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2024 High-Risk, High-Reward Research Symposium

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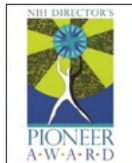


Program Description



The NIH Common Fund is a funding entity within NIH that supports bold scientific programs that catalyze discovery across all biomedical and behavioral research. These programs create a space where investigators and multiple NIH Institutes and Centers collaborate on innovative research expected to address high-priority challenges for NIH as a whole and make a broader impact in the scientific community. More information is available at commonfund.nih.gov.

The NIH Common Fund's High-Risk, High-Reward Research program was created to accelerate the pace of biomedical discoveries by supporting exceptionally creative scientists with highly innovative research ideas of unusually broad impact. Four initiatives within this program—the NIH Director's Pioneer, New Innovator, Transformative Research, and Early Independence Awards—serve distinct purposes in achieving this goal.



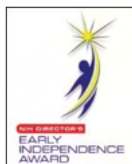
Pioneer Award: Supports scientists with outstanding records of creativity pursuing new research directions to develop pioneering approaches to major challenges in biomedical, social science, and behavioral research.



New Innovator Award: Supports unusually creative early-career stage investigators with highly innovative research ideas with the potential for broad impact.



Transformative Research Award: Supports individuals or teams proposing exceptionally innovative and/or unconventional research projects that have the potential to create or overturn fundamental paradigms.



Early Independence Award: Supports outstanding junior scientists with the intellect, scientific creativity, drive, and maturity to bypass the traditional postdoctoral training period to launch independent research careers.

Agenda



Thursday, June 6, 2024

Session 1

- 9:00 a.m. **Pulin Li**, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
New Innovator Award
Reconstructing Developmental Signaling History of Single Cells Via Deep Learning
- 9:20 a.m. **Buck Triple**, Harvard University
Early Independence Award
The Molecular Basis of Caste Development and Evolution in Ants
- 9:40 a.m. **Diego Bohorquez**, Duke University
New Innovator Award
The Neural Basis of Sugar Cravings
- 10:00 a.m. **BREAK**

Welcome from NIH Leadership

- 10:15 a.m. **Tara Schwetz**, Deputy Director for Program Coordination, Planning, and Strategic Initiatives, Office of the Director, National Institutes of Health
- 10:30 a.m. **Monica Bertagnoli**, Director, National Institutes of Health

Session 2

- 10:45 a.m. **Leor Weinberger**, University of California, San Francisco
Transformative Research Award
Discovery of a New Class of Antivirals: Single-dose, 'drive' Therapies with a High Barrier to Resistance
- 11:05 a.m. **Huan Bao**, Scripps Research
New Innovator Award
Designer Nanodiscs to Probe and Reprogram Membrane Biology
**National Institute of General Medical Sciences*
- 11:25 a.m. **Katherine White**, University of Notre Dame
New Innovator Award
Intracellular pH Regulates Stiffness-associated Cancer Behaviors
- 11:45 a.m. **Nicolas Rohner**, Stowers Institute
New Innovator Award
Metabolic Adaptation to Nutrient Limitation in Vertebrates
- 12:05 p.m. **LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)**

Thursday Agenda Continued

Session 3

- 1:05 p.m. **Jacob George**, University of Utah
Early Independence Award
Restoring Upper-Limb Function to Hemiparetic Stroke Patients with a Powered Orthosis Controlled by High-Density Electromyography and Machine Learning
**Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development*
- 1:25 p.m. **Paul Greer**, University of Massachusetts Medical School
New Innovator Award
High-throughput CRISPR Screening Links CAD loci to Endothelial Cell Programs and Causal Pathways
- 1:45 p.m. **Cammie Lesser**, Massachusetts General Hospital; Harvard Medical School
Transformative Research Award
Bacterial Delivery Systems: From Pathogenesis to Therapeutics
- 2:05 p.m. **Steven Schiff**, Yale University
Transformative Research Award
Neonatal Paenibacilliosis and Predictive Personalized Public Health
- 2:25 p.m. **Gregory Corder**, University of Pennsylvania
New Innovator Award
Mimicking Opioid Analgesia in Cortical Pain Circuits
**National Institute of General Medical Sciences*
- 2:45 p.m. **William Peranteau**, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
New Innovator Award
In Utero Gene Editing for A Metabolic Liver Disease in Mice and Nonhuman Primates
- 3:05 p.m. **BREAK**
- 3:20 p.m. **POSTER SESSION**
(Cordell, Wisconsin)
- 3:20 p.m. **NIH STAFF OFFICE HOURS**
(Bethesdan A, Rosedale, Arlington, Auburn, Rugby)
- 5:00 p.m. **NETWORKING HAPPY HOUR**
Fialova Bar (Hotel lobby)

