

CURRICULUM VITAE
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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. CONTACT INFORMATION

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B. EDUCATION

2001-06: PhD in Zoology, Banaras Hindu University, India
 Thesis: Evolutionary Studies in *Drosophila*: Interspecific hybridization among four species of the *Drosophila bipectinata* complex
 Mentor: B. N. Singh, PhD, DSc
 1999-01: Master of Science in Zoology, Banaras Hindu University, India
 1995-99: Bachelor of Science (Zoology Honors), Lalit Narayan Mithila University, India

POSTGRADUATE TRAINING

2008-10: Research Associate, Department of Physiology & Biophysics, University of Louisville, KY
 2007-08: Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Biology, Emory University, GA

C. ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2016- present: Associate Professor (Tenured, effective 7/1/2016), Department of Cellular and Integrative Physiology (CIP), University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC), NE
 2015-18: Associate Professor (Courtesy), Department of Anaesthesiology, UNMC
 2015-16: Associate Professor (Tenure-track), CIP, UNMC
 2013-15: Assistant Professor (Tenure-track), CIP, UNMC
 2013-15: Assistant Professor (Courtesy), Department of Anesthesiology, UNMC
 2010-13: Assistant Professor (Term-track), Department of Physiology and Biophysics, University of Louisville, KY

D. LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY**

President (2021): Midlands Society of Physiological Sciences, a chapter of American Physiological Society; <https://msps-online.org/>

DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE ROLES

Role	Administration	Year
Chair	Faculty Recruitment Committee	April 2021 -October 2023
Director	Equipment and Safety Operations	July 2020 - October 2023
Chair	A Ross McIntyre Cardio-Renal Seminar Review Committee	July 2020 - October 2023
Director	Seminar Series	Jan 2016 - June 2018

SCIENTIFIC SESSION OF CONFERENCE

Role	Scientific session	Year
Chair	Alternative Metabolic Fuels and Mitochondrial Dysfunction in Heart Failure: Bridging Metabolic Insights and Cardiac Health, Symposium, APS Summit	2025
Co-Chair	Unraveling the Spectrum of Cell Death: Pathways, Mechanisms, and Therapeutic Potential, Featured Topic, APS Summit	2025
Co-Chair	Diabetes and COVID-19, 13 th World Congress of the International Society for Adaptive Medicine (ISAM), Orlando, USA	2022
Moderator	Gene therapy and genome editing, College of Medicine Retreat, UNMC	2018
Co-Chair	Matrix metalloproteinases in the cardiovascular system, EB meeting	2015
Chair	Autophagy and miRNA in diabetic heart failure, EB meeting	2015
Co-Chair	Dr. Bruce McManus Young Investigator Award, Int. Acad.CV Science	2015
Moderator	Autophagy and cardiovascular disease, AHA Scientific Session	2015
Chair	MicroRNA and stem cell in muscle pathology, Experimental Biology (EB)	2013

STUDY SECTION

Role	Study section	Year
Chair	Two applications in NIH study section F10A-K	July 21, 2021
Chair	AHA Basic Cell Genetics and Epigenetics	Oct 9, 2019
Chair	AHA Basic Cell Genetics and Epigenetics	Oct 21, 2019
Co-chair	AHA Basic Cell Genetics and Epigenetics	Feb 2018
Chair	AHA Basic Cell Genetics and Epigenetics	Oct 2018
Chair	Three applications in NIH SEP ZEG1 CVRS-L	March 2018

THE BOARD OF REAGENTS FUND PANEL

Chair (2023-24): The Louisiana Board of Reagents Support Fund Department Enhancement
Biological Sciences Review Panel

TEACHING

Role	Course	Year
Director	Molecular Mechanisms of Cardiovascular Pathophysiology	2022-
Director	Cardiopulmonary Function in Health and Disease	2020-2023
Co-Director	Cardiopulmonary Function in Health and Disease	2017-2019

E. HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2024: UneMed Innovation Award for invention of novel protein isoform
 2021: Received 2020 Best Review Article Award from the *AJP, Heart and Circulatory Physiology*
 2017: Fellow of *American Heart Association* (FAHA)
 2017: Excellence in Mentoring Award, University of Nebraska Medical Center
 2014: Elected, Fellow of *American Physiological Society, Cardiovascular Section* (FCVS)
 2014: New Investigator Award, University of Nebraska Medical Center
<https://www.unmc.edu/news.cfm?match=16228>
 2011: Satu Somani Award in Physiology, Association of Scientists of Indian origin in America
 2010: Finalist for Harry Goldblatt New Investigator Award, High Blood Pressure Research conference, American Heart Association
<https://www.ahajournals.org/doi/full/10.1161/hypertensionaha.111.169516>
 2010: *Best Poster Award* in 2nd International Conference on H₂S Biology and Medicine
 2005: National Level Travel Award from the Department of Science and Technology of India for attending “10th European Society for Evolutionary Biology” international conference, held in Krakow, Poland.
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II. RESEARCH

Our research has led to key discoveries in diabetic heart failure, elucidating its underlying mechanisms and advancing innovative therapeutic strategies. We were the **first to establish ferroptosis as a critical process in human heart failure**, demonstrating its predominant role over other cell death mechanisms in diabetic heart failure. Ferroptosis, a relatively recent discovery, is an iron-mediated, lipid peroxide-driven form of cell death, with its molecular regulators still emerging. **Our pioneering work identified matrix metalloproteinase-9 (MMP9) as a regulator of ferroptosis** through its interactions with subcellular proteins, opening new avenues for targeted therapy. Myocardial cell death is a precursor to cardiomyopathy, as adult cardiomyocytes have limited regenerative capacity, making their loss irreversible. Apoptosis, a widely studied cell death mechanism, plays a minimal role in human heart failure, highlighting the significance of non-apoptotic cell death pathways. To enhance rigor and reproducibility in the field, we developed **best-practice guidelines for evaluating myocardial cell death** via apoptotic and non-apoptotic mechanisms. This widely cited guideline article, which received the Best Review Article Award, has significantly influenced research in cardiovascular pathology worldwide.

Diabetic heart failure differs from non-diabetic heart failure in several key aspects, including metabolic alterations (increased fatty acid oxidation), steatosis (lipid accumulation in cardiomyocytes), and sex-specific disparities (with females at higher risk than males). Metabolic remodeling in the diabetic heart promotes cardiac steatosis, while mitochondrial dysfunction—a hallmark of diabetic cardiomyopathy—aggravates lipotoxicity, oxidative stress, cell death, and inflammation. These pathological processes contribute to structural remodeling (fibrosis and hypertrophy) and functional impairment, beginning with diastolic dysfunction and progressing to systolic failure. To investigate the molecular mechanisms underlying these changes, we **developed a novel diabetic mouse strain (Akita/miR-133aTg)** and demonstrated the specific role of miR-133a in preventing cardiac steatosis in diabetes. Additionally, our studies in rodent diabetic models revealed that miR-133a mimic treatment improves cardiac function, **establishing miR-133a as a promising therapeutic target** for the prevention, management, and treatment of diabetic cardiomyopathy. Notably, miR-133a expression is upregulated by hydrogen sulfide donors, and **hydrogen sulfide levels are elevated through exercise training**. This **hydrogen sulfide–miR-133a axis** represents a potential mechanism through which exercise enhances cardiac function in diabetes. Furthermore, in MMP9 knockout mice, miR-133a is significantly upregulated in cardiomyocytes, leading to enhanced contractility. We **developed a novel diabetic mouse strain (Akita/MMP9KO)** and demonstrated that MMP9 deficiency improves cardiomyocyte contractility in diabetic hearts. These findings suggest that MMP9 inhibitors may improve cardiac function by increasing miR-133a levels. Collectively, **our research highlights a promising therapeutic strategy** for addressing diabetic cardiomyopathy—an incurable and highly prevalent disease.

We have utilized various models of diabetes to investigate its impact on the heart. For type 1 diabetes (T1DM), we employ both an acute model (streptozotocin-induced) and a chronic model (Insulin 2 heterozygous mutant Akita mice). For type 2 diabetes (T2DM), we use a genetic model (leptin receptor mutant db/db) and an obesity-induced model (high-fat diet combined with low-dose streptozotocin). Each diabetic model has its own strengths and limitations. I have **contributed to the development of guidelines on models of diabetic heart disease**, providing a comprehensive evaluation of their advantages and constraints.

For in vitro studies, we use various cardiomyocyte cell lines to investigate molecular mechanisms. These include HL-1 (murine atrial cardiomyocytes), H9c2 (rat embryonic ventricular cardiomyocytes), and AC16 (human ventricular cardiomyocytes). However, gene knockdown and overexpression in these cells pose technical challenges due to low transfection efficiency. To address this, we have **developed an optimized transfection method for HL-1 and H9c2 cells**, refining the selection of transfection agents, optimizing dose combinations of transfection agents and DNA, and minimizing toxicity. This advancement significantly enhances molecular studies in cardiac research.

Our research has redefined molecular mechanisms and therapeutic strategies in diabetes-induced heart failure. We identified ferroptosis as a key cell death pathway, uncovered MMP9's role, and established MMP9 inhibition and miR-133a restoration as therapeutic targets. Additionally, we demonstrated the cardioprotective effects of exercise via the hydrogen sulfide–miR-133a axis. By developing novel mouse models, optimizing cardiomyocyte transfection, and publishing guidelines on myocardial cell death and diabetic models, we pave the way for innovative interventions to improve cardiac health in diabetes.

A. RESEARCH IMPACT

Google scholar profile: <https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=c40osEkAAAAJ&hl=en>
h-index: 40 (total citations 18419), i10-index: 69

NIH iCITE (Paras Kumar Mishra): https://icite.od.nih.gov/results?search_id=3h6ohn29qmrhcp80

B. PUBLICATIONS

Complete List of Publications:

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sites/myncbi/1BUMsLa0MVe5j/bibliography/44080859/public/?sortby=pubDate&sdirection=descending>

RESEARCH ARTICLE (* corresponding author)

1. Freel CI, Scheffler J, Drakowski RA, Lyden E, VanOmer M, Thoene MS, **Mishra PK**, Hanson CK, Anderson-Berry AL. Differential Plasma Carotenoids Profiles in Hypertensive Disorders of Pregnancy. *Nutrients* 2025.
2. Gawargi FI, **Mishra PK***. Regulation of cardiac ferroptosis in diabetic human heart failure: uncovering molecular pathways and key targets. *Cell Death Discov* 10(1):268. 2024. PMID: 38824159.
3. Gawargi FI, **Mishra PK***. MMP9 drives ferroptosis by regulating GPX4 and iron signaling. *iScience* 27(9):110622. 2024. PMID: 39252956.
4. Gawargi FI, **Mishra PK***. Deciphering MMP9's dual role in regulating SOD3 via protein-protein interaction. *Canadian Journal of Physiology and Pharmacology* 102(3):196-205. 2024. PMID: 37992301.
5. Ai W, Casey CA, **Mishra PK**, Alnouti Y, Daria S, Saraswathi V. Blockade of thromboxane A2 signaling attenuates ethanol-induced myocardial inflammatory response in mice. *Alcohol Clin Exp Res* 48(8):1529. 2024. PMID: 39030742.
6. Gawargi FI, **Mishra PK***. Tailoring transfection for cardiomyocyte cell lines: balancing efficiency and toxicity in lipid versus polymer-based transfection methods in H9c2 and HL-1 cells. *Am J Physiol- Heart Circ Physiol*. 326(6):H1406-H1419. 2024. PMID: 38607343.

