

Welcome!

On behalf of the NCI Center for Cancer Research-Fellows and Young Investigators (CCR-FYI) Steering Committee and CCR-FYI Colloquium Subcommittee, it is our pleasure to welcome you to the 18th Annual CCR-FYI Colloquium! The goal of the CCR-FYI is to foster the pillars of scientific and personal success among post-doctoral fellows, clinical fellows, graduate students and post-baccalaureate fellows on the NIH campus. The CCR-FYI is graciously supported by the NCI's Center for Cancer Research (CCR) and the Center for Cancer Training (CCT) Office of Training and Education, which works to enhance the intramural trainee experience. The CCR-FYI thanks Drs. Norman Sharpless, Glenn Merlino, William Dahut, Tom Misteli and Jonathan Wiest, along with their administrative staff and the CCT for their continuous support to the CCR-FYI committee. In line with the mission, the CCR-FYI brings together scientists to share ideas, build collaborations, exchange knowledge, and empower fellows in their current and future career paths. To achieve these goals, we organize year-round seminar series, outreach events, newsletters, professional development workshops, networking events, and the annual fellows' colloquium.

In 2017 the importance of scientific collaboration and mentorship spanning all scientific fields was on the forefront of the media. In response, the CCR-FYI organized this year's colloquium with this specific need in mind. This year's colloquium theme is ***"Working Together to Break Through the Barriers of Cancer Research"***. We hope that our colloquium offers a platform for the NCI research community to engage in meaningful discussions about exciting findings and challenging projects while sustaining the shared goal of eradicating cancer. In addition, the 2018 Colloquium will feature various panels focused on Industry, Academia, and Science Administration. Panelists will present and discuss strategies, difficulties, experiences, and techniques to successfully navigate new career paths. Other career development workshops we have prepared for you in line with our theme include: Mentoring, Scientific Management, and How to Prepare for a Career Fair.

In line with the Colloquium theme, we bring together leading experts both from within and outside the NIH who are innovating translational research in breast cancer metastasis and tumor organogenesis, personalized cancer medicine, and cancer drug resistance. To highlight cutting-edge research performed by the extramural community, we will feature keynote talks by Dr. Sara Courtneidge of Oregon Health and Science University and Dr. Nikhil Wagle Curtis of Harvard Medical School. We also feature keynote addresses from two outstanding NIH scientists: Dr. Kandice Tanner and Dr. Michael Grottesman. Furthermore, this year's Outstanding Postdoctoral Fellow awardee, Dr. Thomas Ciucci from the Laboratory of Immune Cell Biology, will present his work on single cell analysis of the T-cell transcriptome. Finally, we will feature an inspiring cancer survivorship lecture by Mrs. Megan Pischke Porcheron, a brave stage-III breast cancer survivor, pro snowboarder, documentarian, and long-time wellness ambassador for the Boarding for Breast Cancer (B4BC) organization.

We hope that the 18th Annual CCR-FYI Colloquium offers you all an excellent opportunity to learn about your colleague's research, enrich your scientific knowledge, network, collaborate and find opportunities with potential future employers and help your transition to a successful next step!

Thank you,

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