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Inside Yale Cancer Center

May 13, 2022

From Eric's Desk

It feels like spring is finally here, at least some of the time. My sense is that most of us are looking forward to a few summer months that will be a bit more normal than 2020 and 2021. I think dinners *al fresco* are here to stay, allowing all of us to fantasize that New Haven is actually Paris. In truth, for all its quirks, I think New Haven is a wonderful place to live.

In the months and years ahead, we are going to see many changes in the hospital and medical school. Dean Nancy Brown and Chris O'Connor, CEO of the Yale New Haven Health System, have made it clear that we are in a new era for Yale School of Medicine and Yale New Haven Health. They are committed to alignment between the two organizations, and to enhanced coordination across the health care system. Their goal is to make decision-making easier and to minimize duplication. For this to succeed, we all need to roll up our sleeves, commit to working together, and engage in the process. My personal view is that alignment will allow both organizations to grow and flourish over the years ahead.

I look forward to growth in our research and clinical programs over the next several years. We have plans to recruit faculty in virtually all areas. With the ongoing efforts in the CTO, clinical trials will flourish and there will be a growing emphasis on investigator-initiated trials. We also have plans, led by Markus Müschen, to bring in a new group of physician-scientists who can collaborate with clinical trialists and the most fundamental scientists. Bottom line is that you should all count on what I believe will be transformative changes.

And to end on an even more positive note, I am happy announce that Veda Giri, MD, currently Professor of Medicine at Jefferson, will join us in September to lead clinical cancer genetics. Her own interests are in germline alterations in patients with prostate cancer and bringing genetic testing to underserved populations. I was truly thrilled when Veda accepted our offer earlier this week.

Have a great weekend.

Eric

Announcements

Eric P. Winer, MD

Director, Yale Cancer Center

Physician-in-Chief, Smilow Cancer Hospital

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Smilow Shares: Breast Cancer Care in

Medical Oncologist to Join Smilow Care Center in Waterbury

Sharynn Hall, MD, PhD, will join the Smilow Cancer Hospital Care Center in Waterbury in July and will be appointed an Instructor of Medicine (Medical Oncology). Dr. Hall will care for patients with a variety of hematologic and oncologic disorders, with a focus on breast cancer. She joins Yale from the Trinity Health of New England network.



Dr. Hall received her medical degree from the University of Connecticut School of Medicine, and her PhD in Biological Chemistry & Molecular Pharmacology from Harvard Graduate School of Arts & Sciences. She completed her residency in internal medicine at Yale Primary Care Internal Medicine Residency Program, and her fellowship in Hematology/Oncology at Yale School of Medicine.

Division of Neuro-Oncology Hires Fellow to Faculty Position

Yale Cancer Center is pleased to welcome Mary Barden, MD, to the division of Neuro-Oncology. Dr. Barden will complete her fellowship in Neuro-Oncology at Yale and begin her new appointment in July. She will care for patients as part of the Chênevert Family Brain Tumor Center at Smilow Cancer Hospital and Yale Cancer Center.



Dr. Barden received her medical degree from Yale School of Medicine and completed her residency at Yale New Haven Hospital, during which time she received the Gilbert Glaser Award. The award is presented to the PGY-3 resident who has contributed the most to the residency team. Dr. Barden is a member of the American Academy of Neurology.

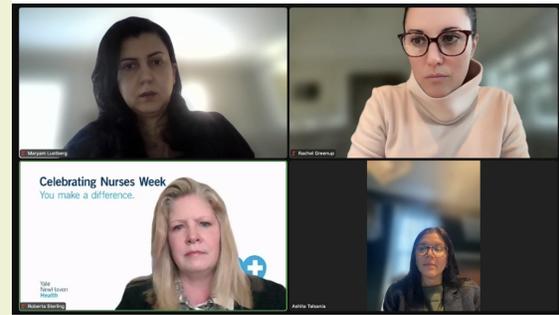
Oncology Nursing Awards

The leadership of Smilow Cancer Hospital and Yale New Haven Health kicked off Oncology Nursing Month on Wednesday, May 4 with a virtual award ceremony to present this year's oncology scholarships and awards. The ceremony began with a touching tribute to Cathy Lyons from current and past leaders who recalled how Cathy brought resilience and joy to our work at Smilow, and an announcement of a new award, the Cathy Lyons Excellence in Oncology Nursing Leadership Award, which will be named during a CE event in Cathy's name this fall. Please join us in congratulating this year's awardees

