

September 21, 2018
BioScience Research
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QUANTITATIVE BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

















NanoX Symposium September 21, 2018 BRC Event Space unless otherwise noted

Agenda

12:30 pm Registration

1:00 pm Welcome: Anil Sood, MD Anderson Cancer Center and Stuart Corr, Baylor College of

Medicine

1:15 pm Rapid Fire Talks

Diagnostics

Nadarajah Vigneswaran, University of Texas Health Science Center

Richard Willson, University of Houston

Tissue Engineering

Laura Smith-Callahan, University of Texas Health Science Center

Dan Harrington, University of Texas Health Science Center

Nanomaterials

Rachael Sirianni, University of Texas Health Science Center

Dmitri Litvinov, University of Houston

Imaging

Pratip Bhattacharya, MD Anderson Cancer Center

Chun Li, MD Anderson Cancer Center

Therapeutics

Stuart Corr, Baylor College of Medicine

Bulent Ozpolat, MD Anderson Cancer Center

2:15 pm Break

2:30 pm Breakout Sessions

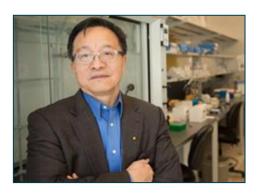
3:45 pm Break

4:00 pm Keynote: Nanomedicine and Genome Editing Approaches for Disease

Therapies (BRC Auditorium) Gang Bao, Rice University

5:00 pm Networking Reception and Poster Session

NanoX Symposium Keynote Speaker



Gang BaoProcessor, Chemistry
Rice University

Nanomedicine and Genome Editing Approaches for Disease Therapies

Abstract:

The integration of biomolecular engineering, nanotechnology and biology is expected to produce major breakthroughs in medical diagnostics and therapeutics. Due to the size-compatibility of nano-scale structures with proteins and nucleic acids, the design, synthesis and application of nanoprobes, nanocarriers and nanomachines provide unprecedented opportunities for achieving a better control of biological processes, and drastic improvements in disease detection, therapy, and prevention. Recent advances include the development of multi-functional nanoparticles, nano-structured materials and devices, and engineered nucleases for biological and medical applications.

In this talk I will showcase the recent development of magnetic nanoparticle based approaches in my lab for disease therapies, including heat generation by magnetic iron oxide nanoparticles for hyperthermia and nanowarming, nanoparticle-based stem cell targeting, the use of magnetic nanoparticles for enhancing *in vivo* drug/gene delivery, and the nanomagnet based delivery of CRISPR/Cas9 systems for *in vivo* genome editing. The opportunities and challenges of *in vivo* magnetic targeting are discussed.

Ghanashyam Acharya

Associate Professor

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Research Areas:

- Nanomedicine
- Drug Delivery
- Regenerative Medicine

Type of collaborator would like to find: Nanomedicine, Regenerative Medicine

Poster Number: 1

Poster Title: Noninvasive Nanowafer Drug Delivery to the Retina

Leonie Aengenheister

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Research Areas:

- nanomedicine
- pregnancy

Michael Allon

Associate Professor

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Research Areas:

- Reproductive endocrinology and infertility
- Regenerative Medicine

Resources willing to share: Experience in research

Type of collaborator would like to find: Disease therapy

Poster Number: 2

Poster Title: Amniotic membrane in adhesion prevention

Catherine Ambrose

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Paola Amero

Postdoc

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Research Areas:

- Aptamers
- Cancer

Resources willing to share: Aptamers

Type of collaborator would like to find: Drug development

Ron Baklarz

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Research Areas: nano cervical spine sheathing

Eugenie Basseres

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Research Areas:

- Microbiology
- microscopy

Resources willing to share: C. difficile biobank

Poster Number: 3

Poster Title: Visualization of the Association of Fidaxomicin and Clostridioides Difficile Spores

Rashad Baiyasi

Predoctoral

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Research Areas:

- Nanophotonics
- image processing

Type of collaborator would like to find: collaborators working on single-molecule imaging or plasmonic nanoparticle theraputics.

