



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>

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

<https://ucdavis365.sharepoint.com/sites/UCDMCMachineLearningWG>

Department Liaison, Women in Medicine and Health Sciences

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>
- **Bess Frost, PhD**, Associate Professor, UT Health San Antonio, Barshop Institute, <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>
- **Grace (Beth) Stutzmann, PhD**, Professor, Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science, <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>

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 Vessel](#), 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.