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## EDUCATION

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*Postdoctoral training*, **Yale School of Medicine**, Department of Psychiatry, 2018 – 2024  
Advisor: Chiang-shan R. Li  
*Ph.D., Integrative Neuroscience*, **Stony Brook University**, Stony Brook, NY, USA, 2017  
Advisor: Hoi-Chung Leung  
*B.A., Psychology*, **Park University**, Parkville, MO, USA, 2009  
Advisor: Dennis D. Kerkman

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## ACADEMIC POSITIONS

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*Assistant Professor*, **Yale School of Medicine**, Department of Psychiatry – New Haven, CT, 2024 – present  
*Postdoctoral Associate*, **Yale School of Medicine**, Department of Psychiatry – New Haven, CT, 2018 – 2024

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## GRANTS

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**K99/R00** - AA029716: *Avoidance learning and pain circuit dysfunction in alcohol use disorders*, 2022 – 2027  
Role: PI

**BBRF Young Investigator Grant**: *Pain circuit and avoidance learning dysfunction in comorbid depression and alcohol use disorder*, 2023-2025  
Role: PI

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## HONORS & AWARDS

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Harry June Travel Award – American College of Neuropsychopharmacology (ACNP), Tampa, Florida, 2023

Travel Award – Behavior, Biology, and Chemistry Translational Research in Addiction, San Antonio, 2022  
The John Neale Endowed Graduate Student Excellence Fund in Psychology, Stony Brook University, 2016  
The Stony Brook University Biopsychology Founders Endowed Fellowship, Stony Brook University, 2016  
Award for Civic Engagement in Journalism, Park University, 2007

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## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

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*Council member*, Janeway Society, 2022 – present  
*Associate Editor*, Brain Sciences, 2024 – present

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## PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

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1. **Le T. M.**, Oba T., Couch L., McInerney L., Li CSR (2024). Neural correlates of proactive avoidance deficits and alcohol use motives in problem drinking. *Translational Psychiatry*. DOI: 10.1038/s41398-024-03039-y
2. **Le T. M.**, Oba T., Couch L., McInerney L., Li CSR (2024). The neural correlates of individual differences in reinforcement learning during pain avoidance and reward seeking. *eNeuro*, DOI: 10.1523/ENEURO.0437-23.2024
3. Tan Y., Yang K., Du R., Yang Q., **Le T. M.**, Zhao R., Li C.S.R (2024). Cortical thickness of the inferior parietal lobule as a potential predictor of relapse in men with alcohol dependence. *Brain Imaging and Behavior*.
4. Dong X., Zhornitsky S., Wang W., **Le T. M.**, Chen Y., Chaudhary S., Li C.S.R (2023), Resting-State Functional Connectivity of the Dorsal and Ventral Striatum, Impulsivity, and Severity of Use in Recently Abstinent Cocaine-Dependent Individuals. *International Journal of Neuropsychopharmacology*, 26 (9), 627-638
5. Chaudhary S., Chen Y., Zhornitsky S., **Le T. M.**, Zhang S., Chao H., Li C.S.R (2023), The effects of age on the severity of problem drinking: Mediating effects of positive alcohol expectancy and neural correlates. *Addiction Biology*, 28 (6), e13278
6. **Le T. M.**, Malone T., Li CSR (2022). Positive Alcohol Expectancy and Resting-state Functional Connectivity of the Insula in Problem Drinking. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, (231), 109248. DOI: 10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2021.109248
7. Chen Y., Ide J., Li C., Chaudhary S., **Le T. M.**, Wang W., Zhornitsky S., Zhang S., Li CSR (2022). Gray matter volumetric correlates of dimensional impulsivity traits in children: Sex differences and heritability. *Human Brain Mapping*, (43)8. DOI: 10.1002/hbm.25810
8. Chen Y., Dhingra I., **Le T. M.**, Zhornitsky S., Zhang S., Li C.S.R (2022). Win and loss responses in the monetary incentive delay task mediate the link between depression and problem drinking. *Brain sciences*, 12 (12), 1689