Friday, June 7, 2024

Session 4

- 8:30 a.m. **Jens Schmidt**, Michigan State University
New Innovator Award
Single-molecule Imaging Reveals the Kinetics of Non-Homologous End-Joining in Living Cells
**National Institute of General Medical Sciences*
- 8:50 a.m. **Bonnie Dittel**, Versiti Blood Research Institute
Transformative Research Award
Building a B Cell Adoptive Cell Therapy for Autoimmunity from the Ground Up
- 9:10 a.m. **Jason Shepherd**, University of Utah
Transformative Research Award
Virus-like Intercellular Signaling in the Nervous System
- 9:30 a.m. **Mandë Holford**, Hunter College; American Museum of Natural History
Pioneer Award
Decoding and Visualizing Venom Diversity and Neuronal Control of Envenomation in Cephalopods Cephalopods
- 9:50 a.m. **Natasha Sheybani**, University of Virginia
Early Independence Award
Immunoengineering Next-Generation Cancer Therapies with Focused Ultrasound
- 10:10 a.m. **BREAK**
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Session 5

- 1:10 p.m. **Katherine Aboud**, Vanderbilt University
Early Independence Award
Characterization of Real-Time Brain Networks of Reading Comprehension in Adults Using Convergent fMRI-EEG
- 1:30 p.m. **Yonatan Winetraub**, Stanford University
Early Independence Award
Noninvasive Virtual Biopsy Using Micro-Registered Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT) in Human Subjects
- 1:50 p.m. **Ariel Furst**, Massachusetts General Hospital
New Innovator Award
Self-assembling Materials to Protect Microbes from Processing Stresses

Friday Agenda Continued

2:10 p.m. **Alexandra-Chloé Villani**, Massachusetts General Hospital
New Innovator Award
Learning The Rules of Immune Tolerance Through the Lenses of the Achilles Heel of Cancer Immunotherapy

2:30 p.m. **Ophir Shalem**, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
New Innovator Award
Proteome-scale Measurements of Localization Dynamics Using Pooled Multiplexed Endogenous Gene Tagging and Optical Barcode Sequencing
**National Institute of General Medical Sciences*

2:50 p.m. **BREAK**

Session 6

3:10 p.m. **Rajat Gupta**, Brigham and Women's Hospital; Harvard Medical School
New Innovator Award
High-throughput CRISPR Screening Links CAD loci to Endothelial Cell Programs and Causal Pathways

3:30 p.m. **Wesley Legant**, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
New Innovator Award
Lattice Light Sheet Microscopy – Innovations, Applications and Future Directions

3:50 p.m. **Brian Brown**, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai
Transformative Research Award
Spatial Functional Genomics Identifies Regulators of Tumor Immunotherapy

4:10 p.m. **Sylvie Naar**, Florida State University
Transformative Research Award
Developing Antiracism Interventions in Integrated Primary Care

4:30 p.m. **Xuebing Wu**, Columbia University
New Innovator Award
Pervasive Noncoding Translation and Its Implications in Cancer, Immunity, Aging, and Evolution

4:50 p.m. **Trish Labosky**, Program Leader, Office of Strategic Coordination, Office of the Director, National Institutes of Health
Closing Remarks

Poster Sessions



Poster Number 1

Jala Ahmed, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

Dendritic Cells Accelerate CAR T cells in Irradiated Tumors through Chimeric Synapses

Poster Number 2

Adam Bailey, University of Wisconsin – Madison

Non-occlusive Mesenteric Ischemia Precipitates the Intoxication Phase of Severe Yellow Fever

Poster Number 3

Mariko Bennett, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

What Controls Microglial Viral Restriction?