The Frederick A. DeLuca Foundation Smilow Cares Scholarships:

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Cancer Survivor to Bike for Cancer Research



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 Nancy Scofield, RN
 Maria Fiondella, RN
 Reia Massaro, RN
 Arlene Mingione, RN
 Ivette Hernandez, ACA
 Denali Macmath, ACA
 Hope Serra, ACA
 Tamiya Anderson, PCA

Oncology Nursing Award for Clinical Excellence: Melanie Glenn, RN
Oncology Nursing PCA/ACA Educational Grant: Taina Velazquez, ACA

Yale Cancer Center and Smilow Cancer Hospital physicians recognized as Connecticut Magazine 'Best Doctors'

Connecticut Magazine has named 87 Yale Cancer Center and Smilow Cancer Hospital physicians to its 2022 Best Doctors guide. Published in the magazine's May issue, the 'Best Doctors' list consists of more than 1,500 Connecticut physicians from 67 medical specialties.

Congratulations to our talented physicians who were selected for 2022 honor. We are so fortunate to have faculty who are leaders in cancer research and treatment and who, each day, are committed to providing compassionate, state-of-the-art care to our patients.

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Notables

The Society of General Internal Medicine has given its **Distinguished Professor of Women's Health Best Oral Abstract Award** to **Ilana Richman, MD, MHS**, Assistant Professor of Medicine (General Internal Medicine) and a member of Yale Cancer Center's Cancer Prevention and Control Research Program and COPPER Center, for "Estimating Breast Cancer Overdiagnosis Among Older Women in the U.S."

Roy S. Herbst, MD, PhD, Deputy Director for Clinical Affairs, was honored earlier this week at a gala dinner in Washington, DC by **Friends of Cancer Research** as one of 25 scientific and advocacy leaders who, through their work and partnership, have been instrumental over the course of the last 25 years in making significant advancements for patients. Dr. Herbst was also named a **Giant of Cancer Care® for Lung Cancer** by OncoLive and will be honored on June 1 at a special ceremony prior to the start of ASCO in Chicago.

Khanh Nguyen, MD, Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine (Medical Oncology), was awarded the **YNHH Nurses' Choice Award**. The award is presented to "an outstanding individual who is not a nurse, but one who supports and recognizes the importance of the practice of nursing at YNHH." Dr. Nguyen practices at the Smilow Cancer Hospital Care Center in

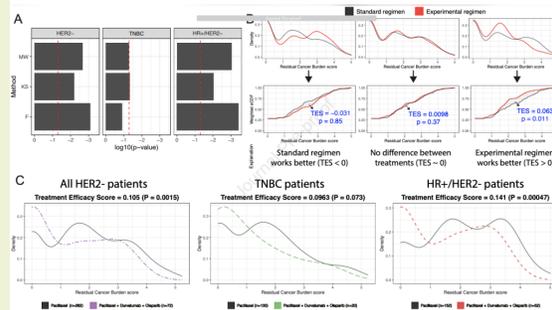
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Congratulations to **Brianna Lutz, RN**, Assistant Patient Services Manager, who received Yale New Haven Hospital's first ever **Daisy Leadership Award** in recognition of her dedicated leadership on NP12, the Smilow Extended



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Care Clinic, and the Smilow Rapid Evaluation Clinic. **Lindsey Spohn, RN**, an inpatient nurse on NP12, also received the **Daisy Award for Extraordinary Nurses**, which is presented twice a year to a nurse at YNH.

The **2022 Susan D. Flynn Oncology Nursing Fellows** have been selected. This year Smilow Cancer Hospital will host three fellows and Greenwich Hospital will host two. Please welcome: Madeline Perrino, Catholic University; Natalie Kennedy, Sacred Heart University; Lydia Grist Manrique, Sacred Heart University; Edna Yilma, Quinnipiac University; and Charlotte Hamilton, University of Connecticut. Of the more than 200 Flynn Fellows who have graduated into the workforce to date, more than two-thirds have taken positions as oncology nurses and 46 are working in Connecticut hospitals.

Arman Avesta, MD, graduate student in the laboratory of **Sanjay Aneja, MD**, has received a grant from the **Radiological Society of North America** to study capsule networks for MRI image segmentation.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

YSM DEI Survey

Please support the Yale School of Medicine Diversity Strategic Plan and take a few minutes to complete the school-wide DEI survey to help YSM better understand the inclusiveness of our environment more fully and to identify areas where we need improvement. The information collected will be used to inform new initiatives and to refine the Diversity Strategic Plan.

