

Curriculum Vitae | Dominique Piber, MD

Personal Data

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Positions and Professional Activities

08 / 2017 – present Post-doctoral research fellow,
UCLA Cousins Center for Psychoneuroimmunology,
University of California Los Angeles, USA
(PI: Michael R. Irwin, MD)
05 / 2015 – 07 / 2017 Attending physician at the Dept. of Psychiatry,
Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Germany
(chair: Isabella Heuser-Collier, MD, PhD)
2015 Board Certification in Psychiatry and Psychotherapy, Germany
2011 – 2015 Residency in Psychiatry,
Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Germany
(chair: Isabella Heuser-Collier, MD, PhD)
2008 – 2011 Clinical Physician at the Dept. of Psychiatry, Humboldt Hospital, Berlin, Germany
(chair: Peter Bräunig, MD)

Research Activities

2017 – present Post-doctoral research fellow (Max Kade Fellowship)
UCLA Cousins Center for Psychoneuroimmunology,
Dept. of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences,
Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior, UCLA, Los Angeles
(PI: Michael R. Irwin, MD)
2014 – 2017 Dissertation (Dr. med.) “Effects of Mineralocorticoid Receptor Stimulation on Spatial
Learning and Spatial Memory in Healthy Young Adults: A Study Using the Virtual
Morris Water Maze Task” awarded with magna cum laude,
Dept. of Psychiatry, Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Germany
2011 – 2017 Research associate at the Dept. of Psychiatry,
Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Germany
2006 – 2008 Dissertation (Dr. med. univ.) “Physical and Mental Health of Male-to-Female Trans-
sexuals after Sex-Reassignment-Surgery: Outcomes of the Long- and Short-Term-Fol-
low-up”, Dept. of Psychiatry, Medical University of Graz, Austria

Education

05 / 2015 Board Certification in Psychiatry and Psychotherapy, Germany
2009 – 2013 Training in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT),
Institute of Behavioral Sciences, Berlin-Brandenburg
2008 ERASMUS Clinical Research Program, University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands
2001 – 2008 Medical Studies at the Medical University of Graz, Austria

Academic and Teaching Activities

- 2017 – present Mentoring of undergraduate / graduate students,
UCLA Cousins Center for Psychoneuroimmunology
- 2014 – 2017 Clinical lecturer for “Legal Aspects of Psychiatry”, “Pharmacotherapy of Affective Disorders” and “Clinical Phenotyping of Depressed Patients”,
Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Germany
- 2015 – 2017 Clinical lecturer for “Psychosomatic Care”, Berlin Chamber of Physicians, Germany
- 11 / 2015 Research talk on “Neurobiology and Treatment of Posttraumatic Stress”,
Ghent University, Belgium
- 2013 – 2017 Clinical examiner for the study module “Psychiatric Disorders”,
Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Germany
- 2011 – 2017 Clinical teaching and mentoring of undergraduate / graduate students,
Charité – Universitätsmedizin Berlin, Germany

Extramural Activities and Volunteer Work

- 2017 – present Advisor for various online professionals (www.univadis.at, www.thirdbridge.com)
- 2015 – present Press advisor for the Free University Berlin, Germany
- 2016 – 2017 Mental health care for students at NYU Berlin, Germany
- 2015 – 2017 Psychiatric care for refugees, Berlin, Germany
- 2014 – 2017 Advisor for a think tank concerned with cost calculations and regulations in psychiatric and psychosomatic care, Berlin, Germany
- 2011 – 2017 Psychiatric care and medical assistance for the Federal Foreign Office Berlin with assignments to numerous EU countries and the United Arab Emirates
- 2011 Organization committee of the 41st Annual Conference of the International Society of Psychoneuroendocrinology (ISPNE), Berlin, Germany

Professional Memberships

- German Society of Psychiatry, Psychotherapy, and Nervous Diseases (DGPPN)
International Society of Psychoneuroendocrinology (ISPNE)
Psychoneuroimmunology Research Society (PNIRS)

Research Fields

- Psychoimmunology and –endocrinology
Neurobiology of spatial learning and memory

Languages

- German: native speaker (spoken and written)
English: near native / fluent (spoken and written)
Dutch: near native / fluent (spoken and written)

Reviewer activities

- Journal of Affective Disorders
Peer Journal

Publications

Irwin MR, **Piber D**. *Insomnia and Inflammation: A Two Hit Model of Depression Risk and Prevention*. World Psychiatry (in press).

Piber D, Nowacki J, Mueller SC, Wingenfeld K, Otte C. *Sex effects on spatial learning but not on spatial memory retrieval in healthy young adults*. Behav Brain Res. 2017 Aug25; 336:44-50. doi: 10.1016/j.bbr.2017.08.034.

Deuter CE, Wingenfeld K, Schultebrasuks K, Hellmann-Regen J, **Piber D**, Otte C. *Mineralocorticoid receptor stimulation increases risk taking in the balloon analogue risk task*. Psychoneuroendocrinology. 2017 Jan;75:132-140. doi: 10.1016/j.psyneuen.2016.10.018.

Piber D, Schultebrasuks K, Mueller SC, Deuter CE, Wingenfeld K, Otte C. *Mineralocorticoid receptor stimulation effects on spatial memory in healthy young adults: a study using the virtual Morris Water Maze task*. Neurobiol Learn Mem. 2016;136:139-46. doi: 10.1016/j.nlm.2016.10.006.

Otte C, Wingenfeld K, Kuehl LK, Richter S, Regen F, **Piber D**, Hinkelmann K. *Cognitive function in older adults with major depression: Effects of mineralocorticoid receptor stimulation*. J Psychiatr Res. 2015;69:120-5.

Hellmann-Regen, J, **Piber D**, Hinkelmann K, Gold SM, Heesen C, Spitzer C, Endres M, Otte C. *Depressive syndromes in neurological disorders*. Eur Arch Psychiatry Clin Neurosci. 2013;263(Suppl 2):123-36.

Piber D, Regen F, van Hall F. *Psychiatrische Kasuistik. Depression: Alternative bei Therapieresistenz*. Neuro-Transmitter. 2013;24(6):56-60.

Piber D, Hinkelmann K, Gold SM, Heesen C, Spitzer C, Endres M, Otte C. *Depression and neurological diseases*. Nervenarzt. 2012;83(11):1423-33.

Piber D, Urbanek K. *Psychiatrische Kasuistik. Krampfanfälle bei Benzodiazepinentzug*. NeurTransmitter. 2012;1:47-49.

Baranyi A, **Piber D**, Rothenhausler HB. *Male-to-female transsexualism. Sex reassignment surgery from a biopsychosocial perspective*. Wien Med Wochenschr. 2009;159(21-22):548-57.

Posters

Hasselmann H, Taenzer A, Gamradt S, Patas K, **Piber D**, Otte C, Gold SM. *Cell-specific immune regulation and metabolic dysfunction in major depressive disorder*. WPA congress Berlin 2017.

Nowacki J, Wingenfeld K, Mueller SC, Otte C, **Piber D**. *Sex effects on spatial learning and spatial memory performance in healthy young adults*. WPA congress Berlin 2017.