

BIOLOGY ZOOM SEMINAR

Embracing the complex and diverse ecosystem of inhibition within the brain

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The brain is made up of a dense, complex, and diverse network of neurons and, just like any ecosystem, the brain thrives because of its diversity. In fact, without this neuronal diversity, the brain could not perform the many disparate tasks we demand of it every day. My research investigates the role that inhibitory neuron diversity and complexity plays in learning and memory. In this seminar, I'll discuss the path that my research followed and the twists and turns in that path that led to an exciting new discovery.

After graduating Cum Laude from St. Olaf College with a degree in Psychology with a Neuroscience concentration, Dr. Christianson went on to pursue her doctorate in Neuroscience at the University of Minnesota. She is currently a postdoctoral fellow at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York.



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