

# Catherine Jensen Peña, PhD

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## EDUCATION

PhD	2012	Columbia University, Neurobiology & Behavior
MA, MPhil	2009	Columbia University, Neurobiology & Behavior
BA	2006	University of Pennsylvania, Biological Basis of Behavior major

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## POSITIONS & TRAINING

<b>Assistant Professor, Princeton Neuroscience Institute</b>	2019-present
<i>Affiliate Faculty, Graduate program in Quantitative and Computational Biology</i>	2021-present
<i>Affiliate Faculty, Center for Health and Wellbeing</i>	2022-present
Princeton University, Princeton, NJ	
<i>Postdoctoral Fellow, Neuroscience Department</i>	2013-2018
Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, NY	
Laboratory of Dr. Eric Nestler	
<i>Adjunct Assistant Professor, Psychology Department</i>	2016-2017
Columbia University, New York, NY	
<i>Adjunct Assistant Professor, Biology Department</i>	2013-2014
Queens College CUNY, Queens, NY	
<i>Doctoral Student, Neurobiology &amp; Behavior Program</i>	2007-2012
Columbia University, New York, NY	
Laboratory of Dr. Frances Champagne	
<i>Intramural Research Training Award</i>	2006-2007
National Institute of Mental Health, Bethesda, MD	
Laboratory of Clinical Science under Dr. Dennis Murphy	
<i>Senior Honors Thesis, Biological Basis of Behavior</i>	2005-2006
University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, PA	
Laboratory of Dr. Tracy Bale	

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## PUBLICATIONS

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### Preprints and Manuscripts Under Review

1. Bryant S<sup>#</sup>, Balouek JA<sup>#</sup>, Geiger LT, Barker DJ\*, **Peña CJ\***. Pain as a Trigger for Epigenetic Modifications in Limbic Circuitry. *Under Review* and *bioRxiv* (2022) <https://doi.org/10.1101/2022.03.29.486268>.  
\* co-corresponding authors
2. Walker DM, Zhou X, Ramakrishnan A, Cates HM, Cunningham AM, **Peña CJ**, Bagot RC, Issler O, van der Zee Y, Lipschultz AP, Godino A, Browne AJ, Hodes GE, Parise EM, Torres-Berrio A, Kennedy PJ, Shen L, Zhang B, Nestler EJ. Adolescent Social Isolation Reprograms the Medial Amygdala: Transcriptome and Sex Differences in Reward. *Under Review* and *bioRxiv* 955187 (2020) <https://doi.org/10.1101/2020.02.18.955187>

### Peer-Reviewed Articles

3. Pryce KD, Ramakrishnan A, Kronnman H, Nicolais A, Polizu C, Ruiz A, Serafini R, Gaspari S, **Peña CJ**, Torres-Berrio A, Mitsi V, Darpe M, Shen L, Nestler EJ, Zachariou V. A novel HDAC1/2 inhibitor alleviates physical and emotional symptoms associated with spontaneous oxycodone withdrawal in neuropathic pain mice. *FASEB* (2022)
4. Sidamon-Eristoff AE, Cohodes EM, Gee DG, **Peña CJ**. Trauma Exposure and Mental Health Outcomes Among Central American and Mexican Children Held in Immigration Detention at the United States-Mexico Border. *Developmental Psychobiology* (2021)
5. Kazim SF, Sharma A, Saroja SR, Seo JH, Larson CS, Ramakrishnan A, Wang M, Blitzer RD, Shen L, **Peña CJ**, Cray JF, Shimoda LA, Zhang B, Nestler EJ, Pereira AC. Chronic Intermittent Hypoxia Enhances Pathological Tau Seeding, Propagation, and Accumulation and Exacerbates Alzheimer-like Memory and Synaptic Plasticity Deficits and Molecular Signatures. *Biological Psychiatry* (2021) PMC34130857.
6. Cunningham AM, Walker DM, Ramakrishnan A, Doyle MA, Bagot RC, Cates HM, **Peña CJ**, Issler O, Lardner C, Browne C, Russo SJ, She L, Nestler EJ. Sperm transcriptional state associated with paternal transmission of stress phenotypes. *Journal of Neuroscience* (2021)

