Implemented Method of Quantifying Beading Intensity in Cultured Neurons. *Biomedical Engineering Society Conference (BMES)*
4. Taga, A., **Dastgheyb, R.**, Joseph, J., Habela, C., Richard, J. P., Haughey, N., & Maragakis, N. (2019). Multielectrode array analysis of human iPSC-motor neuron maturation following coculture with iPSC-spinal cord astrocytes (P4. 4-031).
5. **Dastgheyb, R. M.**, Barbee, K. A., & Gallo, G. (2014, April). The role of intracellular calcium in axonal injury. In *2014 40th Annual Northeast Bioengineering Conference (NEBEC)* (pp. 1-2). IEEE.
6. **Dastgheyb, R.**, Gallo, G., Barbee, K. The Role of Oxidative Stress in Axonal Patholog. *Biomedical Engineering Society Conference (BMES)*
7. **Dastgheyb, R. M.**, Barbee, K. A., & Gallo, G. (2015, April). Quantifying focal disruptions in axonal microtubules. In *2015 41st Annual Northeast Biomedical Engineering Conference (NEBEC)* (pp. 1-2). IEEE.

8. **Dastgheyb, R. M.**, Barbee, K. A., & Gallo, G. (2015, April). Investigating sources of axonal calcium in neuronal cultures modeling Traumatic Brain Injury. In *2015 41st Annual Northeast Biomedical Engineering Conference (NEBEC)* (pp. 1-2). IEEE.
9. **Dastgheyb, R.**, Khuder, S., Dorskind, J., Wang, S., Chaudhuri, A. D., Yoo, S. W., & Haughey, N. (2016, October). Astrocyte-shed extracellular vesicles regulate synchronous network burst activity. In *JOURNAL OF NEUROVIROLOGY* (Vol. 22, pp. S16-S16). 233 SPRING ST, NEW YORK, NY 10013 USA: SPRINGER.
10. Chaudhuri, D. A., Wang, S., Khuder, S., **Dastgheyb, R.**, Trout, A., Yoo, S., ... & Haughey, N. (2017, April). Exosomes released from astrocytes in response to morphine and inflammatory cytokines deconstruct synaptic connections through modulation of microRNA cargo. In *JOURNAL OF NEUROIMMUNE PHARMACOLOGY* (Vol. 12, pp. S53-S53). 233 SPRING ST, NEW YORK, NY 10013 USA: SPRINGER.
11. **Dastgheyb, R.**, Chen, S., Venkata, S. L. V., Rubin, L. H., Franklin, D., Letendre, S., ... & Haughey, N. (2018, April). Machine learning interrogation of clinical and plasma markers identify prognostic models for cognitive trajectory. In *JOURNAL OF NEUROIMMUNE PHARMACOLOGY* (Vol. 13, pp. S20-S21). 233 SPRING ST, NEW YORK, NY 10013 USA: SPRINGER.
12. **Dastgheyb R**, Williams DW, Xu Y, Fitzgerald K, Wang Z, Keating S, Norris P, Kaplan RC, Maki PM, Anastos K, Haughey NJ, Kassaye S, Gustafson DR, Valcour VG, Rubin LH. (March 5, 2019). Early inflammatory profiles in long-term virally suppressed women predict cognition. Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections (CROI). Seattle, Washington.
13. # **Dastgheyb, R.**, #Chen, S., Rubin, L., Venkata, S., Cox, B., Haughey, N. (2018). Analysis of Plasma Lipids with an Acute Mile TBI. National Capital Area Research Symposium # *Co-first authors*
14. Habela, C., Taga, A., **Dastgheyb, R.**, Yoon, K. J., Haughey, N., Stafstrom, C., ... & Maragakis, N. (2019, April). 15q11. 2 Deletion Results in Altered Excitability and Connectivity in Human Induced Pluripotent Stem Cell Derived Neurons (American Academy of Neurology, S51. 009).
15. Taga, A., **Dastgheyb, R.**, Joseph, J., Habela, C., Richard, J. P., Haughey, N., & Maragakis, N. (2019, April). Multielectrode array analysis of human iPSC-motor neuron maturation following coculture with iPSC-spinal cord astrocytes (American Academy of Neurology, P4. 4-031).