9. **Le T. M.**, Chen Y., Chaudhary, S., Li CSR (2022). Problem drinking and the interaction of reward, negative emotion, and cognitive control circuits during cue-elicited craving. *Addiction Neuroscience*, (1), 100004, 1-11. DOI: 10.1016/j.addicn.2021.100004
10. **Le T. M.**, Potvin S., Zhornitsky S., Li CSR (2021). Distinct patterns of prefrontal cortical disengagement during inhibitory control in addiction: A meta-analysis based on population characteristics. *Neuroscience and Biobehavioral Reviews*, 127, 255-69. DOI: 10.1016/j.neubiorev.2021.04.028
11. Zhornitsky S., Chaudhary S., **Le T. M.**, Chen Y., Potvin S., Chao H., van Dyck C., Li CSR (2021). Cognitive dysfunction and cerebral volumetric deficits in individuals with Alzheimer's disease, alcohol use disorder, and dual diagnosis. *Psychiatry Research: Neuroimaging*. DOI: 10.1016/j.pscychresns.2021.111380
12. Li, G., **Le T. M.**, Wang W., Zhornitsky S., Chen Y., Chaudhary S., Zhu T., Bi J., Tang X., Li CSR (2021). Perceived stress, self-efficacy, and the cerebral morphometric markers in binge-drinking young adults. *NeuroImage – Clinical*, 32, 102866. DOI: 10.1016/j.nicl.2021.102866
13. Li G., Chen Y., **Le T. M.**, Wang W., Tang X., Li CSR (2021). Neural correlates of individual variation in two-back working memory and the relationship with fluid intelligence. *Scientific reports*, 11 (1), 1-13. DOI: 10.1038/s41598-021-89433-8
14. Li G., Chen Y., **Le T. M.**, Zhornitsky S., Dhingra I., Wang W., Tang X., Li CSR (2021). Perceived friendship and binge drinking in young adults: a study of the Human Connectome Project data. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence* (224). DOI: 10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2021.108731
15. **Le T. M.**, Wang W., Zhornitsky S., Dhingra I., Chen Y., Zhang S., Li CSR (2021). The neural processes interlinking social isolation, social support, and problem alcohol use. *International Journal of Neuropsychopharmacology*. DOI: 10.1093/ijnp/pyaa086
16. Zhornitsky S., Le T. M., Wang W., Dhingra I., Chen Y., Li CSR (2021). Midcingulate cortical activations inter-relate chronic craving and physiological responses to negative emotions in cocaine addiction. *Biological Psychiatry Global Open Science*. DOI: 0.1016/j.bpsgos.2021.03.003
17. Zhornitsky S., Dhingra I., **Le T. M.**, Wang W., Li SCR (2021). Reward-related responses and tonic craving in cocaine addiction: an imaging study of the monetary incentive delay task. *International Journal of Neuropsychopharmacology*, pyab016, DOI: 10.1093/ijnp/pyab016
18. Dhingra I., Zhang S., Zhornitsky S., Wang W., **Le T. M.**, Li SCR (2021). Sex differences in neural responses to reward and the influences of individual reward and punishment sensitivity. *BMC Neuroscience*, 22 (1), 1-14. DOI: 10.1186/s12868-021-00618-3
19. Zhang S., Zhornitsky S., Wang W., **Le T. M.**, Dhingra I., Chen Y., Li CSR (2020). Resting state hypothalamic and dorsomedial prefrontal cortical connectivity of the periaqueductal gray in cocaine addiction. *Addiction Biology*, e12989, DOI: 10.1111/adb.12989
20. **Le T. M.**, Huang A. S., O'Rawe J., Leung, H-C. (2020). Functional neural network configuration in late childhood varies by age and cognitive state. *Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience*, 45, DOI: 10.1016/j.dcn.2020.100862