Poster #: 43

Poster Title: PSF Distortion in Dye-Plasmonic Nanomaterial Systems: Friend or Foe?

Prajwal Bhandari

Student

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Research Areas:

- Nanoparticle fabrication
- Imaging

Type of collaborator would like to find: Pharmaceutical company for drug designing.



Pratip Bhattacharya
Associate Professor
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Speaker

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Research Areas:

- nanoimaging
- hyperpolarized MR

Resources willing to share: DNP polarizer

Type of collaborator would like to find: imaging systems

Christian Boada

Student

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- Nanomedicine
- Drug Delivery
- Biomimetic Nanoparticles
- Lipoprotein Based Nanoparticles
- Cardiovascular Diseases
- Atherosclerosis

Resources willing to share: The expertise of our lab is focus on the synthesis of biomimetic nanoparticles that incorporate membrane proteins into the membrane to transfer some of the qualities of cells.

Type of collaborator would like to find: I am looking to collaborate with people that work in cardiovascular disease that are familiar with the pathways that regulate inflammation in atherosclerosis. Our team needs to test the efficacy of our platform and in vivo effectiveness is crucial to advance and improve our platform. Additionally we are looking for people who work with liver diseases for similar purposes.



Audrius Brazdeikis

Professor

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Research Areas: Biomedical instrumentation research, Magnetic hyperthermia research, Magnetic sensors, Characterization of nanomaterials, Materials physics

Resources willing to share:

- Magnetic sensors (probes) for preclinical research, laparoscopic and robotic surgery applications, ac susceptometry-based sensing for accurate node and lesion localization using magnetic seeds and/or magnetic tracers,
- Instruments for magnetic hyper

Type of collaborator would like to find: Research and new proposal development

Poster #: 5

Poster Title: Instruments for Magnetic Sensing and Hyperthermia Applications for Surgical Guiding, InVivo and InVitro Studies, Immunotherapy, Drug Release and Drug Delivery Research

Lauren Byrne

Student

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Research Areas:

- Tissue engineering
- nanomaterials

Type of collaborator would like to find: I would like to find a mentor

Poster #: 6

Poster Title: Modeling Human KRAS Mutant Lung Adenocarcinoma in Gprc5a -/- Mice

Chengzhi Cai

Professor

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Research Areas:

- Biomaterials
- Bioconjugation
- surface chemistry
- mass spectrometry
- biofilms

Resources willing to share: mass spectrometry

Type of collaborator would like to find: proteomics

Poster #: 7

Poster Title: Mass spectrometry proteomics for low abundant proteins

Roberto Cardenas-Zuniga

Postdoc

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Research Areas:

- Aptamers
- Liposomes

Resources willing to share: Aptamers

Type of collaborator would like to find: targeting PDL1

Long Chang



Assistant Professor

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Research Areas:

- Nanofabrication
- Biosensors

Resources willing to share: We can share our poster.

Type of collaborator would like to find: We are seeking collaborators who can develop diagnostic tests using lateral flow assay technology. We are also seeking end users such as clinicians who are in need of diagnostic solutions.

Poster #: 8

Poster Title: Ultrasensitive Diagnostic Platform for Home Use



Paul Cherukuri

Executive Director

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Research Areas:

- Nanomaterials
- Directed self-assembly
- Bioelectronics
- Biomaterials



Stuart Corr
Assistant Professor
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Speaker

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Research Areas:

- Nano Therapeutics
- Nano Electric Fields

Resources willing to share: Bcm Advanced Tech

Type of collaborator would like to find: Like Minded



Delia Danila

Assistant Professor

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Research Areas:

- Diagnostic Imaging
- Nanoparticles Synthesis

Resources willing to share: Nanoparticles Synthesis

Pre-Clinical CT Imaging

Type of collaborator would like to find: Imaging/Therapy

Poster #: 9

Poster Title: Contrast Agent Development

Enrica De Rosa

Intravital Microscopy Core Director

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Research Areas:

- Drug delivery
- Intravital microscopy
- Nanotechnology

Resources willing to share: any

Type of collaborator would like to find: new delivery platform to test in vivo

Poster #: 10

Poster Title: Nanotechnologies advancement probed with Intravital Microscopy

Steven Demers

Student

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Research Areas:

- Biophysics
- nanoscale plasmonics

Zeynep Dereli Korkut

Postdoc

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Research Areas:

- Development of drug screening platform for Glioblatoma multiform.
- Development of exvivo models for drugs testing.