Poster Number 4

Hsiao-Tuan Chao, Baylor College of Medicine

A Syndromic Neurodevelopmental Disorder Caused by Rare Variants in PPFIA3

Poster Number 5

Emily Ferenczi, Massachusetts General Hospital; Harvard Medical School

Pallidal Regulation of Motivated Behavior

Poster Number 6

Sarah Hill, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute

BRCA1 Functions in Replication Origin Regulation as Part of the ORFIUS Complex

Poster Number 7

Chi-Min Ho, Columbia University

In situ CryoET Reveals Translation Dynamics in Malaria Parasites

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Steven Jonas, University of California, Los Angeles

Cargo-agnostic Lipid Nanoparticles for Correction of Cystic Fibrosis-Causing Mutations in Airway Stem Cells

Poster Number 9

Maia Kinnebrew, Stanford University

Identifying New Genes Controlling Cholesterol Homeostasis at the Cell Surface

Poster Number 10

Sergey Ovchinnikov, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Protein Language Models Learn Evolutionary Statistics of Interacting Sequence Motifs

Poster Number 11

Margaux Pinney, University of California, San Francisco

The Adaptation of Enzyme Catalysis Across Billions of Years of Evolution

Poster Number 12

Kapil Ramachandran, Columbia University

Neuronal Plasma Membrane-Bound Proteasomes Define a New Paradigm of Proteostasis and Neuromodulation

Poster Number 13

Christina Theodoris, University of California, San Francisco

Transfer Learning Enables Predictions in Network Biology

Poster Number 14

Danielle Arigo, Rowan University

Mapping the Mechanisms Linking Social Comparison to Health Behavior: An Initial 3-Study Series

Poster Number 15

Anindita Basu, University of Chicago

Next Generation Single-Cell 'Omics for In-Operando Studies of Cell Interactions

Poster Number 16

John Blossnich, University of Southern California

Seeing Good People During Their Worst Moments: Pioneering upstream suicide prevention for industries of disruption

Poster Number 17

Carlos Carmona-Fontaine, New York University

Cooperative Nutrient Scavenging is an Evolutionary Advantage in Cancer

Poster Number 18

Calvin Carter, University of Iowa

Remote Control of Blood Glucose: Electromagnetic fields target free radical signaling networks to reprogram carbohydrate metabolism in Type 2 Diabetes

Poster Number 19

Lindsay Case, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

New Insights into the Molecular Regulation of Mechanotransduction

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Xiaoyin Chen, Allen Institute

Whole-cortex in situ Sequencing Reveals Input-Dependent Area Identity

Poster Number 21

Deeptankar DeMazumder, University of Pittsburgh

Automated Bayesian Analysis of Sinus Rhythm Predicts the Incidence of New-Onset Atrial Fibrillation in Ethnically-Diverse Ostensibly-Healthy Men and Women and Adds Major Independent Prognostic Value to Conventional Risk Factors

Poster Number 22

Justin English, University of Utah

Synthetic Transcriptional Reporters to Map Pharmacological Effects in Receptor Mutations

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Xiaoqing Gao, Stanford University

DNA-free Circuits for Controlling and Probing Biology

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[Jellert Gaublomme, Columbia University](#)

CRISPRmap: Sequencing-free Optical Pooled Screens Mapping Multi-Omic Phenotypes in Cells and Tissue

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[Rachel Goldstein, University of Maryland](#)

Evaluating Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria Exposures from Sanitary Sewer Overflows and Sewage Backups

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[Adam Granger, Broad Institute](#)

Cell-type Composition and Synaptic Connectivity Changes in Mice Carrying Psychiatric Disease Risk Genes

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[Sinisa Hrvatin, Massachusetts Institute of Technology](#)

A Hypothalamic-skeletal Muscle Pathway Regulating Glucose Metabolism and Insulin Resistance

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[Sung Soo Kim, University of California, Santa Barbara](#)

Visual Processing During Navigation

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[April Kloxin, University of Delaware](#)

Molecularly Engineered Systems for Studying Lung Injury and Disease

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[Erica Korb, University of Pennsylvania](#)