Spotlight Cover for American Journal of Physiology – Heart and Circulatory Physiology

We introduce meticulously crafted protocols to enhance the culture and transfection of H9c2 and HL-1 cells, emphasizing the reduction of cytotoxic effects while improving transfection efficiency. Through the examination of polymer-based and lipid-based transfection methods, we offer a comparative analysis that underscores the heightened efficiency and reduced toxicity of these approaches. Our research provides an extensive array of step-by-step procedures designed to foster robust cell cultures and outlines troubleshooting practices to rectify issues of low transfection rates. We discuss the merits and drawbacks of both transfection techniques, equipping researchers with the knowledge to choose the most fitting method for their experimental goals. By offering a definitive guide to these cell lines' culturing and transfection, our work seeks to set a new standard in procedural consistency, ensuring that the cardiovascular research community can achieve more dependable and reproducible results, thereby pushing the boundaries of current methodologies toward impactful clinical applications.



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8. Park SY, Pekas E, Anderson C, Kambis TN, **Mishra PK**, Schieber MN, Wooden TK, Thompson J, Kim KS, Pipinos I I. Impaired microcirculatory function, mitochondrial respiration, and oxygen utilization in skeletal muscle of claudicating patients with peripheral artery disease. *Am J Physiology - Heart Circ Physiol*. 322 (5): H867-H879, 2022. PMID: 35333113.
9. Kambis TN, Shahshahan HR, **Mishra PK***. Metabolites and genes behind cardiac metabolic remodeling in mice with type 1 diabetes mellitus. *International Journal of Molecular Science*. 23 (3), 1392, 2022. PMID: 35163316.
10. Yadav SK, **Mishra PK***. Intracellular matrix metalloproteinase-9 mediates epigenetic modifications and autophagy to regulate differentiation in human cardiac stem cells. *Stem Cells*. 39; 497-506, 2021. PMID: 33438302. [The Best Papers from 2022 STEM CELLS® Young Investigators](#).
11. Park SY, Pekas E, Headid RJ, Son WM, Wooden TK, Song J, Layec G, Yadav SK, **Mishra PK**, Pipinos I I. Acute mitochondrial antioxidant intake improves endothelial function, antioxidant enzyme activity, and exercise tolerance in peripheral artery disease patients. *Heart, and Circulatory Physiology*. 319(2): H456-H467, 2020. PMID: 32706261.
12. Yadav SK, Kambis TN, Kar S, Park SY, **Mishra PK***. MMP9 mediates acute hyperglycemia-induced human cardiac stem cell death by upregulating apoptosis and pyroptosis in vitro. *Cell Death and Disease*. 13; 11(3):186, 2020. PMID: 32170070.
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21. Sharma NM, Nandi SS, Zheng H, **Mishra PK**, Patel KS. A novel role for miR-133a in centrally mediated activation of the renin-angiotensin system in congestive heart failure. *American Journal of Physiology - Heart and Circulatory Physiology*. 312 (5): H968-979, 2017. PMID: 28283551. Highlighted as an APSselect article, a platform for the best articles in physiological research. Link: <http://apsselect.physiology.org/>
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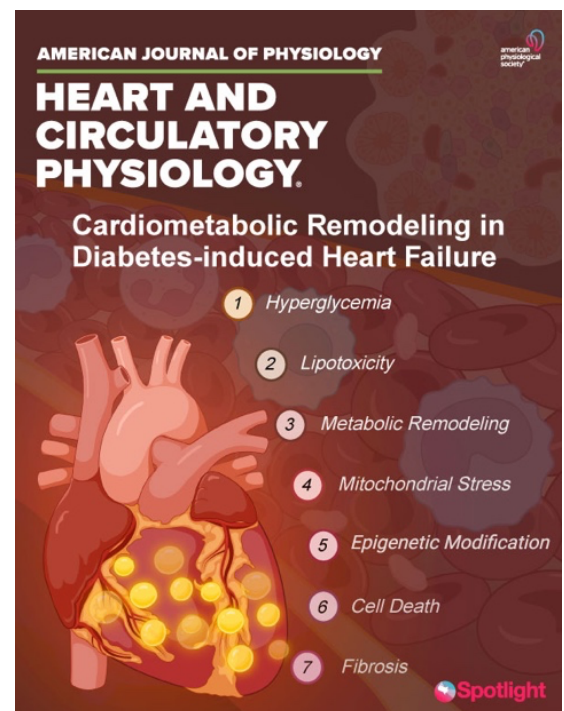
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REVIEW ARTICLE (* corresponding author)

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2. Sharma G, Chaurasia S S, Carlson M A, **Mishra PK***. Recent advances associated with cardiometabolic remodeling in diabetes-induced heart failure. *Am J Physiol Heart Circ Physiol*.327(6):H1327-H1342, 2024. PMID: 39453429.

Spotlight Cover for *American Journal of Physiology – Heart and Circulatory Physiology*.

Decoding cardiometabolic remodeling in diabetes-induced heart failure: novel mechanistic insights, innovative techniques, and emerging therapeutic strategies. Diabetes-induced heart failure (DHF) presents unique metabolic challenges due to altered cardiac substrate metabolism, including increased fatty acid oxidation and impaired glucose utilization. These changes drive lipotoxicity and metabolic remodeling, leading to mitochondrial dysfunction and energy deficits, which worsen heart failure. Emerging mechanisms in diabetic heart remodeling include autophagy dysregulation, epigenetic changes, polyamine imbalance, and disrupted branched-chain amino acid metabolism, providing opportunities for targeted therapies aimed at restoring metabolic balance. Advanced techniques reveal novel strategies, such as adjusting fatty acid metabolism and optimizing ketone body use, offering hope for better cardiac outcomes. This review highlights the latest research, methodologies, and therapeutic approaches to address metabolic disturbances in DHF.

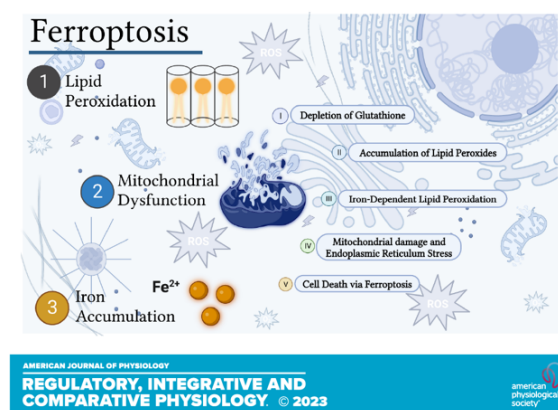
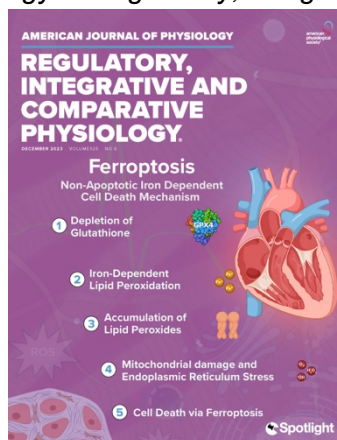


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American Journal of
Physiology – Regulatory,
Integrative and
Comparative Physiology.

Mechanisms of myocardial ferroptosis. Ferroptosis is a non-apoptotic, regulated form of cell death mechanism driven by iron-dependent lipid peroxidation and



progresses through a series of distinct events. It begins with the depletion of glutathione, which disrupts the activity of glutathione peroxidase-4 (GPX4), an enzyme that reduces lipid peroxide into alcohol (1). Reduced GPX4 activity is a key marker of myocardial ferroptosis. Downregulation of GPX4 sets the stage for iron-dependent lipid peroxidation (2). This results in accumulation of lipid peroxides (3), which triggers a sequence of events, including mitochondrial damage and endoplasmic reticulum stress (4). Ultimately, these events lead to cell death via ferroptosis (5), which is characterized by the disruption of the cell membrane and release of cellular contents.

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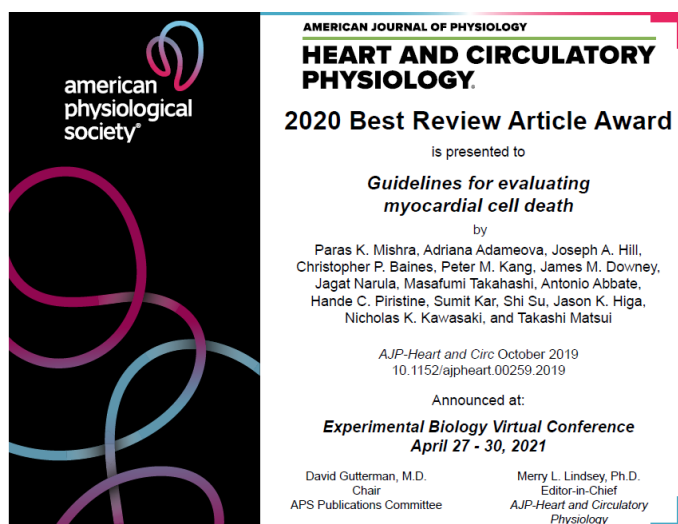
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Winner of the AJP- Heart and Circulatory Physiology Best Review Article Award

Cell death is a fundamental process in cardiac pathologies. Recent studies have revealed multiple forms of cell death, and several of them have been demonstrated to underlie adverse cardiac remodeling and heart failure. With the expansion in the area of myocardial cell death and increasing concerns over rigor and reproducibility, it is important and timely to set a guideline for the best practices of evaluating



myocardial cell death. There are six major forms of regulated cell death observed in cardiac pathologies, namely apoptosis, necroptosis, mitochondrial-mediated necrosis, pyroptosis, ferroptosis, and autophagic cell death. In this article, we describe the best methods to identify, measure, and evaluate these modes of myocardial cell death. In addition, we discuss the limitations of currently practiced myocardial cell death mechanisms. <https://journals.physiology.org/doi/full/10.1152/ajpheart.00259.2019>

