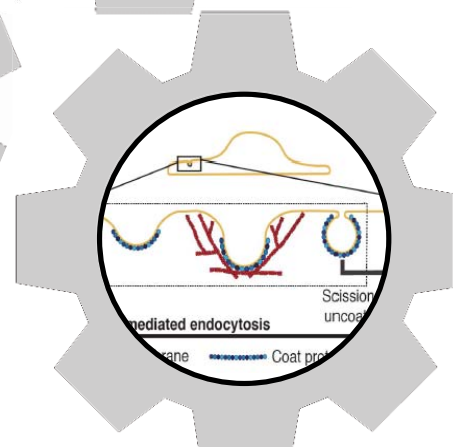
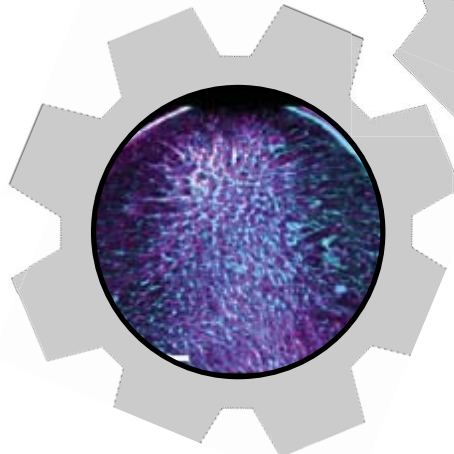
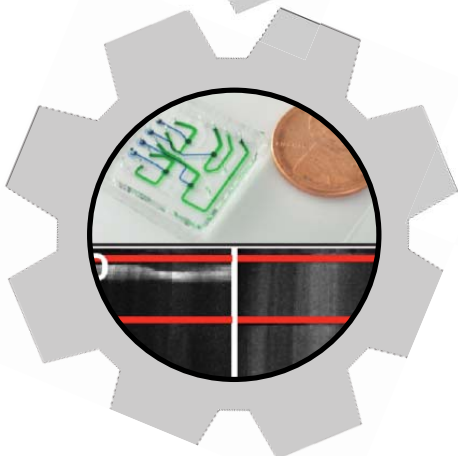
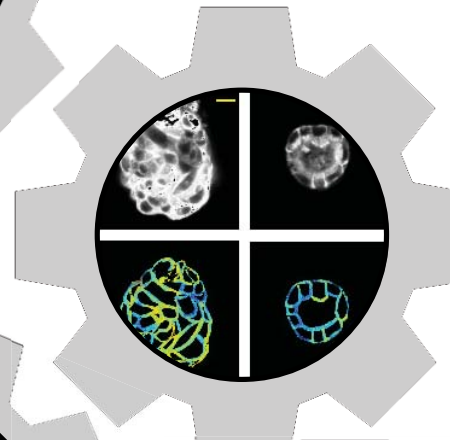
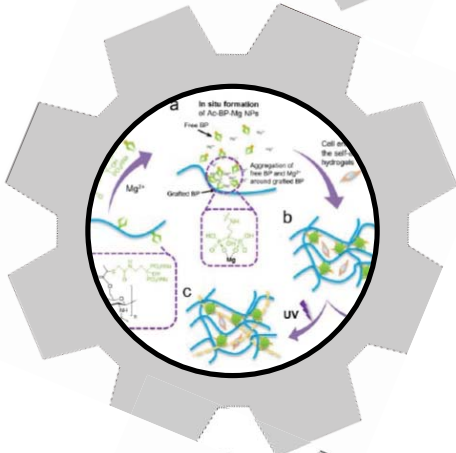
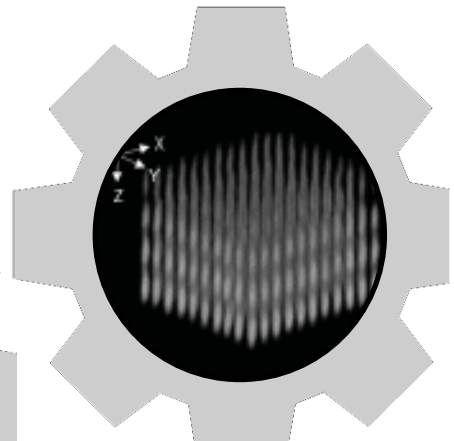
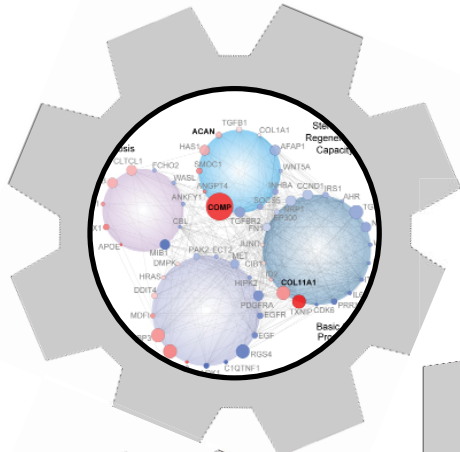


