

BLITZ INTERVIEW



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What are you working on?

I'm investigating the role of astrocyte TNF α signalling in the synaptic and behavioral alterations underlying anxious-depressive states.

Why did you choose neuroscience/psychiatry?

I was always interested to know how the brain works.

Where will you be in 20 years?

Professor of course! No I'm joking, I really don't know and it's why this job is not easy...

The scientific breakthrough you are waiting for?

I really think that astrocytes are cells more important than what people think...

A movie to see?

Into the wild, directed by Sean Penn.

Desert island book?

Sorry, I'm not really a book reader but maybe something to learn how to survive in a desert island ;-)

Sundays are made for...

Depending of the emergency, it could be for working, for cooking, for sleeping, for seeing family/friends...

Being part of the NCCR Synapsy is...

Stimulating.

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