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31. **Mishra PK**, Nandi SS, Chavali V (2014). Mdivi-1 mitigates cardiac dysfunction by attenuating mitophagy in diabetes. Experimental Biology, April 26-30, San Diego, CA
32. Chavali V, Nandi SS, **Mishra PK** (2013). Mitochondrial division inhibitor (Mdivi-1) ameliorates diabetic cardiomyopathy by attenuating mitophagy and DNA methylation. Nebraska Physiological Society Meeting, October 4, University of Nebraska, Omaha, NE
33. Nandi SS, Chavali V, **Mishra PK** (2013). MiR-133a mitigates autophagy by regulating AMPK/mTOR signaling and ameliorates diabetic cardiomyopathy. Nebraska Physiological Society Meeting, University of Nebraska, Omaha, NE, October 4,
34. Chavali V, Metreveli N, Tyagi S, **Mishra PK** (2013). Mitochondrial division inhibitor (Mdivi-1) mitigates autophagy and DNA methylation and ameliorates diabetic cardiomyopathy. The cardiovascular Forum for Promoting Centers of Excellence and Young Investigators, Louisville, KY, August 15-17 ([Selected for the James Willerson Clinical Award Lecture](#)).
35. **Mishra PK**, Chavali V, Metreveli N, Tyagi SC (2013). Ablation of MMP9 ameliorates epigenetic modifications and mitigates diabetic cardiomyopathy. Experimental Biology, April 20-24, Boston, USA.
36. Qipshidze N, **Mishra PK**, Tyagi SC (2013). Mitochondrial division inhibitor (Mdivi-1) ameliorates post-myocardial infarction via stimulating stem cell by elevating levels of miR-499 in diabetes. Experimental Biology, April 20-24, Boston, MA
37. Chavali V, Diaz NL, Tyagi SC, **Mishra PK** (2013). MiR-133a ameliorates cardiac stem cell survival and differentiation in Insulin 2 mutant diabetic mice. Experimental Biology, April 20-24, Boston, MA
38. Chavali V, Harris J M, Givvimani S, Qipshidze N, Murphy LA, Tyagi G, Metreveli N, Tyagi SC, **Mishra PK** (2013). Exercise ameliorates high fat diet mediated inflammation, DNA methylation and heart failure in female mice. Experimental Biology, April 20-24, Boston, MA
39. **Mishra PK**, Chavali V, Metreveli N, Tyagi SC (2012). Targeted deletion of MMP9 mitigates autophagy mediated contractile dysfunction in Insulin 2 mutant diabetic mice. AHA, Scientific Session, November 3-7, Los Angeles, CA.
40. **Mishra PK**, Metreveli N, Chavali V, Tyagi N, Qipshidze N, Sen U, Joshua IG, Tyagi SC. (2012). Role of MMP9 in cardiac stem cell differentiation and autophagy. Experimental Biology, April 21-25, San Diego, CA
41. Chavali V, Tyagi N, Tyagi SC, **Mishra PK**. (2012). MiR-133 as an epigenetic regulator of diabetic heart failure. Experimental Biology, April 21-25, San Diego, CA
42. **Mishra PK**, Chavali V, Sathur P, Qipshidze N, Tyagi SC (2012). H₂S ameliorates homocysteine mediated attenuation of miR-133 and β 2-AR in diabetic hearts. 2nd International Conference on H₂S Biology and Medicine, September 20-22, Atlanta, GA. ([Received the Best Poster Award](#)).
43. Qipshidze N, **Mishra PK**, Givvimani S, Sen U, Tyagi SC (2012). Hydrogen sulfide protects coronary vasospasm after myocardial infarction and eliminates myocardial infarction zone by promoting to grow new vessels. 2nd International Conference on H₂S Biology and Medicine, September 20-22, Atlanta, GA
44. **Mishra PK**, Chavali V, Metreveli N, Tyagi SC (2012). Targeted deletion of MMP9 mitigates autophagy mediated contractile dysfunction in Insulin2 mutant diabetic mice. Scientific Session, American heart Association, November 3-7, Los Angel, CA
45. Tyagi N, Narayanan N, **Mishra PK**, Qipshidze N, Givvimani S, Tyagi SC (2012). Epigenetic reprogramming of mitochondrial dysfunction in hyperhomocysteinemia. Experimental Biology, April 21-25, San Diego, CA
46. **Mishra PK**, Joshua IG, Tyagi SC. (2012). Exercise mitigates beta2-adrenergic receptor dysfunction by decreasing homocysteine in diabetes. Experimental Biology, April 21-25, San Diego, CA

47. Tyagi N, Qipshidze N, Munjal C, Metreveli N, Dankowski A, **Mishra PK**, Sen U, Lominadze D, Givvimani S, Tyagi SC (2011). Hydrogen sulfide ameliorates mitochondrial MMP-9 mediated mitochondrial remodeling in cerebral ischemia. Experimental Biology, April 9-13, Washington, DC
48. **Mishra PK**, Awe O, Metreveli N, Qipshidze N, Munjal C, Tyagi N, Tyagi SC. (2011). Exercise ameliorates diabetic cardiomyopathy by inducing beta2-adrenergic receptors and miR-133a, and attenuating MMP-9. Experimental Biology, April 9-13, Washington, DC
49. Munjal C, Tyagi N, Qipshidze N, **Mishra PK**, Givvimani S, Sen U, Lominadze D, Tyagi SC (2011). The siRNA targeting MMP-9 mitigates homocysteine- induced disruption of barrier integrity in human intestinal microvascular cells. Experimental Biology, April 9-13, Washington, DC
50. Sen U, Qipshidze N, Givvimani S, **Mishra PK**, Munjal C, Tyagi N, Tyagi SC (2011). Hydrogen sulfide mitigates homocysteine- mediated mitophagy. Experimental Biology, April 9-13, Washington DC
51. Qipshidze N, **Mishra PK**, Metreveli N, Lominadze D, Tyagi SC (2011). Hydrogen sulfide improves angiogenesis and regulates cardiac function and structure during myocardial infarction in mice. Experimental Biology, April 9-13, Washington, DC
52. **Mishra PK**, Metreveli N, Givvimani S, Panguluri SK, Sen U, Tyagi N, Basu P, Munjal C, Joshua IG, Tyagi SC. (2010). Ablation of MMP-9 ameliorates miR-1 and -133 mediated cardiac dysfunction in insulin2 mutant diabetic mice. ([Presented at the Harry Goldblatt New Investigator Award Lecture 2010 AHA High Blood Pressure Research](#)). [Received the Best of HBPR 2010](#). Invited Presentation in the Best of AHA specialty conference at the Scientific Session of AHA, Chicago, IL.
53. Kandel M, Tyagi N, Qipshidze N, Munjal C, Basu P, Givvimani S, Abe O, **Mishra PK**, Sen U, Tyagi SC (2010). Folic acid mitigated homocysteine-mediated decrease in bone blood flow and bone remodeling. Experimental Biology, April 24-28, Anaheim, CA
54. Givvimani S, Jala R, **Mishra PK**, Sen U, Tyagi N, Qipshidze N, Munjal C, Tyagi SC. (2010). Functional heterogeneity in vascular remodeling (MMP-9^{-/-} and PAR-1^{-/+}) in hyperhomocysteinemic (CBS^{-/+}) and diabetic (Akita, Ins2^{-/+}) mice. Experimental Biology, April 24-28, Anaheim, CA
55. **Mishra PK**, Givvimani S, Sen U, Abe OA, Tyagi N, Basu P, Munjal C, Tyagi SC. (2010). Role of dicer in diabetic cardiomyopathy through dysregulation of MMP-9 and TIMP-4. Experimental Biology, Anaheim, CA, April 24-28
56. Tyagi N, Qipshidze N, Givvimani S, Kandel M, **Mishra PK**, Sen U, Johar A, Tyagi SC (2010). Tetrahydrocurcumin ameliorates mtMMP-9 mediated mitophagy and mitochondria remodeling in Stroke. Experimental Biology, April 24-28, Anaheim, CA
57. Munjal C, Falcon JF, Qipshidze N, **Mishra PK**, Tyagi SC (2010). DDAH-2 & eNOS in Mesenteric Vascular Remodeling: Role of Fenugreek. Experimental Biology, April 24-28, Anaheim, CA
58. Basu P, Qipshidze N, Sen U, **Mishra PK**, Tyagi SC (2010). Blood flow regulates vasculature by maintaining elastin /collagen and MMP/ TIMP ratio. Experimental Biology, April 24-28, Anaheim, CA
59. **Mishra PK**, Metreveli N, Givvimani S, Kundu S, Tyagi N, Qipshidze N, Sen U, Basu P, Abe OA, Gillespie WM, Munjal C, Vacek J, Tyagi SC (2009). Downregulation of dicer involved in MMP-9 mediated cardiomyocytes dysfunction. 63rd High Blood Pressure Research Conference, September 23-26, Chicago, IL
60. Tyagi N, S Kundu, N. Qipshidze, **Mishra PK**, S. Givvimani, S. Tyagi (2009). Cardiac- specific deletion of N-methyl-D-aspartate R1 ameliorates mitochondrial connexin-43 translocation and mitochondrial MMP-9 activity in hyperhomocysteinemia. Basic cardiovascular Sciences Conference. July 20-23, Las Vegas, NV
61. Kumar M, Givvimani S, Sathnur PB, **Mishra PK**, Kundu S, Rodriguez-Alvarez WE, Tyagi N, Sen U, Tyagi SC (2009). Cerebro-protective role of tetra-hydro-curcumin in hyperhomocysteinemic ischemic mice by regulating NF-kB. Experimental Biology, April 18-22, New Orleans, LA
62. Tyagi N, Givvimani S, Kumar M, Kundu S, Gillespie W M, **Mishra PK**, Sathnur P, Lominadze D, Sen U, Tyagi SC (2009). Curcumin reduces matrix metalloproteinase-9 expression and ameliorates blood brain barrier dysfunction in stroke. Brain & Brain PET 09 conference Chicago, IL
63. **Mishra PK** Tyagi N, Kumar M, Kundu S, Givvimani S, Sen U, Tyagi SC (2009). Role of microRNAs in homocysteine-induced oxidative stress. Experimental Biology, April 18-22, New Orleans, LA

C. RESEARCH SUPPORT

Active Grants

1. University of Nebraska Collaboration Initiative grant: *Regulation of HIV-driven Cardiac Dysfunction in Diabetres*. July 1, 2025- June 30, 2026; Direct Costs: Year/ Total: \$100,000.
Role: Principal Investigator
2. Child Health Research Institute, University of Nebraska Medical Center: *Molecular Windows into the Womb: A Comprehensive Multi-Omics Exploration of Gestational Diabetes-Induced Fetal Vascular Endothelial Remodeling*. July 2025-June 2026; Direct cost: \$45,000.
Role: Principal Investigator
3. National Institutes of Health, 1 P50AA030407: *Alcohol Center of Research-Nebraska (ACORN)*. January 01, 2022- December 31, 2027; Direct cost: \$1,035,000. Total amount \$1,569,501.
Role: Co-Investigator (5% FTE). PI: Casey CA.
4. National Institutes of Health, R01 HL155618: *The role of hemoglobin alpha in diabetes-related vascular dysfunction*. August 2021(effective date August 2022)- July 2026; Direct cost: \$324,490
Role: Co-Investigator (3% FTE); PI: Bagher P.

Pending Grants

1. National Institutes of Health, R01HL185817: *Mitochondrial Dysfunction and Ferroptosis in MCS-supported Heart Failure*. Submitted on 06/05/2025 (04/01/2026-03/31/2031); Direct cost: \$1,611,465
Role: Principal Investigator
2. National Institutes of Health, R01HL181484-A1: *MicroRNA-Based Therapeutics for Diabetes Pathogenesis*. Submitted on 07/05/2025 (04/01/2026-03/31/2031); Direct cost: \$2,535,806. A0 Percentile: 31.
Role: Principal Investigator

Past grants

5. National Institutes of Health, R56HL156806: *Mechanism of metabolic remodeling in the diabetic heart*. September 22, 2022- August 31, 2025; Direct cost: \$ 262,212.
6. University of Nebraska Collaboration Initiative grant: *Gut Microbiome and MMP9 in T1DM Cardiac Dysfunction*. July 1, 2024- June 30, 2025; Direct Costs: Year/ Total: \$100,000.
Role: Principal Investigator
7. University of Nebraska Collaboration Initiative grant: *Myocardial cell death mechanism due to TEVAR-induced aortic stiffening*. July 1, 2023- June 30, 2025; Direct Costs: Year/ Total: 2/ \$97,032.
Role: Co-Investigator. PI: Desyatova A.
8. University of Nebraska Collaboration Initiative grant: *Role of MMP9 in cardiac lipid peroxidation in T1DM*. July 1, 2022- June 30, 2024; Direct Costs: Year/ Total: 2/ \$149,982
Role: Principal Investigator
9. University of Nebraska Collaboration Initiative grant: *Hydrogen sulfide as a biomarker in patients with peripheral artery disease*. July 1, 2022- June 30, 2024; Direct Costs: Year/ Total: 2/ \$143,660
Role: Co-Investigator. PI: Park SY.
10. UNMC College of Medicine Bridge Grant: *Myocardial cell death in hypertensive diabetes*. August 1, 2022- July 30, 2024; Direct Costs: Year/Total: 2/ \$100,000
Role: Principal Investigator
11. National Institutes of Health, P20GM104320 (PI: Zemleni J)/Nebraska Center for the Prevention of Obesity Pilot grant: *Gut dysbiosis in diabetic cardiomyopathy*. January 1, 2021- June 30, 2022; Direct Costs: Year/ Total: 2/ \$200,000
Role: Principal Investigator.
12. University of Nebraska Collaboration Initiative grant: *H₂S Therapeutics for Myocardial Ferroptosis in Diabetes*. July 1, 2021- June 30, 2023. Direct Costs: Year/Total: 2/ \$149,924.
Role: Principal Investigator

