

CURRICULUM VITAE

General Information

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Research Focus

Affective disorders (particularly unipolar depression and treatment-resistant depression); Functional and structural neuroimaging (fMRI, sMRI); Imaging genetics; Digital psychiatry and digital health applications (DiGA); Psychopharmacology and clinical trials; Emotion and cognition research

Bibliometrics

h-Index	i10-Index	RI-Score	Sum IF	Citations
46	76	4.86	535.9	12,273

As of March 2025 (Google Scholar & Research Gate). 4 publications with >600 citations.

Academic and Professional Career

since 2020	Head, Outpatient Clinic for Treatment-Resistant Depression, UKPP, MUW
since 2019	Development and clinical investigation leading to market authorization in Germany of the DiGA edupression.com®
2015	Visiting Professor, Stanford University School of Medicine, Dep. of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, CA, USA
since 2014	Principal Investigator (PI), Emotion-Cognition Focus Group, Medical Neuroscience Cluster, MUW
since 2012	Associate Professor of Psychiatry, UKPP, MUW
2010 – 2012	Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, UKPP, MUW
2007	Habilitation in Psychiatry (Venia docendi), MUW Thesis: Functional and Structural Neuroimaging and Imaging Genetics
since 2005	Head, General Outpatient Clinic, UKPP, MUW
since 2005	Head, Clinical Neuroimaging & Digital Health Research Group, UKPP, MUW
2004 – 2005	Head, Neuroanatomical Imaging Genetics, Neuroimaging Core, NIMH, GCAP, NIH, Bethesda, MD, USA
2001 – 2005	Postdoctoral Research Fellow, NIMH, GCAP, NIH, Bethesda, MD, USA
2001	Head, EEG Laboratory & Acute Ward 6A, UKPP, MUW

Clinical Activities

since 2020	Senior Attending Physician, Outpatient Clinic for Treatment-Resistant Depression, UKPP, MUW
since 2005	Senior Attending Physician, General Outpatient Clinic, UKPP, MUW
since 2005	Attending Physician, Drug Addiction Outpatient Clinic, UKPP, MUW
since 2005	Regular Deputy for the Head of Department, UKPP, MUW
since 2005	Senior On-Call Duty, UKPP, MUW
2005 – 2015	Senior Attending Physician, EEG Laboratory, UKPP, MUW
2005 – 2014	Consultation-Liaison On-Call Duty, UKPP, MUW
2001 – 2014	Consultation-Liaison and Intensive Care On-Call Duty, UKPP, MUW
2001	Senior Attending Physician, EEG Laboratory & Ward 6A, UKPP, MUW
1999 – 2001	Resident Physician, Neurology & Internal Medicine, MUW and KH Lainz
1995 – 1999	Resident Physician, Psychiatry and Psychotherapy, UKPP, MUW

Research

since 2022	Planning, development, and conduct of studies with the Vienna TRD Registry
since 2019	Development and clinical investigation of the DiGA edupression.com [®]
2015	Visiting Professor, Stanford University, Dep. of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, USA
since 2014	Principal Investigator, Emotion-Cognition Focus Group, Medical Neuroscience Cluster, MUW
since 2005	Head, Clinical Neuroimaging & Digital Health Research Group, UKPP, MUW
2004 – 2005	Head, Neuroanatomical Imaging Genetics, Neuroimaging Core, NIMH, NIH, USA
2001 – 2005	Postdoctoral Research Fellow, NIMH, GCAP, NIH, Bethesda, MD, USA
1994 – 2001	Clinical research as Resident Physician, UKPP, MUW
1992	Research stay, Maryland Psychiatric Research Center, Baltimore, USA
1991 – 1992	Research Associate, Institute of Biochemical Pharmacology, MUW

Education and Training

2018	Certified Health Care Manager, Health Care Management Program, MUW
2015	Board Certification in Psychiatry and Psychotherapeutic Medicine, Austrian Medical Chamber
2015	Psychotherapeutic Medicine, Specialization in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (PSY-III), Austrian Medical Chamber
2001	Board Certification in Psychiatry, Austrian Medical Chamber
2000 – 2001	Residency in Internal Medicine, KH Lainz, Vienna
1999 – 2000	Residency in Neurology, MUW
1995 – 1999	Residency in Psychiatry, UKPP, MUW
1994	Doctor of Medicine (Dr.med.univ.), MUW
1992	Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, University of Vienna
1987 – 1994	Medical Studies, MUW
1988 – 1992	Psychology Studies, University of Vienna

Teaching

since 2024	Interdisciplinary lecture series (elective): Digital Medicine (DM) at C ³ NMH
since 2024	Elective: Q&A – Psychopharmacology in Block 20 – Mechanisms of Action & Clinical Application
since 2013	Block 20, MCW Curriculum, Seminar Psychopharmacotherapy (mandatory), MUW
since 2005	Numerous appointments as course director
since 2005	Supervision of doctoral and PhD students
since 1997	Supervision of diploma thesis students
since 1995	Numerous teaching appointments in intra- and extramural programs

Supervision of Theses and Dissertations

48 diploma theses and 5 dissertations (PhD theses)

Supervised Dissertations:

- Blank T. (2020) Determinants of illness trajectories in fully remitted major depression.
- Meyer BM. (2019) Persistence and Change of Functional Brain Networks related to Major Depressive Disorder.
- Bartova L. (2019) Neuroimaging Correlates of Acute and Remitted Major Depressive Disorder.
- Russo-Schwarzbaum S. (2017) The Serotonin Transporter in Health and Disease and its Relationship to the Clinic.
- Hartinger B. (2010) Functional and structural imaging phenotypes of the amygdala and the cingulate cortex.