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Welcome to the 2018 BMES CMBE Annual Conference, **Discovering the Keys: Transformative and Translational Mechanobiology.**

The conference theme was selected to address key challenges in how mechanobiology can advance the study of pathophysiology and improve human health. To date, isolated groups of investigators from diverse fields have explored mechanobiology research but without widespread communication across disciplinary boundaries, much less a common vision for how to encourage clinical translation. We saw a need for a unique and dedicated platform to bring these complementary groups of investigators together. As conference organizers, we study mechanobiology in different physiological systems (orthopedics, development, cardiovascular) and at different length scales (molecular, cellular, tissue). We organized this conference to employ 'creative destruction' of the barriers that separate mechanobiology research in disparate physiological systems and length scales. Integrated thinking in this area can then be harnessed and applied to further drive the integration of mechanobiology into the fields of cell biology, drug discovery, and regenerative medicine.

The conference sub-themes will highlight emerging mechanobiology research areas. Engineers and biologists will present alongside those with clinical and/or entrepreneurial experience that have begun to bridge the gap between fundamental research and translation. Our aim is for speakers to describe how their mechanobiology research can transition from bench to bedside. A goal of the conference is increased technology sharing amongst mechanobiology researchers, as well as a new vision and strategic plan for overcoming clinical translation gaps in this important field.

We hope you find the 2018 CMBE conference intellectually stimulating, with opportunities to highlight your current research, forge new collaborations, and develop pathways to translate mechanobiology research into the clinic. Enjoy the meeting as well as this lovely site in Key Largo.

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The dress code is a long standing and cherished tradition of the members of the Ocean Reef Club, based on good taste and respect for the Club and its members. The Club's standards of dress are required for guests over 12 years of age.

CMBE Conference Dress Code: Business or smart business casual. Please remove your conference badge when outside the conference area (North Ballroom and South Ballroom).

Dining Dress Code: When dining in any of the Club's restaurants, the dress code for men is collared shirts and dress trousers and equally appropriate attire for women. If worn, shorts must be of walking length. Please note that smart blue denim (jeans) is only allowed in the bar areas.

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- Shirts must be worn for jogging, walking and other forms of exercise within the community. All shirts worn by gentlemen within the community must have sleeves.
- Golf and Practice Range require collared shirts for men (no mock turtlenecks) and appropriate golfing shorts or trousers (no cargo or athletic shorts). Sleeveless golf blouses with collars are permissible for ladies, as well as other appropriate golfing attire.

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The Ocean Reef Club has complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the Club. You do not need a passcode to access the Club's Internet.

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Note that if family members attend any portion of the conference (e.g., sessions, meals, or activities), they must be paid registrants of the conference and wear a conference badge.

Meals: Anyone entering the conference meal areas must be registered and show a 2018 CMBE Conference badge.

Sessions: The presence of young children at the sessions is discouraged because this may distract conference attendees.

EVENING EVENTS

The **Welcome Reception** is Wed, Jan 3, 6 - 8pm, Lagoon/Beach.

The **Gala Dinner** is Thurs, Jan 4, 6-9pm, at the Palm Court.