The Epigenetic Encoding of Learning and Memory

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[Aditya Kunjapur, University of Delaware](#)

Nitration of a Foreign Antigen Can Elicit a Stronger Immune Response

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[Zhongwei Li, University of Southern California](#)

Nephron Progenitor Cell-Directed Modeling of Human Kidney Development, Disease, and Cellular Plasticity

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[Nathan Lord, University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine](#)

Decoding the Spatial Grammar of Developmental Signaling

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[Matthew Lovett-Barron, University of California, San Diego](#)

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[Tyler McCormick, University of Washington](#)

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[Aaron McKenna, Dartmouth College](#)

Tracing the Evolution of Tumor Drug Resistance and Metastasis

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Mustafa Mir, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Molecular Kinetics of Gene Regulation During Embryonic Development

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Ryuji Morizane, Massachusetts General Hospital

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JT Neal, Broad Institute

Building A Genome-Wide Atlas of Cell Morphology

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Thomas Norman, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center

Engineering the Transcriptome Using CRISPR Activation

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Michael O'Donnell, Yale University

Gut-brain Communication Via Microbial Metabolites

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Viviana Risca, The Rockefeller University

Regulation of Sub-kilobase Chromatin Folding

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Danielle Schmitt, University of California, Los Angeles

Malibu: A Genetically Encoded Malonyl-CoA Intracellular Biosensor to Understand Dynamics

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Lindsay Schwarz, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

A Novel Single Vector Intersectional AAV Strategy for Interrogating Cellular Diversity and Brain Function

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Jason Shepherd, University of Utah

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Xiaoyu Shi, University of California, Irvine

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Amy Shyer, The Rockefeller University

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Joanna Smeeton, Columbia University

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Colenso Speer, University of Maryland

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[Hadi Tavakoli Nia](#), Boston University

Crystal ribcage: A Platform for Probing Real-Time Lung Function at Cellular Resolution in Health and Disease

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[AJ te Velthuis](#), Princeton University

Aberrant Influenza Virus Transcription Termination Plays a Key Role in Innate Immune Activation

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[Chao Wang](#), Arizona State University

Nanoparticle-Supported, Rapid, Electronic Detecting System for Accessible Infectious Disease Diagnosis

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[Peter Washington](#), University of Hawaii at Manoa

Human-In-The-Loop Machine Learning to Diagnose ASD and ADHD in Adolescents from Digital Social Interactions

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[Jessica Weaver](#), Arizona State University

Immunosuppression-free Transplantation Through Placental Mimicry

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[Lu Wei](#), California Institute of Technology

Functional Bond-Selective Microscopy for Subcellular Bioanalysis

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[Jing Yan](#), Yale University

Single-cell Imaging Reveals Phenotypic Variation and Segregation in a Bacterial Biofilm

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[Aaron Young](#), Georgia Institute of Technology

End-to-end AI Learning for Personalized Generalization of Control for Wearable Robotics

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[Peter Dedon](#), Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Phosphorothioate Epigenetics of the Human Gut Microbiome

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[Qun Lu](#), East Carolina University; University of South Carolina

Towards Holistic Cdc42 Homeostatic Modulation to Broaden Therapeutic Landscape

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[Michael Roukes](#), California Institute of Technology

Next-generation Spatial-omics: High-throughput, Single-molecule Proteomic Imaging with Sub-Cellular Resolution

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[Fang Tian](#), Brigham and Women's Hospital

Flipping Germinal Centers for Vaccine Design

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[Patricia Clark](#), University of Notre Dame

Synonymous Codon Substitutions Modulate Transcription and Translation of a Divergent Upstream Gene by Modulating Antisense RNA Production

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James Heyes, University of Utah

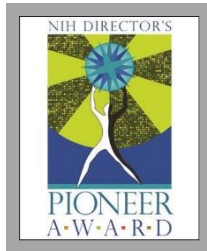
Circuit Dynamics in Medial Entorhinal Cortex Support Learning of Unique Trajectories Through Temporal Experience

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John Ray, Benaroya Research Institute

Fine-mapping Autoimmune Genetic Risk with High Throughput Perturbations in Primary T Cells

