**CV of Failures**\*

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| If you can dream—and not make dreams your master;  If you can think—and not make thoughts your aim;  If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster  And *treat those two impostors just the same*;  If you can bear to hear the truth you’ve spoken  Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,  Or watch the things you gave your life to, broken,  And stoop and build ’em up with worn-out tools:  -Excerpt from the poem *If* by R. Kipling |

**Degree Programs I Did Not Get Into**

M.D. Emory and Vanderbilt

**Promotion Difficulties**

Assistant Professor 4th Year Appraisal- Favorable with Reservations

Vice Chair of Research, Department of Medicine, UCSD

**Example of Administrative Failures**

2017, Unable to successfully negotiate sustainable HCV Clinic in ID at UCSD Health

**Example of Clinical Failures**

2009, Misdiagnosis of my own cerebellar stroke as vestibulitis

2012, Misdiagnosis of my father’s epidural abscess as back strain

2018, Missed Candida abscess in patient’s brain stem. He died.

**Example of Research Failures**

2010, Contaminated sequences originally included in published paper. Butler et al., Smith. *Sci Transl Med*. 2010 Feb 10;2(18):18re1. Clarified in Heath et al. *Sci Transl Med.* 2010 Sep 22;2(50):50le1.

**Research and Research Society Positions I Did Not Get**

2017 AIDS Clinical Trials Group Vice-Chair of HIV Reservoirs Transformative Scientific Group

**Fellowships and Honors Not Awarded**

1985 Red Bank Junior High Honor Society

1996 Senior Medical Student Internal Medicine Award

2002 Doris Duke Clinical Scientist Program

2008 Burroughs Wellcome Career Award

2016 Howard Hughes Medical Institute

2018 McArthur Foundation Genius Grant

**Journals Never Accepting One of My Manuscripts**

*Cell, Nature, Science, eLife, Lancet, PLoS Biology*

**Highest Number of Rejections for a Paper Until Published:**

11 (Smith et al. *Virology* 2006)

**Grants Not Awarded, 21 and counting**

[R01DK123747-01](https://public.era.nih.gov/grantfolder/viewCommonsStatus.era?encryptedParam=(v2)ETMsDgAAAWv9QyHuABRBRVMvQ0JDL1BLQ1M1UGFkZGluZwCAABAAEFO-mCL4IactS6HNie0jOpgAAAAQI2GyDQwK2_dK-Ks9O5trTQAUDUQjJ4Yj0e78KsIbDbrWmVgNZMo.)

12/01/2019-11/30/2024

The HIV Persistence Challenge in Blood and Gut

R01CA239279

04/01/2019 - 03/31/2024

Impact of HIV Integration in Susceptible Immune Cells on Tumor Microenvironments

R01DK119934

12/01/2018 - 11/30/2023

Immune and Microbiome Environments in the Gut Impact HIV Reservoirs

R38AI140294

07/01/2018 - 06/30/2022

Spurring Careers in Infectious Disease Research (SCIDR)

I01BX002937

10/01/2015 - 09/30/2019

How age affects clinical vaccine's ability to stimulate the HIV reservoir

I01BX002396

10/01/2014 - 09/30/2018

CMV Replication, Immune Activation and HIV Reservoir

I01BX000746

04/01/2010 - 03/31/2014

Pooled Nucleic Acid Testing to Detect Antiretroviral Treatment Failure

U01AI131288

03/01/2017 - 02/28/2022

Acitretin to Reverse HIV Latency and Stimulate Innate Immune Responses to Clear Reservoirs

UM1AI126618

07/01/2016 - 06/30/2021

Martin Delaney Legacy Collaboratory

R01DA041739

04/01/2016 - 03/31/2021

The Last Gift: development of an end-of-life translational model to characterize the HIV reservoir

R01NS094063

07/01/2015 - 06/30/2020

A Multi-site Investigation into the Effect of HIV Clade on Neurocognition

R01MH083552

09/08/2008 - 06/30/2019

A Multi-site Investigation into the Effect of HIV Clade on Neurocognition

X02DA034381

09/30/2012 - 07/31/2017

Real-time HIV Epidemiology for Targeted HIV Prevention

R21AI119925

07/01/2015 - 06/30/2017

Point of Care Nucleic Acid Testing for Viral Pathogens

R01MH095252

07/01/2011 - 06/30/2016

Virologic Correlates of HIV Associated Neurocognitive Disorder

R25TW009473

09/01/2012 - 08/31/2015

NeuroAIDS Fellowship in Mozambique

R01MH079711

07/01/2007 - 06/30/2012

Neuropsychological Impairment During Acute & Early HIV Infection

R21MH084513

07/01/2008 - 06/30/2010

HIV Associated Neurocognitive Dysfunction during Acute and Early HIV Infection

R21AI143428

12/01/2018 - 11/30/2020

Impact of HIV Integration in Susceptible Immune Cells on Tumor Microenvironments

R01AI116310

12/01/2014 - 11/30/2019

Perturbing the HIV Reservoir with Immune Stimulation

R01MH108152

07/01/2015 - 06/30/2018

Effects of HIV-1 subtype on HIV DNA decay, molecular evolution and neurocognition in China

\*Inspired by Johannes Haushofer and Melanie Stefan

<https://www.princeton.edu/~joha/Johannes_Haushofer_CV_of_Failures.pdf>

[www.nature.com/naturejobs/science/articles/10.1038/nj7322-467a](http://www.nature.com/naturejobs/science/articles/10.1038/nj7322-467a)