The survey takes just 10 minutes to complete and responses to items will only be reported in aggregate form. No information will be provided to any unauthorized parties and the survey does not contain any information that would permit identification of an individual.

Diversity Engagement Survey Link

Gender Equity in Science and Medicine: Breaking the Impasse

Women comprise half of the scientific and medical workforce, yet still hold a minority of leadership positions. In this article in *Cancer Discovery*, Jennifer Grandis, MD, discusses the barriers to gender equity and offer a new approach to address the problem.

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Portraits of Strength

Please join colleagues at Yale School of Medicine for the opening of Portraits of Strength, an exhibit of photographic portraits of members of our YSM community who worked on the front lines during the COVID-19 pandemic. An opening reception will take place on Thursday, May 19, at 5 pm on the first floor of Sterling Hall of Medicine outside of the medical library.

Yale Cancer Center Trainee Colloquium

Yale Cancer Center will hold its Fifth Annual Trainee Colloquium virtually on Friday, June 10, 2022 from 8:30am - 1:15pm. This forum is for Yale trainees to highlight their research, exchange ideas, and initiate collaborations. We invite predoctoral MD, PhD, MD-PhD students, postdoctoral associates,

Elizabeth Griffin is the Administrative Associate at the Specialty Physician's office at Park Avenue Medical Center in Trumbull. Elizabeth has been a dedicated Bridgeport Hospital employee since January of 1990. She is always willing to help and it's common to hear, "ask Elizabeth, she will know" and she does. If not, she knows who to ask.

Elizabeth has also been the captain of the Smilow Trumbull Closer to Free team for 10 years. One may recognize the Smilow ONCtourage team from the deely bobber headbands she gets for her team to wear on their helmets! The kindness she shows to patients and families is commendable and she is a go to person for all the providers at the Park Avenue Medical Center. Smilow couldn't ask for a better partner in care than Elizabeth Griffin!



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Yale Cancer Center is pleased to welcome Anna Kress, MD, and George Goshua, MD, MSc, to the section of Hematology. Drs. Kress and Goshua will both complete the Yale Medical Oncology-Hematology Fellowship Program and begin their new appointments in July.

Dr. Kress will care for patients as part of the Smilow Classic Hematology Program at the Smilow Cancer Hospital Care Centers in North Haven and in Trumbull. Dr. Goshua will both see patients as part of the Smilow Classic Hematology Program and build the

first research program in the country that is focused on decision-analytic modeling and health economics in classical hematology.

**Anna Kress, MD, and
George Goshua, MD, MSc,
Appointed to Hematology**

white postdoctoral fellows, residents, and clinical fellows engaging in cancer research to submit abstracts describing their work.

The colloquium will include presentations from trainees in the following four areas: 1) Basic Science Research and Bioinformatics, 2) Translational Research, 3) Clinical Research, 4) Population Science, Prevention and Outcomes Research. The Yale Cancer Center Education Committee will review all abstracts and make selections for oral presentations. Each presentation will be 10 minutes, and presenters will be notified by May 30, 2022. Four Research Excellence Prize recipients will be selected from among the oral presentations. Winners will be announced during the colloquium and each awardee will receive an award certificate and an award of \$250.

We understand that your research progress may have been delayed due to the COVID-19 shutdown, and encourage submission of the data that you have. We will consider this important factor when we judge your work.

Eligibility:

- Current Yale MD, PhD, and MD-PhD students
- Current Yale postdoctoral associates, postdoctoral fellows, residents, and clinical fellows
- Abstract submission must be approved by the mentor

Submission Guidelines:

- Abstracts should be 300 words or less, and may include one figure
- The deadline for abstract submission is May 20, 2022, at 5pm EST

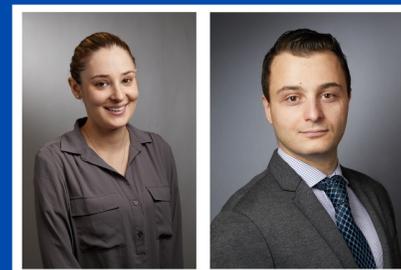
Online Registration and Abstract Submission

Questions, please contact **Meina Wang**.