2023 Awardees



NIH Director's Pioneer Awardees

Polly Fordyce, Ph.D., Stanford University

Using Microfluidics to Realize Patient-Specific Anti-Cancer Immunotherapies

William James Greenleaf, Ph.D., Dip. Comp. Sci., Stanford University

Combinatorial Cell State Engineering

Mandë Holford, Ph.D., Hunter College

Charting the Evolutionary Development of Novel Genes and the Molecular Mechanisms of Gland Tissue Organization in Cephalopods

Kevin B. Johnson, M.D., M.S., University of Pennsylvania

Helping Doctors Doctor: Using AI to Automate Documentation and De-Autonomate Health Care
**National Library of Medicine*

Tânia Reis, Ph.D., University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus

Food for Thought: A Virus-Like Signal for the Energetic Demands of Higher Cognitive Functions

Lei Stanley Qi, Ph.D., Stanford University

Manipulating and Interrogating Spatial Transcriptomics

Fan Wang, Ph.D., Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Unraveling the Neural Bases of Body Schema

Ilana Witten, Ph.D., Princeton University

Individual Differences Through Self-Reinforcement of Suboptimal Strategies



New Innovator Awardees

Brian A. Aguado, Ph.D., University of California, San Diego

Probing Sex Differences in Myocardial Fibrosis at Multiple Length Scales Using Biomaterials

Danielle (Dani) Arigo, Ph.D., Rowan University

A Paradigm Shift in Health Behavior Change: Understanding When and How Social Comparison Supports Healthy Behavior

Mustafa G. Aydogan, Ph.D., University of California, San Francisco

Decoding the Fundamental Principles of Autonomous Clocks: Mechanism, Design and Function

Katherine T. Baldwin, Ph.D., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

The Facts of the Matter: Decoding the Molecular Properties of Brain White Matter Using Cell-Type-Specific Quantitative Proteomics

Steven M. Banik, Ph.D., Stanford University

Mapping and Therapeutic Hijacking of Lysosomal Transport

**National Institute of General Medical Sciences*

Benjamin B Bartelle, Ph.D., Arizona State University

Bioengineering Tools to Resolve and Manipulate Neuroimmune Signaling

**National Institute of Mental Health*

Rohit Bose, M.D., Ph.D., University of California, San Francisco

Simulating Ancestrally Unbiased Tumor Evolution to Interrogate Drug Resistance

Nick Burton, Ph.D., Van Andel Institute

Identifying Microbial Mechanisms that Regulate Animal Insulin Signaling

Calvin Carter, Ph.D., University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine

Targeting Evolutionarily Encoded Molecular Antennae to Wirelessly Reprogram Systemic Metabolism

Scott M. Coyle, Ph.D., University of Wisconsin – Madison

Cellular FM-Radios: Seeing, Probing, and Perturbing Single-Cell Protein Activity Dynamics in Biological Systems with Frequency-Barcoded Spatiotemporal Signaling Circuits

Nathan Crook, Ph.D., North Carolina State University

Brewing Anti-Toxin Drugs Using Probiotic Yeast

Elizabeth E. Crouch, M.D., Ph.D., University of California, San Francisco

Vascular Mural Cells in the Development of the Blood Brain Barrier

**National Institute of Mental Health*

Felix Dietlein, M.D., Ph.D., Boston Children's Hospital; Dana-Farber Cancer Institute; Broad Institute; Harvard Medical School
Defining the Universal Genomic Language of Hallmarks in Tumor Development

Elizabeth (Lizzy) Draganova, Ph.D., Emory University School of Medicine
Under Pressure: Biophysical Mapping of Herpesvirus Capsid Assembly and Genome Packaging

Lucas Farnung, Ph.D., Harvard Medical School
Visualizing Mechanisms at the Intersection of Chromatin, Transcription, and Epigenetics

Antonio Fernandez-Ruiz, Ph.D., Cornell University
How Do Animals Learn the Structure of Their Natural Environment?
**National Institute of Mental Health*

Ariel L. Furst, Ph.D., Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Protecting Microbes So They Can Protect Us
**National Institute of General Medical Sciences*