Resources willing to share: Oncoslice culturing of tissues.

Type of collaborator would like to find: I would like to meet with collaborators to work on tissue engineering and nanomedicine.

Laxman Devkota

Postdoc

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Research Areas:

- Chemistry
- Nanomedicine
- Multimodality Imaging

Type of collaborator would like to find: Imaging, nanomedicine

Dmitri Dozortsev

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Research Areas:

- IVF
- Stem cells

Prasanta Dutta

Research Scientist

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Research Areas:

- Diamond nanoparticles
- Imaging Tumor Metabolism

Resources willing to share: MRI

Type of collaborator would like to find: Nano-Biotechnology

Yossi Eliaz

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Research Areas:

• Bio physics

• Genomics

Resources willing to share: Machine learning in genomics, simulation of actomyosin networks

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Poster Title: Simulating bio system on chip in silico



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Assistant Professor

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Research Areas:

- Immunotherapy
- cancer biology

Resources willing to share: data

Jefferson Friguglietti

Student

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Research Areas:

• Tissue Engineering

Tissue Scaffold Design

Resources willing to share: 3D in Vitro Scaffold Design

Type of collaborator would like to find: "Stem Cell Tissue engineering 3D scaffold design"

Poster #: 13

Poster Title: Micro patterned Substrates for Differentiating Mesenchymal Stem Cells into Insulin

Producing Cells

Ketan Ghaghada

Assistant Professor

Radiology, Texas Children's Hospital

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Research Areas:

- Cancer imaging and therapeutics
- Imaging of inflammatory, cardiovascular and neurodegenerative diseases

Resources willing to share: Imaging - MRI and CT

Nanoparticle contrast agents

Type of collaborator would like to find: Biologists, clinicians

Ping Guo

Assistant Professor

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Research Areas:

- Stem cell therapy
- gene delivery

Type of collaborator would like to find: gene delivery with nano particles.

Poster #: 14

Poster Title: TIPE2 gene transfer attenuates muscle histopathology in mdx mice



Jason Hafner
Professor
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Research Areas:

- nanomaterials
- spectroscopy
- membrane biophysics

Resources willing to share: Microscopectrometer for solution-phase surface enhanced Raman spectroscopy

Type of collaborator would like to find: We have a new method to determine molecular orientation and position relative to a gold nanoparticle surface. We use it for molecules embedded in lipid bilayers (model biomembranes). We are interested in trying it on other people's systems: either a molecule in a lipid membrane, or just peptides or drugs attached to nanoparticles.

Poster #: 15

Poster Title: Structural Analysis by Enhanced Raman Scattering



Daniel Harrington Speaker
Assistant Professor
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Research Areas:

- Biomaterials
- Tissue Engineering
- Cancer models

Resources willing to share: We are one of the local sites that has a PC running IMARIS software, for 3D reconstruction of confocal microscopy z-stacks and quantification of relevant parameters (e.g. size, shape, # particles, etc. in 3D and 4D (with time)).

Type of collaborator would like to find: Generally interested in hearing the work being done locally.

