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October 11-13, 2018



Welcome

It is our great pleasure to welcome you to Seattle and the Seventh Annual International Symposium on Regenerative Rehabilitation.

It has been another wonderful year in the field of regenerative rehabilitation, as collaborations and research in the field grew at an exponential pace. Within the last year, our international partnerships have grown to 16 participating institutions, with the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, AO Research Institute **Davos,** the **Kessler Foundation,** and **Fondazione Don Carlo Gnocchi** joining the University of Pittsburgh; Stanford University; the University of California, San Francisco; the Mayo Clinic; Emory University; the University of Virginia; Kyoto University; the University Hospital of Pisa; Indiana University; Oregon Health & Science University; the University of Washington; and Wayne State University. We are thrilled to be hosted by the University of Washington at this year's event.

Over the next two and a half days, you can expect to learn about cutting-edge and translational research in the domain of regenerative rehabilitation. We have a great agenda planned, covering multiple applicable areas of regenerative rehabilitation. Many distinguished clinicians and scientists and faculty members will be taking part in this symposium. Abstracts presented will be in the form of keynote, plenary, and poster sessions and will include rigorous and thoughtful scientific material. The presenters were carefully recommended and selected by the Scientific Program Committee and were approved by the course directors. These efforts have worked to ensure that the meeting will be a memorable scientific event.

We thank you for participating in this year's meeting and for bringing your expertise and thoughtful perspective to our gathering. We hope that you will enjoy the symposium and that your interactions with various colleagues from around the world will stimulate a creative exchange of ideas. Please enjoy your visit to Seattle, an exciting urban city surrounded by unmatched natural beauty.

Best wishes.

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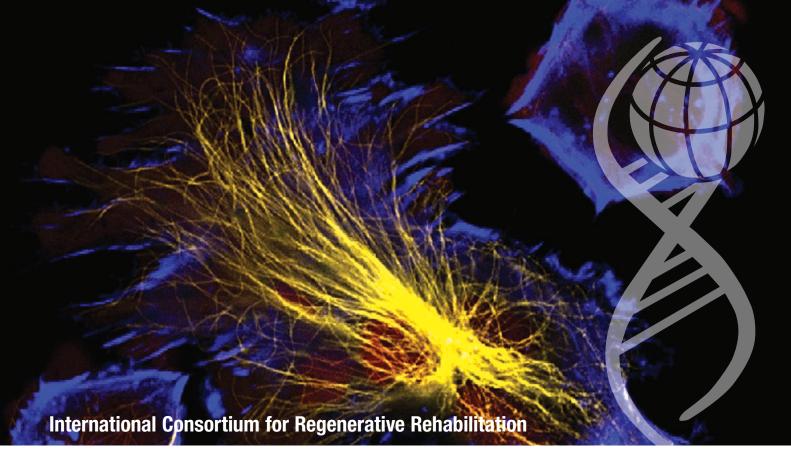
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The leadership council plays a key role in shaping the future of the field by:

- framing the scientific content for the annual industry symposium;
- demonstrating leadership in the field and introducing emerging trends, therapies, and other information through the symposium, serving as spokespersons for the field as it emerges;
- providing valuable insight and guidance to young investigators, clinicians, therapists and others interested in
 pursuing regenerative rehabilitation as a career by having firsthand knowledge of potential funding, collaborations,
 and other opportunities to advance research and clinical activities; and
- building a new area of science that will have a positive impact on patient outcomes in the future.

Course Overview and Objectives

Overview

Advances in the field of regenerative medicine are accelerating at an unprecedented rate. Regrowing a lost limb, restoring function to a diseased organ, and harnessing the body's natural ability to heal itself are becoming part of our reality instead of distant promises. Technologies such as cellular therapies, bioscaffolds, and artificial devices are now in use or are being tested in clinical trials throughout the country.

How do we as clinicians and rehabilitation professionals work with the patient's regenerative medicine team to maximize patient outcomes and to help fully translate research? How do we as investigators in the field of regenerative medicine make the most of these revolutionary results?

Few opportunities are available to bring together scientists and clinicians working in the two currently disparate fields of rehabilitation science and regenerative medicine. However, rehabilitation science and regenerative medicine have to work together closely in order to achieve a successful outcome for the patient. This situation created the need for open, cross-disciplinary work and collaborative communication. This symposium provides the opportunity for researchers and clinicians from around the world to gather and learn about the latest developments, share ideas and concepts, and create sustainable collaborations.

Objectives

During this course, participants will:

- interact with cutting-edge researchers;
- learn of the status of translating scientific discoveries into clinical practice;
- network with colleagues and potential collaborators:
- raise questions, debate implications, plan follow-up studies, and discuss results;
- share the status of their own research and clinical observations; and
- meet with presenters to learn about their thinking and future research directions.

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Agenda

Thursday, October 11, 2018

Open Symposium

Noon–6 p.m. Registration Open Location: Lake Washington Foyer

5:30–5:45 p.m. Welcome Location: Lake Washington Ballrooms

5:30–5:45 p.m. **David Mack,** PhD

Associate Professor, Rehabilitation Medicine

University of Washington

5:45–7 p.m. Opening Plenary Session: Cardiovascular Disease Applications

Moderator: David Mack, PhD

Associate Professor, Rehabilitation Medicine

University of Washington

5:45–6 p.m. "Regenerating the Heart"

Keynote Speaker: Charles Murry, MD, PhD

Professor and Director, Center for Cardiovascular Biology

University of Washington

6:20–6:40 p.m. "Muscle Function Recovery following Ischemic Injury"

Laura Suggs, PhD

Associate Professor, Biomedical Engineering

University of Texas at Austin

6:40–7 p.m. "Functional Assessment of Cardiomyocytes Derived from Human Pluripotent Stem Cells"

Nate Sniadecki, PhD

Associate Professor, Mechanical Engineering

University of Washington

Ajourn for the Day

7–9 p.m. Welcome Reception Location: Lake Washington Ballroom Foyer and Great Room

Friday, October 12, 2018

7:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Registration Open Location: Lake Washington Foyer

7:30-8:30 a.m. **Continental Breakfast** Location: Marina Room

Open Day Two

8:45-9:05 a.m. **Welcome** Location: Lake Washington Ballrooms

> 8:45-8:55 a.m. Fabrisia Ambrosio, PhD, MPT

> > Associate Professor, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

University of Pittsburgh

8:55-9:05 a.m. Peter C. Esselman, MD

Chair, Department of Rehabilitation Medicine

University of Washington

9:05-9:50 a.m. "Robotics for Regenerative Rehabilitation after Neurologic Injury"

Regenerative Rehabilitation Technologies

Keynote Speaker: David J. Reinkensmeyer, PhD

Professor, Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering and Biomedical Engineering

University of California, Irvine

9:50 - 10:10 a.m. **Morning Break**

10:10-11:35 a.m. **Applied Mechanobiology, Part One** Location: Lake Washington Ballrooms

> Moderator: Nick Willett, PhD Assistant Professor, Orthopaedics

Emory University

10:10-10:35 a.m. "Physiologic, Genetic, and Epigenetic Principles: Optimizing Regeneration Capacity after SCI"

Richard Shields, PhD, PT

Chair, Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science

University of Iowa

"Engineering the Optimal Environment for Neural Regeneration" 10:35-11 a.m.