IMPORTANT: Drink tickets are issued to full registrants as well as guest Gala ticket holders. Please do not lose your drink tickets, as they cannot be replaced. GALA DINNER TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED BY 1PM THURS, JAN 4. DINNER TICKETS CANNOT BE PURCHASED AT THE DINNER.

GETTING AROUND

The best way to get around the Keys is to rent a car. The Club is an official Enterprise sub-station. Cars can be rented from or returned to the Club, Miami or Ft. Lauderdale International Airports, or another Enterprise branch. For more information, please contact the Club's Transportation Department at (302) 367-5952.

POSTER SESSIONS & VIEWINGS

Posters are available for viewing throughout the conference period in the North Ballroom next to the General Session room. Poster setup is Wed, Jan 3, from 7 - 8am. Presentation hours are as follows:

	Poster Teasers	Poster Session
Wed, Jan 3	10am - 10:45pm	
Thurs, Jan 4		11am - 10:00am
Fri, Jan 5		11am - 10:00am

REGISTRATION

Registration and Information is located in Town Hall. Hours are as follows:

Day	Times
Tues, Jan 2	3pm - 7pm
Wed, Jan 3	7am - 1:30pm 6pm - 7pm
Thurs, Jan 4	7am - 2pm
Fri, Jan 5	7am - 1pm
Sat, Jan 6	7am - 11am

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Attendees must wear their 2018 CMBE Conference name badge to all conference functions. Full registration name badges permit access to all sessions, and conference meals. Guest gala badges can be purchased at the registration desk by 1pm Thurs, Jan 4. Guest gala badge permits access to the gala dinner only.

WEATHER

The average January weather in Key Largo maintains at around 75-80°F during the day and around 65°F during the evening and night hours.

PROGRAM

Tuesday, January 2, 2018

3:00 PM Arrival and registration

6:00 CMBE council meeting

Wednesday, January 3, 2018

7:00 AM Continental breakfast and poster setup

7:45 Welcome/introduction

8:00-10:00 Session I - Bioinspired engineering: Mechanobiology of morphogenesis and development (Session chair, Roland Kaunas)

8:00-8:40 **KEYNOTE SPEAKER: CATO LAURENCIN, MD, PhD**, University of Connecticut
Regenerative engineering: A new convergence field

8:40-9:00 **Celeste Nelson, PhD**, Princeton University
Forced understanding of tissue morphogenesis

9:00-9:20 **Guy Genin, PhD**, Washington University in St. Louis
Mechanobiology of proteoglycan-like molecules at the plant cell periphery

9:20-9:40 **Leo Wan, PhD**, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Cellular left-right asymmetry in development and disease

9:40-9:50 **Student/Fellow Award: Yue Shao, PhD**, University of Michigan
Bioengineered in vitro model for post-implantation human embryogenesis

9:50-10:00 **Student/Fellow Award: Rachel Gilbert**, University of Delaware
Developmental mechanotransduction: The role of epithelial stretch on local growth factor secretion during lung airway morphogenesis

10:00-10:45 Poster teaser session with coffee break (Session chair, Deborah Leckband)

10:45-1:25 Session II - Rising Stars (Session chair, Leo Wan)

10:45-11:05 **Padmini Rangamani, PhD**, University of California, San Diego
Membrane tension as an organizing principle for vesicle trafficking

11:05-11:25 **Daniel Conway, PhD**, Virginia Commonwealth University
Mechanical force across E-Cadherin regulates epithelial acini homeostasis

11:25-11:45 **Jeremiah J. Zartman, PhD**, University of Notre Dame
Mechanical stress dissipation during organ growth through calcium signaling

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11:45-12:05	John Slater, PhD , University of Delaware <i>A new traction force microscopy platform containing a built-in zero-stress state</i>
12:05-12:25	Sarah Calve, PhD , Purdue University <i>Measurement of heterogeneous extracellular matrix fibril deformation in situ</i>
12:25-12:45	Liming Bian, PhD , The Chinese University of Hong Kong <i>Self-assembled injectable nanocomposite hydrogels stabilized by bisphosphonate-magnesium (Mg²⁺) coordination regulates the differentiation of encapsulated stem cells via tunable mechanosensitive network structure</i>
12:45-1:05	Akhilesh Gaharwar, PhD , Texas A&M University <i>Widespread changes in transcriptome profile of human mesenchymal stem cells by two-dimensional (2D) nanosilicates</i>
1:05-1:25	Yizhou Dong, PhD , The Ohio State University <i>Engineering CRISPR/Cpf1 to maximize genome editing efficiency</i>

