

Curriculum Vitae

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- Educational Background & Professional Experience**

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| 2014–Present | Distinguished Professor, Molecular Immunology, Department of Veterinary and Biomedical Science. The Pennsylvania State University, University Park. |
| 2010–2014 | Professor, Molecular Immunology, Department of Veterinary and Biomedical Science. The Pennsylvania State University, University Park. |
| 2004–2010 | Associate Professor, Molecular Immunology, Department of Veterinary and Biomedical Science. The Pennsylvania State University, University Park. |
| 1998–2004 | Assistant Professor, Nutrition and Immunology, Department of Nutrition, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park. |
| 1991–1998 | Assistant Scientist/Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Biochemistry, University of Wisconsin, Madison. |
| 1991 | PhD in Immunology, University of Wisconsin, Madison. |
| 1986 | BS in Chemistry, University of Illinois, Urbana–Champaign. |

- Research Interests**

Nutrient regulation of immune function and infectious diseases. Identifying the targets of vitamin A and vitamin D in the immune system.

- Publications**

1. J. Arora, J. Wang, V. Weaver, Y. Zhang, and M.T. Cantorna. 2022 Novel insight into the role of the vitamin D receptor in the development and function of the immune system. *J. Steroid Biochem Mol Biol.* 219:106084.
2. Z. Chai, Y. Lyu, Q. Chen, C. Wei, L.M. Snyder, V. Weaver, A. Sebastian, I. Albert, Q. Li, M.T. Cantorna, and A.C. Ross. 2021. RNAseq studies reveal distinct transcriptional response to vitamin A deficiency in small intestine versus colon, uncovering novel vitamin A–regulated genes. *J Nutr Biochem.* 98:108814
3. L.M. Snyder, J. Arora, M.J. Kennett, V. Weaver, and M.T. Cantorna. 2020. Retinoid signaling in intestinal epithelial cells is essential for early survival from gastrointestinal infection. *Front. Immunol.* 11:559635.
4. M.T. Cantorna, Y. Lin, J. Arora, S. Bora, Y. Tian, R. Nichols and A.D. Patterson. 2019. Vitamin D regulates the microbiota to induce ROR γ t/FoxP3⁺ regulatory T cells. *Front. Immunol.* 10:1772.
5. M.T. Cantorna, C.J. Rogers and J. Arora. 2019. Aligning the paradoxical role of vitamin D in gastrointestinal immunity. *Trends Endocrinol Metab.* 30:459–466.