> Paul George, MD, PhD Assistant Professor, Neurology Stanford University Medical Center

"Muscle Protection for Muscular Dystrophies: A Common Sense Rehabilitation Strategy to 11-11:25 a.m.

Optimize Patient Readiness for Gene and Regenerative Therapies"

Joseph Roche, BPT, Dip. Rehab. PT, PhD Assistant Professor, Physical Therapy

Wayne State University

Agenda, continued

Friday, October 12, 2018

11:25–11:35 a.m. "Therapeutic Effects of Combined Cell Transplantation and Rehabilitation in Rats with Brain Injury"

Takafumi Shimogawa, MD

Kyoto University

11:35–11:45 a.m. Rapid Fire Presentations Selected from Poster Abstracts

Charles Latchoumane PhD, MS, University of Georgia

Hikaru Mamiya, University of Pittsburgh

Akira Ito, PhD, Kyoto University **Bo Ri Seo**, PhD, Harvard University

Ajourn for Lunch and Poster Session

11:45 a.m.–noon Group Photo *Location: TBD*

Noon–12:45 p.m. Lunch Location: Marina Room

12:45–2:15 p.m. Poster Session and Refreshments Location: Great Room

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Reconvene—Start Afternoon Sessions

2:15–3:15 p.m. Applied Mechanobiology, Part Two Location: Lake Washington Ballrooms

Moderator: **Joseph Roche,** BPT, Dip. Rehab. PT, PhD

Wayne State University

2:15–2:40 p.m. "Using Mechanobiology to Accelerate Bone Healing"

Christopher H. Evans, PhD

Professor, Orthopedics and Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Mayo Clinic

2:40–3:05 p.m. "Biomechanical Regulation of Musculoskeletal Cell Fate: From Strain to Secretome"

Martin Stoddart, PhD Principal Scientist

AO Research Institute Davos

3:05–3:15 p.m. "Promoting Bone Regeneration by Optimization of Rehabilitation Protocols"

Jan Barcik

AO Research Institute Davos

3:15–4:40 p.m. Regenerative Rehabilitation for Military Medicine Location: Lake Washington

Ballrooms

Moderator: George J. Christ, PhD

Professor, Biomedical Engineering and Orthopaedic Surgery

University of Virginia

3:15–3:25 p.m. "Clinical Development of Regenerative Rehabilitation Products for Military Applications"

Colonel David L. Saunders, MD, MPH

Medical Director, Combat Trauma and Acute Rehabilitation

U.S. Army Medical Materiel Development Activity

Friday, October 12, 2018

3:25-3:50 p.m. "Regenerative Rehabilitation in the Challenges and Clinical Research Gaps"

Nelson Hager, MD, MS

Vice Chair, Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences

3:50-4:05 p.m. **Afternoon Break**

> 4:05-4:30 p.m. "Basic Science Initiatives in Regenerative Rehabilitation in the Military"

> > Shailly Jariwala, PhD Senior Biomedical Engineer Uniformed Services University

4:30-4:40 p.m. "Is the Metabolic Plasticity of the Muscle Remaining after Volumetric Muscle Loss Injury

a Limitation to Rehabilitation Efficacy?"

Sarah M. Greising, PhD University of Minnesota

Break: Refreshments in Great Room 4:40-5:05 p.m.

Closing the Gap: Funding and Education Location: Lake Washington Ballrooms 5:05-5:55 p.m.

Moderator: **TBA**

5:05-5:15 p.m. "Regenerative Rehabilitation: The Promise and the Challenge"

Lloyd Rose, PhD

Clinical and Rehabilitative Medicine Research Program U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command

5:15-5:25 p.m. "Training Tomorrow's Leaders"

Trevor Dyson-Hudson, MD

Director, Spinal Cord Injury Research and Outcomes and Assessment Research

Kessler Foundation

"Programs to Support Regenerative Rehabilitation Research" 5:25-5:35 p.m.

Alison Cernich, PhD

Director, National Center for Medical Rehabilitation Research

Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

5:35-5:55 p.m. Panel Discussion

5:55-6 p.m. **Closing Remarks for the Day**

Conclusion of Day Two

Dinner on Your Own

Agenda, continued

Saturday, October 13, 2018

8–10:30 p.m. Student Social Location: Woodmark Beach Café

7 a.m.—noon Registration Open Location: Marina Room Foyer

7–7:45 a.m. Clinical Special Interest Group Breakfast Location: Bayshore Room

7–8 a.m. Continental Breakfast *Location: Marina Room*

Opening of Day 3

8–8:05 a.m. Opening of Symposium

Fabrisia Ambrosio, PhD, MPT

Associate Professor, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

University of Pittsburgh

8:05–9:55 a.m. Translating the Science: Clinical Trials Location: Marina Room

Moderator: Marzia Bedoni, PhD

Research Coordinator, Nanomedicine and Clinical Biophotonics Area, Biomedical

Technology Department Fondazione Don Carlo Gnocchi

8:05–8:30 a.m. "Tribulations in Translation from the Preclinical Side of Stroke Neurorehabilitation"

Theresa A. Jones, PhD

Professor, Psychology and Neuroscience Institute

University of Texas at Austin

8:30–8:55 a.m. "Engineered Neuroplasticity for Spinal Cord Rehabilitation"

Chet Moritz, PhD, PT

Associate Professor, Rehabilitation Medicine

University of Washington

8:55–9:20 a.m. "An Industry Perspective on Incorporating Rehabilitation Protocols in Clinical Research

for Biologically Derives Scaffolds"

Thomas Gilbert, PhD

Chief Science Officer, Research and Development and Clinical Research

ACell Inc.

