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EMPLOYMENT

2012–present

Science Director

Mind & Life Institute, Charlottesville, VA

- serve as primary subject matter expert on neuroscience and meditation, integrating between multiple departments and initiatives
- manage multiple grants programs that fund basic and clinical scientific research on contemplative practice and mind body interventions
- organize and conduct workshops, programs, and conferences that promote dialogue at the intersection of science and contemplative practice
- develop, manage, and promote an online open archive for contemplative science (MindRxiv)
- establish and maintain network of collaborative and working relationships with over 50 academic researchers in the field
- serve as co-PI on collaborative research project; manage team to develop experience sampling app to measure desire in daily life and evaluate well-being outcomes
- serve as lead editor for book chronicling dialogue between scientists and the Dalai Lama
- regularly review manuscripts for scientific journals
- write blogs and essays to communicate latest findings in contemplative neuroscience to public audience
- contribute to website content development
- deliver guest lectures and public talks

2011–2012

Neuroscience Education Coordinator

Emory-Tibet Science Initiative, Atlanta, GA

- develop curriculum for a program that teaches science to Buddhist monks and nuns in India
- teach Tibetan monastics in India, distilling high-level scientific data and theory for an intellectually advanced audience with little to no scientific background
- write and edit textbooks/primers to convey this curriculum, provide content expertise for program translation into Tibetan

POSTDOCTORAL TRAINING

2011–2012

Emory University, Atlanta, GA

Department of Psychology

Postdoctoral Fellow

Advisor: Larry Barsalou, PhD

Neuroimaging studies examining cognitive mechanisms of stress, mindful attention, focused attention meditation and emotion.

Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences

Postdoctoral Fellow

Advisor: Helen Mayberg, MD

Resting state neuroimaging of large-scale brain networks in major depression, and their relationship to cognitive dynamics in meditation.

2009–2011

Emory University, Atlanta, GA

Department of Psychology

Neuroscience Initiative Postdoctoral Scholar

Advisor: Larry Barsalou, PhD

Co-mentors: Charles Raison, MD, John Dunne, PhD

Studies on cognitive dynamics that occur between focused attention and mind-wandering during meditation, using first-person input to drive analyses. Methodologies include behavioral, psychophysiological and neuroimaging techniques.

2005–2010

Atlanta Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Decatur, Georgia

Mental Health Service

Emory University School of Medicine, Atlanta, Georgia

Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences

Postdoctoral Fellow

Advisor: Erica Duncan, MD

Research projects investigating alterations in prepulse inhibition of the acoustic startle reflex in schizophrenia patients and their family members, as well as neuroimaging of reward systems in schizophrenia. Skills learned include clinical interview and diagnosis, neuropsychological evaluations, psychophysiological measurements and fMRI analysis.

EDUCATION

1999–2005

Emory University, Atlanta, GA

Program in Neuroscience/Department of Psychiatry

Doctor of Philosophy in Neuroscience, November 2005

Advisor: Scott E. Hemby, PhD

Dissertation research examined single-cell gene expression profiles in post-mortem brain tissue of schizophrenia, bipolar disorder and control subjects, and identified disease-related gene expression alterations that were specific to individual cell groups within the entorhinal cortex. Skills learned include single-cell laser capture microdissection, RNA amplification, real-time quantitative PCR, immunohistochemistry, Western blot and microarray analysis.

1993–1997

Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Bachelor of Science in Biology and Psychology

Summa Cum Laude, May 1997

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

FULL SEMESTER COURSES

Visiting Assistant Professor, *Meditation, Brain, and Body*, University of Virginia, Spring 2018

Adjunct Professor, *Introduction to Contemplative Neuroscience*, Lesley University, 2015–2016

Co-instructor, *Cognitive Mechanisms of Stress*, Emory University, Fall 2011

Instructor and Organizer, *Meditation Research Seminar*, Emory University, 2008–2011

Co-instructor, *Basic Mechanisms of Neurological Disease*, Emory University, Spring 2010

GUEST LECTURES

Guest Lecturer, *Tibetan Buddhism Introduction*, University of Virginia, Spring 2018