21. **Le T. M.**, Zhornitsky S., Wang, W., Li CSR (2020). Perceived Burdensomeness and Neural Responses to Ostracism in the Cyberball Task. *Journal of Psychiatric Research*, 130, DOI: 10.1016/j.jpsychires.2020.06.015
22. Zhang S., Zhornitsky S., Wang W., Dhingra I., **Le T. M.**, Li CSR (2020). Cue-elicited functional connectivity of the periaqueductal gray and tonic cocaine craving. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, 216. DOI: 10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2020.108240
23. Li G., Zhang S., **Le T. M.**, Tang X., Li CSR (2020). Neural responses to negative facial emotions: sex differences in the correlates of individual anger and fear traits. *NeuroImage*, 117171. DOI: 10.1016/j.neuroimage.2020.117171
24. Li G., Zhang S., **Le T. M.**, Tang X., Li CSR (2020). Neural Responses to Reward in a Gambling Task: Sex Differences and Individual Variation in Reward-Driven Impulsivity. *Cerebral Cortex Communications*. DOI: 10.1093/texcom/tgaa025
25. **Le T. M.**, Zhornitsky S., Zhang S., Li CSR (2020). Pain and reward circuits antagonistically modulate alcohol expectancy to regulate drinking. *Translational Psychiatry*. 10(220). DOI: 10.1038/s41398-020-00909-z
26. Ide J., Li H-T., Chen Y., **Le T. M.**, Li C., Zhornitsky S., Li, CSR (2020). Gray Matter Volumetric Correlates of Behavioral Activation and Inhibition System Traits in Children: An Exploratory Voxel-Based Morphometry Study of the ABCD Project Data. *NeuroImage*, 117085. DOI: 10.1016/j.neuroimage.2020.117085
27. Wang W., Zhornitsky S., **Le T. M.**, Zhang S., Li CSR (2020). Heart Rate Variability, Cue-Evoked Ventromedial Prefrontal Cortical Response, and Problem Alcohol Use in Adult Drinkers, *Biological Psychiatry: Cognitive Neuroscience and Neuroimaging*, 5(6), 619-628. DOI: 10.1016/j.bpsc.2019.12.013
28. **Le T. M.**, Chao H., Levy I., Li CSR (2020), Age-Related Changes in the Neural Processes of Reward-Directed Action and Inhibition of Action. *Frontiers in Psychology*, 11, 1121
29. Yang K., Tan Y., Yang Q., Niu Y., Fan F., Chen S., Luo X., Tan S., Wang Z., Tong J., Yang F., **Le T. M.**, Li CSR (2020). Cortical thickness and apathy in patients with alcohol dependence, *Frontiers in Psychiatry*, 11, 364
30. Zhornitsky S., **Le T. M.**, Dhingra I., Adkinson B., Potvin S., Li CSR (2020). Interpersonal risk factors of suicide in cocaine dependence: association with self-esteem, personality traits, and childhood abuse. *Suicide and Life-Threatening Behavior*. DOI: 10.1111/sltb.12621
31. **Le T. M.**, Ding-Lieh L., Ide J., Zhang S., Zhornitsky S., Wang W., Li CSR. (2020). The interrelationship of body mass index with gray matter volume and resting-state functional connectivity of the hypothalamus. *International Journal of Obesity*. DOI: 10.1038/s41366-019-0496-8
32. **Le T. M.**, Wang W., Zhornitsky S., Dhingra I., Zhang S., Li CSR. (2020). Interdependent neural correlates of reward and punishment sensitivity during rewarded action and inhibition of action. *Cerebral Cortex*, 30(3) 1662–1676. DOI: 10.1093/cercor/bhz194
33. **Le T. M.**, Zhang S., Zhornitsky S., Wang W., Li CSR. (2020). Neural correlates of reward-directed action and inhibition of action. *Cortex*. 123, 42-56, DOI: 10.1016/j.cortex.2019.10.007

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35. **Le T. M.**, Zhornitsky S., Wang W., Ide J. S., Li CSR. (2019). Posterior cingulate cortical activity during active avoidance mediates the relationship between punishment sensitivity and problem drinking. *Journal of Neuroscience*, 39 (32) 6354-6364, DOI: 10.1523/JNEUROSCI.0508-19.2019
36. **Le T. M.**, Zhornitsky S., Wang W., Zhang S., Li CSR. (2019). Problem drinking alters gray matter volume and food cue responses of the lateral orbitofrontal cortex. *Addiction Biology*. DOI: 10.1111/adb.12857
37. **Le T. M.**, Wang W., Zhornitsky S., Dhingra I., Zhang S., Li CSR. (2019). Reward sensitivity and electrodermal responses to actions and outcomes in a go/no-go task. *PLOS One*, 14(7): e0219147. DOI: 10.1371/journal.pone.0219147
38. Zhang S., Zhornitsky S., **Le T. M.**, Li. CSR. (2019). Hypothalamic Responses to Cocaine and Food Cues in Individuals with Cocaine Dependence. *The International Journal of Neuropsychopharmacology*. 2(12), 754–764. DOI: 10.1093/ijnp/pyz044
39. Wang W., Zhornitsky S., **Le T. M.**, Dhingra I., Zhang S., Krystal J., Li. CSR. (2019). Cue-elicited craving, thalamic activity, and physiological arousal in adult non-dependent drinkers. *Journal of Psychiatric Research*, 116, 74-82. DOI: 10.1016/j.jpsychires.2019.06.005
40. Wang W., Li. C., Joormann J., Zhornitsky S., **Le T. M.**, Li SCR., (2019). Social anxiety, posterior insula activation, and autonomic response during self-initiated action in a Cyberball game. *Journal of Affective Disorders*, 225, 158-167. DOI: 10.1016/j.jad.2019.05.046
41. Zhornitsky S., Zhang S. Ide J. S., Chao H. H., Wang W., **Le T. M.**, Leeman R. F., Bi J., Krystal J. H., Li CSR. (2018). Alcohol Expectancy and Cerebral Responses to Cue-Elicited Craving in Adult Nondependent Drinkers, *Biological Psychiatry: Cognitive Neuroscience and Neuroimaging*, 4(5), 493-504. DOI: 10.1016/j.bpsc.2018.11.012
42. Wang W., Worhunsky P. D., Zhang S., **Le T. M.**, Potenza M., Li CSR. (2018). Response inhibition and fronto-striatal-thalamic circuit dysfunction in cocaine addiction, *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*, 192 (1), 137-145. DOI: 10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2018.07.037
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