9:20—9:45 a.m. "Emerging Approaches to Predict, Monitor, and Improve Physiological Resilience"

Shawn Flanagan, PhD, MHA

Assistant Professor, Sports Medicine and Nutrition School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences

University of Pittsburgh

9:45–9:55 a.m. "An Affordable Device for Reach-to-Grasp Assistance in Patients with Upper Limb Impairment"

Robert Matthew, PhD, M.Eng University of California at Berkeley

9:55–10:15 a.m. Morning Break

Saturday, October 13, 2018

10:15 a.m.-noon

Clinical Applications

10:15-10:40 a.m. "Extracellular Vesicles Involved in Response to Rehabilitation Treatment of Neurological and

> Cerebrovascular Diseases" Marzia Bedoni, PhD

Research Coordinator, Nanomedicine and Clinical Biophotonics Area, Biomedical Technology

Department

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"How Metabolic Coupling between Exercise and Diet Regulate Neural Repair" 10:40-11:05 a.m.

Isobel A. Scarisbrick, PhD

Associate Professor, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, and Physiology

Mayo Clinic

11:05-11:30 a.m. "New Concepts in the Treatment of Orthopedic Conditions"

Gerard Malanga, MD

Physiatrist and Head, Regenerative Medicine Program

Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation

11:30 a.m. Discussion Moderator

Peter C. Esselman, MD

Chair, Department of Rehabilitation Medicine

University of Washington

11:30 a.m.-noon **Group Discussion: Better Communication/Engagement**

Noon-12:15 p.m. **Closing of Symposium**

Final Remarks

Fabrisia Ambrosio, PhD, MPT

Associate Professor, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

University of Pittsburgh

Announcement of Poster Contest Winners

Presentation of Awards Sponsored by the International Consortium of

Regenerative Rehabilitation

Conclusion of Symposium

Agenda, continued

12:30–2 p.m. Postsymposium Workshops

Track 1 Preclinical Models for Regenerative Rehabilitation

Linda Noble-Haeusslein, PhD Professor, Neurology and Psychology University of Texas at Austin

Track 2 Clinical Study Design for Regenerative Rehabilitation

Marcas Bamman, PhD, FACSM

Professor, Cell Development and Integrative Biology

Director, Center for Exercise Medicine University of Alabama at Birmingham

Course Director Bios

Fabrisia Ambrosio, PhD, MPT



Fabrisia Ambrosio is the director of rehabilitation for UPMC International and an associate professor in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the University of Pittsburgh. She holds secondary appointments in the Departments of Physical Therapy, Bioengineering, Orthopaedic Surgery, and Microbiology and Molecular Genetics. In addition, she is a faculty member in the neurology residency program in the Department of Physical Therapy and a member of the McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine faculty.

Ambrosio graduated with a Master of Science in physiology-endocrinology with a specialization in skeletal muscle physiology from Laval University in Québec City, Québec, Canada. She also graduated with a Master of Physical Therapy degree from the Medical College of Pennsylvania and Hahnemann University (now Drexel

University College of Medicine) in Philadelphia, Pa. In 2005, Ambrosio completed her PhD in rehabilitation science and technology at the University of Pittsburgh.

Ambrosio's research has the long-term goal of developing regenerative rehabilitation approaches to improving skeletal muscle healing and functional recovery. Her laboratory uses murine and human models to investigate the underlying mechanisms by which targeted and specific mechanotransductive signals can be used to enhance donor and/or host stem cell functionality. Ambrosio's research has been supported by the National Institutes of Health, the U.S. Department of Defense, the Foundation for Physical Therapy, Claude D. Pepper Older Americans Independence Center, and University of Pittsburgh Institute on Aging, among others.

Ambrosio has published and recorded several educational modules on the topic of regenerative rehabilitation and has assumed national leadership roles in several work group efforts to promote the integration of regenerative medicine technologies with rehabilitation approaches. She is the founding course director of the Annual International Symposium on Regenerative Rehabilitation. She also is the founding director of the International Consortium for Regenerative Rehabilitation, which includes 16 participating institutions in North America, Europe, and Asia.

Course Director Bios, continued

Michael Boninger, MD



Michael Boninger has joint appointments in the Departments of Bioengineering and Rehabilitation Science and Technology, and the McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine. He is the senior medical director for post-acute care for the Health Services Division of UPMC. He also is a physician researcher for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

Boninger has an extensive publication record of more than 250 papers. His central research focus is on enabling increased function and participation for individuals with disabilities through development and application of assistive, rehabilitative and regenerative technologies. Boninger also has extensive experience in and

publications related to training researchers. His students have won more than 50 national awards.

Boninger holds four United States patents and has received numerous honors, including being inducted into the National Academy of Medicine (formerly the Institute of Medicine) of the National Academy of Sciences.

Anthony Delitto, PhD, PT, FAPTA



Anthony Delitto is the dean of the University of Pittsburgh School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences (SHRS) and professor in its Department of Physical Therapy. He received his BS in physical therapy from the University at Buffalo, State University of New York, and his MHS in physical therapy and his PhD from Washington University in St. Louis. He is active in the Sections on Orthopedics and Education and is past president of the Section on Research for the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA). Delitto has authored or coauthored more than 100 peer-reviewed research papers. He actively treats people with painful musculoskeletal disorders, and his current research is focused on implementing classification and treatment

effectiveness studies into quality improvement initiatives. He also is conducting trials on exercise interventions for people with Parkinson's disease. He was awarded one of the first large pragmatic trials from the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute, a multisite, \$13 million grant (the TARGET study) to investigate innovative ways to reduce the transition of acute low back pain by having physical therapists partner with primary care physicians and deliver psychologically informed physical therapy to patients with acute low back pain who are at risk for persistent pain.

His awards include the Golden Pen Award from APTA (1992), the Steven J. Rose Award for Excellence in Research from the APTA Section on Orthopaedics (1993, 1994, 1996, 2003, 2006, 2007, and 2015), the Marian Williams Award for Research in Physical Therapy from APTA (1997), and being named the Catherine Worthingham fellow of APTA for 2000.