Employee Profile: Christine Merenda

When Christine Merenda joined the section of medical oncology last June as an Administrative Services Supervisor, she found the entire team to be helpful and welcoming. Christine previously worked in the Department of Urology for 4 ½ years and has her Master of Business Administration from Southern Connecticut State University. In her current role, Christine oversees five administrative assistants and is in the process of hiring two more.

Christine works closely with Chief of Medical Oncology, Roy S. Herbst, MD, PhD, as well as other faculty members and supervisors. She manages calendars, organizes faculty meetings, and handles the behind-the-scenes paperwork for



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Victoria (Vickey) Taiwo, MHA, Program Coordinator at Smilow Cancer Hospital, works to make sure that our patients are receiving the highest standard of care.

Although Vickey is not providing direct patient care, what she does impacts patients directly in the clinic and the care they receive. Her supervisor, Nara Sinanis, MPH, CHES, Oncology Care Model Program Manager, commented, "Vickey is an exceptional coordinator who uses her project management expertise to structure project work, track deliverables, and keep open communication with staff. Her contributions have been invaluable to our team and will undoubtedly improve patient-centered care delivery."

Meet This
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Vickey Taiwo



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Join us for a Cognitive Behavioral Therapy

Skills Group for Cancer Survivors. The next group will meet for 5 weeks and will begin on Wednesday, May 18th at 4:30pm.

Skills Group for Cancer Survivors

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• ANYONE AT ANY STAGE OF TREATMENT OR POST-TREATMENT

faculty appointments and promotions, all while supporting the wants and needs of her administrative team.



“Building working relationships with those that I support is very important to me and helps me to be efficient in my role. This team is fantastic, and they make my job easy,” said Christine. “What makes this team so great is that we are all working towards the common goal of bettering the lives of patients with cancer. Having a personal connection with cancer, it is especially encouraging to see how everyone works together, and I do my best within my own role to work towards that goal.”

Stephanie Signore, Associate Director of Finance for Yale Cancer Center, commented, “Christine is a great team player, she is genuinely concerned for her staff and is always willing to go above and beyond to complete a task or get a problem solved. We love having her as part of our Administrative Team!”

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Lindsey Spohn, RN, an inpatient nurse on NP12, also received the Daisy award for Extraordinary Nurses, which is presented twice a year to a nurse at YNHH.

Thank you, Brianna and Lindsey, for your extraordinary care and compassion!



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Tune in to Yale Cancer Answers as we kick off National Cancer Research Month. Dr. Faye Rogers discusses her important work researching the role of HER2 in breast cancer. Listen on Connecticut Public Radio or download our podcast from iTunes.



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9 out of 10 patients worry about misdiagnoses with #AI according to new research from @YaleCancer led by @SanjayAnejaMD. "Patient education, concerns, and comfort levels should be taken into consideration when planning for integration of AI."



Out Now! Clinical Cancer Research @CCR_AACR featuring @BarbaraBurtneess and her paper revealing the association of TP53 and CDKN2A mutation profile with tumor mutation burden in #HeadandNeckCancer. Read the full article at <http://bit.ly/3vWqZmm>.



Congratulations to @DrRoyHerbstYale, recipient of @OncLive 2022 Giants of Cancer Care award for Lung Cancer in recognition of his leadership in #lungcancer research, treatment, advocacy & care.



Michael Cecchini @Cecchini_OncMD of @YaleCancer discusses highlights from AACR 2022 for gastric cancers Watch: <http://ow.ly/RxLz50IXJcw>



Day 28/250 of my "tour" of @BCRFcure funded researchers. Dr. Puztai at @YaleCancer s figuring out the mechanisms of immunosuppression and immune evasion so that future combo therapies can sort of "outsmart" the #cancer



Great and bittersweet day @YaleCancer @YNHH @SmilowCancer for our DeLuca nursing awards honoring the memory of inaugural nursing leader Catherine Lyons. Her spirit and legacy live in the nurses who will work and train in her memory. @KChurchwellMD @DrEricWiner @HutchPresident

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Be a #GeneticCounselor for a day!

On Friday, May 20th starting at

12:30PM, @SmilowCancer Genetics and Prevention Program will host a free, virtual program covering topics related to the profession. View the full agenda and register now at <http://bit.ly/3O8WuAM>.



Congratulations to

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Don't miss the 2022 Susan Beris, MD Brain Tumor CME Seminar on

5/18. This free, virtual event will feature

@SmilowCancer physicians sharing advances in the care of #braintumors, and #psychosocial support.