16. Rubin LH, Saylor D, Nakigozi G, Nakasujja N, Robertson K, Kisakye A, Batte J, Mayanja R, Anok A, Lofgren SM, Boulware DR, **Dastgheyb, R**, Reynolds S, Quinn T, Gray RH, Wawer MJ, Sacktor NC. (April 9, 2019). Heterogeneity in Neurocognitive Change Trajectories Among People Starting Antiretroviral Therapy HIV Infection in Rakai, Uganda. 10th Anniversary Conference: Global Mental Health without Borders. Bethesda, MD.
17. Westergard, T. R., Miller, S. J., Phillips, T., Kim, N., **Dastgheyb, R.**, Chen, Z., ... & Rothstein, J. D. (2019, July). Molecularly defined cortical astroglia subpopulation modulates neurons via secretion of Norrin. In *GLLA* (Vol. 67, pp. E737-E737). 111 RIVER ST, HOBOKEN 07030-5774, NJ USA: WILEY.
18. Moniruzzaman, M., **Dastgheyb, R.**, Lo, C., Mielke, M. M., Moore, D., Letendre, S., ... & Haughey, N. J. (2019, October). Elevated plasma eicosanoids are associated HIV-disease status and working memory in people living with HIV. In *JOURNAL OF NEUROVIROLOGY*
19. **Dastgheyb R**, Fitzgerald KC, Chan C, Buchholz AS, Xu Y, Williams DW, Springer G, Anastos K, Gustafson DR, Spence AB, Adimora AA, Waldrop-Valverde D, Vance DE, Milam J, Bolivar H, Weber KM, Haughey NJ, Maki PM, Rubin LH. (November, 2019). Neurocognitive profiles among virally suppressed women with HIV. International Symposium on Neurovirology. Atlanta, GA
20. Kumar, A., Yoo, S. W., **Dastgheyb, R.**, Deme, P., Lee, H., Bi, H., ... & Haughey, N. (2019, October). Modulation of neuronal dendritic spine morphology and function by astrocyte derived extracellular vesicles following morphine withdrawal. In *JOURNAL OF NEUROVIROLOGY* (Vol. 25, No. SUPPL 1, pp. S22-S22). 233 SPRING ST, NEW YORK, NY 10013 USA: SPRINGER.
21. O'Halloran J., Wang K., Williams D., **Dastgheyb R.**, Fitzgerald K., Kamkwala A., Spence A., Sharma A., Gustafson D., Maki P., Weber K., Adimora A., Fischl M., Xu Y., Rubin L.(2020) Start or Switch of Integrase Strand Inhibitors on Depressive Symptoms In Women With HIV. Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections (CROI). Boston, MA
22. O'Halloran J., Wang K., Williams D., **Dastgheyb R.**, Fitzgerald K., Kamkwala A., Spence A., Sharma A., Gustafson D., Maki P., Weber K., Adimora A., Fischl M., Xu Y., Rubin L.(2020) Integrase Inhibitor Start or Switch Impacts Learning in Women With HIV. Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections (CROI). Boston, MA
23. Taga, A., Rajbhandari, L., **Dastgheyb, R.**, Habela, C., Gross, S., Haughey, N., ... & Maragakis, N. (2020). Modeling the Human Corticospinal Tract-on-a-chip with Regionally-specific hiPSC-derived Neurons and Astrocytes (4811).
24. Habela, C., Taga, A., **Dastgheyb, R.**, Yoon, K. J., Haughey, N., Stafstrom, C., ... & Maragakis, N. (2019). 15q11. 2 Deletion Results in Altered Excitability and Connectivity in Human Induced Pluripotent Stem Cell Derived Neurons (S51. 009).
25. Bi, H., Chaudhuri, A. D., & **Dastgheyb, R.** (2019, October). IL-1beta stimulates the release of extracellular vesicles from astrocytes that promote the expression of neuronal receptors implicated in a morphine-addiction pathway. In *JOURNAL OF NEUROVIROLOGY* (Vol. 25, No. SUPPL 1, pp. S4-S5). 233 SPRING ST, NEW YORK, NY 10013 USA: SPRINGER.