7. Kronman H, Torres-Berrio A, Sidoli S, Issler O, Godino A, Ramakrishnan A, Mews P, Lardner CK, Parise EM, Walker DM, van der Zee Y, Browne CJ, Boyce BF, Neve R, Garcia BA, Shen L, **Peña CJ\***, Nestler EJ\*. H3K79me2 dynamics in medium spiny neurons mediate long-term behavioral and cell type-specific molecular effects of early life stress. *Nature Neuroscience* (2021). \* co-corresponding authors
8. Van der Zee YY, Lardner CK, Parise EM, Mews P, Ramakrishnan A, Patel V, Teague CD, Walker DM, Salery M, Browne CJ, Labonte B, Parise LF, Kronman H, **Peña CJ**, Torres-Berrio A, Duffy JE, de Nijs L, Eijssen LMT, Shen L, Rutten B, Issler O, Nestler EJ. Sex-specific role for SLIT1 in regulating stress susceptibility. *Biological Psychiatry* (2021)
9. Hamilton PJ, Chen EY, Tolstikov V, **Peña CJ**, Picone JA, Shah P, Panagopoulos K, Strat AN, Walker DM, Lorsch ZS, Robinson HL, Mervosh NL, Kiraly DD, Sarangarajan R, Narain NR, Kiebish MA, Nestler EJ. Chronic stress and antidepressant treatment alter purine metabolism and beta oxidation within mouse brain and serum. *Scientific Reports* (2020) PMC7582177.
10. Issler O, van der Zee Y, Ramakrishnan A, Wang J, Tan C, Loh YE, Purushothaman I, Walker DM, Lorsch ZS, Hamilton PJ, **Peña CJ**, Flaherty E, Hartley BJ, Torres-Berrio A, Parise EM, Kronman H, Duffy JE, Estill MS, Calipari ES, Labonté B, Neve RL, Tamminga CA, Brennand KJ, Dong Y, Shen L, Nestler EJ. Sex-Specific Role for the Long Non-coding RNA LINC00473 in Depression. *Neuron* (2020) PMID: 32304628
11. **Peña CJ\***, Smith M, Ramakrishnan A, Cates HM, Bagot RC, Kronman HG, Patel B, Chang AB#, Purushothaman I, Dudley JT, Morishita H, Shen L, Nestler EJ. Early life stress alters transcriptomic patterning across reward circuitry in male and female mice. *bioRxiv* 624353 (2019). doi:10.1101/624353; *Nature Communications* (2019). PMC6841985 #Princeton undergraduate; \*corresponding author
12. Nasca C, Menard C, Hode G, Bigio B, **Peña C**, Lorsch Z, Zelli D, Ferris A, Kana V, Purushothaman I, Dobbin J, Nassim M, DeAngelis P, Merad M, Ragson N, Meaney M, Nestler E, McEwen BS, Russo SJ. Multidimensional Predictors of Susceptibility and Resilience to Social Defeat Stress. *Biological Psychiatry* (2019). doi.org/10.1016/j.biopsych.2019.06.030
13. **Peña CJ**, Nestler EJ, Bagot RC. Environmental programming of susceptibility and resilience to stress in adulthood. *Frontiers in Behavioral Neuroscience* (2019). PMC6405694
14. Cates, HM Bagot RC, Heller EA, Purushothaman I, Lardner CK, Walker DM, **Peña CJ**, Neve RL, Shen L, Nestler EJ. A novel role for E2F3b in regulating cocaine action in the prefrontal cortex. *Neuropsychopharmacology* (2018). PMID: 30552390.
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16. Cates HM, Heller EA, Lardner CK, Purushothaman I, **Peña CJ**, Walker DM, Cahill M, Neve RL, Shen L, Bagot RC, Nestler EJ. E2F3a in nucleus accumbens affects cocaine action via transcription and alternative splicing. *Biological Psychiatry* (2018). PMC5988910.
17. **Peña CJ**, Kronman HG, Walker DM, Cates HM, Bagot RC, Purushothaman I, Issler O, Loh YE, Leong T, Kiraly DD, Goodman E, Neve R, Shen L, Nestler EJ. Early life stress confers lifelong stress susceptibility in mice via ventral tegmental area OTX2. *Science* (2017). PMC5539403.
18. Feng J, **Peña CJ**, Purushothaman I, Engmann O, Walker D, Brown AN, Issler O, Doyle M, Harrigan E, Mouzon E, Vialou V, Shen L, Dawlaty MM Janenisch R, Nestler EJ. Tet1 in Nucleus Accumbens Opposes Depression- and Anxiety-Like Behaviors. *Neuropsychopharmacology* (2017) PMID: 28074830.
19. Lepack AE, Bagot RC, **Peña CJ**, Loh YE, Farrelly LA, Lu Y, Powell SK, Lorsch Z, Issler O, Cates HM, Tamminga CA, Molina H, Shen L, Nestler EJ, Allis CD, Maze I. Aberrant H3.3 dynamics in NAc promote vulnerability to depressive-like behavior. *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* (2016). PMC5098673.
20. Kiraly DD, Walker DM, Calipari ES, LaBonté B, Issler O, **Peña CJ**, Ribeiro EA, Russo SJ, Nestler EJ. Alterations of the Host Microbiome Affect Behavioral Responses to Cocaine. *Scientific Reports* (2016). PMCID: PMC5067576.
21. Bagot RC, Cates HM, Purushothaman I, Vialou V, Heller EA, Yieh L, **Peña CJ**, LaBonté B, Shen L, Wittenberg GM, Nestler EJ. Ketamine and imipramine reverse transcriptional signatures of susceptibility and induce resilience-specific gene expression profiles. *Biological Psychiatry* (2016). PMC5164982.
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37. **Jensen Peña C**, Monk C, Champagne FA. Epigenetic effects of prenatal stress on 11 $\beta$ -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase-2 in the placenta and fetal brain. *PLoS One* (2012). PMC3383683.
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44. Fox MA, **Jensen CL**, Gallagher PS, Murphy DL. Receptor mediation of exaggerated responses to serotonin-enhancing drugs in serotonin transporter (SERT)-deficient mice. *Neuropharmacology* (2007). PMID: 17765930.