Thomas A. Rando, MD, PhD



Thomas Rando is professor of neurology and neurological sciences and director of the Glenn Center for the Biology of Aging at the Stanford University School of Medicine. He also is chief of neurology at the VA Palo Alto Health Care System, where he is director of the rehabilitation research and development program, which is focused on the emerging field of regenerative rehabilitation. Research in the Rando laboratory concerns the basic biology of stem cells, how stem cells function in adult tissue homeostasis, and how their function is altered during aging and in response to physical activity. Groundbreaking work from his laboratory showed that much of the age-related decline in stem cell function is due to influences of the aged environment and can be reversed

by exposing the aged cells to a youthful systemic environment.

Rando has received numerous honors and awards, including being named a Paul Beeson Physician Faculty Scholar in Aging, a Senior Scholar Award from the Ellison Medical Foundation, and a Breakthroughs in Gerontology Award from the American Federation for Aging Research. In 2005, he received the prestigious National Institutes of Health (NIH) Director's Pioneer Award for his work at the interface between stem cell biology and the biology of aging, and in 2013, he received a Transformative Research Award from NIH to study the mechanisms of the benefits of physical activity on tissues and stem cells throughout the body, with a particular focus on the muscle-brain axis and how muscle activity leads to enhanced neurogenesis and cognitive function. In 2016, he was elected to the National Academy of Medicine.

Course Director Bios, continued

William R. Wagner, PhD



William R. Wagner is director of the McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine as well as a professor of surgery, chemical engineering, and bioengineering at the University of Pittsburgh. He serves as scientific director of the National Science Foundation Engineering Research Center on Revolutionizing Metallic Biomaterials and chief science officer for the Armed Forces Institute of Regenerative Medicine. He holds BS and PhD degrees in chemical engineering from Johns Hopkins University and the University of Texas) at Austin, respectively. Wagner is the founding editor and editor-in-chief of one of the leading biomaterials journals, *Acta Biomaterialia*. He is past president of the American Society for Artificial Internal Organs and is past chair and current council member of the Tissue Engineering and Regenerative Medicine International Society (TERMIS) Americas region. He is a fel-

low and former vice president of the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering and also has been elected a fellow of the Biomedical Engineering Society, the International Union of Societies for Biomaterials Science and Engineering, TERMIS, and the American Heart Association. In 2006, he was included in the *Scientific American* 50, the magazine's annual list recognizing leaders in science and technology from the research, business, and policy fields. His research has generated numerous patents and patent filings that have resulted in licensing activity; the formation of a company that began clinical trials in 2014; and University of Pittsburgh Innovator Awards in 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2014. In recent years, he has been awarded the Society for Biomaterials Clemson Award for Applied Research, the University of Pittsburgh Chancellor's Distinguished Research Award, and the TERMIS-Americas Senior Investigator Award. In 2017, he was inducted into the National Academy of Inventors, and in 2018, he was named Inventor of the Year by the Pittsburgh Intellectual Property Law Association.

Wagner's research interests are in cardiovascular engineering, with projects that address medical device biocompatibility and design, biomaterial development, and tissue engineering.

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Marzia Bedoni, PhD, received her MSc degree in biological sciences in 2004 and her PhD in morphological science in 2007 from the University of Milan. From 2007 to 2010, she carried out her postdoctorate at the Laboratory of Nanomedicine and Biophotonics (LABION) of Fondazione Don Carlo Gnocchi (FDG) granted by the Cariplo Foundation's Seed Capital and Seventh Framework Programme.

Since January 2011, she has been a permanent researcher at FDG, and within the past year, she became head of the Nanomedicine and Biophotonics Area. During her time at LABION, she has worked on projects that include nano-biophotonics for the characterization of exosomes as regenerative rehabilitation markers; biophotonics

application for diagnosis and therapy monitoring in neurodegenerative diseases (Alzheimer's disease and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis), skin diseases (psoriasis, cancer), and leukemia; nanoparticles' toxicity on human skin biology; and biocompatibility in transdermal drug delivery and dry electrodes devices.

Since 2007, she has been a lecturer in human anatomy in the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery at the University of Milan. She has received awards during international congresses for her research studies, has authored several papers published in peer-reviewed scientific journals and abstracts for national and international congresses, and is a coinventor of four patents.

Bedoni is a member of the Leadership Council of the International Consortium for Regenerative Rehabilitation, a former board member of the Society for Cutaneous Ultrastructure Research, and a member of the European Society of Dermatological Research and the Italian Society of Human Anatomy. She is involved in several national and international projects.



Alison Cernich, PhD, serves as director of the National Center for Medical Rehabilitation Research (NCMRR) at the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, National Institutes of Health (NIH). She provides oversight for the portfolio of NCMRR and works within NIH to coordinate rehabilitation research. She serves on multiple interagency strategic planning committees and government oversight committees for major research initiatives in the federal government relevant to disability and rehabilitation research.

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Trevor Dyson-Hudson, MD, is director of the Centers for Spinal Cord Injury Research and Outcomes and Assessment Research at the Kessler Foundation in West Orange, N.J. He is a research associate professor in the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PM&R) at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School in Newark, N.J. Dyson-Hudson is co-director of the Northern New Jersey Spinal Cord Injury System at Kessler—a National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research-funded spinal cord injury model system of care, He received his medical degree from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine (AECOM).

In 1992, while he was a third-year medical student, Dyson-Hudson sustained a spinal cord injury (C6 tetraplegia, complete) while playing rugby football. Following a year of rehabilitation, he returned to medical school and graduated in 1995. He completed a medical internship at AECOM in 1996 and a research fellowship in rehabilitation research and complimentary and alternative medicine in 2000 in the PM&R at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School that was supported by a National Instututes of Health postdoctoral fellowship supplement for individuals with disabilities.

Dyson-Hudson's research interests include the preservation and restoration of function and mobility in persons with SCI and the prevention and treatment of common secondary medical complications affecting this population. Dyson-Hudson holds committee appointments in the American Spinal Injury Association and the American Paraplegia Society (APS)/Academy of Spinal Cord Injury Professionals and is on the APS Board of Directors.



Peter Esselman, MD, MPT, is a professor in and chairman of the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine at the University of Washington, a board-certified physician at the Rehabilitation Medicine Clinic at Harborview, chair of rehabilitation medicine at UW and Harborview.

When it comes to patient care, Esselman believes that the patient and family are the most important parts of the interdisciplinary rehabilitation team.

Esselman earned his MD at UW. His clinical interests include inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation of individuals after traumatic injuries and stroke, with a focus on traumatic brain injury and burn injuries. His research interests include improving the outcome of individuals after burn injuries, especially regarding their return to work.