1:30-3:00 Lunch with leaders (Keynote/Invited Speakers, Awardees)

1:30-6:00 Afternoon break

6:00-8:00 Welcome reception

Thursday, January 4, 2018

7:15 AM Continental breakfast

8:00-10:00 Session III - Multiscale mechanobiology of health & disease I (Session chairs, Guohao Dai and Michael King)

8:00-8:40	KEYNOTE SPEAKER: MELODY SWARTZ, PhD , University of Chicago <i>Lymphatic vessels in the tumor microenvironment: How active transport mechanisms regulate local immunity</i>
8:40-9:00	Cynthia Reinhart King, PhD , Vanderbilt University <i>Metastatic cell migration through complex microenvironments</i>
9:00-9:20	Christopher Chen, PhD , Boston University <i>Mechanoregulation of vascular function by the Notch receptor</i>
9:20-9:40	Bianxiao Cui, PhD , Stanford University <i>Membrane curvature at the nano-bio interface</i>
9:40-9:50	Student/Fellow Award: Claire Robertson, PhD , Lawrence Berkeley National Lab <i>Laminin microstructure compensates for dystroglycan loss in breast epithelial cells</i>

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9:50-10:00 **Student/Fellow Award: Sangpil Yoon, PhD**, University of California, San Diego
hPiezo1 needs stronger force for mechanical activation than mPiezo1

10:00-11:00 **Poster session with coffee break**

11:00-1:00 **Session IV - Multiscale mechanobiology of health & disease II (Session chairs, Song Li and Robert Mauck)**

11:00-11:40 **KEYNOTE SPEAKER: FARSHID GUILAK, PhD**, Washington University in St. Louis
Deconstructing mechanotransduction to identify targets for mechanobiologic therapies

11:40-12:00 **Dawn Elliott, PhD**, University of Delaware
Microscale structure, mechanics, and damage of tendon

12:00-12:20 **Shelly Peyton, PhD**, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Tissue guided hydrogel design

12:20-12:40 **Amit Pathak, PhD**, Washington University in St. Louis
Mechanical memory in collective cell migration

12:40-12:50 **Student/Fellow Award: Edward Bonnevie, PhD**, University of Pennsylvania
Prestrain regulates mechanosensation in fibrous microenvironments

12:50-1:00 **Student/Fellow Award: Milos Spasic**, Columbia University
Drug screening of primary cilia-targeted therapies for in vivo osteoporosis treatment

1:00-2:30 **Mentoring lunch**

1:00-4:00 **Afternoon break**

4:00-6:00 **Workshop on NIH/NSF funding opportunities**

David Fyhrie, PhD, Biomechanics and Mechanobiology Program, NSF
Christina Payne, PhD, Engineering Biology & Health Cluster at CBET, NSF
Rosemarie Hunziker, PhD, NIBIB Program Officer, NIH (via video link)
Guy Genin, PhD, Washington University in St. Louis, NSF Science and Technology Center for Engineering MechanoBiology
Pam Kreeger, PhD, University of Wisconsin, NIH Next Generation Researchers Initiative Working Group

6:00-9:30 **Gala dinner**
2018 Shu Chien Award recipient: Michael Shuler, PhD, Cornell University

PROGRAM

Friday, January 5, 2018

7:15 AM Continental breakfast

8:00-10:00 Session V - Cellular heterogeneity and systems approaches in mechanobiology (Session chair, Brenton Hoffman and Christopher Jacobs)