Dr. Alfred Lee calls for uniform

adoption of Classical Hematology

@TheLancetHaem arguing that use of benign & non-malignant dismisses patient suffering, dampens trainee interest, & diminishes the field as a whole.



New research published in the

Journal of Surgical Research

@AneesChagpar reveals that lower

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How do Patients Feel about Using AI in Healthcare? Research from

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Endocrinology Clinical Dilemma

May 13; 12:00 PM

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Yale Cancer Answers

May 15; 7:30 PM

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Brain Cancer Awareness Month

Nicholas Blondin, MD

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Stem Cell Spring Seminar Series

May 16; 2:00 PM

Next Generation Cell Therapies for the Brain

Marius Wernig, MD, PhD

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Yale Cancer Center Grand Rounds

May 17; 12:00 PM

Pancreatic Cancer Early Detection and Prevention -The Sweet Promise of Family and Pancreatic Cysts and TBD

James Farrell, MBChB and Vasilis Vasilou, PhD

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Human and Translational Immunology Seminar Series

May 17; 4:00 PM

Immunometabolic Dysregulation in Primary Immune Regulatory Disorders

Sarah Henrickson, MD, PhD

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Neuroendocrine Conference

May 18; 4:00 PM

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Patricia Peter, MD

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2022 Susan Beris, MD Brain Tumor CME Seminar

May 18; 6:30 PM

Jennifer Moliterno, MD, FAANS | Zachary Corbin, MD, MHS | Bruce McGibbon, MD | Brian Jin, LCSW

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Center for Methods in Implementation and Prevention Science (CMIPS) Seminar

Funding and Award Opportunities

Pew-Stewart Scholars for Cancer Research

The Pew-Stewart Scholars for Cancer Research supports assistant professors of outstanding promise in science relevant to the advancement of a cure for cancer. The award provides \$300,000 in flexible support—\$75,000 per year for a four-year period.

Institutional Nomination Due: May 18, 2022

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2022 AACR-MPM Oncology Charitable Foundation Transformative Cancer Research Grants

- **AACR-Genmab Non-Hodgkin B-Cell Lymphoma Research Fellowship** - Application Deadline: May 19, 2022
- **AACR Clinical Oncology Research (CORE) Training Fellowships** - Application Deadline: May 31, 2022
- **AACR-Lung Cancer Initiative at Johnson & Johnson Stimulating Therapeutic Advances Through Research Training (START) Grant** - Application Deadline: June 1, 2022
- **AACR-MPM Oncology Charitable Foundation Transformative Cancer Research Grants** - Application Deadline: June 16, 2022
- **Victoria's Secret Global Fund for Women's Cancers 2022 Career Development Award**, in partnership with Pelotonia & AACR - Application Deadline: **June 28, 2022**
- **AACR-Day One Biopharmaceuticals Pediatric Cancer Research Fellowship** - Application Deadline: July 6, 2022

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Yale Head and Neck SPORE (YHN-SPORE) Developmental Research Program (DRP)

The Yale Head and Neck SPORE's DRP provides seed money to investigators to support studies with a strong translational component that have the potential to evolve into, or be incorporated as, a full YHN-SPORE project or to generate preliminary data or evidence of collaboration for other new NIH grant applications.

Full application Due: May 20, 2022

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Yale Head and Neck SPORE (YHN-SPORE) Career Enhancement Program (CEP)

The CEP of the Yale Head and Neck SPORE has been established to educate the next generation of investigators committed to translational research in head and neck cancer. The CEP will provide support to promising junior investigators and/or established investigators who have not previously conducted head and neck cancer focused research.

Full Application Due: May 20, 2022

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TheoryLab Collaborative Grants

The ACS is accepting Idea Abstracts through May 20 for TheoryLab Collaborative (TLC) Grants, which provide pilot grant support for innovative, collaborative research projects utilizing the ACS TheoryLab platform.

Contact: Research.Integration@cancer.org with questions.

