



CFAR FUTURE LEADERS IN HIV RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

Program

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

Co-Sponsored by
AIDS Research Institute (ARI)
Global Health Sciences (GHS)
Center for AIDS Prevention Studies (CAPS)



Robert W. Mahley Auditorium
J. David Gladstone Institutes
(Mission Bay Campus)

1650 Owens Street, San Francisco

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Message from UCSF-GIVI CFAR Directors

The Andy I. Choi Mentoring Program of the UCSF-GIVI Center for AIDS Research will offer Bay Area investigators a glimpse into the **future of HIV research** with a half-day symposium on Tuesday, April 19, 2016, at the **J. David Gladstone Institutes' Mahley Auditorium**.

UCSF-GIVI CFAR Co-Directors Paul Volberding, MD, and Warner Greene, MD, PhD, will provide a venue for promoting the work of future leaders in HIV research. The speaker lineup features a group of talented HIV/AIDS investigators from our Mentoring Program. Research presentations will span basic, clinical, epidemiologic, preventive, and translational aspects of HIV biology.

A highlight of the symposium will be the keynote presentation by Dr. Sheri Weiser. An additional highlight will be the presentation of the **CFAR Early-Career Research Excellence Awards** to recognize and honor three outstanding early-career investigators.

Agenda

The Program will be moderated by Drs. Jonathan Fuchs and Monica Gandhi, the leadership team of the CFAR Mentoring Program.

Registration is required and admission is **free**. Breakfast and lunch are provided. For additional information, please contact event organizer Brenda Sanchez at brenda.sanchez@ucsf.edu.

"The UCSF-Gladstone CFAR regards its mentoring program as a key achievement. Supporting the next generations of leading investigators ensures that the amazing success we have attained continues as we face the ongoing challenges of this epidemic. The mentorship symposium is our annual showcase of that new leadership."

– Dr. Volberding

"Better mentoring has become an academic imperative. We believe this symposium, which is the culmination of CFAR's yearlong mentoring program, will provide our young investigators with an excellent opportunity to share their results with the larger community."

– Dr. Greene



(Photo 2015 Symposium)

Symposium Program – Tuesday, April 19, 2016

Speakers	
8:00-9:00 AM	Continental Breakfast
9:00-9:05 AM	Opening Remarks Jonathan Fuchs, MD, MPH and Monica Gandhi, MD, MPH Directors, Andy I. Choi Mentoring Program
	Sheri Weiser earned her M.D. from Harvard, Masters' from Harvard and Berkeley, and trained in internal medicine at UCSF. She is a provider at Ward 86, and Associate Professor in the Division of HIV, ID and Global Medicine. Dr. Weiser's research focuses on the impact of food insecurity and other structural factors on HIV prevention and treatment outcomes, with a particular focus on food support interventions. She has published 90 manuscripts and has been the P.I. on over 20 grants, serving as a mentor to many trainees on these projects. She is a member of the UNAIDS Inter-agency Task Team on HIV, Food and Nutrition and is co-chair of research for the UC GHI's Center for Expertise for Women's Health and Empowerment. Keynote: <i>The Bread and Butter of Mentoring: Lessons from Research at the Intersection of Food Insecurity and HIV/AIDS</i>
Sheri Weiser, MD, MA, MPH 9:05-9:45 AM	
	Dr. Packard is a postdoctoral scholar in Warner Greene's laboratory at the Gladstone Institute of Virology and Immunology. Thomas received his PhD in Immunology from the University of Colorado Denver, where he studied autoimmunity and inflammation. His current research focuses on the molecular pathways active in the host response to HIV. <i>Does Non-Pyroptotic IFI16 Signaling Promote HIV Pathogenesis by Recruiting New Target Cells to Die?</i>
Thomas A. Packard, PhD 9:45-10:05 AM	
	Dr. Kaplan is an Assistant Professor in the department of Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences in the School of Medicine and the Bixby Center for Global Reproductive Health and an Affiliate Faculty member in the Center for Research and Education on Gender and Sexuality at San Francisco State University. Trained in Public Health and Social Science, Dr. Kaplan has experience in sexual and mental health and HIV prevention and treatment in the Middle East and North Africa. With a focus on international HIV prevention among key populations, Dr. Kaplan is interested in the intersections of risk, gender, sexuality, conflict, and health in the Middle East and North Africa. <i>Adaptation of An Intervention Among Trans Feminine Individuals in Lebanon</i>
Rachel L. Kaplan, PhD, MPH 10:00-10:25 AM	
	Dr. Brown is an Infectious Disease fellow at UCSF and post-doctoral fellow in the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies. She is interested in population-level and social network-based approaches to improve outcomes along the HIV care continuum in resource limited settings. <i>Getting To The Third 90: Retention in Care and Viral Suppression In A Universal Test and Treat Setting</i>
Lillian Brown, PhD 10:25-10:45 AM	
10:45-11:00 AM	BREAK



Judy Y. Tan, PhD
11:00-11:20 AM

Dr. Tan is a behavioral scientist and social psychologist, and Assistant Professor of Medicine at CAPS. She received her doctorate in Social Psychology from the University of Connecticut. Dr. Tan's research focuses on understanding the multilevel nature of health disparities and on creating novel interventions using interdisciplinary approaches. Dr. Tan was recently awarded a K01 award to develop a mHealth tool for enhancing HIV care engagement in the context of the couple among Black MSM. This line of research focuses on a comprehensive, multilevel approach to reduce HIV/AIDS disparities.

Relational Factors in HIV Care and Treatment Engagement: Toward a Comprehensive Approach to Reducing HIV/AIDS Disparities

11:20-11:30 AM

EARLY CAREER RESEARCH EXCELLENCE AWARDS

Presenting: CFAR Co-Director Dr. Paul Volberding and CAPS Director, Dr. Marguerita Lightfoot



Anand Pai, PhD
11:30-11:50 AM

Dr. Pai is a Bioinformatics Fellow in the laboratory of Leor Weinberger in the Gladstone Institute of Virology and Immunology. Following his Ph.D. work on using synthetic biology in designing bacterial gene circuits, his interests lie in applying similar techniques to the study of HIV latency

***Early-Career Award: Excellence in Basic Research
A Hardwired HIV Latency Program***



Catherine Koss, MD
11:50-12:10 PM

Dr. Koss is an Assistant Professor in the Division of HIV, Infectious Disease, and Global Medicine at SFGH. She has a particular interest in HIV infection among women, both domestically and globally. Dr. Koss' first major research focus is in the uptake of and adherence to pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) among HIV-uninfected women in the San Francisco Bay Area; Her second major research focus is on optimizing virologic outcomes among women of childbearing age in rural Uganda, she will present findings from this project, which was sponsored by CFAR at today's symposium.

***Early-Career Award: Excellence in Clinical Research
Viral Suppression and Retention in Care Up to 5 Years After ART Initiation in Pregnancy in Uganda***



Jae Sevelius, PhD
12:10-12:30 PM

Dr. Sevelius is an Assistant Professor in the Division of Prevention Sciences, Department of Medicine. As a founding investigator at the Center of Excellence for Transgender Health, Dr. Sevelius' research is focused on leveraging data to develop culturally relevant, transgender specific health promotion interventions, with an emphasis on serving transgender women of color and those affected by HIV. Maintaining a focus on community collaboration and trauma-informed strategies, Dr. Sevelius seeks to develop programs that empower and draw on inherent strengths in communities she serves.

***Early-Career Award: Excellence in Behavioral Science
Promoting Health Among Transgender Women:
The Critical Role of Gender Affirmation.***

Join us for a Networking Lunch after the program!