Guest Lecturer, *Buddhism in America*, Smith College, Fall 2015

Guest Lecturer, *Buddhism in North America*, Mt. Holyoke College, Fall 2015, Fall 2014

Guest Lecturer, *Cognitive Neuroscience of Meditation*, Brown University, Spring 2015

Guest Lecturer, *Buddhist philosophy: Madhyamaka and Yogacara*, Smith College, Spring 2013

Guest Lecturer, *Brain Imaging in Schizophrenia*, Emory School of Medicine, Spring 2011

Guest Lecturer, *Neuroscience for Non-Majors*, Emory University, Fall 2010

PUBLIC/OTHER

Inward Bound Mindfulness Education (iBme)

- Contemplative Scientist/Consultant, Teacher Training Program, Summer 2016-present
- Lecturer, various retreats for teens, 2014-present

Barre Center for Buddhist Studies

- Lecturer/Workshop Co-leader, Fall 2017

- Lecturer/Workshop Leader, Fall 2015

Emory-Tibet Science Initiative, Emory University

- Lecturer, Dharamsala, India, Summer 2011, Summer 2012
- Curriculum and Textbook Development, Fall 2008–Summer 2012

Program Assistant, Vet Heal (mindfulness-based stress reduction for returning Iraq war veterans), Spring 2007

Presenter, McKendree Elementary School Science Night, Winter 2007

Co-creator of BrainGame software for teaching neuroscience to grades 6–12, © 2005

PRISM Fellow (problem-based learning initiative for K–12 teaching), Summer 2004

SciTrek Museum, Atlanta, GA

- Neuroscience workshop co-director, Spring 2004
- Guest lecturer/program judge, BioTrek Program, Fall 2003

Teaching Assistant, Cellular Neuroscience, Emory University, Fall 2000

Volunteer, Brain Awareness (High School Education) Outreach Program, 1999–2008

ACADEMIC FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS AND HONORS

Turkeyland Cove Foundation Grantee, Writing Residency, 2015, 2017

Emory Scholars Program in Interdisciplinary Neuroscience Research, Postdoctoral Fellow, 2009–2011

Francisco J. Varela Research Award Recipient, 2009

Mind and Life Summer Research Institute Fellow, 2008, 2009

Ruth L. Kirschstein NRSA Recipient, Individual Pre-doctoral Award, 2002–2005

George W. Woodruff Fellow, Woodruff Foundation/Emory University, 1999–2004

NIH Neuroscience Training Grant Recipient, 1999–2002

Phi Beta Kappa, Wake Forest University, 1997

SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

Board Member and Scientific Advisor, Courage of Care, 2015–present

Volunteer Staff, Inward Bound Mindfulness Education (iBme), 2014–present

Administrative Coordinator, Emory Collaborative for Contemplative Studies, 2009–2012

President and Founder, Poncey-Highland Community Garden, 2008–2012

President, 608 Seminole Avenue Homeowners Association, 2006–2012

Alumni Network Coordinator, Emory University Neuroscience Program, 2002–2003

Director of Website Design, Emory University Neuroscience Program, 2001–2004

Student Representative, Emory University Neuroscience Executive Committee, 2001–2003

AD HOC REVIEWER

Frontiers in Human Neuroscience

Frontiers in Psychology

Mindfulness

NeuroImage

Neuroscience and Biobehavioral Reviews

Neuroscience Research

Oxford University Press

Psychonomic Bulletin and Review

Psychophysiology

Schizophrenia Research

PUBLICATIONS

EDITED VOLUMES

Hasenkamp, W with White, JR (2017). *The Monastery and the Microscope: Conversations with the Dalai Lama on Mind, Mindfulness, and the Nature of Reality*. A book recounting a historic dialogue between scientists and His Holiness the Dalai Lama to inaugurate the introduction of science into the Tibetan monastic curriculum. Yale University Press.