13. University of Nebraska Collaboration Initiative grant: *Maternal Diabetes and Mitochondrial Dysfunction in Fetal Heart*. July 1, 2021- June 30, 2023. Direct Costs: Year/Total: 2/ \$150,000
Role: Co- Investigator. PI: Wood J
14. National Institutes of Health, U54GM115458 (PI: Lindsey ML)/Center for Heart and Vascular Research Pilot grant: *Targeted delivery of H₂S to mitigate cell death in obesity/diabetes-induced cardiomyopathy* January 1, 2020- June 30, 2021; Direct Costs: \$50,000
Role: Principal Investigator.
15. National Institutes of Health, R01 HL129823: *Systems biology of fibroblast activation following myocardial infarction*. July 1, 2020- April 30, 2021 (my participation). Direct cost: Year/Total: 4 / \$1, 250,000
Role: Collaborator. PI: Lindsey ML.
16. University of Nebraska Collaboration Initiative grant: *miRNA-based Therapeutic Strategy for Diabetic Breast Cancer*. July 1, 2020- June 30, 2022. Direct Costs: Year/Total: 2/ \$149,064.
Role: Co-Investigator. PI: Chandra S
17. National Institutes of Health, R01 HL126796: *NHLBI UTHSCSA Cardiovascular Proteomics Center*. December 1, 2015- November 30, 2019; Direct cost: Year/Total: 4 / \$1, 250,000
Role: Co-Principal Investigator. PI: Zucker IH / Wang HJ
18. National Institutes of Health, R01 HL116205: *Exercise and H₂S mitigate homocysteine-mediated beta2-adrenergic receptor*. July 1, 2014- December 31, 2019; Direct cost: Year/Total: 6 / \$1, 250,000
Role: Principal Investigator
19. National Institutes of Health, R01 HL113281: *Inflammation, miRNA, and autophagy in diabetes*. September 1, 2013- July 31, 2020; Year/Total: 7/ \$1, 250,000.
Role: Principal Investigator
20. American heart Association Beginning Grant-In-Aid, 11BGIA 9690055. *Role of MMPs in miRNA-mediated diabetic cardiomyopathy*. July 1, 2011-June 30, 2013 (relinquished from May 30,2013 due to moving to UNMC). Direct cost: Year/Total: 2/\$130,000
Role: PI: Principal Investigator

D. INVITED LECTURES AT INSTITUTIONS

COMMUNITY

1. *A potential new therapeutic strategy for diabetes-induced heart failure*. North Omaha Community Care Council meeting. September 8, 2021

UNIVERSITY

2. *Role of MMP9 in diabetic cardiomyopathy*. Institute of Cellular Therapeutics, University of Louisville, Louisville, Kentucky. January 2013.
3. *Multifaceted role of miR-133 in the heart*. Department seminar in the Department of surgery at UNMC. September 2013.
4. *Novel regulatory mechanisms of diabetic cardiomyopathy*. Department of Internal Medicine, UNMC. January 2014.
5. *Role of miRNA in cardiac remodeling*. M.D. /Ph.D. Scholar Program Luncheon meeting at UNMC. April 2014.
6. *Regulating the regulators of autophagy in diabetic hearts*. The Nebraska Gateway to Nutrigenomics Seminar series, University of Nebraska-Lincoln. October 2014.
7. *Mechanism of pathological cardiac remodeling in diabetics*. Department of Pharmacology, UNMC. April 2014.
8. *Autophagy and miRNA in diabetic heart failure*. Cardiology Grand Round at UNMC. February 2015.
9. *MicroRNA: From Bench side to clinical trials*. Department of Genetics, Cell Biology and Anatomy. November 2016.
10. *A novel therapeutic strategy for diabetic cardiomyopathy*. VA Medical Center, NE. December 2016.
11. *Programming death for life: unique mechanisms for cell death*. Cellular and Integrative Physiology, UNMC. August 2017.
12. *Cell death at the heart of diabetes*. Department of surgery, UNMC. September 2019.

13. *Micromanaging the “sweet” heart to prevent heart failure*. VA Medical Center, NE. February 2022.
14. *Cardiac remodeling in metabolic syndrome: Mechanisms and therapeutic targets*. Child Health Research Institute, UNMC, February 2025.

NATIONAL

15. *MicroRNA and MMP9 in the diabetic heart*. Department of Physiology, Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan. November 2012.
16. *MicroRNA and MMP9 in the diabetic heart*. Department seminar at the Cellular and Integrative Physiology, UNMC. January 2013.
17. *MicroRNA and MMP9 in the diabetic heart*. Learner Research Institute, Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, Ohio. January 2013.
18. *Regulating autophagy in diabetic hearts*. School of Medicine Basic Biomedical Sciences, University of South Dakota. September 2016.
19. *MicroRNomics of diabetic cardiomyopathy: From regulatory RNA to therapeutic candidate*. Department of Functional Tissue Engineering, North Carolina University, North Carolina. August 2018.
20. *Micromanaging cardiac remodeling to develop treatment for diabetic cardiomyopathy*. Vascular Biology Center Research Seminar series at the Medical College of Georgia. Augusta. February 2019.
21. *Micro-managing complex pathogenesis of the diabetic heart*. Animal & Comparative Biomedical Sciences, University of Arizona, April 2022.
22. *Protecting the “sweet” heart: Targeting diabetes-induced heart failure*. Department of Cell and Molecular Biology, University of Mississippi Medical Center, May 2023.

INTERNATIONAL

23. *MicroRNA at the Heart of Diabetes*. International Webinar organized by the South Asian University, Faculty of Life Sciences and Biotechnology, New Delhi, India. August 26, 2021.

E. INVITED LECTURE AT CONFERENCES

NATIONAL

1. *Ablation of MMP9 ameliorates miR-1, and miR-133 mediated cardiac dysfunction in Insulin2 mutant diabetic mice*. Harry Goldblatt Award Lecture, AHA Hypertension Council, November 2010
2. *Exercise ameliorates diabetic cardiomyopathy by inducing beta-2 adrenergic receptors and miR-133a, and attenuating MMP9*. Experimental Biology meeting Featured topic “Fibroblast-cardiomyocyte signaling”, April 2011.
3. *Exercise mitigates beta2-adrenergic receptor dysfunction by decreasing homocysteine in diabetes*. Experimental Biology meeting Featured topic “Effect of exercise and nutritional perturbations on cumulative muscle protein synthesis”, April 2012.
4. *Ablation of MMP9 ameliorates epigenetic modifications and mitigates diabetic cardiomyopathy*. Experimental Biology meeting Featured topic “MicroRNA and stem cell in muscle pathophysiology”, April 2013.
5. *Cardioprotective role of miR-133a in diabetic hearts*. The Cardiovascular Forum for Promoting Centers of Excellence and Young Investigators, Louisville, Kentucky, August 2013.
6. *Novel cardioprotective role of miR-133a*. Annual Meeting of the International Academy of Cardiovascular Sciences: North American section, Omaha, Nebraska, September 2015.
7. *MicroRNA-autophagy axis in diabetic hearts*. 9th Global Diabetologists Annual Meeting and Medicare Expo, Dallas, Texas, January 2016.
8. *A novel role for cardiac tyrosine aminotransferase in miR-133a-mediated regulation of contractility of diabetic hearts*. Annual meeting of the International Academy of Cardiovascular Sciences: North American section, 5th Annual Forum to Promote Young Investigators and Centers of Excellence in Cardiovascular Sciences, Orlando, Florida, September 2017.
9. *Targeting diabetic cardiomyopathy: challenges and a potential therapy*. 13th World Congress of International Society for Adaptive Medicine, Orlando, Florida, October 2022.

10. *Fueling mitochondrial efficiency and harnessing the power of ketones*. American Physiological Society Summit, Baltimore, Maryland, April 2025.

INTERNATIONAL

11. *Genetic deletion of MMP9 induces miRNA and ameliorates heart failure in diabetics*. International symposium on "Population genetics and chromatin dynamics, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, INDIA, January 2012.
12. *Cardioprotective role of miR-133 in diabetic hearts*. 2nd Cardiovascular Forum for Promoting Centers of Excellence and Young Investigators, Winnipeg, Manitoba, CANADA, September 2014.
13. *MICRO-managing cardiac autophagy to ameliorate diabetic cardiomyopathy*. Trends in Biochemical and Biomedical Research: Advances and Challenges, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, INDIA, February 2018.
14. *Pyroptosis in diabetic cardiomyopathy*. International conference on Emerging Research in Bioscience, Guru Ghasidas Vishwavidyalaya, INDIA, October 2018.
15. *miRNA at the Heart of diabetes and COVID-19*. Diabetes Conclave 2021, VIRTUAL, March 2021.
<https://diabetesconference.mindauthors.com/speakers/>

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

16. *Role of miRNA in prevention of diabetes-induced heart failure*. International e-Conference on Recent Advances in Life Sciences with Reference to Disease, Disorder and Adaptations. Lalit Narayan Mithila University, INDIA, July 2021. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RbrUTHVbUjA> (starts at 1:14:56)

F. ORGANIZING SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS / CONFERENCES

1. Euro Weight Loss-2015, Frankfurt, GERMANY, August 2015
2. Annual meeting of the International Academy of Cardiovascular Sciences: North American Section, Nebraska, USA, September 2015. In addition to organization, deliver a talk, and co-chaired a scientific session.
3. Midlands Physiological Society Scientific Session, October 2020, Nebraska
4. Midlands Physiological Society Scientific Session, October 2021, Nebraska
5. Midlands Physiological Society Scientific Session, October 2022, Nebraska

G. SOCIAL MEDIA: Podcasts for the *American Journal of Physiology (AJP)- Heart and Circulatory Physiology*

AUTHOR

1. October 23, 2019: Guidelines for Evaluating Myocardial Cell Death
<https://ajpheart.podbean.com/e/guidelines-for-evaluating-myocardial-cell-death/>

CONTENT EXPERT

2. July 15, 2016: miR-140 and Right heart Hypertrophy
<https://ajpheart.podbean.com/e/mir140-and-right-heart-hypertrophy/?comments=true>
3. March 23, 2018: MicroRNA translocation into the Mitochondria
<https://ajpheart.podbean.com/e/micrna-translocation-into-the-mitochondria/>

HOST

4. August 6, 2021: Cardiomyocyte-specific Txnip C247S mutation improves left ventricular functional reserve in streptozotocin-induced diabetic mice.
<https://podcasts.apple.com/us/podcast/txnip-c247s-mutation-improves-cardiac-function-in-diabetes/id439721739?i=1000531218407>

III. TEACHING

A. GROUP LEARNING

1. GRANT WRITING BOOTCAMP

Instructor: Great Plains IDeA-CTR/CHVR Grant Writing Bootcamp.

2021 (Sept -Nov): Reviewed Aims page, Biosketch, and Research Strategy drafts of NIH RO1 applications for a small group (4 Junior investigators).