Ruixuan Gao, Ph.D., University of Illinois Chicago
A Biochemical Approach Towards Subcellular, Label-Free Molecular Imaging
**National Institute of Mental Health*

Xiaojing Gao, Ph.D., Stanford University
A Novel Class of Synthetic Receptors to Empower the Age of mRNA Therapies

Christine Grienberger, Ph.D., Brandeis University
Unraveling the Synaptic and Circuit Mechanisms Underlying a Plasticity-Driving Instructive Signal

Alex Holehouse, Ph.D., Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis
Uncovering the Regulatory Logic of Gene Expression Encoded by Disordered Regions

Krishna Jayant, Ph.D., Purdue University
Massively Scalable 3D Electrophysiology and Two-Photon Imaging in Freely-Moving Animals
**National Institute of Mental Health*

Marco Jost, Ph.D., Harvard Medical School
Capturing, Quantifying, and Understanding Combinatorial Effects in Small Molecule Signaling

Christina K. Kim, Ph.D., University of California, Davis
Activity-Dependent Probes for Spatially-Defined Proteomics

Jina Ko, Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania
Droplet-Based Spatially Encoded Live Cell Digital Extraction
**National Institute of General Medical Sciences*

Cheri A. Levinson, Ph.D., University of Louisville
Innovations in Personalizing Treatment for Eating Disorders Using Idiographic Methods and the Impact of Personalization on Psychological, Physical, and Sociodemographic Outcomes
**National Institute of Mental Health*

Jiahe Li, Ph.D., University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Enzymatic and Genetic Strategies for Targeting Disease-Associated Microbial Metabolites
**National Institute of General Medical Sciences*

Michael Lodato, Ph.D., University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School
Spatial Single-Cell Analysis of Somatic Mutation in Human Brain During Aging and Neurodegeneration
**National Institute on Aging*

Nathan Lord, Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh
Decoding the Spatial Grammar of Developmental Signaling

Matthew Lovett-Barron, Ph.D., University of California, San Diego
Functional Maturation of Neural Circuits for Biological Motion Perception and Social Engagement

Ravi Maddipati, M.D., University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center
Optogenetic Engineering of Tumor Topography in Native Tissue Environments

Megan Martik, Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley
Reactivating Regulatory Programs for Regeneration

Michael Miller, M.D., Ph.D., Boston Children's Hospital; Dana-Farber Cancer Institute; Broad Institute; Harvard Medical School
Illuminating Neurodegenerative Tauopathy from Somatic Genomic Landscapes of Single Human Brain Cells
**National Institute on Aging*

Akankshi Munjal, Ph.D., Duke University
Multi-Scale Feedbacks for Robust Organ Development

Samira Musah, Ph.D., Duke University
Harnessing Stem Cells and Synthetic Gene Circuits to Repair Glomerular Injury

Mike O'Donnell, Ph.D., Yale University
Molecular Determinants of Host-Feeding Manipulation and Microbial Colonization
**National Institute of General Medical Sciences*

Kaspar Podgorski, Ph.D., Allen Institute
Measuring Input-Output Operations of Cortical Neurons with Large-Scale Neurotransmitter Imaging

John P. Ray, Ph.D., Benaroya Research Institute
Investigating Genetic and Epigenetic Control of T Cell Function in Autoimmunity

Filipa Rijo-Ferreira, Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley
Defining and Exploiting the Circadian Clocks in Malaria Parasites
**National Institute of General Medical Sciences*

Natalia M. Rodriguez, Ph.D., M.P.H., Purdue University
Addressing Cervical Cancer Disparities Among People Experiencing Homelessness

Rachel E. Rosenberg Goldstein, Ph.D., M.P.H., University of Maryland School of Public Health
Water Emergency Team (WET): Community-Driven Rapid Response Team to Evaluate Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria Exposures and Household Environmental Health Risks from Sewer Overflows and Basement Flooding

Danielle L. Schmitt, Ph.D., University of California, Los Angeles
Imaging Spatiotemporal Regulation of Acetyl-CoA
**National Institute of General Medical Sciences*

