

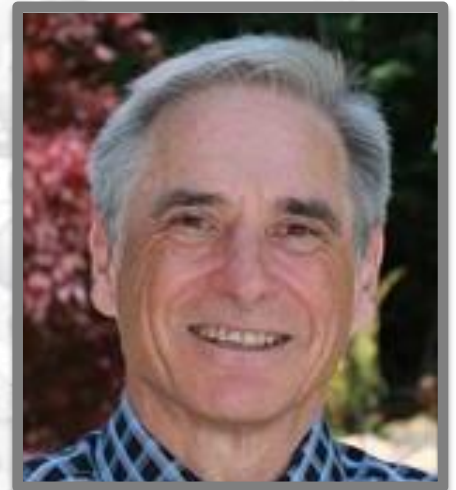


## Repercussions of the unruly behaviors of the mitochondrial genome

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Dr. O'Farrell research focuses on the temporal control of the cell cycle at early stages of embryogenesis, using *Drosophila* as a model. His lab explores the timing of the extremely rapid early embryonic cycles, and the abrupt slowing of the cycle precisely after the 13th mitosis, defining the molecular basis of the switch and the mechanisms that so precisely time the transition. A second area of Dr. O'Farrell research is based on a genetic system developed in his lab to select for heritable mitochondrial genome (mtDNA) mutations in *Drosophila*. His system probes for conundrums in mitochondrial biology: mechanisms that select against unfavorable mitochondrial mutations; the uniparental inheritance of the mitochondrial genome; the tissue specificity of human syndromes that are caused by mitochondrial dysfunction.



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**BioBio Building**

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