- 8:00-8:40 **KEYNOTE SPEAKER: DENNIS DISCHER, PhD**, University of Pennsylvania
Scaling concepts and mechanisms in matrix mechanobiology: from differentiation to cancer
- 8:40-9:00 **Pamela Kreeger, PhD**, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Heterogeneity in ovarian cancer – is the microenvironment a viable target?
- 9:00-9:20 **Clark Hung, PhD**, Columbia University
Modulation of cell-to-cell variability for functional tissue engineering of cartilage
- 9:20-9:40 **Delphine Dean, PhD**, Clemson University
Cardiac cell heterogeneity and mechanical properties
- 9:40-9:50 **Student/Fellow Award: Kaitlin Fogg, PhD**, University of Wisconsin, Madison
Alternatively activated macrophage-derived HB-EGF and extracellular matrix stiffening promote the expansion of ovarian cancer spheroids
- 9:50-10:00 **Student/Fellow Award: Junghyun Kim**, University of California, Berkeley
Multi-variable mechanical phenotyping with mechano-node-pore sensing

10:00-11:00 Poster session with coffee break

11:00-1:00 Session VI - Novel tools for mechanobiology (Session chair, Peter Yinxiao Wang)

- 11:00-11:40 **KEYNOTE SPEAKER: MOLLY STEVENS, PhD**, Imperial College London
Exploring and engineering the cell-material interface for regenerative medicine and mechanobiology
- 11:40-12:00 **Kris Noel Dahl, PhD**, Carnegie Mellon University
Measuring intracellular force and chromatin condensation by tracking sub-nuclear sensors
- 12:00-12:20 **Todd Sulchek, PhD**, Georgia Institute of Technology
Microfluidic cell sorting by biophysical properties to examine heterogenic states of cells
- 12:20-12:40 **Robert Tranquillo, PhD**, University of Minnesota
Fibroblast contact guidance in aligned fibrin fibril networks via sensing of stiffness anisotropy

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12:40-12:50	Student/Fellow Award: Yash Shah , University of Florida <i>Magnetic particle translation as a surrogate measure for synovial fluid mechanics</i>
12:50-1:00	Student/Fellow Award: Kelsey Gray , University of Maryland <i>Electrodeposition of PEG-hyaluronan-gelatin hydrogels to spatiotemporally control cell matrices for mechanobiological study</i>
1:00-6:00	Afternoon break Key West trip (tentative - registration required)

Saturday, January 6, 2018

7:15 AM Continental breakfast

8:00-10:00 Session VII - Modulating stem cell mechanobiology in regenerative medicine (Session chair, Adam Feinberg)

8:00-8:40	KEYNOTE SPEAKER: TODD McDEVITT, PhD , Gladstone Institute/University of California, San Francisco <i>Engineering the self-directed multicellular organization of human pluripotent stem cell systems</i>
8:40-9:00	Robert Mauck, PhD , University of Pennsylvania <i>Reprogramming cell and ECM physical properties to promote dense connective tissue repair</i>
9:00-9:20	Guohao Dai, PhD , Northeastern University <i>Nrp1 mediated arterial differentiation of pluripotent stem cells</i>
9:20-9:40	Weiqiang Chen, PhD , New York University <i>Mechano-modulation of cancer stem cells through endogenous traction-imbalance</i>
9:40-9:50	Student/Fellow Award: Tuğba Topal , University of Michigan <i>Acoustic tweezer induced cyclic forces mediate rapid epithelial-mesenchymal transition in human embryonic stem cells</i>
9:50-10:00	Student/Fellow Award: Anastasia Korolj , University of Toronto <i>Microcurvature promotes podocyte differentiation in vitro</i>
10:00-10:15	Networking and coffee break

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10:15-12:15

Panel discussion: Translating mechanobiology to the clinic

Moderator: **Michele Marcolongo, PhD**, Drexel University

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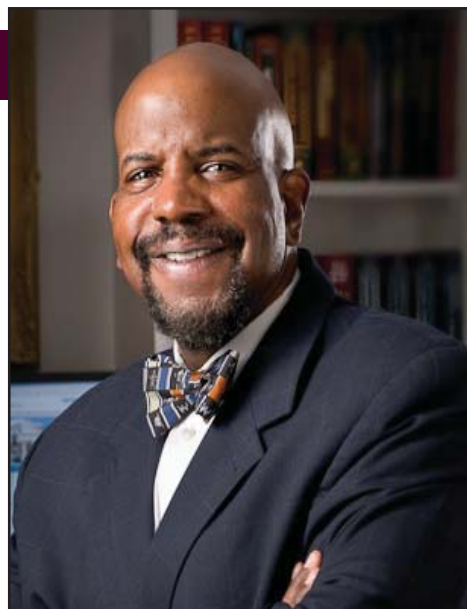
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Awards ceremony, closing remarks, and conference survey