Hasenkamp, W & Thompson, E (eds.) (2013). *Examining Subjective Experience: Advances in Neurophenomenology*. Special issue of *Frontiers in Human Neuroscience*. (18 manuscripts) <http://journal.frontiersin.org/ResearchTopic/1163>

Hasenkamp, W, Eisen, A, Mascaro, JS, Worthman, CM (2013). *Neuroscience Primer 2. Basic Processes of Transmission, Integration, and Response*. Dharamsala, India: Library of Tibetan Works and Archives. (English and Tibetan; Geshe Dadul, translator)

Eisen, A, **Hasenkamp, W**, Worthman, CM (2012). *Neuroscience Primer 1. Perception and Vision*. Dharamsala, India: Library of Tibetan Works and Archives. (English and Tibetan; Geshe Dadul, translator)

PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES

NEUROIMAGING & COGNITIVE SCIENCE

Hasenkamp, W. (in preparation). *Shifting from personal to interpersonal in contemplative science*. *Current Opinion in Psychology: Special Issue on Mindfulness*.

Hasenkamp, W, Barsalou, L (2012). *Effects of meditation experience on functional connectivity of distributed brain networks*. *Frontiers in Human Neuroscience* 6: 38, doi: 10.3389/fnhum.2012.00038.

Hasenkamp, W, Wilson-Mendenhall, C, Duncan, E, Barsalou, L (2012). *Mind-wandering and attention during focused meditation: A fine-grained temporal analysis of fluctuating cognitive states*. *NeuroImage* 59(1): 750–60.

Hasenkamp, W, James, GA, Boshoven, W, Duncan, E (2011). *Altered engagement of attention and default networks during target detection in schizophrenia*. *Schizophrenia Research* 125(2): 169–73.

Majeed, W, Magnuson, M, Schwarb, H, **Hasenkamp, W**, Schumacher, E, Barsalou, L, Keilholz, S (2011). *Spatiotemporal dynamics of low frequency BOLD fluctuations in rats and humans*. *NeuroImage* 54(2): 1140–50.

Egan, GJ, **Hasenkamp, W**, Wilcox, L, Green, A, Hsu, N, Boshoven, W, Lewison, B, Keyes, M, Duncan, E (2011). *Declarative memory and WCST-64 performance in subjects with schizophrenia and healthy controls*. *Psychiatry Research* 188(2): 191–6.

PSYCHOPHYSIOLOGY

Pearce, BD, Hubbard, S, Rivera, HN, Wilkins, PP, Fisch, MC, Hopkins, MH, **Hasenkamp, W**, Gross, R, Bliwise, N, Jones, JL, Duncan, E (2013). *Toxoplasma gondii exposure affects neural processing speed as measured by acoustic startle latency in schizophrenia and controls*. *Schizophrenia Research* 150(1): 258–61.

Hasenkamp, W, Kelley, M, Egan, G, Green, A, Wilcox, L, Boshoven, W, Duncan, E (2011). *Lack of relationship between acoustic startle and cognitive variables in schizophrenia and control subjects*. *Psychiatry Research* 187(3): 324–8.

Hasenkamp, W, Epstein, M, Green, A, Wilcox, L, Boshoven, W, Duncan, E (2010). *Heritability of acoustic startle magnitude, prepulse inhibition and startle latency in schizophrenia and control families*. *Psychiatry Research* 178(2): 236–43.

Hasenkamp, W, Norrholm, S, Green, A, Lewison, B, Boshoven, W, Keyes, M, Duncan, E (2008). *Differences in startle reflex and prepulse inhibition in European-Americans and African-Americans*. *Psychophysiology* 45(5): 876–882.

Mittal, VA, **Hasenkamp, W**, Sanfilippo, M, Wieland, S, Angrist, B, Rotrosen, J, Duncan, EJ (2007). *Relation of neurological soft signs to psychiatric symptoms in schizophrenia*. *Schizophrenia Research* 94: 37–44.

MOLECULAR BIOLOGY/NEUROSCIENCE

Acosta, G, **Hasenkamp, W**, Daunais, JB, Friedman, DP, Grant, KA, Hemby, SE (2010). *Ethanol self-administration modulation of NMDA receptor subunit and related synaptic protein mRNA expression in prefrontal cortical fields in cynomolgus monkeys*. *Brain Research* 1318: 144–54.