Honors and Awards

2020	Hackathon on Digital Mental Health, 1st Prize for Best Concept
2015	Visiting Scholar Award, Stanford Neurosciences Institute, Stanford University, USA
2013	Travel Award, Austrian Research Association
2005	Scientist of the Month, Medical University of Vienna
2002	Rafaelson Fellowship Award, 23rd CINP World Congress, Montreal, Canada
2001	Erwin Schrödinger Fellowship, Austrian Science Fund (FWF)
2001	Research Award, Austrian Society for Neuropsychopharmacology and Biological Psychiatry (ÖGPB)
2000	ECNP Fellowship Award, 13th ECNP Congress, Munich
2000	Poster Award, 1st Int. Forum on Mood and Anxiety Disorders, Monte Carlo
1998	Research Award, Danubian Society for Psychiatry, Zagreb

Grants and Funding

Total extramural funding: approx. 1,239,000 EUR + 100,000 USD

since 2019	Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG), €50,000
since 2017	FWF Clinical Call, €297,656
2012 – 2015	FWF Clinical Call, €169,000
2011 – 2014	Anniversary Fund of the Austrian National Bank (OeNB), €87,000
2010 – 2012	Anniversary Fund of the Austrian National Bank (OeNB), €65,000
2008 – 2010	Institute for the Study of Affective Neuroscience (ISAN), \$100,000 USD
2007 – 2012	FWF SFB-35 (Special Research Program), €308,080
2006 – 2009	Anniversary Fund of the Austrian National Bank (OeNB), €90,000
2005	Federal Ministry of Education, Science and Culture (BMBWK), €11,248

2005	Research Award, Medical University of Vienna, €20,000
2001 – 2002	Erwin Schrödinger Fellowship, FWF, €41,000

Professional Memberships

- International Society for Neuroimaging in Psychiatry (ISNIP)
- Austrian Scientists and Scholars in North America (ASCINA)
- Austrian Society for Psychiatry and Psychotherapy (ÖGPP)
- Austrian Society for Neuropsychopharmacology and Biological Psychiatry (ÖGPB)
- Organization of Human Brain Mapping (OHBM)
- European College of Neuropsychopharmacology (ECNP)
- Society for Neuroscience (SFN)
- World Federation of Societies of Biological Psychiatry (WFSBP)
- Austrian Society for Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging (ÖGFMRT)
- Medical Neuroscience Cluster, MUW

Functions and Committees

since 2023	Member, Digital Mental Health Section, World Psychiatric Association (WPA)
since 2022	Member, e-Health Working Group, Austrian Federal Economic Chamber (WKÖ)
since 2022	Member, Advisory Board, Media Initiative Digital Medicine
2010 – 2011	Secretary, Imaging Genetics Task Force, WFSBP
2006 – 2014	Editorial Expert, Feature Forum, WFSBP
2005 – 2014	Associate Member, fMRI Center, TU Dresden, Germany
	Advisor, Neurovisceral Research Unit, UCLA, Los Angeles, USA
	Advisor, edupression.com, Digital Health Application (DiGA)

Editorial Activities

since 2013	Member, Editorial Board, Annals of General Psychiatry
since 2000	Member, Editorial Board, J. f. Neurologie, Psychiatrie und Neurochirurgie
2019	Review Editorial Board, Frontiers in Neuropharmacology
2010 – 2016	Review Editorial Board, Frontiers in Psychopharmacology
2010	Editor, Neuroimage Special Issue – Imaging Genetics
2012 – 2015	Member, ISRN Psychiatry
2012 – 2014	Member, World Journal of Neurology
2000 – 2015	Member, ArzneimittelPROFIL
	Member, ClinicumPsyMed

Peer Review Activities

Journals:

Am J Med Genetics, Am J Psychiatry, JAMA Psychiatry, Biol Psychiatry, Bipol Disorder, Cortex, Eur Neuropsychopharmacology, Front Psychiatry, Genes Brain Behav, Human Brain Mapping, Int J Psychiatry Clin Practice, J Clin Psychiatry, J Neurosci, J Psychiatric Res, Mol Psychiatry, Nat Neurosci, Neuroimage, Neuron, Neuropsychopharmacol, PLOS, PNAS, Proc Royal Soc Biol, Psychiatry Res, Psychol Med, Science, SCAN, Transl Psychiatry, Wien Klin Wochenschr, World J Biol Psychiatry, among others.

Funding Agencies:

Australian National Health and Medical Research Council; FWF; Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO); Anniversary Fund of the Austrian National Bank (OeNB); Wellcome Trust; British

Medical Research Council; Fundação para a Ciência e a Tecnologia (FCT); European Research Council (ERC)

Selected Conference Activities

2018	Member, Local Organizing Committee, CINP 2018, Vienna
2014	Chair, Oral Session Genetics, 20th OHBM Meeting, Hamburg
2014	Director, Scientific Program, 1st Conference on Applied Neurosciences, Vienna
2013	Chair, Keynote Lecture, 3rd ICNP, Thessaloniki
2011	Chair, Genetics and Neural Underpinning in Major Depression, 10th WCBP, Prague
2009	Chair, Imaging Genetics: Putative Role in Clinical Psychiatry, 22nd ECNP, Istanbul
2007	Chair, Genetic Variation in Cognitive Brain Maturation, 20th ECNP, Vienna
2005	Chair, Psychosurgery Symposium & Young Scientist Award, 8th WCBP, Vienna