Amy Shyer, Ph.D., The Rockefeller University

Studying the Cellular Ecology of Organ Formation Using a Novel Tissue Reconstitution System

Param Priya Singh, Ph.D., University of California, San Francisco

Decoding Natural Protective Mechanisms During Diapause and Longevity to Counter Aging

Mahdi Soltanolkotabi, Ph.D., University of Southern California

Reliable AI for Medical Image Reconstruction

Sarah Stern, Ph.D., Max Planck Florida Institute for Neuroscience

Identifying Neurons for Interoception Using Simultaneous Profiling of Activity- and Projection- Specific Populations

Jerzy O. Szablowski, Ph.D., Rice University

Monitoring Neuronal Activity with a Blood Test - Released Markers of Activity (RMA)

Geoffrey Tison, M.D., M.P.H., University of California, San Francisco

A Physiologically-Focused Approach to Training Multi-Modality AI Algorithms in Medicine

Christina Towers, Ph.D., Salk Institute for Biological Studies

Tracking the Mechanisms of Adaptation to Autophagy Inhibition

Neil Vasan, M.D., Ph.D., Columbia University Irving Medical Center

Base-Editing the Cancer Kinome to Enable Drug Discovery

Humsa Venkatesh, Ph.D., Brigham and Women's Hospital; Harvard Medical School

Unraveling Neural Circuitry in Peripheral Cancer Pathogenesis: From Local Innervation to Systemic Influences

Julea Vlassakis, Ph.D., Rice University

Deep Phenotyping of Fusion Oncoprotein-Driven Pediatric Cancer Metastasis with Single-Cell Proteomics

Peter Washington, Ph.D., University of Hawaii at Manoa

Crowd-Powered Machine Learning to Diagnose ASD and ADHD in Adolescents from Digital Social Interactions

Liangqi Frank Xie, Ph.D., Cleveland Clinic Lerner Research Institute

Live-Cell Chromatin Imaging and Biology: Application to Extrachromosomal DNA

**National Institute of General Medical Sciences*

Amol P. Yadav, Ph.D., Indiana University School of Medicine; University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Sensory Augmentation, Restoration, and Modulation Using a Spinal Neuroprosthesis

Xinzhu Yu, Ph.D., University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

Functional, Structural and Molecular Decoding of Astrocyte-Neuron Interaction

Xin Zhou, Ph.D., Dana-Farber Cancer Institute; Harvard Medical School

Engineering Programmable Enzymes for Proteome Editing

**National Institute of General Medical Sciences*

Chenxu Zhu, Ph.D., New York Genome Center; Weill Cornell Medicine

Studying the Regulatory Dynamics with Single-Cell Multiomics

**National Institute of General Medical Sciences*



NIH Director's Transformative Research Awardees

Aerielle M. Allen, Ph.D., Tufts University

Effects of Racism on Brain and Physiological Pathways to Health Disparities

**National Institute of Mental Health*

Maninjay K. Atianand, M.B.B.S., Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

Unraveling Microprotein Biology with an Evolutionary-Immunological Framework

Anne-Ruxandra Carvunis, Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh

Unraveling Microprotein Biology with an Evolutionary-Immunological Framework

Alok V. Joglekar, Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

Unraveling Microprotein Biology with an Evolutionary-Immunological Framework

Thomas Kodadek, Ph.D., Scripps Research

Development of Ubiquitin-Independent Degraders

Dmitry Rinberg, Ph.D., New York University, Grossman School of Medicine

Odorprint Based Disease Diagnostics

Michael Lee Roukes, Ph.D., California Institute of Technology

Next-Generation Spatial -Omics: High-Throughput, Single-Molecule Proteomic Imaging with Subcellular Resolution

Lisa Shin, Ph.D., Tufts University; Massachusetts General Hospital; Harvard Medical School

Effects of Racism on Brain and Physiological Pathways to Health Disparities

**National Institute of Mental Health*

Samuel R. Sommers, Ph.D., Tufts University

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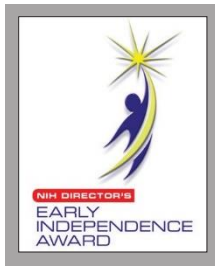
**National Institute of Mental Health*