O'Connor, JA, **Hasenkamp, W**, Horman, BM., Muly, EC, Hemby, SE (2006). *Region-specific regulation of NR1 in rhesus monkeys following chronic antipsychotic drug administration*. *Biology Psychiatry* 60: 659–662.

Fasulo, WH, Hemby, SE (2003). *Time-dependent changes in gene expression profiles of midbrain dopamine neurons following haloperidol administration*. *Journal of Neurochemistry* 87: 205–219.

Tang, W.-X., **Fasulo, WH**, Mash, D, Hemby, SE (2003). *Molecular profiling of midbrain dopamine regions in cocaine overdose victims*. *Journal of Neurochemistry* 85: 911–24.

- Laybutt DR, Kaneto H, **Hasenkamp W**, Grey S, Jonas JC, Sgroi DC, Groff A, Ferran C, Bonner-Weir S, Sharma A, Weir GC (2002). *Increased expression of antioxidant and antiapoptotic genes in islets that may contribute to beta-cell survival during chronic hyperglycemia*. *Diabetes* 51(2): 413–23.
- Laybutt R, **Hasenkamp W**, Groff A, Grey S, Jonas JC, Kaneto H, Sharma A, Bonner-Weir S, Weir G (2001). *Beta-cell adaptation to hyperglycemia*. *Diabetes* 50 Suppl. 1: S180–1.
- Vasir B, Jonas JC, Steil GM, Hollister-Lock J, **Hasenkamp W**, Sharma A, Bonner-Weir S, Weir GC (2001). *Gene expression of VEGF and its receptors Flk-1/KDR and Flt-1 in cultured and transplanted rat islets*. *Transplantation* 71(7): 924–35.
- Steil GM, Trivedi N, Jonas JC, **Hasenkamp WM**, Sharma A, Bonner-Weir S, Weir GC (2001). *Adaptation of beta-cell mass to substrate oversupply: enhanced function with normal gene expression*. *American Journal of Physiology Endocrinology Metabolism* 280(5): E788–96.
- Trivedi N, Keegan M, Steil GM, Hollister-Lock J, **Hasenkamp WM**, Colton CK, Bonner-Weir S, Weir GC (2001). *Islets in alginate macrobeads reverse diabetes despite minimal acute insulin secretory responses*. *Transplantation* 71(2): 203–11.
- Jonas JC, Sharma A, **Hasenkamp W**, Ilkova H, Patane G, Laybutt R, Bonner-Weir S, Weir GC (1999). *Chronic hyperglycemia triggers loss of pancreatic beta cell differentiation in an animal model of diabetes*. *Journal of Biological Chemistry* 274(20): 14112–21.
- Grey ST, Arvelo MB, **Hasenkamp W**, Bach FH, Ferran C (1999). *A20 inhibits cytokine-induced apoptosis and nuclear factor kappaB-dependent gene activation in islets*. *Journal of Experimental Medicine* 190(8): 1135–46.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- Hasenkamp, W** (2018). *Catching the wandering mind: Studying meditation to understand spontaneous thought and meta-awareness*. In: *Oxford Handbook of Spontaneous Thought*. Editors: K.C.R. Fox and K. Christoff. New York: Oxford University Press.
- Hasenkamp, W** (2014). *Using first-person reports during meditation to investigate basic cognitive experience*. In: *Meditation – Neuroscientific Approaches and Philosophical Implications (Studies in Neuroscience, Consciousness and Spirituality Vol. 2)*. Editors: S. Schmidt & H. Walach. Heidelberg: Springer.
- Barsalou, LW, Wilson, C, **Hasenkamp, W** (2010). *On the vices of nominalization and the virtues of contextualizing*. In: *The Mind in Context*. Editors: L. Feldman Barrett, B. Mesquita & E. Smith. New York: Guilford Press.
- Norrholm, SD, Jovanovic, T, Rothbaum, BO, Davis, M, **Hasenkamp, W**, Crowe, C, Duncan, E, Leimbach, L, Skelton, K, & Bradley, B (2010). *The optimization of research and clinical*

applications for combat-related Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD): Progress through modern translational methodologies. In: *Military Medicine: New Developments.* Hauppauge, NY: Nova Science Publishers, Inc.