Abstract Deadline: May 20, 2022

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AACR Clinical Oncology Research Fellows Grants

The AACR Clinical Oncology Research (CORE) Training Fellowships

and Prevention Science (COPES) Seminar

Series

May 19; 12:30 PM

Makeda J. Williams, MD, MPH

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Cancer Genetics and Prevention Seminar

May 19; 2:30 PM

Risk Factors for Cancers of the Oral Cavity:

What the Hereditary Cancer Specialist

Needs to Know and A Genetic Counseling

Perspective on Retinoblastoma

Claire Healy, MS, CGC and Brooke Delahoy,

MS, CGC

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2021-2022 Microbiology Graduate

Program Seminar

May 19; 3:30 PM

Susan M. Lea, D.Phil, F.Med.Sci

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Center for GI Cancers/Yale Pancreatic

Cancer Collaborative Seminar

May 19; 4:15 PM

New Platforms Designed to Improve

Outcomes in Pancreatic Cancer

Diane M. Simeone, MD

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Yale Health Psychology Virtual Forum

May 20; 11:30 AM

The Role of Psychology in Medical Illness

and Conditions

John Krystal, MD | Rajita Sinha, PhD | Lisa

Fucito, PhD | Kim Germaine Emiel

Smolderen, PhD, MSc | Declan Barry, PhD |

Jennifer Kilkus, PhD, ABPP | Carlos Mena-

Hurtado, MD | John Sellinger, PhD |

Alexandra Fuss, PhD

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Endocrinology Clinical Dilemma

May 20; 12:00 PM

Lexi Dias

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Genetic Counselor for a Day

May 20; 12:30 PM

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Yale Cancer Answers

May 22; 7:30 PM

NPR

Melanoma/Skin Cancer Awareness Month

Jonathan Leventhal, MD

Program is designed to provide an effective industry-academic clinical practicum with a unique training opportunity to develop academic clinicians in drug development.

- AACR Clinical Oncology Research (CORE) Training Fellowships
- AACR-AstraZeneca Clinical Immuno-oncology Research Training Fellowships
- AACR-Bayer Clinical Oncology Research Training Fellowships
- AACR-Johnson & Johnson Lung Cancer Initiative Clinical Oncology Research Training Fellowship

Application Deadline: May 31, 2022

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FY22 Kidney Cancer Research Program (KCRP)

The FY22 Defense Appropriations Act is anticipated to provide funding for the KCRP to support research of exceptional scientific merit in kidney cancer.

- Concept Award - Letter of Intent Due: June 23, 2022
- Idea Development Award - Preproposal Due: June 2, 2022
- Postdoctoral and Clinical Fellowship Award - Letter of Intent Due: June 23, 2022
- Translational Research Partnership Award - Preproposal Due: June 2, 2022

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Systematic Testing of Radionuclides in Preclinical Experiments (STRIPE) (R01, R21)

The purpose of this FOA is to solicit R01 and R21 research projects utilizing state-of-the-art cancer biology methods and model systems to study effects of different types of radiation used in radionuclide-based therapeutics (e.g., radiopharmaceutical therapy) on normal tissue, tumor cells and the tumor microenvironment.

Application Deadline: June 5, 2022

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Epidemiologic Research on Emerging Risk Factors and Liver Cancer Susceptibility (R01 and R21)

The purpose of these FOAs is to promote epidemiologic research investigating novel and innovative hypotheses on emerging risk factors (biological, environmental, and social) and their interplay with established risk factors (e.g., viral hepatitis) associated with the development of liver cancer (hepatocellular carcinoma and other histological subtypes) in the United States.

Application Deadline: June 16, 2022

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Cancer Prevention, Detection, Diagnosis, and Treatment Technologies for Global Health (U01)

This FOA supports the development of cancer-relevant technologies suitable for use in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). Specifically, the FOA solicits applications for projects to adapt, apply, and validate existing or emerging technologies into a new generation of user-friendly, low-cost technologies for preventing, detecting, diagnosing, and/or treating cancers in people living in LMICs.

Application Deadline: June 17, 2022

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DoD Ovarian Cancer Research Program

Clinical Trial Award - LOI Due: June 22, 2022

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Stem Cell Spring Seminar Series

May 23; 12:00 PM

Anna-Katerina Hadjantonakis

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Medical Education Webinar

May 23; 4:00 PM

Hereditary Hematologic Malignancies: Not That Rare

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Yale Cancer Center Grand Rounds

May 24; 12:00 PM

Craig Crews, PhD

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Medical Education Webinar

May 25; 11:00 AM

Hereditary Hematologic Malignancies: Not That Rare

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Neuroendocrine Conference

May 25; 4:00 PM

Adrenal

Patricia Peter, MD, PA

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Yale Cancer Center Seminar

May 26; 2:00 PM

Modulating the Autonomic Nervous System for the Treatment of Pancreatic Cancer

Ruth White, MD, PhD

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Cancer Genetics and Prevention Seminar