26. Lo, C., Yoo, S., Haughey, N., **Dastgheyb, R.** (2020) Automated Detection and Quantification of Amyloid-Beta Plaque Histology. *Biomedical Engineering Society Conference (BMES)*
27. **Dastgheyb, R.**, Xu, Y., Bucholz, A., Franklin, D., Ellis, R., Morgello, S., Clifford, D., Gellman, B., Marra, C., Heaton, R., Moore, D., Letendre, S., Ma, Q., Rubin, L. (2022) Prescribed Drugs Distinguish Data-Driven Cognitive Profiles in People with HIV (PWH). Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections (CROI).
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48. Bhattacharyya, A., **Dastgheyb, R. M.** (2024, October 31). “SciDataReportR: A Software Package to Streamline Scientific and Clinical Data Exploration.” *Poster Presentation. Annual Johns Hopkins Neurology Retreat, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD, United States.*
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Oral/Podium Presentations

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3. **Dastgheyb, R.**, Making Sense of Clinical Data, Scientific Computing with Python Virtual Conference 2020
4. Tang, B., Ellis, R., Vaida, F., Umlauf, A., Franklin, D., **Dastgheyb, R.**, Rubin, L., Heaton, R., Letendre, S (2023) Biopsychosocial Phenotypes in People With HIV in the CHARTER Cohort. Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections (CROI).
5. Shorer EE, **Dastgheyb RM**. A Graph Theory Based Approach to Visualizing and Interpreting Functional Connectivity in Neural Multi-Electrode Array (MEA) Recordings. Oral presentation at the 49th Annual Northeast Bioengineering Conference (NEBEC 2023), School of Biomedical Engineering, Science and Health Systems, Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA; March 30–April 1, 2023.
6. Parra-Rodriguez, L., O'Halloran, J., Wang, Y., **Dastgheyb, R.**, Spence, A., Sharma, A., Gustafson, D., Milam, J., Weber, K., Adimora, A., Ofotokun, I., Fischl, M., Konkle-Parker, D, Xu, Y., Rubin, L (2023) . Effect of Common Antiretroviral Combinations on Depressive Symptoms in Women with HIV. Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections (CROI).
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Community Services (optional)

2016 - 2022 Mentor, Refugee Youth Project
2016 - Present Volunteer, Moveable Feast

Humanitarian Activities (optional)

Philanthropic Activities (optional)

2021 - Present Member, Moveable Feast Program Committee
2024 – Present Board Member, Moveable Feast
2025 – Present Executive Board Member, Moveable Feast

Other (optional)

Sept 2019 HIV-associated Comorbidities, Co-infections, and Complications Workshop, NIMH
March 2020 Data Science with Matlab, Mathworks
June 2020 Research Colloquium: Data Management: New Resources & Best Practices to Support Rigorous Research
Aug 2020 R/Medicine 2020
July 2020 Scientific Python
Sept 2020 Health Statistics and Datasets: Finding Existing Data For Your Research
Aug 2020 R/Medicine
Jan 2021 RStudio Conference
Dec 2021 Specialized Centers of Research Excellence (SCORE) on Sex Differences
May 2021 Matlab Expo 2021
June 2021 Advanced Statistical Methods and Dynamic Data Visualizations for Multidimensional Neuro-Behavioral Data
July 2021 Neurologic and Psychiatric Effects of SARS, NIMH
July 2021 UseR!
April 2022 K-to-R Transition Program Seminar: Fiscal Management
April 2022 NIMH Submission and Peer Review of NIH Grants
May 2022 Grants Management Pre-Award
May 2022 Matlab Expo 2022
May 2022 AWS Summit Washington DC
Aug 2022 Best Practices in University Teaching Workshop, Johns Hopkins University