Hasenkamp W, Hemby SE (2004). *Signal Transduction Abnormalities in Schizophrenia: New Treatment Options.* In: *Current and Future Developments in Psychopharmacology.* Editors: JA den Boer, GJ ter Horst & M. George. Amsterdam: Benecke.

Hasenkamp WM, Hemby SE (2002). *Functional Genomics and Psychiatric Illness.* In: *Progress in Brain Research, Vol. 138: Plasticity in the Adult Brain.* Amsterdam: Elsevier.

ESSAYS

Hasenkamp, W (2018). *Pain relief without opioids?* Mind and Life Blog.
<https://www.mindandlife.org/pain-relief-without-opioids/>

Hasenkamp, W (2017). *Promoting openness and transparency in the contemplative sciences* Mind and Life Blog.
<https://www.mindandlife.org/promoting-openness-transparency-contemplative-sciences/>

Hasenkamp, W (2016). *Can we change racial bias?* Courage of Care Blog.
<http://courageofcare.org/uncategorized/can-we-change-racial-bias/>

Hasenkamp, W (2015). *The contemplative path: How do we learn?* Mind and Life Blog.
<https://www.mindandlife.org/the-contemplative-path-how-do-we-learn/>

Hasenkamp, W (2014). *Brain karma: Is delusion hardwired?* Tricycle Magazine, Fall 2014.
<http://www.tricycle.com/new-buddhism/karma/brain-karma>

Pagnoni, G & Hasenkamp, W (2014). *Remembrance of things to come: The predictive nature of the mind and contemplative practices.* Mind and Life Blog.
<http://www.mindandlife.org/remembrance-things-come-predictive-nature-mind-contemplative-practices/>

Hasenkamp, W (2014). *Grey matters: Examining subjective experience.* Mind and Life Newsletter, Spring 2014.
<http://www.mindandlife.org/examining-subjective-experience/>

Hasenkamp, W (2014). *Theory of Mind: Contemplative science begins to unpack the critical elements of caring.* Mind and Life Newsletter, Spring 2014.
<http://www.mindandlife.org/theory-mind/>

Hasenkamp, W (2013). *How to focus a wandering mind.* Greater Good Science Center, University of California, Berkeley.
http://greatergood.berkeley.edu/article/item/how_to_focus_a_wandering_mind

Hasenkamp, W (2013). *Managing the modern world: The science of compassion meditation*. You've Got Some Science on You.

<http://gotsomescienceonyou.com/2013/09/03/the-science-of-compassion-meditation/>

Hasenkamp, W (2013). *Meditation: It's not what you think*. Mind and Life Blog.

<http://www.mindandlife.org/meditation-its-not-what-you-think/>

Hasenkamp, W (2013). *Can meditation change compassionate behavior?* Mind and Life Blog.

<http://www.mindandlife.org/can-meditation-change-compassionate-behavior/>

Hasenkamp, W (2013). *Grey Matters: A response to Obama's brain mapping initiative*. Mind and Life Newsletter, Fall 2013.

<http://www.mindandlife.org/grey-matters/>

PRESENTATIONS

SELECTED INVITED LECTURES/WORKSHOPS

Hasenkamp, W (2018). *The Science of Meditation: Overview of Contemplative Science*. Dalai Lama Fellows Program, Contemplative Sciences Center, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA.

Hasenkamp, W (2018). *Clinical applications of Mindfulness*. Psychology Department, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA.

Hasenkamp, W (2015). *Karma and delusion: Transformation and the brain*. Barre Center for Buddhist Studies, One-day workshop/retreat, Barre, MA.

Hasenkamp, W (2014). *Catching the wandering mind: Using meditation to investigate neural shifts between attention and distraction*. Contemplative Sciences Center, University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA.

Hasenkamp, W (2014). *Is there a neural basis of delusion?* Foundation for Active Compassion, Fall retreat. Putney, VT.

