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Education:

Doctor of Philosophy, Neuroscience Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas	2011 – Present
Bachelors of Science, Biology Texas A&M University, College Station, Texas	2006 – 2010

Research Experience:

Texas A&M University , Laboratory of Dr. Thierry Lints Graduate Research Assistant	August 2011 – Present
National Eye Institute , Laboratory of Dr. Anand Swaroop Post-baccalaureate Research Assistant	2010 – 2011
Duke University , Laboratory of Dr. Erich Jarvis Undergraduate Research Assistant	2009 – 2010
Texas A&M University , Laboratory of Dr. Thierry Lints Undergraduate Research Assistant	2007 – 2010

Presentations:

Deshpande M, **Whitaker DT**, Pfenning A, Jarvis ED, Lints T. Identification of molecular changes underlying the initial stages of vocal learning in the zebra finch. *Society for Neuroscience (SfN)*, 2011. Washington, DC. (Poster)

Whitaker DT, Bakeri H, Liu C, Swaroop A. Expression and function of planar cell polarity gene *Prickle1* during retinal development. *Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO)*, 2011. Fort Lauderdale, FL. (Poster)

Whitaker DT, Deshpande M, Jarvis ED, Lints T. Gene expression during vocal learning. *Texas A&M University Student Research Week*, 2010. College Station, TX. (Poster)

Awards:

Post-baccalaureate Intramural Research Training Award (IRTA), NIH Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges	2010 – 2011 2010
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Service:

Texas A&M University Neuroscience Symposium Planning Committee	2012
Texas A&M University Neuroscience Recruiting Committee	2012
Texas A&M Student Research Week, Undergraduate Judge	2012

Memberships:

Society for Neuroscience	2012
Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology	2011