2. CHAIR JOURNAL CLUB OF CIP GRADUATE STUDENTS

2016-18: 1 contact hour/week journal club with all CIP graduate students. Journal club and preparing students for department seminar presentation.

B. LECTURES

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY (2010-12)

Instructor- Methods in Physiology Research (Total Contact hours: 36)

- Delivered lectures and hands-on training on flow cytometry principles and applications in basic science and the pharmaceutical industry.
- Conducted interactive sessions (3 contact hours per week for 4 weeks annually), combining theoretical instruction (1 hour) and practical demonstrations (2 hours).
- Provided hands-on experience in sample preparation, experimental controls, instrument operation, data acquisition, analysis, and interpretation.
- Guided students in distinguishing high-quality data from artifacts and troubleshooting experimental challenges.

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA MEDICAL CENTER, NEBRASKA (2013-present)

- Course Director, CIP 916 (2020–2023) – Designed and managed the course syllabus, coordinated invited instructors, actively participated in weekly classes, and developed and graded exam questions.
- Course Director, MEP 916 (2022–Present) – Led course preparation, coordinated instructors, facilitated student communication, monitored and engaged in the Weekly Discussion Board, designed quizzes and exams, and assessed students on a weekly basis.
- Instructor, CIP 916 – Developed course materials, prepared and graded exam questions.
- Instructor, 606/608 – Created teaching materials, designed exam questions, and evaluated student performance.
- Instructor, MEP 916 and MEP 901 – Designed and delivered asynchronous teaching materials, engaged in weekly discussion boards, developed quizzes and exams, and evaluated student performance.
- Instructor, MEP 806 – Reviewed lecture content, formulated exam questions, and graded student assessments.
- Instructor, Graduate Physiology I (801) – Prepared exam questions based on 606/608 Muscle Physiology and Medical Circulatory Block Heart Physiology lectures and evaluated student exam performance.
- Instructor, Graduate Physiology II (802) – Reviewed lecture materials with students based on 606/608 Sensory Physiology lectures, prepared exam questions, scored exams, and assigned grades.
- Instructor, Graduate Physiology Recitation (CIP 807) – Reviewed and discussed lectures on Sensory Systems Physiology from 606/608, reinforcing key concepts for students.
- Instructor, Medical Circulatory Block – Developed teaching materials, designed exams, and assessed students' understanding of circulatory physiology.

Student Evaluations:

- Teaching evaluations (on a scale of 1–5, where **5 is excellent**) are included where applicable.

Year	Course	Contact hours	Year, Evaluation (# students)
2013	Cardiopulmonary Function in Health and Disease (CIP 916) Mechanisms of Cardiac Hypertrophy	2 h	
2014-23	Intermediate/Graduate Physiology (CIP 606/608) (Physician Assistant/Physical Therapy students) Sensory Systems Physiology	11 h / y Total = 110 h	2014: 3.7 (89) 2015: 4.2 (85) 2016: 4.4 (122) 2017: 4.3 (124) 2018: 4.2 (128) 2019: 4.4 (133) 2020: 4.7 (123) 2021: 4.4 (124) 2022: 4.8 (125) 2023: 4.8 (124)
2015, 2017-20	Cardiopulmonary Function in Health and Disease (CIP 916) - Mechanisms of Cardiac Hypertrophy - Advanced Techniques on miRNA assay/Autophagy	2 h 2 h Total = 20 h (4x5)	2017: 5.0 (5) 2018: 4.4 (5) 2019: 4.9 (5) 2020: 4.9 (7)
2015	Graduate Physiology Recitation (CIP 807)	1 h	
2017-24	Graduate Physiology II (IPMM 802) Sensory Systems Physiology	1h Total = 8 h (8x1)	
2022	Cardiopulmonary Function in Health and Disease (CIP 916) - Mechanisms of Cardiac Hypertrophy - Advanced Techniques on miRNA assay/Autophagy	2 h 2 h Total = 4 h	5.0 (3)
2023-24	Masters in Physiology (Asynchronous) - Molecular Mechanisms of Cardiovascular Pathophysiology (MEP916) - Advanced Topics in Physiology (MEP 901) - Medical Physiology (MEP 806)	Online class 68 h (17w x 4h) 4 h 4 h Total = 156 h (76x 2)	
2024	Intermediate/Graduate Physiology (CIP 606/608) (Physician Assistant/Physical Therapy students) - Sensory Systems Physiology - Muscle Physiology (Skeletal and Heart Muscles)	9 h 8 h Total = 17 h / y	4.9 (124) 3.3 (130)
2025	Medical Physiology - Circulatory Block (Heart Physiology) - Graduate Physiology I (IPMM 801) Instructor: Molecular Mechanisms of Cardiovascular Pathophysiology (MEP916) Direction: Molecular Mechanisms of Cardiovascular Pathophysiology (MEP916)	5 h 2h 4 h 68 h	4.0 (120) 4.6 (9) 4.8 (10) 4.7 (11)

Teaching evaluations (on a scale of 1–5, where 5 is excellent) are included where applicable.			
Year	Course	Contact hours	Year, Evaluation (# students)
2025	Intermediate/Graduate Physiology (CIP 606/608) (Physician Assistant/Physical Therapy students) - Neurophysiology - Muscle Physiology (Skeletal and Heart Muscles) - Sensory Systems	4 h 8 h 9 h Total = 21 h / y	4.3 (120) 4.0 (124) 4.8 (128)

C. MENTOR OF TRAINEES/FELLOWS

1. Primary Mentor

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT

Year	Name	Degree/Research	Institution
2012	Lawrence A. Murphy	B.S./Summer Research	Dept. of Physiology & Biophysics, University of Louisville, KY
2013	Pranay Velachery	Junior /Summer Research	Dept. of Cellular and Integrative Physiology, UNMC, NE
2014	Vikash Mudgapalli	Sophomore/Summer Research	Dept. of Cellular and Integrative Physiology, UNMC, NE
2014	Santosh Ramini	Sophomore/Summer Research	Dept. of Cellular and Integrative Physiology, UNMC, NE
2017	Patrick Martha	B.S./Summer Research	Dept. of Cellular and Integrative Physiology, UNMC, NE
2018	Keerthi Shaik	B.S./Summer Research	Dept. of Cellular and Integrative Physiology, UNMC, NE
2023	Noah J. Needle	Summer Undergraduate Research Program	Dept. of Cellular and Integrative Physiology, UNMC, NE

M.S. STUDENT

Year	Name	Thesis title	Institution
2011-12	Camille Brunson	The role of MMP9 in diabetic cardiomyopathy	Dept. of Physiology & Biophysics, University of Louisville, KY
2011-12	Leiberh Noel Diaz	The role of Matrix Metalloproteinase-9 on stem cell survival and differentiation in diabetic microenvironment	Dept. of Physiology & Biophysics, University of Louisville, KY
2011-12	Jessica Harris	Exercise mediated autophagy in the diabetic heart	Dept. of Physiology & Biophysics, University of Louisville, KY

Ph.D. STUDENT

Year	Name	Thesis title	Institution
2018-20	Sumit Kar	Cardioprotective roles of hydrogen sulfide donors in diabetic cardiomyopathy	Dept. of Cellular and Integrative Physiology, UNMC, NE
2017-22	Tyler N Kambis	Determining the role of miR-133a in the diabetic heart	Dept. of Cellular and Integrative Physiology, UNMC, NE
2022-24	Flobater I Gawargi	Regulatory roles of matrix metalloproteinase-9 in diabetic cardiomyopathy	Dept. of Cellular and Integrative Physiology, UNMC, NE

PhD and MD/PhD ROTATING STUDENT

Year	Name	Degree	Institution
2013	Shamma S. Rahman	Ph.D.	UNMC
2014	Denise A. Cobb	Ph.D.	UNMC
2015	Paul Sarjo	Ph.D.	UNMC
2015	Anyum Ma	Ph.D.	UNMC
2016	Ahmad M. Wafi	Ph.D.	UNMC
2016	Stephan J. Haller	M.D./Ph.D.	UNMC
2017	Salma Sharmin	Ph.D.	UNMC
2017	Kambis N. Tyler	Ph.D.	UNMC
2017	Hannah L. Harris	Ph.D.	UNMC
2018	Sydney E. Greer	Ph.D.	UNMC
2018	Kristina Pravoverov	M.D./Ph.D.	UNMC
2018	Brady Betten	Ph.D.	UNMC
2018	Sumit Kar	Ph.D.	UNMC
2021	Deepan Chatterjee	Ph.D.	UNMC
2021	Brigham J. Killips	Ph.D.	UNMC
2021	Flobater I Gawargi	Ph.D.	UNMC
2022	Sarah Pribil	Ph.D.	UNMC
2023	Colman I Freel	M.D./Ph.D.	UNMC
2023	Misha Y. Ginsvind	Ph.D.	UNMC
2023	Isaac Adediji	Ph.D.	UNMC

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOW

Year	Name	Publications
2011- 14	Vishalakshi Chavali	Published 4 research (two 1 st , two co-author) and 2 review articles (one 1 st and one co-author), and 2 book chapters (one 1 st and one co-author). She has also published 7 conference-based abstracts. She has poster/Oral presentations at national and local conferences/meetings.
2013- 18	Shyam S Nandi	Published 7 research (Four 1 st and three co-author), 3 review articles (one 1 st and two co-author), 2 book chapter (one 1 st and one co-author), and 13 conference-based abstracts

2014-15	Varun Keshewani	Published 3 first-author research papers
2015-16	Priyanka Prathipati	Published 1 first-author research and 1 first-author review articles, and 1 conference-based abstract.
2015-16	Bryan T Hackfort	Published 1 co-author research article and 1 first author review article
2017-18	Roopali Yadav	Published 1 co-author paper
2017-20	Santosh Yadav	Published 8 research papers (four 1 st author and four co-author) and 1 conference-based abstract

2. Primary Trainee's honors and awards

PREDOCTORAL FELLOWS

➤ Sumit Kar, PhD (2018-20):

Sumit's exceptional planning and execution skills enabled him to complete his PhD in just two and a half years, securing a leadership role in a company even before his defense. He now excels as the Associate Director of Translational Medicine at Revolution Medicines in San Francisco.

- 2018: Poster Presentation Award, Nebraska Physiological Society Meeting, Omaha, NE
- 2019: 1st Prize in Poster Presentation Award, Midlands Society of Physiological Sciences meeting, Omaha, Omaha, NE
- 2019: 1st Place Winner at the NATIONAL LEVEL competition for "The Science Coalition's Fund It Forward Student Video Challenge". The Fund It Forward Student Video Challenge is a contest for undergraduate and graduate students currently enrolled in The Science Coalition (TSC) member institutions. Participants were asked to create a video to tell the story of why science matters and remind members of Congress that now is the time to invest in research for the future of the USA. The winner was decided by the votes of over 2,000 participants from across the country.
- Jointly received the 1st place in Graduate category by TSC.
<https://www.sciencecoalition.org/2019/12/11/the-science-coalition-announces-winners-of-2019-fund-it-forward-student-video-challenge/>
 Link to the video: <https://youtu.be/YUQTSIPw6b0>
- 2020: Outstanding Graduate Oral Presentation, Midlands Society of Physiological Sciences, and Iowa Physiological Society meeting. His abstract was one of the four abstracts were selected for the "oral presentation". Among the four-oral presentation, he was winner of the "Beckman Coulter Life Sciences Outstanding Graduate Oral Presentation".
- Other recognitions: UNMC today:
<https://www.unmc.edu/news.cfm?match=24839>
<https://www.unmc.edu/news.cfm?match=26638>
- 2020: Received UNMC Program of Excellent Assistantship

➤ Tyler N Kambis, PhD (2018-22):

Tyler, my first PhD student, has shown remarkable dedication and academic prowess, evidenced by his two national awards. He notably secured the UNMC Program of Excellent Assistantship and the prestigious F31 grant on his first attempts, a testament to his exceptional research capabilities. His work has been consistently recognized and honored within the academic community. Upon completing his PhD, he immediately received an offer as a Scientific and Medical Research Analyst with the Defense Health Program S & T at Knowesis Inc., showcasing his expertise and the high regard in which he is held in the scientific community.

