

CURRENT POSITION

Rutgers – New Jersey Medical School, Newark, NJ. October 2021 - Present

- Assistant Professor – Department of Medicine, Division of Allergy & Immunology; Center for Immunity & Inflammation.

EDUCATION

University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI. October 2015 – September 2021

- Postdoctoral Fellow – Department of Pediatrics, Department of Medical Microbiology and Immunology
- Advisor: Bruce S Klein

University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN. July 2011 – September 2015

- Doctor of Philosophy – Microbiology, Immunology, and Cancer Biology
- Advisors: Kirsten Nielsen, Paul R Bohjanen
- Thesis Committee: Marc K Jenkins, David Masopust, Peter J Southern

University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI. May 2005

- Bachelor of Science – Biochemistry

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Assistant Scientist, U of Minnesota, Department of Microbiology. May 2008 – July 2011

- Conducted basic science research of post-transcriptional gene regulation in the lab of Paul Bohjanen
- Investigated Immune Reconstitution Inflammatory Syndrome (IRIS) in the lab of David Boulware

Peace Corps Volunteer, Mozambique, Africa, Sept. 2005 – Dec. 2007

- Taught Human Anatomy & Physiology to 1,000 secondary school students
- Initiated several projects, such as: community library, science fair, boys club, and guitar group

GRANTS & AWARDS

- **K22 AI153678-01**. “Mechanosensing and calcium signaling in epithelial cells drives allergic response to protease allergen”. National Institutes of Health. **Priority Score 18 – FUNDED 12/2020**
- Asthma Training Grant. T32 AI007635. National Institutes of Health. July 2019 – June 2020
- Hematology Training Grant. T32 HL07899. National Institutes of Health. July 2017 – July 2019
- Hartwell Foundation Postdoctoral Fellowship. October 2015 – June 2017
- Outstanding Student Service Award. University of Minnesota MICAB Graduate Program. May 2015
- Dennis W. Watson Fellowship. University of Minnesota Department of Microbiology. June 2015 – September 2015
- Student Travel Award. University of Minnesota MICAB Graduate Program. Fall 2014
- Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship. University of Minnesota Graduate School. September 2014 – May 2015
- Immunology Training Grant. T32 AI 007313. National Institutes of Health. July 2013 – August 2014
- Young Investigator Award. Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections. 2013
- “Guitarras Contra” Gender Inequality, Adolescent Vulnerability, and HIV/AIDS. Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad. US Department of Education. 2007

PUBLICATIONS

Stappers MHT, Nikolakapoulou C, **Wiesner DL**, Yuecel R, Klein BS, Willment JA, Brown GD. “Characterisation of antifungal C-type lectin receptor expression on murine epithelial and endothelial cells in mucosal tissues.” *European Journal of Immunology*. Eur J Immunol. 2021 Sep;51(9):2341-2344.

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Mukaremera L, Lee KK, Wagener J, **Wiesner DL,** Gow NAR, Nielsen K. "Titan Cell Production in *Cryptococcus neoformans* Reshapes the Cell Wall and Capsule Composition During Infection." *The Cell Surface*. 2018 Mar;1:15-24.

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Wiesner DL, Klein BS. "Perspective: The Balance Between Immunity and Inflammation." *Science*. 2017 Sep 8;357(6355):973-974.

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Wang H, Li M, Hung CY, Sinha M, Lee L, **Wiesner DL,** LeBert V, Lerksuthirat T, Galles K, Suresh M, DeFranco A, Lowell C, Klein BS, Wüthrich M. "MyD88 Shapes Vaccine Immunity by Extrinsically Regulating Survival of CD4⁺ T Cells During the Contraction Phase." *PLoS Pathogens*. 2016 Aug 19;12(8):e1005787.

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INVITED SEMINARS

- University of Pittsburgh – Department of Medicine. Hosted by Janet Lee. August 2020.
- University of Rochester – Department of Pediatrics. Hosted by David Dean. December 2016.
- National Institutes of Health – Laboratory of Parasitic Diseases. Hosted by Alan Sher. January 2015.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

"Club cell TRPV4 as a damage sensor driving lung allergic inflammation." Keystone Symposia – Asthma: Making New Discoveries into Better Therapies. Snowbird, UT. April 2020. Canceled due to COVID-19.

"Fungal Protease 'Clubs' the Airways to Instigate Allergic Asthma." International Congress of Mucosal Immunology 2019. Brisbane, Australia. July 2019.

"A Calcium Signaling Circuit in Club Cells Controls Allergic Response to Fungal Protease." Keystone Symposia on Origins of Allergic Disease: Microbial, Epithelial and Immune Interactions. Tahoe, CA. March 2019.

"Specialized Regulatory T Cells Suppress Pathologic Type-2 Helper T Cell Inflammation During Pulmonary Cryptococcosis." International Conference on *Cryptococcus* and Cryptococcosis. Amsterdam, The Netherlands. May 2014.

"Ex vivo Interferon-gamma Responses to Cryptococcal Capsule Antigen Predict Outcomes of Death and/or IRIS after Cryptococcal Meningitis." Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections. Atlanta, GA. March 2013.

"*Cryptococcus neoformans* Titan Cells Influence the Pulmonary Immune Response." Gordon Research Seminar: Immunology of Fungal Infections. Galveston, TX. January 2013.

"Cryptococcal Capsule and Immune Reconstitution Inflammatory Syndrome." International AIDS Conference. Washington, D.C. July 2012.

SCIENTIFIC MEETING ABSTRACTS

Wiesner DL, Klein BK. "Epithelial Club Cell Response to Aspergillus Protease Triggers Lung Allergic Inflammation." Midwinter Conference of Immunologists. Asilomar, CA. January 2018.

Wiesner DL, Klein BK. "Fungal Protease Activates Pulmonary Epithelium and Instigates Allergic Asthma" Gordon Research Conference: Immunology of Fungal Infections. Galveston, TX. January 2017.

Wiesner DL, Bohjanen PR, Jenkins MK, Nielsen K. "Type-2 Helper T Cells Control Neutrophil-to-Eosinophil Transition with Pulmonary Fungal Infection." Multifaceted Roles of Type-2 Immunity. Bruges, Belgium. December 2014.

Wiesner DL, Achan B, Meya DB, Bohjanen PR, Nielsen KN, Boulware DR. "Ex Vivo Cytokine Responses to Cryptococcal Antigens Distinguish Cryptococcal Meningitis from Other Forms of AIDS-associated Meningitis." International Conference on *Cryptococcus* and Cryptococcosis. Charleston, SC. May 2011.

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WORKSHOPS/COURSES

- Canadian Institute for Advanced Research – Fungal Kingdom: Threats and Opportunities. Served as moderator/organizer for "Trainee Day". January 2021.
- IntegSci 660 Research Mentor Training. UW Madison. Spring 2020.
- National Research Mentoring Network – Mentor Training. Chicago, IL. May 2017.
- Innovative Genomics Initiative – CRISPR Workshop. Berkeley, CA. July 2015.
- American Association of Immunologists – Advanced Course in Immunology. Minneapolis, MN. August 2009.

SCIENTIFIC MEMBERSHIPS

- Society for Mucosal Immunology. 2017-Present.
- American Association for the Advancement of Sciences. 2016-Present.
- American Association of Immunologists. 2016-Present.
- Genetics Society of America. 2015-Present.