

Research Interests

Post-concussion Neuro-cognitive and Physiological evaluation and testing

- TOVA
- Dual Task Testing
- Autonomic regulation of the Cardiovascular System in Post-concussive athletes

Cardiovascular Physiology

- Aging and metabolism effects on cognition and blood flow
- Cardiovascular health disparities in hypertension, diabetes and metabolic syndrome
- Control of the Skeletal muscle blood flow by the sympathetic nervous system
- Cardiovascular preconditioning of exercise training
- Opioid receptor control of cardiovascular physiology
- Opioid modulation of neurotransmitter release

Education

Doctorate of Philosophy (Integrative Physiology)

- January 2006-December 2008 University of North Texas Health Science

Masters of Biomedical Science

- August 2002-May 2005 University of North Texas Health Science

Bachelor of Science in Biology

- 1994-1999 University of New Mexico

Dr. Barlow is an Associate Professor in the Department of Biology. He joined the faculty in 2010 after completing work as a Post-Doctoral Researcher in Dr. David Proctor's Vascular Aging and Exercise Laboratory, at Noll Labs of the Pennsylvania State University.

The focus of Dr. Barlow's current studies focuses on the regulation of muscle blood flow during acute exercise, and how this changes with advancing age and in the development of Diabetes. Current projects include study of age-related changes in neuro-humoral and endothelial control of muscle blood flow at rest and during acute exercise in the pathological development of Obesity through Metabolic Syndrome and Diabetic complications of the cardiovascular system. Additional studies include the early detection of cognitive deficits linked to metabolic disease in the health disparate populations of the rural southwestern US. My research is currently funded by the NIH New Mexico IDeA Networks of Biomedical Research Excellence (NM-INBRE P20GM10345) The project is titled "Ethnic and age effects of vascular responses in women with Metabolic Syndrome." Dr. Barlow's lab is also researching the return to play testing of Post-Concussive Syndrome in both minor (age 10-17) as well as competitive college athletes. The development of new tests including the use of multi-task performance and neurophysiological symptoms of concussion.

Dr. Barlow teaches Anatomy and Physiology (BIOL 209 and 210) with laboratories (BIOL 209L and 210L) for majors, Basic Anatomy and Physiology (107 and 108), Neurobiology (BIOL 433), and Medical Physiology (BIOL 424, 424L).

Selected manuscripts:

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