May 26; 2:30 PM

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Center for GI Cancers Weekly Seminar

May 26; 4:15 PM

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OncLive Institutional Perspectives in Cancer Presents

May 26; 6:30 PM

Ovarian Cancer

Gary Altwerger, MD | Elena Ratner, MD |

Devin Miller, MD

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DoD Rare Cancers Research Program (RCRP) Awards

- **Concept Award** - LOI Due: July 18, 2022
- **Idea Development Award** - Preproposal Due: June 22, 2022
- **Resource and Community Development Award** - Preproposal Due: June 22, 2022

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Lasker Clinical Research Scholars Program (Si2/R00)

This program offers the opportunity for a unique bridge between the NIH intramural and extramural research communities and contains two phases. In the first phase, Lasker Scholars will receive appointments for up to 5-7 years as tenure-track investigators within the NIH Intramural Research Program with independent research budgets. In the second phase, successful scholars will receive up to 3 years of NIH support for their research at an extramural research facility; or, the Scholar can be considered to remain as an investigator within the intramural program.

Application Deadline: June 24, 2022

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Paul Calabresi Career Development Award for Clinical Oncology (K12)

The purpose of this award is to increase the number of clinician-scientists trained in clinical and translational cancer research, and to promote their career development as cancer researchers. This FOA allows appointment of Scholars proposing to serve as the lead investigator of an independent clinical trial; or proposing a separate ancillary study to an existing trial; or proposing to gain research experience in a clinical trial led by another investigator, as part of their research and career development.

Application Deadline: June 25, 2022

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Cancer Tissue Engineering Collaborative: Enabling Biomimetic Tissue-Engineered Technologies for Cancer Research (R01)

This FOA will support the development and characterization of state-of-the-art biomimetic tissue-engineered technologies for cancer research.

Application Deadline: July 5, 2022

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Microbial-based Cancer Imaging and Therapy - Bugs as Drugs (R01/R21)

This FOA solicits grant applications proposing to utilize bacteria, archaeobacteria, bacteriophages, or other non-oncolytic viruses and their natural products to study the underlying mechanisms of the complex interactions between microorganisms, tumors, and the immune system, and to explore their clinical potential for cancer imaging, therapeutics or diagnostics.

Application Deadline: July 5, 2022

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Cancer Control Research in Persistent Poverty Areas (U54)

Through this FOA, the NCI invites applications for Cancer Control Research in Persistent Poverty Areas (Persistent Poverty Initiative). The goal is to provide resources to support the time and effort of transdisciplinary teams, in collaboration with institutions, clinics, and communities/tribes, to develop a cancer prevention and control research program and provide support to early-career investigators that focuses on and serves populations living in persistent poverty areas.

and grant announcements to:

Renee Gaudette

Director, Public Affairs and Communications

persistent poverty areas.

Application Deadline: July 6, 2022

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Pancreatic Cancer Research Program

The FY22 Defense Appropriations Act provides funding for the Pancreatic Cancer Research Program (PCARP) to support research of exceptional scientific merit and innovation with high impact that focuses on pancreatic cancer. The managing agent for the anticipated program announcements/funding opportunities is the CDMRP at the U.S. Army Medical Research and Development Command (USAMRDC).

- Idea Development Award
- Translational Research Partnership Award

Preproposals Due: July 8, 2022

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Tobacco Centers of Regulatory Science (TCORS) for Research Relevant to the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act (U54)

The purpose of this FOA is to invite applications for TCORS to support biomedical and behavioral research that will provide scientific data to inform regulation of tobacco products to protect public health. Research Projects must address the Research Objectives related to the regulatory authority of the FDA Center for Tobacco Products.

Application Deadline: July 14, 2022

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SBIR Phase IIB Bridge Awards to Accelerate the Development of Cancer-Relevant Technologies Toward Commercialization (R44)

This FOA solicits SBIR applications from small business concerns that seek additional funding to support the next stage of development for cancer-relevant projects that were previously funded under SBIR or STTR Phase II awards from any Federal agency.

Application Deadline: August 6, 2022

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Small Business Transition Grant For Early Career Scientists (R42)

Through this FOA, the NCI, National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB), and National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) intend to support early-career academic scientists interested in transitioning to entrepreneurship while also supporting the transfer of technology from academic laboratories into small businesses.

Application Deadline: August 22, 2022

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