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

CATO LAURENCIN, University of Connecticut

Cato T. Laurencin is a University Professor in Chemical Engineering, Materials Science, Biomedical Engineering, and Orthopaedic Surgery at the University of Connecticut. He is the Founder and Director of both the Institute for Regenerative Engineering and the Raymond and Beverly Sackler Endowed Center for Biomedical, Biological, Physical and Engineering Sciences at the University of Connecticut. He is an expert in biomaterials, nanotechnology, stem cell science, drug delivery systems, and regenerative engineering. Dr. Laurencin received the NIH Director's Pioneer Award and two NSF Emerging Frontiers in Research and Innovation Awards. He is an elected member of the National Academy of Engineering and the National Academy of Medicine. He is an elected fellow of the Indian National Academy of Engineering, the Indian National Academy of Sciences, the African Academy of Sciences, and is an Academician of the Chinese Academy of Engineering. Dr. Laurencin has been honored by the White House on three occasions, receiving the Presidential Faculty Fellow Award, the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Math and Engineering Mentoring, and the National Medal of Technology and Innovation.



MELODY SWARTZ, University of Chicago

Melody A. Swartz is a Professor in the Institute of Molecular Engineering at the University of Chicago, where she holds the William B. Ogden Chair as well as a joint appointment in the Ben May Department for Cancer Research. Her education was in Chemical Engineering, first with a BS from the Johns Hopkins University, and then a PhD from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She undertook postdoctoral studies at Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston before starting in 1999 as an Assistant Professor at Northwestern University, jointly in the Departments of Biomedical Engineering and Chemical Engineering. In 2003, she was recruited to the Ecole Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne (EPFL), where she was promoted to Full Professor in the Institute of Bioengineering and the Swiss Institute for Experimental Cancer Research. Trained as a bioengineer, she uses quantitative approaches in immunobiology and physiology, including biotransport and biomechanics, to develop a deeper understanding of how the lymphatic system regulates immunity in homeostasis and disease, particularly in cancer and chronic inflammation. Her lab applies this knowledge to develop novel immunotherapeutic approaches in cancer, including lymph node-targeting vaccine approaches, as well as in vitro model systems that recapitulate relevant features of the 3D, perfused tumor microenvironment.



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

FARSHID GUILAK, Washington University in St. Louis

Farshid Guilak is a Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at Washington University in St. Louis, Director of Research for the St. Louis Shriners Hospitals for Children, and co-director of the Washington University Center of Regenerative Medicine. He also has appointments in the Departments of Developmental Biology and Biomedical Engineering. His laboratory is pursuing a multidisciplinary approach to investigate the etiology and pathogenesis of various musculoskeletal diseases – particularly arthritis – as a basis for developing new bioengineering-based therapies. He has published over 300 articles in peer-reviewed journals and has co-edited four books. Dr. Guilak is the editor-in-chief of the *Journal of Biomechanics*, Associate editor for *Osteoarthritis & Cartilage*, and serves on several other journal editorial boards. He is also the Founder and President of Cytex Therapeutics, a startup company focusing on developing new regenerative medicine therapies for musculoskeletal conditions.



