2021 New Investigators in AD Meeting – Virtual!

Monday, October 4
1:00 – 5:00 pm Eastern Time

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1:00 – 1:15 pm  Welcome and opening remarks

**Steve Austad, PhD**  
Distinguished Professor and Department Chair  
University of Alabama at Birmingham  
Senior Scientific Director, AFAR

**Martin H. Blank, Jr., Trustee & COO**  
The Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation

**Nina Silverberg, PhD**  
Director, Alzheimer’s Disease Centers Program  
Division of Neuroscience  
National Institute on Aging, National Institutes of Health

1:15 – 1:35 pm  Teresa Gomez-Isla, MD - invited  
[https://www.massgeneral.org/neurology/research/gomez-isla-lab](https://www.massgeneral.org/neurology/research/gomez-isla-lab)

1:35 – 1:55 pm  “Blob or not Blob: Machine Learning and Image Classification Workflows”  
Brittany N. Dugger, PhD  
Assistant Professor  
University of California Davis School of Medicine,  
Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine  
Neuropathology Core Co-Leader, UC Davis Alzheimer’s Disease Center  
Co-Lead UC Davis School of Medicine Machine Learning Work Group
1:55 – 2:15 pm  
Break

2:15 – 3:45 pm  
**Grantee Datablitz Presentations**

The academic equivalent of speed dating – a fast-track vehicle to understand research and possible synergies with others. Each session involves a very broad research theme, with grantees presenting their research in 8 minutes or less, with 3 minutes of Q&A – the time limit will be strictly enforced.

3:45 – 4:00 pm  
Break

4:00 – 5:00 pm  
**Career Development Breakouts:**

Women in Alzheimer’s Research/Science who are interested in leadership positions – chair/director/dean/etc.

Discussion lead by:

- **Constanza (Connie) Cortes, PhD,** Assistant Professor, UAB, [https://scholars.uab.edu/display/cjcortes](https://scholars.uab.edu/display/cjcortes)
- **Bess Frost, PhD,** Associate Professor, UT Health San Antonio, Barshop Institute, [https://barshopinstitute.uthscsa.edu/team-member/frost-bess/](https://barshopinstitute.uthscsa.edu/team-member/frost-bess/)
- **Catherine Kaczorowski, PhD,** Associate Professor, The Jackson Laboratory, [https://www.jax.org/research-and-faculty/faculty/catherine-kaczorowski](https://www.jax.org/research-and-faculty/faculty/catherine-kaczorowski)
- **Grace (Beth) Stutzmann, PhD,** Professor, Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science, [https://www.rosalindfranklin.edu/academics/faculty/grace-e-stutzmann/](https://www.rosalindfranklin.edu/academics/faculty/grace-e-stutzmann/)

**Funding/how to get a grant**

Presentation and discussion lead by:

- **Dallas Anderson, PhD, MPH,** Program Director, Division of Neuroscience, National Institute on Aging/NIH, [https://www.nia.nih.gov/about/staff/anderson-dallas](https://www.nia.nih.gov/about/staff/anderson-dallas)

**Speaker suggestions from Nina Silverberg:**
Laura Baker, Wake Forest, doing great work on lifestyle clinical trials, and an excellent and engaging speaker

Linda Van Eldik, director of the Kentucky ADRC, has been working on translational research for decades

Brittany Dugger, neuropathologist at UC Davis, doing some cutting edge work with AI, as well as really intriguing education programs – here’s a description of one of her projects.

Teresa Gomez-Isla, MGH

Angela Jefferson, Vanderbilt

Survey suggestions:

Keith Vossel, UCLA

Alison Goate: http://labs.neuroscience.mssm.edu/project/goate-lab/

Li Gan: https://appel.weill.cornell.edu/labs/gan-laboratory

Li-Huei Tsai, MIT, https://tsailaboratory.mit.edu/li-huei-tsai/

Michael E. Ward, NIH, https://irp.nih.gov/pi/michael-e-ward

Jennifer Manly at Columbia University and Lisa Barnes at Rush University are amazing and their inclusion would enhance representation of African American speakers.