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EDUCATION BEYOND HIGH SCHOOL:

Post-Doctoral Fellow, Department of Physiology
University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas TX
1992, Smooth Muscle Physiology / Biochemistry

Ph.D., Department of Physiology and Biophysics
University of California, Irvine
1989, Cardiovascular Physiology / Biochemistry

B.S., Biological Sciences
University of California, Irvine
1983, Striated Muscle Physiology

EXPERIENCE

Teaching, Extension and Research Appointments:

Associate Scientist: 2012- present; Department of Cell and Regenerative Biology, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Associate Scientist: 1998 – 2012; Department of Physiology, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Researcher: 1996 – 1997; Department of Physiology, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, University of Wisconsin-Madison

TEACHING ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Areas of Specialization:

General Physiology
Cardiac and Vascular Physiology

Courses Taught (University of Wisconsin):

Physiology of Exercise
Biological Factors Influencing Exercise Performance
Human Physiology
Muscle Biology
Medical Physiology - Small Group

Students Advised/Supervised:

Undergraduate Students (18 total, ~ 1 per year)

Graduate Students (6 total, ~ 1 per 3 years)

Non-credit Classes, Workshops, Seminars, Invited Lectures, etc.:

Jackson Laboratory

Coordinator: Mouse Colony Management Conference (January 2018)

University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Jackson Laboratory

Coordinator: Mouse Breeding Seminar Series (2015 - 2017)

University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Publications, Peer Reviewed/Evaluated:

Gregorich ZR, JR Patel, W Cai, Z Lin, R Heurer, DP Fitzsimons, RL Moss, and Y Ge. (2019). Deletion of enigma homologue from the Z-disc slows tension development kinetics in mouse myocardium. *J. Gen. Physiol.* 151:670-679. PMID: PMC6504290

Giles J, JR Patel, A Miller, E Iverson, D Fitzsimons, and RL Moss. (2018). Recovery of left ventricular function following in vivo re-expression of cardiac myosin binding protein C. *J. Gen Physiol.* 151:77-89. PMID: PMC6314388

Moss RL, TL Lynch, and DP Fitzsimons. (2017). Acting on an impulse (or two or three): adaptive advantage of a high-frequency burst of action potentials at the onset of tetany in fast-twitch skeletal muscle fibers. *J Gen Physiol.* 149:297-300. PMID: PMC5339515

Rosas PC, Y Liu, MI Abdalla, CM Thomas, DT Kidwell, GF Dusio, D Mukhopadhyay, R Kumar, KM Baker, BM Mitchell, PA Powers, DP Fitzsimons, BG Patel, CM Warren, RJ Solaro, RL Moss, and CW Tong. (2016). Phosphorylation of cardiac myosin-binding protein-C is a critical mediator of diastolic function. *Circ Heart Fail* 8:582-594. PMID: PMC4447128

Moss RL, DP Fitzsimons, JC Ralphe. (2015). Cardiac MyBP-C regulates the rate and force of contraction in mammalian myocardium. *Circ Res* 116:183-192. PMID: PMC4283578

Colson BA, JR Patel, PP Chen, T Bekyarova, MI Abdalla, CW Tong, DP Fitzsimons, TC Irving and RL Moss. (2012). Myosin binding protein-C phosphorylation is the principal mediator of protein kinase A effects on thick filament structure in myocardium. *J Mol Cell Cardiol* 53:609-616. PMID: PMC3472100

Chen PP, JR Patel, PA Powers, DP Fitzsimons and RL Moss. (2012). Dissociation of structural and functional phenotypes in cardiac myosin-binding protein C conditional knock-out mice. *Circulation* 126:1194-1205. PMID: PMC3466088

Baltgavis KA, MA Jaeger, DP Fitzsimons, SA Thayer, DA Lowe and JM Ervasti. (2011). Transgenic overexpression of gamma-cytoplasmic actin protects against eccentric contraction-induced force loss in mdx mice. *Skeletal Muscle* 1:32 PMID: PMC3214766

Moss RL and DP Fitzsimons. (2010). Perspectives on: SGP Symposium on Muscle in Health and Disease: Regulation of contraction in mammalian striated muscles—the plot *thick*-ens. *J. Gen. Physiol.* 136:21-27. PMID: PMC2894544

Colson BA, MR Locher, T Bekyarova, JR Patel, DP Fitzsimons, TC Irving and RL Moss. (2010). Differential roles of regulatory light chain and myosin binding protein-C phosphorylations in the modulation of cardiac force development. *J. Physiol.* 588:981-993. PMID: PMC2849963

