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Dr. Prossin's clinical translational research program focuses on developing novel and innovative molecular neuro-immune paradigms to investigate the role of neuro-immune interactions at the intersection of pain and depression. At the root of his work is a strong desire to translate robust findings from psychoneuroimmunology research in animal models to humans and subsequently develop more efficacious immune based treatment strategies in stress-related negative affective states, including depression and pain states. More specifically, much of the focus of the NIDAP Research Program is to enhance understanding of molecular mediators and moderators underlying neuro-immune interactions in co-morbid pain and depression. The work in the NIDAP Research Program is funded through existing Federal (NIH/NIDA), Foundation (BBRF/NARSAD: Young Investigator Grant), and Institutional (UT Health Presidential Collaborative Research Award) grant awards.