

**Dear Einstein Community:**

I'm pleased to announce that Adam Kohn, Ph.D., professor in the Dominick P. Purpura Department of Neuroscience, of ophthalmology and visual sciences, and of systems & computational biology, has agreed to serve as interim chair of our neuroscience department. He also is the Isidor Tachna Professor of Ophthalmology.

Adam's research at Einstein focuses on visual processing. His research team examines how visual information is encoded and processed by populations of cortical neurons, as well as how these processes are affected by recent stimulus history, or adaptation. His lab seeks to address issues of neural coding, cortical plasticity, corticocortical signaling, and the neuronal basis of visual perception. He is principal investigator or co-PI on several ongoing R01 grants from the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Simons Foundation.

Adam serves as a journal reviewer for numerous peer-reviewed publications, including *Nature* and *Nature Neuroscience*, the *Journal of Neuroscience*, *PLOS Biology* (for which he also is an academic editor), and *Visual Neuroscience*. He also has participated in study sections for the NIH, the National Eye Institute, and the U.S.-Israel Binational Science Foundation, and is a member of the Society for Neuroscience and the Vision Sciences Society. Additionally, he is a recipient of an Irma T. Hirschl Career Scientist Award.

Adam joined our faculty in 2006 after completing a postdoctoral fellowship under Dr. J. Anthony Movshon at New York University. Prior to his fellowship, he had served as a Howard Hughes Medical Institute associate with Dr. Movshon, following the completion of his doctoral studies in neurobiology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He earned his bachelor's degree in physics from the University of California, Berkeley.

Please join me in welcoming Adam to his role as interim chair of the Dominick P. Purpura Department of Neuroscience, and in thanking him for undertaking the position to provide the department with continuity and leadership. I'm confident that his appointment will allow members of the department to maintain the high level of productivity and excellence for which they are known.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Tomaselli', with a stylized, flowing script.

Gordon F. Tomaselli, M.D.

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