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Studying aging at the intersection of biology and AI

Education

Harvard University Cambridge, MA
Ph.D., Biological Science in Public Health 2019 – Expected May 2025

- Advisor: Dr. Vadim Gladyshev, Harvard Medical School, Brigham and Women's Hospital
- Dissertation Advisory Committee: Dr. Brendan Manning, Dr. David Sinclair, Dr. Shamil Sunyaev
- Focused on understanding the mechanism of aging through multi-omic modeling & causal inference

Harvard University Cambridge, MA
M.S., Computational Science Engineering 2022 – 2024

- Secondary field during Ph.D. study

University of California, Berkeley Berkeley, CA
Visiting Student, Integrative Biology 2017 – 2018

Sun Yat-Sen University Guangzhou, China
B.S., Life Science 2015 – 2019

- Thesis: Screening for the Interactome of hTERC based on Molecular Fluorescence Complementation System in Living Cells
- Yat-Sen Honor School Program (Top 0.5%)
- National college admissions exam (Top 0.6%)

Grants

Using causal aging biomarkers and protein design to develop novel anti-aging interventions NIH/NIA
F99/K00, *Transition to Aging Research for Predoctoral Students* 2024 – 2028

- Award Document Number: FAG088431A (PI)
- Received a *perfect* Impact Score of **10**

Publications

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Galkin, F., Naumov, V., Pushkov, S., Sidorenko, D., Urban, A., Zagirova, D., Alawi, K. M., Aliper, A., Gumerov, R., Kalashnikov, A., Mukba, S., Pogorelskaya, A., Ren, F., Shneyderman, A., Tang, Q., Xiao, D., Tyshkovskiy, A., **Ying, K.,** Gladyshev, V. N., & Zhavoronkov, A. (2024). Precious3GPT: Multimodal Multi-Species Multi-Omics Multi-Tissue Transformer for Aging Research and Drug Discovery. **bioRxiv**. https://doi.org/10.1101/2024.07.25.605062

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Rothi, M. H., Sarkar, G. C., Al Haddad, J., Mitchell, W., **Ying, K.,** Pohl, N., Sotomayor-Mena, R. G., Natale, J., Dellacono, S., Gladyshev, V. N., & Greer, E. L. (2024). The 18S rRNA Methyltransferase DIMT-1 Regulates Lifespan in the Germline Later in Life. **bioRxiv**. https://doi.org/10.1101/2024.05.15.570935

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Patents

V. N. Gladyshev, **K. Ying**, "High-dimensional measurement of biological age" (2024). *Provisional Patent Application*

V. N. Gladyshev, **K. Ying**, "Mapping CpG sites to quantify aging traits" (2024). *WO2024039905A2*

Software and Database

Biolearn (2024) https://bio-learn.github.io/

ClockBase (2023) https://www.clockbase.org/

Presentations

Oral Presentations

Keystone Symposia: Aging: New Frontiers in Rejuvenation and Gerotherapeutics Breckenridge, CO
MethylGPT: A Foundation Model for the DNA Methylome 2025

Biomarkers of Aging Symposium Boston, MA
Standardization of aging biomarkers and BoA challenge 2024

Harvard GRIP Presentations Boston, MA
Causal Aging Biomarker enpowers Unbiased Anti-Aging Therapy Screening 2024

4th TimePie Longevity Forum — Shanghai, China
Causal Aging Biomarker as a Tool for Unbiased Anti-Aging Therapy Screening — 2023

Global Congress on Aesthetic and Anti-Aging (GCAA2023) — Singapore
Causal Aging Biomarker as a Tool for Unbiased Anti-Aging Therapy Screening — 2023

10th Aging Research and Drug Discovery conference (ARDD2023) — Copenhagen, Denmark
Causal Epigenetic Age Uncouples Damage and Adaptation — 2023

AGE 2023 51st Annual Meeting — Oklahoma City, OK
Causal Epigenetic Age Uncouples Damage and Adaptation — 2023

Broad Institute MPG Retreat — Cambridge, MA
Causal Epigenetic Age Uncouples Damage and Adaptation — 2023

Harvard GRIP Presentations — Boston, MA
Causal Epigenetic Age Uncouples Damage and Adaptation — 2022

Targeting Metabesity 2022, 'Honorable Mention' — Virtual Conference
Causal Epigenetic Age Uncouples Damage and Adaptation — 2022

GSA 2021 Annual Scientific Meeting — Virtual Conference
Genetic and phenotypic evidence for causal relationships between aging and COVID-19 — 2021

Invited Talks

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, hosted by Dr. Zhaoming Wang — Memphis, TN
MethylGPT and Causality-enriched Epigenetic Clock — 2025

The Alliance for Longevity Initiatives Scientist Spotlight, — Online Podcast
Episode 14: Albert Ying — 2024

