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Specialty

Single-unit electrophysiological recording and neural coding related to sensory processing and motor action.

Clinical and Research Interests

Kevin O'Connor is a neuroscientist with research and clinical interests in sensory processes and motor control. He specializes in single-neuron electrophysiological recording in sensory and motor-related systems and for clinical behavioral evaluation in movement-impaired individuals.

Education

Columbia University New York, New York Ph.D. 1990

Bucknell University Lewisburg, Pennsylvania M.A. 1977

Muhlenberg College Allentown, Pennsylvania B.A. 1975

Fellowships

University of Massachusetts Amherst, Massachusetts 1990-1994 Behavioral Neuroscience

University of California, Davis Davis, California 1994-2001 Auditory Neuroscience

Professional Memberships

Society for Neuroscience American Association for the Advancement of Science

Select Recent Publications

Niwa M, O'Connor KN, Engall, E, Johnson JS, and Sutter ML (2014) Hierarchical effects of task-engagement on amplitude modulation encoding in auditory cortex. J Neurophysiol. 113, 307-27, (PMID: 25298387).

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Petkov CI, O'Connor KN and Sutter ML (2007) Encoding of illusory continuity in primary auditory cortex. Neuron. 54, 153-165, (PMC2628590).

O'Connor KN, Petkov CI, Sutter ML (2005) Adaptive stimulus optimization for auditory cortical neurons. J Neurophysiol. 94, 4051-67, (PMID: 16135553).

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