Hasenkamp, W (2014). *Investigating mind-wandering and attention during focused meditation*. Metro-Area Research Group on Awareness & Meditation, New York, NY.

Hasenkamp, W (2014). *Investigating mind-wandering and attention during focused meditation*. Panelist for *Classical Mindfulness Conference*. UCLA Center for Buddhist Studies, Los Angeles, CA.

Hasenkamp, W (2013). *Investigating mind-wandering and attention during focused meditation*. Panelist for *Neural Mechanisms of Mindfulness: Emerging Models*. John and Tussi Kluge Research Symposium, 11th Annual International Scientific Conference of the Center for Mindfulness in Medicine, Healthcare and Society, Norwood, MA.

Hasenkamp, W (2013). *Neuroscience: Investigating the Brain and Mind*. Mind and Life XXVI: Mind, Brain and Matter: Critical Conversations Between Buddhist Thought and Science, Drepung Monastery, Mundgod, India. (presented to His Holiness the Dalai Lama)

SELECTED ABSTRACTS

Ting, LH, Bauer-Wu, SM, Desbordes, G, **Hasenkamp, W**, Hue, GE, Iuvone, D, Jaeger, CM, Worthman, CM (2011). *Use of a personal response system enhances teaching of neuroscience to Buddhist monks*. 41st Annual Meeting of the Society for Neuroscience, Washington, DC.

Hasenkamp, W (2010). *Current Research in Contemplative Science*. Panelist for “*What’s at Stake in Contemplative Science?*” *Reductionism, Embodiment, and Other Key Issues in the Secularization and Scientific Study of Contemplative Practices*. Annual Meeting of American Academy of Religion, Atlanta, GA.

Hasenkamp, W (2010). *Current Research in Contemplative Science: Progress and Pitfalls*. Panelist for *Contemplative Science: A Panel Discussion on Current Research, Methodological Concerns and the Development of Cross-Disciplinary Discourse*. Annual Meeting of The Southeastern Commission for the Study of Religion, Atlanta, GA.

Hasenkamp, W, Wilson-Mendenhall, C, Duncan, E, Barsalou, L (2010). *Investigating mind-wandering and attention during focused meditation using first-person subjective information*. Annual Meeting of the Cognitive Neuroscience Society, Montreal, Canada.

Hasenkamp, W, Kelley, M, Egan, G, Green, A, Lewison, B, Boshoven, B, Keyes, M, Duncan, E (2007). *Prepulse inhibition of startle is reduced in family members of schizophrenia patients*. 11th International Congress on Schizophrenia Research, Colorado Springs, CO.

Duncan, EJ, **Hasenkamp, WM**, Lewison, B, Keyes, M, Jovanovic, T, Gaytan, O, Egan, G, Szilagyi, S, Schwartz, M, Parwani, A, Chakravorty, S, Rotroson, J (2006). *Medication affects the relationship of symptoms to prepulse inhibition of acoustic startle in schizophrenia*. 1st Annual GA/SC Neuroscience Consortium, Charleston, SC.

Caceda, R, Kinkead, B, Binder, E, **Hasenkamp, W**, Duncan, E, Cubells, J, Nemeroff, C (2006). *Association of a novel promoter variant in the neurotensin/neuromedin N (NTS) gene with low levels of prepulse inhibition of acoustic startle in schizophrenic patients of African American descent*. 46th Annual Meeting of the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology, Boca Raton, FL.

Anderson, LR, **Hasenkamp, WM**, Offe, K (2005). *Interactive curriculum for middle-school outreach: The BrainGame*. 35th Annual Meeting of the Society for Neuroscience, Washington, DC.

Fasulo, WH, Freeman, WM, Muly, EC, Hemby, SE (2004). *Glutamate receptor analysis in the midbrain of monkeys treated with chronic antipsychotics*. 34th Annual Meeting of the Society for Neuroscience, San Diego, CA.

Fasulo, WH, Hemby, SE (2003). *Time-dependent changes in gene expression profiles of midbrain dopamine neurons following antipsychotic administration*. 33rd Annual Meeting of the Society for Neuroscience, New Orleans, LA.