- Jaeger MA, KJ Sonnemann, DP Fitzsimons, KW Prins and JM Ervasti. (2009) Context-dependent functional substitution of alpha-skeletal actin by gamma-cytoplasmic actin. *FASEB J.* 23:2205-2214. PMID: PMC2704599
- Tsika RW, C Schramm, G Simmer, DP Fitzsimons, RL Moss and J Ji. (2008). Overexpression of TEAD-1 in transgenic mouse striated muscles produces a slower skeletal muscle contractile phenotype. *J. Biol. Chem.* 283:36154-36167. PMID: PMC2606011
- Colson BA, T Bekyarova, MR Locher, DP Fitzsimons, TC Irving and RL Moss. (2008). Protein kinase-A mediated phosphorylation of cMyBP-C increases proximity of myosin heads to actin in resting myocardium. *Circ.Res.* 103:244-251. PMID: PMC2810832
- Bunnell TM, MA Jaeger, DP Fitzsimons, KW Prins and JM Ervasti. (2008). Destabilization of the dystrophin-glycoprotein complex without functional deficits in alpha-dystrobrevin muscle. *PLoS One* 3:e2604. PMID: PMC 2432020
- Greaser ML, CM Warren, K Esbona, W Guo, Y Duan, AM Parrish, PR Krzesinski, HS Norman, S Dunning, DP Fitzsimons and RL Moss. (2008). Mutation that dramatically alters rat titin isoform expression and cardiomyocyte passive tension. *J. Mol. Cell. Cardiol.* 44:983-991. PMID: PMC2501117
- Fitzsimons DP and RL Moss. (2007). Cooperativity in the regulation of force and the kinetics of force development in heart and skeletal muscles: cross-bridge activation of force. *Adv. Exp. Med. Biol.* 592:177-189.
- Colson BA, T Bekyarova, DP Fitzsimons, TC Irving and RL Moss. (2007). Radial displacement of myosin cross-bridges in mouse myocardium due to ablation of myosin binding protein-C. *J. Mol. Biol.* 367:36-41.
- Brickson S, DP Fitzsimons, L Periera, T Hacker, H Valdivia and RL Moss. (2007). In vivo left ventricular functional capacity is compromised in cMyBP-C null mice. *Am. J. Physiol.* 292:H1747-H1754.
- Sonnemann KJ, DP Fitzsimons, JR Patel, Y Liu, MF Schneider, RL Moss and JM Ervasti. (2006). Cytoplasmic gamma-actin is not required for skeletal muscle development but its absence leads to a progressive myopathy. *Dev. Cell.* 11:387-397.
- Moss RL and DP Fitzsimons. (2006). Myosin light chain 2 into the mainstream of cardiac development and contractility. *Circ. Res.* 99:225-227.
- Stelzer JE, DP Fitzsimons and RL Moss. (2006). Ablation of myosin-binding protein-C accelerates force development in mouse myocardium. *Biophys. J.* 90:4119-4127.
- Stelzer JE, L Larsson, DP Fitzsimons and RL Moss. (2006). Activation dependence of stretch activation in mouse skinned myocardium: implications for ventricular function. *J. Gen. Physiol.* 127:95-107.
- Olsson MC, JR Patel, DP Fitzsimons, JW Walker and RL Moss. (2004). Basal myosin light chain phosphorylation is a determinant of Ca²⁺ sensitivity of force and activation dependence of the kinetics of myocardial force development. *Am. J. Physiol.* 287:H2712-H2718.