- 2019: Tyler garnered national acclaim by winning 1st Place in "The Science Coalition's Fund It Forward Student Video Challenge" in the Graduate Student category. This accolade was a joint effort with Sumit Kar, highlighting their exceptional collaborative skills and creativity in effectively communicating scientific concepts.
- 2019: Received UNMC Program of Excellent Assistantship
- 2019-22: Graduate student representative for UNMC's chapter of the Student Alliance for Global Health
- 2019-22: Executive Board Member of Coalition Rx focused on providing policy briefs and biomedical perspective
- 2020-22: Member of UNMC Legislative Team for selection of priority state legislation.
- 2020-22: Member of American Physiological Society Cardiovascular Section Trainee Committee
- 2020-2021: PRESIDENT, UNMC student Delegate. Head student for State policy advocacy
- 2020: Tyler achieved second place in the prestigious Research! America 2020 Flash Talks Competition, a national event. He was among only 10 individuals selected, ranging from graduate students to young investigators. His engaging 3-minute talk, "Using the wrong fuel for the right job," drew a compelling parallel between global energy crises and the energy crisis in diabetic hearts. This forum featured renowned speakers like Dr. Sanjay Gupta from CNN, Dr. Anthony Fauci, a global health adviser, and NIH Director Dr. Francis Collins.
<https://www.researchamerica.org/news-and-events/events/national-health-research-forum>
<https://www.unmc.edu/news.cfm?match=26235>
- Awarded a Research! America CIVIC ENGAGEMENT MICROGRANT to facilitate dialogue between public officials, community leaders, and the public around issues of common scientific concerns.
- 2021: Awarded a Ruth L Kirschstein Predoctoral Individual National Research Service Grant, the National Institutes of Health grant F31 in July.
- 2021: Recognized as a Shepherd University FINEST UNDER 40 ALUMNI:
https://www.shepherd.edu/suaa/alumnihighlights?fbclid=IwAR2ZYCR7R_8pGIFdVfuSZDAvLZOAD__oxcFrqfECIS1_0xGelfpfWcVtro
- 2021: 1st Place in the Oral Presentations of Graduate Category in the 2021 Midlands Society of Physiological Sciences Scientific session.
- 2021: Recognized UNMC "GRADUATE STUDENT OF DISTINCTION" based on appointment to a standing committee of a national society- American Physiology Society, and national fellowship, NIH F31.

➤ Flobater I. Gawargi, PhD (2022-24):

Flobater is a standout researcher known for his rapid progression, efficiency, and quick comprehension of complex concepts. His academic record boasts numerous publications and esteemed fellowships, including the UNMC Presidential Graduate Fellowship and an AHA Predoctoral Fellowship with a notable score under 4%. He's also repeatedly honored at the Nebraska Center for the Prevention of Obesity (NPOD) with consecutive Best Poster Awards, underscoring his consistent research excellence.

- 2022: Received the Best Poster Award in Nebraska Center for the Prevention of Obesity (NPOD) 8th Research Symposium at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, September
- 2022: Received 2nd Place in Graduate Poster Award in Midlands Society of Physiological Sciences Scientific Session, October
- 2023: Received "UNMC Presidential Graduate Fellow" Award, June
- 2023: Received "Research Innovation Award" of the University of Nebraska Medical Center, September
- 2023: Received Best Poster Award in Nebraska Center for the Prevention of Obesity (NPOD) 9th Research Symposium at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, September
- 2023: Received 1st Place in Graduate Poster Award in Midlands Society of Physiological Sciences Scientific Session, October
- 2023: Received AHA Predoctoral Fellowship (score 3.68%)

- 2023: UNMC Dean of Graduate Studies Conference Attendance Award for AHA BCVS
- 2024: Research Recognition Award, American Physiological Society, APS Summit
- 2024: Oral Presentation, APS Summit

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWS

- Vishalakshi Chavali, Ph.D.
 - 2013: Finalist for the James Willerson Clinical Award Lecture, Cardiovascular Forum for Promoting Centers of Excellence and Young Investigators Conference, KY
- Shyam Sundar Nandi, Ph.D.
 - 2015: Best Poster Award in Translational Medicine, Annual Meeting of the International Academy of Cardiovascular Sciences: North American Section, NE
 - 2017: UNMC Postdoctoral Excellence in Research Award
https://www.unmc.edu/news.cfm?match=21046&pk_campaign=email&pk_kwd=Dr_Nandi_receives_postdoctoral_research_award
 - 2017: "Research recognition Award" from American Physiological Society Cardiovascular Section (APS, CV section), based on Experimental Biology meeting abstract and scientific achievements.
 - 2018: Caroline tum Suden/Frances Hellebrandt Professional Opportunity Award from APS, CV Section, based on Experimental Biology meeting abstract and scientific achievements
- Priyanka Prathipati, Ph.D.
 - 2015: Oral Presentation Award, Nebraska Physiological Society meeting, Omaha, NE
- Bryan T. Hackfort, Ph.D.
 - 2015: Best Poster Presentation Award, Nebraska Physiological Society meeting, Omaha, NE
- Santosh K. Yadav, Ph.D.
 - 2018: Poster Presentation Award, Nebraska Physiological Society Meeting, Omaha, NE
 - 2019: 1st Prize in Poster Presentation Award, Midlands Society of Physiological Sciences meeting, Omaha, NE
 - 2019-present: Elected, Vice President of UNMC Postdoctoral Association
 - 2020-21: Elected, Council member of the Midlands Society of Physiological Sciences.

SUMMER STUDENT

- Patrick Marta, High School Summer Trainee
 - 2017: Poster presentation Award, Nebraska Physiological Society meeting, Nebraska
- Noah Needle, BS Summer Trainee
 - 2023: Oral Presentation Award, Midlands Society of Physiological Sciences meeting, Nebraska

STAFF

- Hamid R. Shahshahan, Research Technologist
 - 2017 UNMC Chancellor's Council "Silver U Award".
 - 2020 UNMC Chancellor's Council "Gold U Award".
https://www.unmc.edu/news.cfm?match=25787&pk_campaign=email&pk_kwd=Hamid_Shahshahan_is_Gold_U_recipient_for_June

3. Primary Trainee's grant

I. Cardiac iron regulation to prevent myocardial cell death in T1DM

American Heart Association Predoctoral Award (24PRE1181407)

January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2025 (relinquished in December 2024 due to completion of PhD)

Direct cost: Year/Total: 2/\$67,388

PI: Flobater I. Gawargi

II. Iron homeostasis and cell death in the T1DM heart

University of Nebraska Medical Center Presidential Graduate Fellowship

July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024 (relinquished in January 2024 due to F31 fellowship)

Direct cost: Year/Total: 2/\$54,400

PI: Flobater I. Gawargi

III. Targeting metabolic remodeling and mitochondrial dysfunction in the diabetic heart

National Institutes of Health F31 Fellowship

January 2021- January 2023 (relinquished in May 2022 due to completion of PhD)

Direct cost: Year/Total: 2/\$67,576

PI: Tyler N. Kambis

IV. Targeting ferroptotic death in diabetic cardiomyopathy with H₂S

UNMC Program of Excellent Assistantship for Graduate Students

July 1, 2020-June 30, 2022 (relinquished in December 2020 due to completion of PhD)

Direct cost: Year/Total: 2/\$51,000

PI: Sumit Kar

V. Ameliorating mitochondrial damage by miR-133a in the T1DM heart

UNMC Program of Excellent Assistantship for Graduate Students

July 1, 2019-June 30, 2021 (relinquished in January 2021 due to F31 fellowship)

Direct cost: Year/Total: 2/\$51,000

PI: Tyler N Kambis

VI. Mitochondrial abnormalities and its regulation by miRNA in diabetic hearts

American Heart Association Postdoctoral Award (16POST27260104)

July 1, 2016-June 30, 2018

Direct cost: Year/Total: 2/\$82,000

PI: Shyam Sundar Nandi

D. CO-MENTOR / MENTOR OF FACULTIES AND TRAINEES

Year	Name	Project	Institution
2019-21	Song-Young Park	Mentor. Discussing individual development plan is required for researchers at the undergraduate institutions	Assistant Professor, School of Health and Kinesiology, UNO.
2020-23	Arpita Chatterjee	Co-Mentor. Radiation-induced cardiotoxicity in diabetes.	Instructor, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, UNMC
2021-23	Andrew Hamann	Co-Mentor. miRNA in cardiomyopathy. Received AHA, Career Development Grant in 2021	Research Assistant Professor, College of Engineering, UNL
2021-24	Shuai Li	Co-Mentor. Autophagy in peripheral artery disease. Received AHA, Career Development Grant in 2021	Instructor, Surgery, UNMC
2022-24	Weilun Ai	Co-Mentor. Cardiomyopathy and cardiac dysfunction. Received AHA Predoctoral Fellowship in 2023	Graduate student, IPMM, UNMC
2023-present	Colman Freel	Co-Mentor, Role of miRNA in diabetes-associated fetal cardiovascular dysfunction	MD, PhD student, IPMM, UNMC

CO-MENTOR in GRANTS:

I. Autophagy in peripheral artery disease: clinical relation and treatment potential

American Heart Association Career Development Award (# 851214)

July 1, 2021-June 30, 2024

Direct Costs: Year/Total: 3/ \$231,000

PI: Shui Li

Instructor, University of Nebraska Medical Center

II. Engineering cells to produce miRNA-loaded and cardiomyocyte-targeting exosomes

American Heart Association Career Development Award

December 1, 2021- November 30, 2024

Direct Costs: Year/Total: 3/ \$300,000

PI: Andrew Hamann

Research Assistant Professor and Biomedical Engineer, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

III. The role of thromboxane-prostanoid receptor in alcohol cardiomyopathy

American Heart Association Predoctoral Fellowship Award (# 1019901)

January 1, 2023- December 31, 2024

Direct Costs: Year/Total: 2/ \$65,106

PI: Weilun Ai

Graduate Student, University of Nebraska Medical Center

E. THESIS/DISSERTATION COMMITTEE

Chair of the Dissertation Committee

Year	Name	Thesis degree	Department, Institution
2011-12	Camille Brunson	M.S.	Physiology and Biophysics, University of Louisville
2011-12	Leiberh Noel Diaz	M.S.	Physiology and Biophysics, University of Louisville
2011-12	Jessica Harris	M.S.	Physiology and Biophysics, University of Louisville
2017-22	Tyler N. Kambis	Ph.D.	Cellular and Integrative Physiology, UNMC
2018-20	Sumit Kar	Ph.D.	Cellular and Integrative Physiology, UNMC
2022-24	Flobater I. Gawargi	Ph.D.	Cellular and Integrative Physiology, UNMC

Member of Dissertation Committee

Year	Name	Thesis degree	Institution
2011	Jonathan Vacek	<i>summa laude</i>	Physiology and Biophysics, University of Louisville
2011	Nicole S. Stivers	M.S	Cellular and Integrative Physiology, UNMC