Christopher Evans, PhD, is director of the Rehabilitation Medicine Research Center at the Mayo Clinic. His interests focus on the application of biological therapies, particularly gene therapy, to the treatment of disorders of bones and joints. He was the principal investigator on the world's first arthritis gene therapy clinical trial and also is developing gene therapies for bone healing and cartilage repair. Evans is past president of the Orthopaedic Research Society and is a fellow of the Royal Society of Chemistry, Royal College of Pathologists, and Learned Society of Wales.



Shawn Flanagan, PHD, MHA, is an assistant professor at the Neuromuscular Research Laboratory/Warrior Human Performance Research Center in the Department of Sports Medicine and Nutrition in the School of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences at the University of Pittsburgh.

Flanagan received his baccalaureate from Denison University, a master's degree in Kinesiology at the University of Connecticut, a master's degree in Health Policy and Management at the University of Pittsburgh, and a doctorate in Kinesiology and Neuroscience at The Ohio State University.

His background is in neuroscience and physiology with training in brain stimulation, imaging, neuroendocrinology, and physical exercise. At the University of Pittsburgh, Flanagan's overall research interests emphasize neurobiological factors that contribute to human performance optimization, stress, resilience, and injury. Current work includes the influence of the brain/cognition on injury and human performance optimization, psychological and physiological resilience, biomarkers of adaptation and injury, and novel clinical rehabilitation techniques for return to duty/play.

Flanagan's research projects are/have been supported by the U.S. Department of Defense, National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and the National Strength and Conditioning Association. Flanagan is a member of the Society for Neuroscience, American Physiological Society, Endocrine Society, and American College of Sports Medicine. He received an Ohio State University Doctoral Fellowship Award and an American Kinesiology Association Graduate Student Writing Award, and he co-authored two research publications that were awarded Best Scientific Paper by the Journal of the American College of Nutrition. He has more than 35 peer-reviewed publications and was recently named an associate editor for the Journal of Strength and Conditioning Research.

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Paul George, MD, PhD, is a stroke neurologist who received his MD from Harvard University and completed his residency and fellowship training at Stanford University. His doctoral research was performed at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in bioelectrical engineering through the Harvard-MIT Health Sciences and Technology program. George's current research is focused on optimizing the ability of stem cells to improve patient function following stroke. His research combines biomaterial scaffolds and neural stem cells to enhance neural repair mechanisms.



Thomas Gilbert, PhD, has served as chief science officer at ACell Inc. since 2015, after serving as ACell's vice president of research and development from 2012 to 2015. Previously, Gilbert was assistant professor of surgery, cardiothoracic surgery, and bioengineering at the University of Pittsburgh and was a faculty member at the McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine. His research includes the study of processing and use of extracellular matrix scaffold materials (including urinary bladder matrix) for the development of regenerative medicine strategies in a variety of body systems.

Gilbert has coauthored more than 50 peer-reviewed articles and several book chapters, and has applied for several patents related to extracellular matrix technology. His funding sources included the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation. He also has worked as a metallurgist for the Perryman Company in Houston, Pa. Gilbert has a BS in materials science and engineering from Carnegie Mellon University and a PhD in Bioengineering from the University of Pittsburgh.



Nelson Hager, MD, MS, is vice chair of the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences in Bethesda, Md. He received his MD from the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, his MS in physical education from Indiana University and his BS in physical education from the U.S. Military Academy.

As a former infantryman with two company commands (the 60th Mechanized Infrantry and the 32 Light Infantry Battalion), Hager brings an acute awareness of the needs of the intrepid soldier and appreciation for the military way of life, as well as an unwavering desire to serve these honorable individuals. He has received

numerous awards for his service, including the Meritorious Service Medal (4), the Army Commendation Medal (2), the National Defense Service Medal (2), an Army Service Ribbon, a Global War on Terror Service Medal, a Ranger Tab, an Airborne Parachutist Badge and an Expert Infantryman's Badge. Hager is the former chief of physical medicine and rehabilitation at Tripler Army Medical Center, as well as chairman of the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Service at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center; inducted into the Order of Military Merit for distinguished contributions to army medicine.



Shailly Jariwala, PhD, received her BS in biomedical engineering from the University of Mumbai, India in 2006. She enrolled as a grad student in the Department of Biomedical and Chemical Engineering at Syracuse University, receiving her MS in 2009 and her PhD in 2013. In her graduate research, she led efforts in development and characterization of novel acrylic two-solution bone cements for treatment of spinal compression fractures. As a postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Orthopedics and Rehabilitation at Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine, she gained vast expertise in design, development, and characterization of orthopaedic biomaterials (bone grafts) and translational research models (osseointegrated implants, mechanical loading of implants).

Jariwala is a past recipient of the prestigious Entrepreneur Fellowship at the Center for the Translation of Rehabilitation Engineering Advances and Technology, offered jointly by the National Institutes of Health and the Dartmouth Biomedical Engineering Center for Orthopedics. There, Jariwala was the project lead for design, development, manufacturing, and nonclinical regulatory testing of an intraosseous infusion needle placement guide (TibFinder, Class I medical device). She also delivered expert consultation to accelerate commercialization of rehabilitation and assistive technologies, including guidance of U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulatory and reimbursement strategies for new medical devices. Jariwala currently is the senior biomedical engineer for the Center for Rehabilitation Sciences Research at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences and is responsible for leading, planning, and conducting biomedical research and development in support of a portfolio of projects in regenerative medicine that includes neuroregeneration, orthopedic tissue repair, biomaterials design, 3-D printing, and 3-D bioprinting.



Theresa A. Jones, PhD is a professor in the psychology department and Neuroscience Institute at the University of Texas at Austin. Her central focus is on understanding how experience- and activity-dependent plasticity interact with injury-induced signals to shape neural and vascular reorganization and functional outcome after stroke, as studied primarily in rodent models of poststroke upper extremity impairment.



David Mack, PhD, is an associate professor in the Departments of Rehabilitation Medicine and Bioengineering as well as an investigator in the Institute for Stem Cell and Regenerative Medicine at the University of Washington. He has a long-standing interest in how stem cells make cell fate decisions during embryonic development by coordinating their intrinsic genetic program with cues from their surrounding microenvironment. The goal of Mack laboratory researchers is to apply their understanding of these basic biological processes to develop stem cell and genome-editing therapies for patients with neuromuscular diseases. Mack's expertise is rooted at the intersection of genetics, developmental biology, cancer biology, biomaterials, and new technologies arising from the field of regenerative medicine.