#### Review Articles and Chapters

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46. Parel ST & **Peña CJ**. Genome-wide signatures of early life stress: influence of sex. *Biological Psychiatry* (2021)
47. **Peña CJ** & Nestler. Progress in Epigenetics of Depression (*chapter*). *Prog Mol Biol Transl Sci* (2018). PMC6047749
48. **Peña CJ**. D1 and D2 Medium Spiny Neuron Contributions to Depression. *Biological Psychiatry* (2017). PMID: 28317546
49. Nestler EJ, **Peña CJ**, Kundakovic M, Mitchell A, Akbarian S. Epigenetic Basis of Mental Illness. *Neuroscientist* (2016). PMID: 26450593
50. **Peña CJ\***, Bagot RC\*, Labonté B\*, Nestler EJ. Epigenetic Signaling in Psychiatric Disorders. *Journal of Molecular Biology* (2014). PMC4177298
51. Bagot RC, Labonté B, **Peña CJ**, Nestler EJ. Epigenetic signaling in psychiatric disorders: stress and depression. *Dialogues Clinical Neuroscience* (2014). PMID: 25364280
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### SUPPORT

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| 2022-2025 | F31 <i>recommended for funding</i> (Sponsor; <i>award to PhD student R.Rashford</i> ) “Promoting Resilience to Early Life Stress through Epigenetic Editing” |
| 2022-2027 | R01MH129643 NIMH Biobehavioral Research Awards for Innovative New Scientists (BRAINS) (PI) “Epigenetic priming of response to future stressors”              |
| 2021-2023 | PNI Research Innovator Award (PI) “Single-cell sequencing of experience-activated cells”   |
| 2020-2021 | NARSAD Young Investigator Award (PI) “Mapping transcriptomic patterns of early life stress and antidepressant treatment response”                            |
| 2017-2022 | K99, R00 MH115096, Pathway to Independence Award (PI) “Epigenetic and cellular markers of stress sensitization by early life stress in mice”                 |
| 2020      | New Jersey Alliance for Clinical and Translational Science, Pilot Proposal (Co-I)  |

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### HONORS & AWARDS

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| 2022        | Princeton Gratitude Gala invitation (nominated by undergraduates to honor faculty who have had a profound impact in shaping student experiences) |
| 2021 -      | American College of Neuropsychopharmacology (ACNP) Associate Membership  |
| 2021        | <b>Frank Beach Early Career Award</b> , Society for Behavioral Neuroscience  |
| 2019        | MCCS Scholar, Molecular and Cellular Cognition Society   |
| 2018 - 2021 | <b>Next Generation Leaders Council</b> , Allen Brain Institute   |
| 2018        | Poster Award, Stress Neurobiology Meeting 2018, Banff, Alberta, Canada   |
| 2018        | Outstanding Postdoctoral Fellow, Friedman Brain Institute, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai   |
| 2017        | <b>Robin Chemers Neustein Postdoctoral Fellowship</b> , Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai  |
| 2017        | Travel Award, American College of Neuropsychopharmacology (ACNP)   |
| 2016        | New Investigator Award, Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology  |
| 2015        | Travel Award & Select Presentation, International Symposium for Developmental Psychobiology  |
| 2013        | Postdoctoral Travel Award, Greater New York City Chapter Society for Neuroscience  |
| 2013        | Frontline Scholar, TEDMED  |
| 2012        | Travel Award, Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology  |
| 2011        | <b>Next Generation Award</b> , Society for Neuroscience  |
| 2008, 2009  | Graduate Research Fellowship Honorable Mention, National Science Foundation  |
| 2005        | Travel Award, Wisconsin Symposium on Emotion   |