- Moss RL, M Razumova and DP Fitzsimons. (2004). Myosin crossbridge activation of cardiac thin filaments: implications for myocardial function in health and disease. *Circ. Res.* 94:1290-1300.
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- Fitzsimons DP, JR Patel and RL Moss. (2001). Cross-bridge interaction kinetics in rat myocardium are accelerated by strong binding of myosin to the thin filament. *J. Physiol.* 530:263-272.
- Fitzsimons DP, JR Patel, KS Campbell and RL Moss. (2001). Cooperative mechanisms in the activation dependence of the rate of force development in rabbit skinned skeletal muscle fibers. *J. Gen. Physiol.* 117:133-148.
- Fitzsimons DP, JR Patel and RL Moss. (1999). Aging-dependent depression in the kinetics of force development in rat skinned myocardium. *Am. J. Physiol.* 276:H1511-H1519.
- Fitzsimons DP, JR Patel and RL Moss. (1998). Role of myosin heavy chain composition in kinetics of force development and relaxation in rat myocardium. *J. Physiol.* 513:171-183.
- Fitzsimons DP and RL Moss. (1998). Strong binding of myosin modulates length-dependent Ca²⁺ activation of rat ventricular myocytes. *Circ. Res.* 83:602-607.
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- Fitzsimons DP, BP Herring, JT Stull and PJ Gallagher. (1992). Identification of basic residues involved in activation and calmodulin binding of rabbit smooth muscle myosin light chain kinase. *J. Biol. Chem.* 267:23903-23909.
- Herring BP, DP Fitzsimons, JT Stull and PJ Gallagher. (1990). Acidic residues comprise part of the myosin light chain-binding site on skeletal muscle myosin light chain kinase. *J. Biol. Chem.* 265:16588-16591.
- Fitzsimons DP, PW Bodell, RE Herrick and KM Baldwin. (1990). Left ventricular functional capacity in the endurance-trained rodent. *J. Appl. Physiol.* 69:305-312.
- Fitzsimons DP, RE Herrick and KM Baldwin. (1990). Isomyosin distributions in rodent muscles: effects of altered thyroid state. *J. Appl. Physiol.* 69:321-327.
- Fitzsimons DP, PW Bodell, RE Herrick and KM Baldwin. (1990). Effect of thyroid state on cardiac myosin P-light chain phosphorylation during exercise. *J. Appl. Physiol.* 69:313-320.

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Fitzsimons DP, PW Bodell and KM Baldwin. (1989). Phosphorylation of rodent cardiac myosin light chain 2: effects of exercise. *J. Appl. Physiol.* 67:2447-2453.

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Peer Reviewed/Evaluated (currently scheduled or submitted):

Giles J, JR Patel, C Knudtson, Z Neuville, DP Fitzsimons, and RL Moss. cMyBP-C M-domain phosphoserine residues modulate the low-velocity phase of unloaded shortening in murine skinned myocardium. *J. Gen. Physiol.*

Fitzsimons DP, JR Patel, J Giles, J Wachholz, AJ Miller, ML Ackerman and RL Moss. A missense mutation within the C6-domain of cMyBP-C results in cardiac enlargement and depressed ventricular function. *Amer. J. Physiol.*

Fitzsimons DP, JR Patel and RL Moss. Cardiac and skeletal muscle fiber types exhibit a differential sensitivity to the activating effects of strong-binding cross-bridges. *J. Exp. Biol.*

Recent Professional Meeting Papers, Workshops, Showings, Recitals:

International Society for Heart Research – Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada (2018)
 Myofilament Conference – Madison, WI (2018)
 International Society for Heart Research – New Orleans, LA (2017)
 Myofilament Conference – Madison, WI (2016)
 Biophysical Society – Los Angeles, CA (2016)
 Myofilament Conference – Madison, WI (2014)
 Myofilament Conference – Madison, WI (2012)
 European Society for Muscle Research – Padova, Italy (2010)
 Myofilament Conference – Madison, WI (2010)
 Biophysical Society – San Francisco, CA (2010)

Grants and Contracts Awarded:

NIH RO1 HL139883 (PI's: Richard Moss, Ph.D., University of Wisconsin; Roger Craig, Ph.D., University of Massachusetts). Mechanism of regulation of cardiac contraction by phosphorylation of myosin binding protein C; Role: Key Personnel; Years: 2018 – 2022; Direct Costs: \$900,000

MyoKardia Inc., San Francisco, CA (PI: Richard Moss, Ph.D., University of Wisconsin); Force production and relaxation transients in rodent myocardium; Role: Key Personnel; Years: 2019 – ongoing; Direct Costs: \$150,000 per contract

NIH R37 HL082900 – Merit Award (PI: Richard Moss, Ph.D., University of Wisconsin); MyBP-C modulation of cardiac contraction; Role: Key Personnel; Years: 2005 – 2015; Direct Costs: \$2,500,000

SERVICE

Professional and Scholarly Organizations:

University of Wisconsin Cardiovascular Institute (2000 – present); International Society of Heart Research; American Physiological Society; American Heart Association; Biophysical Society

(memberships renewed when attending national conferences).

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Scholarship:

Workshop on Colony Management: Principles and Practices (May 2004)
The Jackson Laboratory
Bar Harbor, ME

Webinars – The Jackson Laboratory (2014 – present)

Basics of Mouse Genetics

Cre-Lox Technology in Mouse Modeling

Designing and Optimizing Mouse Breeding Schemes

Protect Your Research – Know Your B6 Mouse

Generating Mouse Models Using CRISPR/Cas9 Technology

CRISPR/Cas9 – Moving From Founder Mice To Phenotyping