Arvind R. Subramaniam, Ph.D., Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center

Unraveling Microprotein Biology with an Evolutionary-Immunological Framework

Brendesha Tynes, Ph.D., University of Southern California

Using Immersive Virtual Reality and Media Literacy to Enhance Adolescents Coping Skills in the Face of Traumatic Online Experiences



Early Independence Awardees

Mariko L. Bennett, M.D., Ph.D., Children's Hospital of Philadelphia; University of Pennsylvania
Unlocking Microglia Targeting for Neurotherapeutics

Anya Bershad, M.D., Ph.D., University of California, Los Angeles
MDMA as a Treatment for Social Deficits in Schizophrenia

Ryan S. Dhindsa, M.D., Ph.D., Baylor College of Medicine; Texas Children's Hospital
Identifying Transcriptomic and Epigenomic Convergence in Intellectual and Developmental Disorders

Emily A. Ferenczi, M.D. (BMBCh), Ph.D., Massachusetts General Hospital; Brigham and Women's Hospital; Harvard Medical School
Deciphering Neuronal Control of Behavioral Initiation and Suppression

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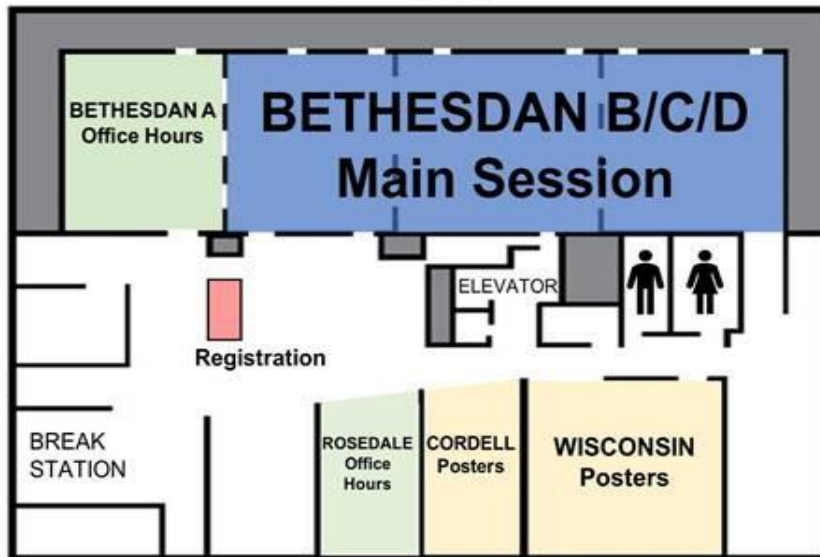
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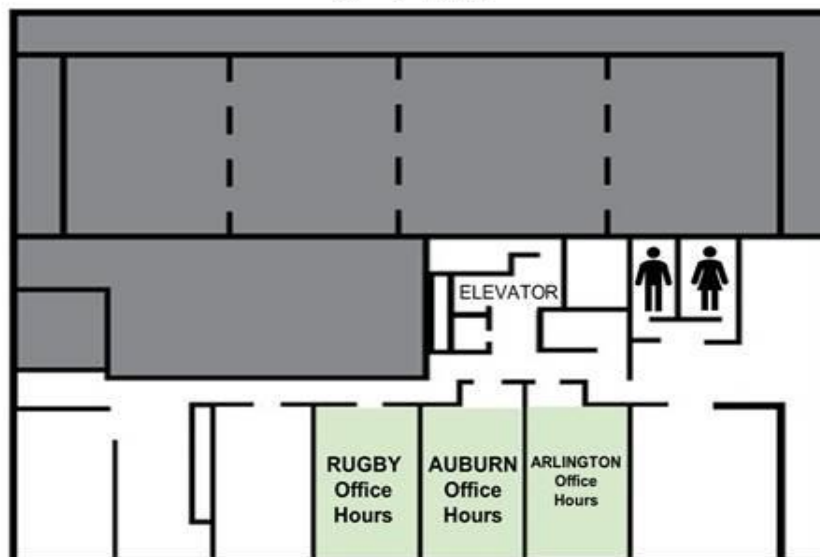
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