iJOBS Career Panel: Non-research careers

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Brian received his PhD in Neurobiology from the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in 2001 working with Dr. Catherine Mytilineou studying the molecular causes of Parkinson's Disease. He was a postdoctoral fellow under Ira Black, MD at UMDNJ examining the plasticity of bone marrow derviced stromal cells. He started as a Scientist at Advanced Technologies and Regenerative Medicine, a J&J company and advanced to Senior Scientist and Staff Scientist, leading a preclinical team to develop a novel cell therapy for neural indications. He then moved on to become a Senior Medical Science Liaison in gastroenterology products for Janssen and is current a Principal MSL.

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Myka is a recent Ph.D. graduate in the Cell & Developmental Biology program. Originally from the Philippines, she obtained B.S. and M.S. degrees in Molecular Biology and Biotechnology from the University of the Philippines. She worked with Dr. James Millonig in the Center for Advanced Biotechnology and Medicine, where they studied endogenous adult neural stem cells in the context of traumatic brain injury using a mouse model system. Her research, funded by the New Jersey Commission on Brain Injury Research, focused on how the GPCR, Gpr161, regulates these neural stem cells under normal and post-injury conditions. She co-founded the iJOBS blog while a graduate student and also did copy editing for the Wiley journal Current Protocols while in graduate school.

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Elysa is an associate in Greenberg Traurig's Intellectual Property and Technology Practice and also holds a Ph.D. in biochemistry, molecular, and cell biology from Cornell University with an additional focus in pharmacology. Elysa focuses on drafting patent applications, patent prosecution, and diligence. She also prepares freedom to operate and patentability opinions primarily in the areas of life sciences, pharmaceuticals, molecular diagnostics, and biotechnology.

Elysa has a broad and deep understanding of the biological sciences by researching in the fields of intracellular trafficking, lipid metabolism, immunology, and microbiology. Elysa has several research publications, including publications in EMBO Reports and PLoS One. She was also an invited speaker and award winner at national scientific conferences including the American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

Notably, before practicing at Greenberg Traurig, Elysa was patent counsel for the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ). During her tenure at UMDNJ, she managed a broad portfolio including methods of treatment, DNA sequencing technologies, small-molecule pharmaceutical compositions, and biological compositions.

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Alycia Halladay has been involved in autism research for the past 14 years, starting her career working with one of the first NIEHS and EPA funded Children's Centers for Environmental Health (CCEH). After completing a PhD in psychology at Rutgers she became a post-doctoral fellow in the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology at Rutgers, working in collaboration with scientists developing the first animal models of autism spectrum disorders, capturing multiple symptoms of the disorder. In 2005 she became an Associate Director of Research at the National Alliance for Autism Research, managing the growing grants portfolio, directing the Autism Tissue Program (now Autism BrainNet) and developing collaborative research programs

in high risk siblings, gene/environment interactions, environmental epidemiology and early intervention. Under her direction at NAAR, which was then merged with Autism Speaks, the amount of research dollars dedicated gene/environment studies was over $20 million including the development of several joint projects to study mechanisms by which the environment interacts with genetics in ASD. Through her direction, the high risk baby siblings research consortium, or BSRC, expanded the scope of study, and she oversaw the development of a new research consortium dedicated to early behavioral intervention, and launched an initiative that helped train and disseminate information on early diagnosis and treatment to the community. Alycia continues to hold and adjunct position at Rutgers University.

In September of 2014, Alycia became the first Chief Science Officer of the Autism Science Foundation. ASF was founded in 2008 by Alison Singer, and the organization dedicates itself to autism research by providing funding and other assistance to scientists and organizations conducting, facilitating, publicizing and disseminating autism research. ASF also provides information about autism to the general public and serves to increase awareness of autism spectrum disorders and the needs of individuals and families affected by autism. As part of the ASF team, she continues her commitment to brain tissue research, support of research that is targeted at the risk factors for ASD, study of differences between men and women with autism, and importantly, support of jr level investigators just beginning a career in autism.