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### SELECT SEMINARS & INVITED TALKS

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| 2022 | Bordeaux Neurocampus symposium, invited <i>plenary lecture</i>                                       |
| 2022 | International Behavioral Neuroscience Society (IBNS): selected seminar <b>Co-Chair</b> and speaker   |
| 2022 | Dopamine (Montreal, Canada): selected symposium speaker  |
| 2022 | Linköping University, Sweden: Neurobiology Network: invited speaker                                  |
| 2022 | University of Alabama Birmingham: Department of Neurobiology Seminar Series: student-invited speaker |

2022 University of Pennsylvania Center for Neuroscience & Society: invited public speaker  
 2022 McGill-Douglas – Max Planck Institute of Psychiatry, International Collaborative Initiative in Adversity and Mental Health: invited speaker  
 2021 American College of Neuropsychopharmacology (ACNP; San Juan, Puerto Rico): selected panel speaker  
 2021 Society for Neuroscience (Chicago, IL): Minisymposium: **Co-Chair** and speaker  
 2021 University of Ottawa Brain and Mind Research Institute: Invited Brain Health Research Day  
**Keynote Speaker**  
 2021 Columbia University: Columbia Neuroscience Seminars invited speaker  
 2021 Society of Biological Psychiatry: selected symposium speaker  
 2021 UC Irvine, Conte Center: invited speaker  
 2021 Rutgers University, Department of Animal Sciences: invited speaker  
 2021 Anxiety and Depression Society of America (ADAA): selected symposium speaker  
 2020 Penn State, Neuroscience: invited speaker  
 2020 University of Iowa, Neuroscience Institute: invited speaker, *postponed due to COVID19*  
 2019 Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology (Bloomington, IN): selected symposium speaker  
 2019 Society of Biological Psychiatry (Chicago, IL): selected symposium speaker  
 2018 Allen Institute for Brain Science (Seattle, WA): Next Generation Leaders Showcase  
 2018 Molecular and Cellular Cognition Society (San Diego, CA): invited speaker  
 2018 Columbia: Neuroscience Department Retreat invited speaker  
 2018 Society of Biological Psychiatry (New York, NY): selected symposium speaker  
 2018 UCLA, Department of Psychology  
 2017 American College of Neuropsychopharmacology (ACNP; Palm Springs, CA): selected panel speaker  
 2017 Penn, Department of Psychology  
 2017 Albert Einstein, Department of Neuroscience  
 2017 Rutgers University, Brain Health Institute  
 2017 Weill Cornell: Sackler Seminar Series invited speaker  
 2017 University of Alabama Birmingham, Department of Psychiatry  
 2016 Yale, Molecular Psychiatry (BSTP): invited seminar  
 2016 American College of Neuropsychopharmacology (ACNP; Hollywood, FL): selected panel speaker  
 2016 Society for Neuroscience (San Diego, CA), Nanosymposium **Chair**: Early Life Stress  
 2016 Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology (Montreal, Canada): New Investigator Symposium, *Winner of New Investigator Award*  
 2016 University of California Davis, Psychology Department: Biological Brown Bag invited seminar  
 2016 Mount Sinai, Friedman Brain Institute Retreat: selected speaker & *Winner of Best Oral Presentation Award*  
 2015 International Society for Developmental Psychobiology (San Sebastian, Spain): selected speaker  
 2015 Society for Neuroscience (Chicago, IL): Nanosymposium selected speaker: Early Life Stress  
 2015 Mount Sinai, Postdoc Symposium: selected speaker  
 2014 International Society for Developmental Psychobiology (Washington, D.C.): selected speaker  
 2011 Columbia Neuroscience Department Retreat: invited speaker  
 2011 Experimental Biology Annual Meeting (Washington, D.C.): selected speaker  
 2011 Columbia, Developmental Neuroscience Seminar