2013-2015	Derek Passer Mentors: Irving H. Zucker (UNMC) and Ibrahim J. Domian (Harvard University)	Ph.D.	Cellular and Integrative Physiology, UNMC <u>Dissertation:</u> <i>Atypical Protein Kinase C dependent polarized Cell Division is required for Myocardial Trabeculation</i>
2014-2016	Yuan Ying (Mentor: Babu Padanilam)	Ph.D.	Cellular and Integrative Physiology, UNMC <u>Dissertation:</u> <i>The role of P53 signaling in unilateral ureteral obstruction induced Fibrogenesis</i>
2016-2020	Anyum Ma (Mentor: Irving H. Zucker)	Ph.D.	Cellular and Integrative Physiology, UNMC <u>Dissertation:</u> <i>The Role of central ACE2 and Nrf2 in Sympatho-excitation: Responses to Central Ang II</i>
2016-2020	Ahmed Wafi (Mentor: Irving H. Zucker)	Ph.D.	Cellular and Integrative Physiology, UNMC <u>Dissertation:</u> <i>Exercise and Nrf2 in Chronic heart Failure</i>
2017-2019	Ke Liao (Mentor: Shilpa Buch)	Ph.D.	Pharmacology and Experimental Neuroscience, UNMC <u>Dissertation:</u> <i>Role of Circular-RNA in Morphine-mediated Microglial Activation: Implication for Cognitive Impairment and Memory Loss</i>
2017-2023	Sydney E. Greer	Ph.D.	Genetics, Cell Biology & Anatomy, UNMC <u>Dissertation:</u> <i>Growth plate cartilage: Understanding the contribution of adhesion to column formation and matrix structure</i>
2018-2022	Cassandra M. Moshfegh (Mentor: Adam case)	Ph.D.	Cellular and Integrative Physiology, UNMC <u>Dissertation:</u> <i>The role of calprotectin in T-lymphocyte driven inflammation in a mouse model of psychological trauma</i>
2019-20	Steven Scott (Mentor: Song-Young Park)	M.S.	School of Health and Kinesiology, University of Nebraska-Omaha, NE
2020-22	Hadassha Tofilau (Mentor: Surabhi Chandra)	M.S.	Department of Biology, University of Nebraska-Kearney, NE
2020-21	TeSean Wooden (Mentor: Song-Young Park)	M.S.	School of Health and Kinesiology, University of Nebraska-Omaha, NE
2020-24	Weilun Ai (Mentor: Saraswathi Viswanathan)	Ph.D.	Internal Medicine, UNMC <u>Dissertation:</u> <i>The role of thromboxane A2 receptors in alcohol-associated liver disease and alcohol-associated cardiomyopathy</i>

2020-24	Corrine F. Monaco (Mentor: John Davis)	Ph.D.	OB/GYN, UNMC <u>Dissertation:</u> <i>Microenvironment of the bovine corpus luteum</i>
2020-	Mane Polite R (Mentor: Rebekah Gundry)	Ph.D.	Cellular and Integrative Physiology, UNMC <u>Dissertation:</u> <i>TBD</i>
2022-23	Megan L Otte	M.S.	Biochemistry and Molecular Biology UNMC
2022-23	Dong gun Jin	M.S.	School of Health & Kinesiology, University of Nebraska at Omaha
2022-24	Ethan E Jeal	M.S.	UNMC, Non-Thesis MS in Medical Physiology
2022-24	Jay T Reifenrath	M.S.	UNMC, Non-Thesis MS in Medical Physiology
2023-24	Seerat Balraj	M.S.	UNMC, Non-Thesis MS in Medical Physiology
2023-24	Kennedy Scheele	M.S.	UNMC, Non-Thesis MS in Medical Physiology
2024-	David Watson	M.S.	UNMC, Non-Thesis MS in Medical Physiology
2024-	Emily Miller	M.S.	UNMC, Non-Thesis MS in Medical Physiology
2024-	Madeline Soyer	M.S.	UNMC, Non-Thesis MS in Medical Physiology
2024-	Sage Dorenkemper	M.S.	UNMC, Non-Thesis MS in Medical Physiology
2025-	Thomas Walsh	M.S.	UNMC, Non-Thesis MS in Medical Physiology
2025-	Bruce Callahan	M.S.	UNMC, Non-Thesis MS in Medical Physiology
2025-	Rebecca Gross	M.S.	UNMC, Non-Thesis MS in Medical Physiology
2025-	Alex A Burke	M.S.	UNMC, Non-Thesis MS in Medical Physiology
2025-	Kenzie S Todd (Mentor:Caroline Ng)	Ph.D.	Molecular Genetics and Cell Biology, UNMC <u>Dissertation:</u> <i>TBD</i>
2025-	Abigail Omotayo Agbolade (Mentor: Palsamy Periyasamy)	Ph.D.	Pharmacology and Experimental Neuroscience, UNMC <u>Dissertation:</u> <i>TBD</i>
2025-	Ojeshvi Ethiraj (Mentor: Karuna Rasineni)	Ph.D.	Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, UNMC <u>Dissertation:</u> <i>TBD</i>

Chair of the Dissertation Defense

2023	Sydney E. Greer	Ph.D.	Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, UNMC
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F. COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION COMMITTEE

Year	Student	Degree	Department
2015	Yuan Ying	Ph.D.	Cellular and Integrative Physiology, UNMC
2017	Anyum May	Ph.D.	Cellular and Integrative Physiology, UNMC
2018	Ke Liao	Ph.D.	Pharmacol & Experimental Neuroscience, UNMC
2019	Zhiqui Xia	Ph.D.	Cellular and Integrative Physiology, UNMC
2020	Sumit Kar	Ph.D.	Cellular and Integrative Physiology, UNMC
2020	Cassandra M. Moshfegh	Ph.D.	Cellular and Integrative Physiology, UNMC
2020	Tyler N. Kambis	Ph.D.	Cellular and Integrative Physiology, UNMC
2021	Upendra Chalise	Ph.D.	Cellular and Integrative Physiology, UNMC
2022	Joshua McDowell	Ph.D.	Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, UNMC
2022	Weilun Ai	Ph.D.	Internal Medicine, UNMC
2022	Molly N. Schieber	M.D./ Ph.D.	Vascular Surgery, UNMC
2022	Kajal Kamara	Ph.D.	Cellular and Integrative Physiology, UNMC
2023	Ethan E Jeal	M.S.	MS in Medical Physiology, UNMC
2023	Jay T Reifenrath	M.S.	MS in Medical Physiology, UNMC
2024	Seerat Balraj	M.S.	MS in Medical Physiology, UNMC
2024	Kennedy Scheele	M.S.	MS in Medical Physiology, UNMC
2025	Emily Miller	M.S.	MS in Medical Physiology, UNMC
2025	Madeline Soyer	M.S.	MS in Medical Physiology, UNMC
2025	SunYoung Kim	Ph.D.	Department of Surgery, UNMC

Chair of the Comprehensive Exam Committee

Year	Student	Degree	Department
2017	Ahmed Wafi	Ph.D.	Department of Cellular and Integrative Physiology, UNMC
2020	Sydney E. Greer	Ph.D.	Department of Genetics, Cell Biology, & Anatomy, UNMC
2022	Corrine F. Monaco	Ph.D.	Department of Obstetrics/Gynecology, UNMC
2023	Mane R. Mesidor	Ph.D.	Department of Cellular and Integrative Physiology, UNMC

G. ORAL QUALIFYING EXAMINATION COMMITTEE

Year	Student	Degree	Department	Title
2015	Derek Passer	Ph.D.	Cellular and Integrative Physiology, UNMC	Atypical Protein Kinase C dependent polarized cell division is required for myocardial trabeculation
2016	Yuan Ying	Ph.D.	Cellular and Integrative Physiology, UNMC	The role of P53 signaling in unilateral ureteral obstruction-induced fibrogenesis

2019	Ke Liao	Ph.D.	Pharmacol. & Expt. Neuroscience, UNMC	Role of circular-RNA in morphine-mediated microglial activation: implication for cognitive impairment
2020	Anyum Ma	Ph.D.	Cellular and Integrative Physiology, UNMC	The role of central ACE2 and Nrf2 in sympatho-excitation: responses to central Ang II
2020	Ahmed Wafi	Ph.D.	Cellular and Integrative Physiology, UNMC	Exercise and Nrf2 in chronic heart failure
2022	Cassandra M. Moshfegh	Ph.D.	Cellular and Integrative Physiology, UNMC	The role of calprotectin in T-lymphocyte driven inflammation in a mouse model of psychological trauma
2022	Tyler N. Kambis	Ph.D.	Cellular and Integrative Physiology, UNMC	Determining the role of miR-133a in diabetic heart disease
2022	Hadassha M.N. Tofilau	M.S.	Biology Department, University of Nebraska Kearney	Polyamine enzymes as potential targets for cancer therapeutics to mitigate diabetic triple negative breast cancer advancement
2023	Dong gun Jin	M.S.	School of Health & Kinesiology, University of Nebraska at Omaha	Hydrogen sulfide as a biomarker in different age groups

H. INTERNATIONAL THESIS EXAMINER

2020: Ph.D. student, Department of Biophysics, All India Institutes of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, INDIA

2022: Ph.D. student, Department of Life Sciences and Biotechnology, South Asian University, New Delhi, INDIA

IV. SERVICE

A. PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Year	Society	Selected Roles
2013-18	Nebraska Physiological Society	Council Member
2017-	American Heart Association (AHA)	Fellow of American Heart Association Council on Hypertension and Basic Cardiovascular Sciences
2014-	American Physiological Society (APS), Cardiovascular Section	Fellow (FCVS)
2019	APS chapter, Midlands Society of Physiological Sciences (MSPS)	Council Member
2020	APS, MSPS	President-Elect
2022	APS, Chapter Advisor Committee	Committee member
2025-28	APS, Award committee	Committee member
<u>Membership</u>		
2009-13	American Heart Association	Council on Basic Cardiovascular Sciences
2010-	American Physiological Society	Cardiovascular Section

2014-	American Heart Association	Council on Hypertension
2016-	American Heart Association	Council on Basic Cardiovascular Sciences
2017	American Society for Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics	
2017	American Diabetes Association	

B. GRANT REVIEWER

INTERNATIONAL

Year	Country	Funding agency	Details
2014	United Kingdom	Diabetes UK Research Grant	Reviewed one grant proposal from the University of Oxford
2017	India	Institutes Challenge Grant	Reviewed one grant proposal from the Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur
2019 (February)	Saudi Arabia	Ministry of Education's Research Development Office (RDO)'s International Collaboration Grant (ICG) Program. ICG's Research Capability grant (RCG) provides funding in support of basic research within the scope of designated priority research fields for the Kingdom's R & D ecosystem.	American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) worked with RDO to design peer review criteria. Reviewed 5 proposals related to Biogenomics-Inflammation.
2019 (March)	Saudi Arabia	Ministry of Education's RDO. ICG's Research Capability grant.	American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) worked with RDO to design peer review criteria. Reviewed 7 proposals related to Biogenomics-cardiovascular disease
2020 (December)	Luxembourg, Europe	INTER EUROSTARS	The Luxemburg National Research Fund for multiannual research program Reviewed one grant proposal from the Luxemburg Institute of Health
2022 (April)	United Arab Emirates	University of Sharjah	Evaluating a faculty's project to be supported by the university

NATIONAL

NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH (NIH)

Year	Study section name	Role
2013 (July)	Diabetes Complications Consortium, NIDDK Study Section	Mail Reviewer
2016 (Feb)	Cardiac Contractility and Heart Failure study section	Ad-hoc Member
2017 (March)	Special Emphasis Panel ZRG1 EMNR-S (02)	Ad-hoc Member
2017 (August)	Special Emphasis Panel CVRS-02	Ad-hoc Member