DENNIS DISCHER, University of Pennsylvania

Dennis E. Discher is the Robert D. Bent chaired Professor at the University of Pennsylvania and Director of a National Cancer Institute (NCI)-designated Physical Sciences Oncology Center at Penn (PSOC@Penn). His lab discovered matrix elasticity effects on stem cell differentiation. Ongoing studies range from the basic mechanobiology of diverse stem cells, cancer cells, and nuclei to the soft matter physics and chemistry of natural and synthetic polymers via computation and application to disease. Recent efforts focus most specifically on physical determinants of DNA damage and genome variation, as well as macrophage engineering to attack tumors. He has been at Penn since 1996 and has faculty appointments in Engineering & Applied Science as well as Physics, Pharmacology, and Cell & Molecular Biology. He is an elected member of the US National Academy of Medicine, the US National Academy of Engineering, and a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, with additional honors and Service including the Friedrich Wilhelm Bessel Award from the Humboldt Foundation of Germany, Chair of the NIH Gene & Drug Delivery Study Section, and membership on the Editorial Board for Science.



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

MOLLY STEVENS, Imperial College London

Dr. Molly Stevens is Professor of Biomedical Materials and Regenerative Medicine & Research Director for Biomedical Material Sciences at Imperial College London. Her research focusses on designing and developing innovative bio-inspired materials for applications in regenerative medicine, tissue engineering, and biosensing and has been recognised by over 20 major awards, including the 2016 Clemson Award from the Society for Biomaterials.



TODD McDEVITT, Gladstone Institute/UC, San Francisco

Todd McDevitt is a Senior Investigator at the Gladstone Institutes and a Professor in the Department of Bioengineering and Therapeutic Sciences at the University of California, San Francisco. Dr. McDevitt has 20 years of experience in biomaterials and tissue engineering research and for the past 15 years has focused primarily on stem cell and tissue engineering. The primary objective of Dr. McDevitt's research is to engineer stem cell technologies capable of directing differentiation and morphogenesis more effectively in order to create new models of development and disease, novel drug screening platforms, and regenerative medicine therapies. The McDevitt laboratory has been a leader in the development of novel 3D suspension culture platforms for stem cell morphogenesis and scalable biomanufacturing. In addition to stem cell tissue engineering efforts, the McDevitt laboratory has also innovated several parallel approaches to develop stem cell-derived molecular therapies for immunomodulation, tissue repair and regeneration, and anti-aging applications.



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P3	Michelle Dawson, Deepraj Ghosh and Botai Xuan	Biophysics of Giant Polyploid Cancer Cells that Form in an Aging Tumor Stroma
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*P20	Ishita Tandon, Olivia Kolenc, Kyle Quinn and Kartik Balachandran	Label-Free Metabolic Imaging to Assess Calcific Aortic Valve Disease Progression
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P86	Daniel Whitefield, Stephen Spagnol, Travis Armiger, Li Lan and Kris Dahl	Quantifying DNA Damage Response in Transcriptionally Active vs Repressed Chromatin
*P87	Mizanur Rahman, Marton Toth, Taslim Anupom, Monica Driscoll and Siva Vanapalli	Hammering worms and neural mechanobiology: Insights into traumatic brain injury
*P88	Travis Armiger, Marsha Lampi, Cynthia Reinhart-King and Kris Dahl	Probing Epithelial Monolayers with Subnuclear Sensors of Cellular Forces
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7:00 am - 7:45 am	Continental breakfast	Town Hall
7:45 am - 8:00 am	Welcome/Introduction	South Ballroom
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10:00 am - 10:45 am	Poster teaser session with coffee break	North Ballroom
10:45 am - 1:25 pm	SESSION II - RISING STARS	South Ballroom
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	Lunch with leaders (by invitation only)	Tarpon Room
1:30 pm - 6:00 pm	Afternoon break	
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10:00 am - 11:00 am	Poster session with coffee break	North Ballroom
11:00 am - 1:00 pm	SESSION IV - MULTISCALE MECHANOBIOLOGY OF HEALTH & DISEASE II	South Ballroom
1:00 pm - 2:30 pm	Mentoring lunch (registration required)	Sailfish Room
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Afternoon break	
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Workshop on NIH/NSF funding opportunities	South Ballroom
6:00 pm - 9:30 pm	Gala dinner	Palm Court

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8:00 am - 10:00 am	SESSION V - CELLULAR HETEROGENEITY AND SYSTEMS APPROACHES IN MECHANOBIOLOGY	South Ballroom
10:00 am - 11:00 am	Poster session with coffee break	North Ballroom
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