

Cory White was recently named as an NIH Blueprint for Neuroscience D-SPAN Scholar. This competitive and prestigious award provides career support for outstanding graduate students carried across the transition to postdoctoral positions. Cory is a Ph.D. student at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine in the laboratory of Biological Chemistry Dept. faculty member Michael Wolfgang, Ph.D. Cory is originally from metro Atlanta and he earned his B.S. summa cum laude in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology from Mercer University. Cory's thesis work in the Wolfgang laboratory, located within the Center for Metabolism and Obesity Research, involves an effective combination of neuroscience and metabolic biochemistry carried out *in vivo*. Cory's dissertation evaluates brain lipid bioenergetics and cellular responses in the brain to metabolic cues. Cory finds his most exciting discovery so far to be uncovering the hidden fact that fatty acid oxidation is happening in the brain to a much higher extent than previously anticipated.

Cory is also invested in initiatives and organizations that mentor, support, and advocate for underrepresented trainees in STEM. He serves as a peer mentor for scholars in the Hopkins NIH-funded Post-baccalaureate Research Education Program. Cory has also served as a co-organizer for the inaugural Hopkins Excellence in Diversity Symposium and is an active organizer in Second Look Visits for Accepted Underrepresented Students at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.

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