2017 (Oct)	NHBLI Program Project	Ad-hoc Member
2017 (Dec)	Special Emphasis Panel ZRG1 CVRS-L (80) R15 AREA	Ad-hoc Member
2018 (March)	Special Emphasis Panel ZRG1 CVRS-L (80) R15 AREA	Ad-hoc Member
2018 (April)	Special Emphasis Panel CVRS-02	Ad-hoc Member
2018 (June)	Cardiovascular SBIR/STTR ZRG1-CVRS-C-10	Ad-hoc Member
2018 (July)	Special Emphasis Panel ZRG1 CVRS S (80) R15	Ad-hoc Member
2018 (Oct)	Special Emphasis Panel ZRG1 CVRS C (02)	Ad-hoc Member
2018 (Nov)	Cardiovascular SBIR/STTR ZRG1-CVRS-C-10	Ad-hoc Member
2018 (Dec)	DP5 ZRG1 PSE-H 70	Ad-hoc Member
2019 (March)	Special Emphasis Panel ZRG1 CVRS-K (80) R15	Ad-hoc Member
2019 (Nov)	Cardiovascular SBIR/STTR ZRG1-CVRS-C-10	Ad-hoc Member
2020 (June)	MIM study section	Ad-hoc Member
2021 (March)	NRSA Fellowship F10A-K	Ad-hoc Member
2021 (July)	Fellowship F10A-K	Ad-hoc Member
2021 (Nov)	Cardiovascular Science SBIR ZRG VH-N (11)	Ad-hoc Member
2022 (March)	Physiology and Pathobiology of Cardiovascular and Respiratory Systems Fellowship ZRG1 F10A-K 20	Ad-hoc Member
2022 (June)	Therapeutic Development and Preclinical Studies (TDPS)	Ad-hoc Member
2022 (July)	Fellowship F10A-K 20	Ad-hoc Member
2023 (June)	Therapeutic Development and Preclinical Studies (TDPS)	Ad-hoc Member
2024 (March)	Physiology and Pathobiology of Cardiovascular and Respiratory Systems Fellowship ZRG1 F10A-K 20	Ad-hoc Member
2025 (April)	Special Emphasis Panel SBIR ZHL1 CSR-R (M1) 2	Ad-hoc Member
2025 (Nov)	Special Emphasis Panel ZRG1 EMS-Q (50) R	Ad-hoc Member

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS (VA)

Year	Study section name	Role
2019 (May)	ZRD1 CARA-R 01 1. Cardiovascular Studies	Ad-hoc Member

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION (NASA)

Year	Study section name	Role
2019 (January)	BION-M2	Ad-hoc Member
2019 (May)	Musculoskeletal-Cardiovascular ROSBio	Ad-hoc Member
2020 (May)	ROSBio 2020 Flight and Ground	Ad-hoc Member
2021 (June)	ROSES Program Element E.12	Ad-hoc Member

AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION (AHA)

Year	Study section name	Role
2011	Basic Cell Genetics and Epigenetics	Member
2012	Basic Cell Genetics and Epigenetics	Member
2014 (Sept)	Basic Cell Genetics and Epigenetics	Member
2014 (Oct)	Clinical, Behavioral Science	Ad-hoc Member
2015 (Oct)	Innovative Research Grant, Basic Sciences 1	Ad-hoc Member
2016 (Oct)	Basic Cell Genetics and Epigenetics	Member
2023 (April)	Second Century Early Faculty Independence Award	Ad-hoc Member

UNIVERSITY

Year	University name	Study section name and application
2016	University of Nebraska Medical Center	Genetics, Graduate Fellowship applications
2017	Cleveland Clinic	Lerner College of Medicine, Ohio Cancer Research grant application
2017	University of Nebraska Medical Center	Cell Biology-II, Pre-doctoral fellowship application
2017	University of Florida	College of Pharmacy, Research grant application
2017	Indiana University	Indiana Alzheimer Disease Center, Indiana University of Medicine grant application
2018	University of Nebraska Medical Center	Drug Development, Pre-doctoral fellowship application

C. EDITORIAL BOARD OF JOURNAL

Year	Journal	Activity
2021-	<i>American Journal of Physiology- Heart and Circulatory Physiology</i>	Consulting Editor
2021	<i>Frontiers in Cell and Developmental Biology</i> Section: Cell Death and Survival	Guest Editor
2018-	<i>Frontiers in Integrative Physiology</i>	Associate Editor
2018	<i>Oxidative medicine and Cellular Longevity</i> Special issue: mTOR Signaling in Cardiometabolic Disease, Cancer, and Aging	Guest Editor
2017	<i>Frontiers in Cardiovascular Medicine</i> Special issue: The Non-coding Genome and Cardiovascular Disease	Guest Editor
2015-20	<i>American Journal of Physiology- Heart and Circulatory Physiology</i>	Editorial Board
2011-21	<i>International Journal of Physiology, Pathophysiology and Pharmacology</i>	Associate Editor

D. REVIEWER OF JOURNAL

	Year	Journal	Ad-hoc Activity
1.	2013-	<i>AJP- Heart and Circulatory Physiology</i>	Reviewer
2.	2014-	<i>AJP- Regulatory, Integrative and Comparative Physiology</i>	Reviewer
3.	2022-	<i>Atherosclerosis, Thrombosis, and Vascular Biology</i>	Reviewer
4.	2014-	<i>BBA- Molecular Basic of Disease</i>	Reviewer
5.	2014-	<i>BioMed Research International</i>	Reviewer
6.	2014-	<i>Canadian Journal of Physiology & Pharmacology</i>	Reviewer
7.	2014-	<i>Cardiovascular Diabetology</i>	Reviewer
8.	2014-	<i>Cardiovascular Research</i>	Reviewer
9.	2014-	<i>Cell Biochemistry and Biophysics</i>	Reviewer
10.	2014-	<i>Cell Death and Disease</i>	Reviewer
11.	2014-	<i>Circulation</i>	Reviewer
12.	2014-	<i>Comparative Biochemistry and Physiology</i>	Reviewer
13.	2014-	<i>Current Diabetes Review</i>	Reviewer
14.	2014-	<i>Diabetes Research and Clinical Practice</i>	Reviewer
15.	2024-	<i>Diabetes</i>	Reviewer
16.	2014-	<i>European Journal of Heart Failure</i>	Reviewer
17.	2014-	<i>Food and Chemical Toxicity</i>	Reviewer

18.	2014-	<i>Genome</i>	Reviewer
19.	2014-	<i>International Journal of Biology</i>	Reviewer
20.	2014-	<i>International Journal of Molecular Medicine</i>	Reviewer
21.	2023	<i>JCI Insight</i>	Reviewer
22.	2014-	<i>Journal of Cellular and Molecular Medicine</i>	Reviewer
23.	2014-	<i>Journal of Cardiovascular Translational Research</i>	Reviewer
24.	2014-	<i>Journal of Molecular and Cellular Cardiology</i>	Reviewer
25.	2014-	<i>Journal of Stem Cell Research and Therapy</i>	Reviewer
26.	2014-	<i>Life Sciences</i>	Reviewer
27.	2014-	<i>Molecular and Cellular Biochemistry</i>	Reviewer
28.	2014-	<i>Molecular Biology Reports</i>	Reviewer
29.	2023-	<i>Nature Communication</i>	Reviewer
30.	2014-	<i>Neurochemistry International</i>	Reviewer
31.	2014-	<i>Oxidative Medicine and Cellular Longevity</i>	Reviewer
32.	2014-	<i>PLOS One</i>	Reviewer
33.	2014-	<i>Recent Patents on Biotechnology</i>	Reviewer
34.	2014-	<i>Reproductive Sciences</i>	Reviewer
35.	2016-	<i>Scientific reports</i>	Reviewer
36.	2020-	<i>Theranostics</i>	Reviewer
37.	2014-	<i>Toxicological Sciences</i>	Reviewer
38.	2014-	<i>Tissue Engineering</i>	Reviewer

E. BOOK REVIEWER

Year	Publisher	Book title	Editor(s)
2018	Elsevier	MicroRNA in Regenerative Medicine	Chandan K. Sen
2021	Elsevier	Cellular, Molecular and Environmental Contribution in Cardiac Remodeling: from preclinical to clinical perspective	Rahul Mallick and Asim K. Duttaroy

F. SCIENTIFIC JUDGE

Year	Meeting	Role
2009-12	Research Louisville Forum, University of Louisville, Louisville, KY	Poster Judge
2011	Third Annual Graduate Research Symposium at University of Louisville, Louisville, KY	Poster Judge
2014-18	Nebraska Physiological Society, Omaha, NE	Poster Judge
2015-17, 19	Midwest Student Biomedical Research Forum, Omaha, NE	Poster Judge
2015	Annual meeting of the international academy of cardiovascular sciences (IACS): North American section, September 10-12, Omaha, NE	Abstract Judge for four award categories
2016	American Physician Scientists Association Midwest Regional Meeting	Poster Judge
2018	Nebraska Physiological Society, Omaha, NE	Abstract Judge for oral presentation
2018	Annual Research Symposium, Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, UNMC, Omaha, NE	Poster Judge
2020-21	GCB/MGCB/BISB Student Research Forum, UNMC, Omaha, NE	Poster Judge
2020	Midlands Society of Physiological Sciences	Presentation Judge

2020	College of Medicine Retreat, UNMC, Omaha, NE	Poster Judge
2020-21	Nebraska Junior Academy Sciences Physiology Award, Research program, Omaha, NE	Presentation Judge
2022	Nebraska Center for the Prevention of Obesity Disease (NPOD) 8 th Research Symposium, Lincoln, NE	Poster Judge
2022	Midlands Society of Physiological Sciences	Abstract Judge for oral presentation
2022	Midlands Society of Physiological Sciences	Poster Judge
2023	Midlands Society of Physiological Sciences	Abstract Judge for oral presentation
2024	Midlands Society of Physiological Sciences	Poster Judge

G. COMMITTEE MEMBER

NATIONAL

Year	Committee	Member
2015-18	American Physiological Society	Member, Fellowship Committee of Cardiovascular Section
2019-22	American Physiological Society	Member, Awards Committee of Cardiovascular Section
2022-23	American Physiological Society	APS Chapter Advisory Committee
2025-	American Physiological Society	Member, Awards Committee

UNIVERSITY

Year	Committee	Member
2014- 24	Mouse Genome Engineering Core Advisory Committee	Member
2015- 21	Research and Development Committee	Member

DEPARTMENT

Year	Committee	Member
2014- 20	Alice Cumming Award Committee	Member
2014- 15	Faculty Recruitment Committee, Department of Physiology	Member
2014- 20	Review Committee, A Ross McIntyre Cardio-Renal Seminar	Member
2020- 21	Faculty Recruitment Committee, Department of Physiology	Member
2020- 21	MGCB Graduate Program Committee	Member
2020- 25	IPMM Graduate Program Committee	Member

H. COMMUNITY ACTIVITY

2005-: Colleague promotion and tenure letters: >25 evaluation recommendation letters given

2002-: Other letters of support (e.g., grant or permanent resident applications): >30 letters given

2010: 4 weeks volunteer at the University of Louisville Hospital, Louisville, KY

2010: Donated blood at the American Red Cross Blood Camp, Louisville, KY

2018: Donated blood at the American Red Cross Blood Camp, Omaha, NE

2022: Recommendation letters for immigration, promotion, and grant: >30

2022: Contributed an article titled "Diabetes is Linked to Heart Disease" Research News in the July Newsletter of UNMC Olson Center Women's Health Overview