Gerard Malanga, MD, is a renowned specialist in the nonsurgical treatment of orthopedic and sports-related injuries, including neck and back pain, shoulder and knee injuries, and other musculoskeletal conditions. He has expertise in musculoskeletal ultrasound, ultrasound-guided injections and various biologic treatments and now leads The Kessler Foundation's Regenerative Medicine Program. A graduate of Villanova University, Malanga earned his medical degree at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (now Rutgers New Jersey Medical School), and completed a sports medicine fellowship at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn. He is board certified in

physical medicine and rehabilitation, pain medicine, and sports medicine.

Malanga is the founder of New Jersey Sports Medicine, LLC, and New Jersey Regenerative Institute, LLC, in Cedar Grove, N.J. He also is a clinical professor of physical medicine and rehabilitation at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School. He has lectured throughout the country on a variety of musculoskeletal, spine, and pain management topics. His extensive list of publications includes original research and book chapters as well as the textbooks Whiplash and Scientific Evidence of Musculoskeletal Physical Examination and The Atlas of Ultrasound-Guided Musculoskeletal Injections. His research interests include stem cell treatments for orthopedic conditions, ultrasound treatment for musculoskeletal conditions, and treatment of chronic tendinosis.

Malanga provides sports medicine services to several New Jersey high schools, colleges, and professional teams. Since 1999, he has served as the head team physician of New Jersey City University. In addition, he serves as a consultant to the Rutgers University athletic department and the National Hockey League Players' Association.

A fellow of the American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (AAPM&R) and the American College of Sports Medicine, Malanga also is chair of the AAPM&R's Task Force on Regenerative Medicine. He has been active in the Physiatric Association of Spine, Sports, and Occupational Rehabilitation; North American Spine Society; and American Institute of Ultrasound Medicine. In addition, he was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the American Academy of Regenerative Medicine.

For his work, Malanga has been recognized as one of the best doctors in America, and more specifically in New Jersey and the New York metro area, by Castle Connolly, New Jersey Monthly, Inside Jersey and New York magazine.



Chet Moritz. PhD. is a University of Washington associate professor in the Division of Physical Therapy of the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine. Moritz teaches courses in muscle and exercise physiology. He employs a mix of active, collaborative, and problem-based learning strategies in the classroom. He also mentors graduate students in the rehabilitation sciences, neurobiology and behavior, and physiology and biophysics PhD programs. Moritz is developing treatments for paralysis using brain-computer interfaces and neurotechnology. Motor paralysis from stroke or spinal cord injury can be severe and long lasting despite damage to a relatively small area of the nervous system. The goal is to develop neuroprosthetic devices capable of bypassing these damaged areas and

restoring volitional control of movement to paralyzed limbs. This approach has been demonstrated to be feasible by using activity recorded from the motor cortex to directly control electrical stimulation of paralyzed muscles.

In addition to replacing lost motor function, we are also attempting to guide and promote the regeneration of damaged neural tissue. Targeted electrical microstimulation can be used to increase the strength of synaptic connections among neurons via

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mechanisms of Hebbian plasticity. Moritz currently is investigating whether this synchronous stimulation, applied across an injury site, can guide neurons to make connections with appropriate targets and testing novel methods for the physical therapy and rehabilitation of movement disorders. A portable visual feedback device has been developed to train children with cerebral palsy to produce functional muscle synergies. By connecting the activity of impaired muscles to control the movements of popular computer games, volitional control of coordinated muscle activity can be improved.



Charles E. Murry, MD, PhD, is a cardiovascular pathologist whose clinical interests span ischemic heart disease, cardiac transplantation, atherosclerosis, heart failure, cardiomyopathy, valvular disease, and nonatherosclerotic vascular disease.

Murry is director of the Center for Cardiovascular Biology; William and Mary Conner Chair for the Institute for Stem Cell and Regenerative Medicine; and professor of pathology, bioengineering, medicine/cardiology at the University of Washington School of Medicine in Seattle, Wash.

Murry's research interests center on stem cell biology and cardiovascular diseases. His laboratory studies pluripotent human stem cells (embryonic stem cells and induced pluripotent stem cells) and also carries out some adult stem cell biology. The center uses differentiating stem cells as systems to understand molecular regulation of cardiovascular development, and tissue engineering approaches to learn the rules for tissue assembly and growth. They use induced pluripotent stem cells to model genetic diseases such as cardiomyopathy in vitro. A large portion of the lab's efforts are directed at harnessing stem cells to promote muscle regeneration of the injured heart.



David Reinkensmeyer, PhD, is a professor in the Departments of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering, Anatomy and Neurobiology, Biomedical Engineering, and Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the University of California, Irvine. He received a BS in electrical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and MS and PhD degrees in electrical engineering from the University of California, Berkeley, where he studied robotics and the neuroscience of human movement. He carried out postdoctoral studies at the Rehabilitation Institute of Chicago and Northwestern University Medical School, building one of the first robotic devices for rehabilitation therapy after stroke. He became an assistant professor at UC Irvine in 1997, establishing a research program that

develops robotic and sensor-based systems for movement training and assessment following neurologic injuries and disease. He is a coinventor of the T-WREX arm training exoskeleton, commercialized by Hocoma A.G. as ArmeoSpring and now in use in more than 700 rehabilitation facilities worldwide for people with stroke, spinal cord injury, multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, and orthopedic injuries. He also is coinventor of the MusicGlove hand training device, now being commercialized by Flint Rehabilitation Devices. He is codirector of the NIDILRR COMET Robotic Rehabilitation Engineering Center, codirector of the National Instututes of Health K12 Engineering Career Development Center in Movement and Rehabilitation Sciences, and editor-in-chief of the Journal of NeuroEngineering and Rehabilitation. He recently received the Innovator of the Year Award from the Henry Samueli School of Engineering and the Distinguished Midcareer Faculty Research Award from UC Irvine.



Joseph Roche, BPT, Dip. Rehab PT, PhD (who goes by his last name, Roche) received his Bachelor's Degree in physical therapy in 1998, and has worked as a clinician in various clinical settings. Roche earned his PhD in Physical Rehabilitation Science (Rehabilitation Physiology Track) in 2008, from the University of Maryland Baltimore, where he also completed his postdoctoral fellowship in muscle biology. Roche joined Wayne State University in Detroit, as an assistant professor, in 2014, where he has set up an independent research program in neuromuscular regenerative rehabilitation. Roche's main research focus is to find ways to prevent and reverse muscle loss that occurs due to muscular dystrophies, aging, and trauma.



