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#### Education

#### **Present**

Ph.D. Candidate Lehigh University Biological Sciences, Ph.D.

# 2019

Master of Science in Biology, with Distinction California State University Fresno Thesis Title: "Modelling Perception, Learning and Memory in Ant Visual Navigation" Thesis Advisor: Dr. David D. Lent

## 2017

Bachelor of Science in Biology California State University Fresno

#### **Positions Held**

08/2019—Present, Research Assistant Lehigh University Supervisor: Dr. Julie S. Haas

## **Awards**

Thorne Fellowship, Fall 2022 CAS Summer Fellowship, Summer 2022

#### **Publications**

Rolón-Martínez, S, **Mendoza, AJ**, Angeloni, CF, Diaz-Nieves, IA, Chen, R, Haas, JS, & MN Geffen. "Inhibitory neuron types of the TRN differentially modulate auditory thalamic sound responses." Submitted. BioRxiv. Doi:10.1101/2024.06.29.601250 **Mendoza. AJ** & JS Haas. 2022. "Intrinsic sources and functional impacts of asymmetry at electrical synapses" eNeuro. Doi:10.1523/ENEURO.0469-21.2022

# **Conference Presentations**

"Understanding variations in MGB tone responses due to TRN synaptic connectivity" Poster Presentation. Society for Neuroscience, November 2023.

"Intrinsic sources and functional impacts of asymmetry at electrical synapses" Poster Presentation. Philadelphia Chapter Society for Neuroscience. 2023.

"Electrical synapse asymmetry results from, and masks, neuronal heterogeneity" Poster Presentation. Computational Neuroscience Symposium, 2021.

"Modeling visual perception, learning, and memory of wood ants navigating in naturalistic environments." Poster Presentation. Society for Neuroscience, November 2018.

"Modeling visual perception, learning, and memory of wood ants navigating in naturalistic environments." Poster Presentation. Society for Neuroscience, November 2017.

## **References**

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