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## TEACHING & MENTORING

### INSTRUCTOR

#### Princeton Neuroscience Institute

2020-present *Epigenetics in Neuroscience and Behavior* (NEU 430)  
 2020-present Graduate Bootcamp molecular neuroscience instructor  
 2019-present Guest lecturer in NEU501 graduate course  
 2019-present Guest lecturer in NEU385 undergraduate seminar

#### Previous

2016-2017 *Behavioral Epigenetics* (PSYC GU4498), Columbia University, Psychology Department  
 2013-2014 *Introductory Neurobiology*, (BIOL 373), Queens College CUNY, Biology Department  
 2009-2012 *Scientific Communication* (Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship), Columbia University, Biology Department

### TRAINEE MENTORSHIP

Princeton 2 postdoctoral fellows, 3 graduate students, 15 undergraduates, 4 summer interns  
**Postdocs and staff have earned: CSHL Gene Expression course scholarship, SBN Welcome Initiative Award,**

**Graduate students have earned:** NSF GRFP (1 award + 1 hon), F31, Stress Neurobiology 2022 Travel Award,

**Undergraduate students have earned:** First and middle author publications, Spirit of Princeton Award, Brinster Outstanding Neuroscience Senior Thesis Award, Fulbright Fellowship, OURSIP summer funding (X4), Neuroscience Newman/Biousse Award, Stanley Stein Outstanding Senior Thesis Prize (PLAS), Piglia Best Senior Thesis Prize (SPO), Neuroscience Shapiro Award, Neuroscience Lambert Award,

Previous 1 MD-PhD student, 1 graduate student, 9 undergraduate/postbac students, 1 high school student

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## PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

### UNIVERSITY COMMITTEES

2022-2026 University Research Board

### DEPARTMENT COMMITTEES

2021 Faculty search committee  
2020-present Climate & Inclusion Committee  
2019-present Seminar Series Committee  
2019-present Graduate Admissions Committee

### GRANT PEER-REVIEW

2021-present NIH: Cellular and Molecular Biology of Complex Brain Disorders

**JOURNAL REFEREE:** 15+ journals including *Nature*, *Nature Communications*, *Biological Psychiatry*, *eLife*, *Journal of Neuroscience*, *Neuropsychopharmacology*, *Hormones and Behavior*, *Neurobiology of Stress*, etc

### SOCIETY SERVICE

2022 Society for Neuroscience search committee for *Journal of Neuroscience* Editor in Chief  
2020-2023 Public Education & Communication Committee (PECC), Society for Neuroscience  
2017-2021 Professional Development Committee, Society for Behavioral Neuroendocrinology  
2014-2015 Online Programs Advisory Group, Society for Neuroscience  
2013-2015 Working Group on Advocacy, Society for Neuroscience  
2011-2015 Trainee Advisory Committee, Society for Neuroscience

### SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARDS

2018-2021 Allen Institute for Brain Science: Next Generation Leaders Council

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## PUBLIC OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

### INFORMAL EDUCATION AND EVENTS

2022 Princeton Brain Bee Judge, Princeton Neuroscience Network  
2021- Science Day presenter, local schools  
2013-2014 Brain Awareness Week Director, Mentoring in Neuroscience Discovery at Sinai (MiNDS) Program, ISMMS  
2009-2012 President, Columbia Science Mentors, Mott Hall Middle School  
2008-2012 President & Founding Board Member, Columbia University Neuroscience Outreach (CUNO)  
**Awarded Next Generation Award, SfN (2011)**  
2005 Workshop leader, Kids Judge Neuroscience, University of Pennsylvania

### PUBLIC TALKS

2022 Center for Neuroscience & Society, "Promoting resilience in the brain after early life stress," Philadelphia, PA  
2018 Pregame Your Brain, "Your DNA as a Slinky" interactive game, New York, NY  
2016 Pint of Science, "Epigenetics: The Nature of Nurture," New York, NY

### INTERVIEWS

2022 Interviewed for *Princeton Alumni* magazine article  
2021 Podcast interview, Active Motif podcast  
2021 Interviewed for *Forbes* article, "Here's What Happens To The Brain Under Stress - From Childhood To Adulthood" [link](#)  
2021 Interviewed for *The Scientist* article, "Early-Life Stress Exerts Long-Lasting Effects Via Epigenome" [link](#)