Lloyd F. Rose, PhD, is the portfolio manager for the Clinical and Rehabilitative Medicine Research Program at the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command.

Rose graduated in 1994 from the University of Texas at Austin with a BA in history. Following a stint with the U.S. Department of the Treasury, Rose returned to the University of Texas at Austin, receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in microbiology in 2006. From 2006 to 2012, Rose studied poxvirus immune evasion mechanisms, earning a PhD in microbiology and immunology from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. After completing his degree, he began a postdoctoral fellowship at the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research,

working on burns, scarring, and skin regeneration. In 2015, he moved to the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command at Fort Detrick, Md., to manage research projects in regenerative medicine. Currently, Rose serves as the regenerative medicine portfolio manager in the Clinical and Rehabilitative Medicine Research Program, responsible for planning, budgeting, and execution of Army, Defense Health Program, and Congressional Special Interest funds directed toward dynamic and innovative regenerative medicine research.



David Saunders, MD, MPH, served as a product manager in the Tissue Injury and Regenerative Medicine (TIRM) Office at U.S. Army Medical Materiel Development Activity (USAMMDA) from 2015 to 2018. He was appointed medical director when TIRM merged with the Combat Trauma and Acute Rehabilitation Project Management Office in mid-2018. Saunders has extensive experience in the advanced clinical development of regenerative medicine products intended to restore form and function in wounded warfighters. He manages products and provides

medical governance and subject matter expertise to a large portfolio of projects, including skin and limb regeneration, hemorrhage control, and extracorporeal life support. Prior to joining USAMMDA, Saunders served as a malaria clinical trialist for 10 years in Southeast Asia, leading the Department of Immunology and Medicine at the Armed Forces Research Institute of Medical Sciences.



Isobel Scarisbrick, PhD, is director of the Neural Regeneration Laboratory within the Rehabilitation Medicine Research Center at the Mayo Clinic. She received her PhD from the University of California, Irvine and is currently an associate professor of physiology and biomedical engineering at the Mayo Clinic. Her research interests include discovery of new targets for repair of the injured and diseased central nervous system, with an emphasis on developing new methods to treat traumatic injury to the spinal cord and neuroinflammatory conditions affecting myelin. These studies have been funded by federal, private, and nonprofit research awards, including grants from the National Institutes of Health, the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Neilsen Foundation, and the Christopher

and Dana Reeve Foundation. She is a globally recognized scientist credited with a number of important scientific breakthroughs related to the mechanisms of neuroinflammation, neurodegeneration, astrogliosis, and myelin homeostasis. These research efforts have resulted in six issued patents and significant publications in leading neuroscience journals. Her discoveries have been recognized by numerous awards, including the C.P. Leblond Research Award, Genentech Research Award, Weil Award in Experimental Neuropathology, and Mayo Clinic Neurology Basic Science Research Award. Dr. Scarisbrick's research also was recently recognized with the Translational Research or Human Neuroscience Studies in Spinal Cord Injury Award from the American Spinal Cord Injury Association and the E.K. Frey—E. Werle and Henner Graeff Promotion Prize recognizing important new contributions promoting progress in contemporary protease research that has high clinical relevance. Scarisbrick also is an outstanding educator who has received several awards for teaching, including the 2018 Outstanding Physician/Scientist Teacher of the Year Award from the Mayo Clinic School of Health Sciences.



Richard K. Shields, PT, PhD, FAPTA, received a bachelor's degree in biology, a postbaccalaureate degree in physical therapy from the Mayo Clinic, a master's degree in exercise physiology, and a PhD with an emphasis in movement control from the University of Iowa. Shields managed the acute spinal cord injury program at the University of Iowa for several years. He developed lines of research related to how various doses of stress impact tissue health in people with central nervous system injury. His work strives to improve the health quality of individuals who suffer from reduced activity from paralysis, obesity, injury, or age. His research has been funded for the last 20 years by the National Institutes of Health, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and several private

foundations. Shields has published more than 100 scientific papers and has delivered more than 200 scientific presentations. He was the recipient of the lowa Neurology Clinical Research Award, the APTA Neurology Section Research Excellence Award, the University of Iowa Outstanding Mentor and Teaching Award, the Mayo Clinic Outstanding Alumnus Award, the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) Williams Research Award, and the Maley Research Award; was named a Catherine Worthingham fellow by APTA, delivered the 48th Mary McMillan Lecture at the APTA National Meeting; and received the Regents Award for Faculty Excellence from the University of Iowa. He is a professor in and chair of the Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Sciences within the Carver College of Medicine at the University of Iowa.

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Nathan Sniadecki, PhD, is an associate professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering, associate chair for research and infrastructure, adjunct associate professor of bioengineering, and a member of the Center for Cardiovascular Biology and Institute for Stem Cell and Regenerative Medicine at the University of Washington.

Sniadecki's research is in the areas of cell biomechanics, mechanobiology, and biomedical microelectromechanical systems. His lab is developing micro- and nanoscale tools to understand the mechanical properties of cells. The lab uses arrays of flexible silicone posts to measure the contractile forces of cells, computational modeling to examine cell mechanics, and microfluidic devices to investigate the cardiovascular system. The long-term

goals of his work are to understand the ways in which mechanics play a role in tissue growth and cardiovascular disease and how cell mechanics can be used to improve human health through better diagnostic systems and improved tissue engineering. Sniadecki is the chief technology officer and cofounder of Stasys Medical Corporation and scientific advisor for Micro Phone Lens. He is an associate editor for the American Society of Mechanical Engineer's *Journal of Biomechanical Engineering*.