BioAge Seminar, hosted by Dr. Robert Hughes & Dr. Paul Timmers — Boston, MA
Ageome: Biological age with higher-dimensionality — 2024

MRC Integrative Epidemiology Unit Seminar — Bristol, UK
Epigenetic Clocks and Mendelian Randomization — 2024

NIA EL Projects Joint Meeting, National Institute on Aging — Online Webinar
Aging Clocks — 2024

Biomarkers of Aging Challenge, Foresight Institute — Online Webinar
Update Webinar with Foresight — 2024

Everything Epigenetics, podcast hosted by Hannah Went — Online Podcast
Causal Epigenetic Age Uncouples Damage and Adaptation — 2024

Chinese University of Hong Kong, hosted by Dr. Xin Wang — Hong Kong, China
Causal Aging Biomarker as a Tool for Systemic Anti-Aging Therapy Screening — 2024

Everything Epigenetics, podcast hosted by Hannah Went — Online Podcast
Causal Epigenetic Age Uncouples Damage and Adaptation — 2023

Chinese University of Hong Kong, hosted by Dr. Xin Wang — Hong Kong, China
Causal Aging Biomarker as a Tool for Systemic Anti-Aging Therapy Screening — 2023

Peking University, hosted by Dr. Jingdong Han — Beijing, China
Causal Aging Biomarker and ClockBase — 2023

Chinese Academy of Sciences, hosted by Dr. Xuming Zhou — Beijing, China
Causal Epigenetic Age Uncouples Damage and Adaptation — 2022

Foresight Institute, hosted by Allison Duettmann — Online Seminar
Genetic Variation, Aging & Relationship to COVID-19 | Joris Deelen, Albert Ying — 2020

Experience

Avinasi Labs — San Francisco, CA
Decentralized longevity data collection *Co-founder* — 2025 – Present

University of Washington — Seattle, WA
Protein Design *Visiting Graduate Student, David Baker's Lab* — 2025

Stanford University — Stanford, CA
Proteomics *Visiting Graduate Student, Tony Wyss-Coray's Lab* — 2025

Harvard Medical School, Brigham and Women's Hospital — Boston, MA
Biological Aging *Graduate Researcher, Vadim Gladyshev's Lab* — 2020 – Present

Harvard Medical School, Boston Children's Hospital — Boston, MA
RNA Modifications *Graduate Researcher (Rotation), Eric Greer's Lab* — 2020

Harvard Medical School — Boston, MA
IPSC Reprogramming & DNA methylation *Graduate Researcher (Rotation), David Sinclair's Lab* — 2019

Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health — Boston, MA
mTORC1 *Graduate Researcher (Rotation), Brendan Manning's Lab* — 2019

Sun Yat-Sen University — Guangzhou, China
Telomere & Telomerase *Undergraduate Researcher, Zhou Songyang's Lab* — 2018 – 2019

University of Edinburgh — Edinburgh, UK
Population genetics *Undergraduate Researcher, Xia Shen's Lab* — 2018

University of Washington — Seattle, WA
Acarbose & Rapamycin *Undergraduate Researcher, Matt Kaeberlein's Lab* — 2018

Buck Institute for Research on Aging — Novato, CA
Senolytics *Undergraduate Researcher, Judith Campisi's Lab* — 2018

University of California, Berkeley — Berkeley, CA
SIRT7 *Undergraduate Researcher, Danica Chen's Lab* — 2017

Sun Yat-Sen University — Guangzhou, China
Telomere & DNA Methylation *Undergraduate Researcher, Yikang Rong's Lab* — 2015 – 2017

Honors

Semifinalist, Harvard President's Innovation Challenge, Health Care and Life Sciences Track — 2025

Best Poster Award, Inaugural Biomarker of Aging Symposium — 2023

Best Poster Award, Gordon Research Conference, Systems Aging 2022

Hackathon Winner, Longevity Hackathon, VitaDAO 2021

Yan-Sen Honor School Program, Sun Yat-Sen University 2016 – 2019

Yan-Sen Scholarship, Sun Yat-Sen University 2016 – 2019

Professional Experience

Service & Leadership

President, Harvard Interdisciplinary Discussion on Disease and Health 2024 – Present

Organizer, Biomarker of Aging Challenge 2024 – Present

Organizing Committee Member, Biomarker of Aging Symposium 2024 2024

Organizing Committee Member, Biomarker of Aging Symposium 2023 2023

Teaching & Mentoring

Mentor, Yuanpei Young Scholars Program 2023 – 2024

Instructor, Harvard Public Health Symposium For Young Generation 2023

Students Supervised

Predoctoral Students: Ali Doga Yucel, Siyuan Li, Hanna Liu, Donghyun Lee

Journals Reviewed

Nature Aging, *Nature Communications*, *BMC Nephrology*, *Lipids in Health and Disease*, *Clinical Proteomics*, *Evidence-Based Complementary and Alternative Medicine*, *Scientific Report*

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