Martin Stoddart, PhD, FRSB, has been working as a principal scientist at the AO Research Institute Davos (ARI) since 2009, where he is responsible for the Stem Cell Focus Area. His interests include the use of mesenchymal stem cells for bone and cartilage repair, in particular the role of mechanoregulation during the initiation of mesenchymal stem cells chondrogenesis. This has led to an increased understanding of chondrogenesis under complex physiological loads in the absence of exogenous growth factors. He completed his bachelor's in biology in 1995 and his MPhil in 1996 at the University of Aberystwyth. He completed his doctoral thesis in oncology at the University of Nottingham. In 2000, he moved to the Laboratory for Experimental Cartilage Research in Zürich,

Switzerland, initially as a postdoc and from 2003 as group head, moving to ARI in 2005. In 2002, he took a sabbatical at the Center for Molecular Orthopedics at Harvard Medical School and Brigham and Women's Hospital Boston, Mass., to learn viral gene transfer techniques. Stoddart was awarded an honorary professorship from the Albert-Ludwigs University in Freiburg, Germany in 2015 and an Honorary Professorship from the Institute for Science and Technology in Medicine at Keele University, United Kingdom, in 2016. Also in 2016, he was elected a fellow of the Royal Society of Biology. He is chair of the Orothopedic Research Society Basic Science Education Committee and deputy cochair of the International Cartilage Regeneration & Joint Preservation Society Basic Science Committee. He is an editor of *Tissue Engineering* Parts A, B, and C, scientific editor for the eCM journal; and chair of the yearly eCM conference. He has published more than 80 papers and 10 book chapters and has edited two books.



Laura Suggs, PhD, is the T.U. Taylor Professor in and associate chair of the biomedical engineering department at the University of Texas at Austin. She earned her undergraduate degrees at UT Austin and her PhD in chemical engineering with a concentration in biomaterials and tissue engineering at Rice University in 1998. Following an industrial position as a senior scientist and a research associate position at the University of Minnesota, she returned to Texas to join the faculty of the University of Texas at Austin in 2004. She has been the recipient of an American Heart Association Beginning Grant-in-Aid and Grant-in-Aid; NSF ADVANCE Fellowship; NSF CAREER award; and she was recently elected to the American Institute for Medical and Biologic

Engineering. She has received funding from the American Heart Association, the Welch Foundation, National Institutes of Health and the Department of Defense. She has served as an associate editor for Annals of Biomedical Engineering, the Journal of Materials Chemistry Part B, and has served on the governing board of the Society for Biomaterials. Her education portfolio includes Engineering Biomaterials, Tissue Engineering, Cell Engineering and Senior Design Projects. These efforts have earned her the National Instruments Teaching Excellence Award and the ASEE Gulf Southwest Section Young Faculty Award.

Workshop Presenter Biographies



Marcas Bamman, PhD, FACSM, is a professor in the Department of Cell, Developmental, and Integrative Biology at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Exercise profoundly impacts the integrity and function of every major organ system and is therefore considered the only pluripotent form of medicine available. To maximize impact on disease progression, prevention (i.e., risk factor mitigation), and rehabilitation, the state of the art in research is a focus on dose-response trials to provide the evidence base that yields optimal prescriptions in a disease-specific and population-specific manner. The University of Alabama at Birmingham Center for Exercise Medicine is among the nation's leaders in this effort,

with significant emphasis on exercise as an effective form of regenerative medicine to restore the function of cells, tissues, and whole organ systems that have suffered the consequences of aging, disease, damage, or congenital defects. The Center is currently leading clinical and translational research in aging, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, ALS, spinal cord injury, epilepsy, head and neck cancer, heart failure, osteoarthritis, HIV frailty, and postsurgical rehabilitation (i.e., following total joint replacement and organ transplantation).

Marcus Bamman has directed several exercise clinical trials including randomized dose-response trials focused on aging, and he is currently the overall principal investigator (PI) of five, multisite randomized exercise trials focused on molecular transducers of exercise-induced health benefits, total joint arthroplasty rehabilitation, aging with mobility impairment, Parkinson's disease (Curry Foundation), and epigenetic determinants of exercise responsiveness. All of his human studies are biologically driven, centered on cellular/molecular analyses of biospecimens and primary stem cells coupled with thorough in vivo phenotyping in healthy and diseased 19–83 year olds to better understand mechanisms of exercise-induced improvements in neuromuscular function and muscle mass/quality in the face of atrophy and dysfunction in acute (e.g., surgery, trauma, disuse, burn) or chronic (e.g., Parkinson's, arthritis, cancer, spinal cord injury) conditions. Bamman has served on more than 35 federal review panels and National Institutes of Health (NIH) study sections, including a four-year term serving the NIH/Center for Scientific Review Skeletal Muscle and Exercise Physiology study section.



Linda J. Noble-Haeusslein, PhD, is a professor in the Departments of Neurology and Psychology at the University of Texas at Austin. She directs a laboratory that focuses on the pathobiology of traumatic injury to the developing brain and spinal cord injury with the goals of defining early mechanisms underlying cell injury and applying that knowledge to the development of candidate therapeutics for brain- and spinal-cord injured patients. She has been funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for more than 25 years, has served on study sections for NIH, has chaired two regular NIH study sections and currently chairs the NIH/National Institutes of Neurological Disorders and Stroke/NSDA study section. In addition, she has participated in three Institute of

Medicine committees on traumatic brain injury. Noble-Haeusslein directs a new graduate-level course on traumatic brain and spinal cord injuries, which exposes students to translational research, focusing on the clinical problems; the underlying cellular and molecular substrates that contribute to neurological impairments; and cutting-edge research directed toward supporting recovery, including regenerative rehabilitation.

Noble-Haeusslein's research interests focus on traumatic brain and spinal cord injuries often resulting in permanent disabilities that can profoundly affect the quality of life. The extent of functional recovery after either traumatic brain or spinal cord injury is a consequence of the initial mechanical destruction of tissue and of secondary factors that collectively contribute to additional tissue damage. The challenge is to carefully define these factors, determine the time course of their expression, and develop therapeutic interventions that target their temporal window of expression. To address these complex objectives, the Noble-Haeusslein laboratory has developed and characterized reproducible models of traumatic brain and spinal cord injuries in the rodent that accurately mimic the human condition. These models are being used to define those substrates that govern recovery, with the long-term goal of developing therapeutics that are specifically tailored for patients with brain and spinal cord injuries.

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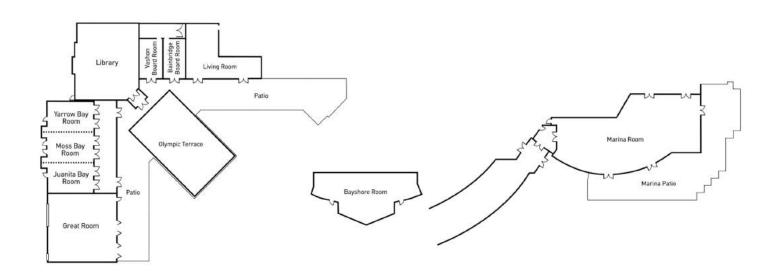
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