Poster #: 15

Poster Title: Peptide-Modified Hydrogels Enable Salivary Cell Co-Cultures

Troy Hendrickson

Student

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Research Areas:

- Cardiovascular
- Stem Cells

Resources willing to share: Cardiac Tissue Engineering

Type of collaborator would like to find: Cardiac Conduction Measurements

Poster #: 17

Poster Title: Biomimicry with an aligned, conductive electrospun patch for iPSC-derived cardiomyocyte maturation



Matteo Hirsch

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Resources willing to share: Nanomedicine and Radiotherapy **Type of collaborator would like to find:** Project collaboration

Poster #: 12

Poster Title: Metal Nanoparticle Radiosensitization and Immunotherapy as a Therapeutic Strategy for

Non-Small Cell Lung Cancers

Hannah Hughes

Student

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Research Areas:

- plasmonics
- surface enhanced Raman spectroscopy
- structural biology

Mohammed Khaleduzzaman

Research Associate

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Research Areas:

- Clinical therapeutics using Cell Biology
- Clinical therapeutics using Molecular Biology

Resources willing to share: Any resource lead to find project with Cell Biology, and Molecular Biology.

Type of collaborator would like to find: Bioinformatics and targeted NGS sequencing of cancer-associated genes using DNA isolated from brush biopsy samples and archival FFPE tissue sections of oral precancers.

Mohammad Khodadadi

Postdoc

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Research Areas:

- Magnetic biosensors
- Biosensors
- Drug delivery using multi-ferroic nanoparticles

Resources willing to share: Poster about our unique biosensor.

Type of collaborator would like to find: Bioscientist with the research interest in immunoassays.

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Poster Title: Ultra-sensitive Magnetometry for the Quantitation of Magnetic Bio-Assays

Carter Kittrell

Research Scientist

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Research Areas:

- Nanomaterials
- CVD growth of graphene
- Carbon nanotube growth

Resources willing to share: Chemical vapor deposition and system design

Type of collaborator would like to find: Systems design for gas phase production of nanomaterials

Anil Kulkarni

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Research Areas:

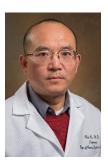
- Immunonutrition
- Immunomodulation
- Microgravity
- Immune response Translational Research

Resources willing to share: Knowledge and expertise and lab resources

Type of collaborator would like to find: Who share common interests

Poster #: 20

Poster Title: Immunomodulation in microgravity



Chun LiProfessor
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Research Areas:

- Molecular imaging
- nanomedicine

Type of collaborator would like to find: Translational

Poster #: 22

Poster Title: Targeting tumor stroma to enhance antitumor therapy against PDAC

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Research Areas:

- autoimmune disease
- breast cancer

Poster #: 21

Poster Title: Polymeric Nanobiosensors for Ultrasensitive Detection of Disease Markers and Toxins

Zuan-Tao Lin

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Research Areas:

- Polymer
- Sensor
- Biomarker
- nanoparticles

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Poster Title: Polymeric Nanobiosensors for Ultrasensitive Detection of Disease Markers and Toxins



Dmitri Litvinov

Speaker

Professor

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Research Areas: Nanomaterials, medical diagnostics, targeted drug delivery

Resources willing to share: nanofabrication and materials characterization tools and expertise

Type of collaborator would like to find: clinician to help translate our technologies into medical

applications

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Chiara Mancino

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Research Areas:

- Cardiovascular
- stem cells

Resources willing to share: Electrospinning

Type of collaborator would like to find: Conductive polymers expert

Jonathan Martinez

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Research Areas:

- Nanotechnology
- Drug Delivery

Resources willing to share: nano-biologist expertise

Type of collaborator would like to find: anything in cancer biology

Caitlin McCowan

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Research Areas:

- Hyperpolarization
- MRI
- Molecular Imaging

Type of collaborator would like to find: Nanoparticle Diagnostic MRI

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Poster Title: Targeted Molecular Imaging of Colorectal Cancer Using Hyperpolarized Functionalized

Silicon Nanoparticles by MRI

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Dhruva Mishra

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Research Areas:

- Diagnostics
- Therapeutics
- Cancer Metastasis

Resources willing to share: Four dimensional (4D) ex vivo cancer model

Type of collaborator would like to find: Diagnostics Therapeutics

Poster #: 25

Poster Title: Accelerating the identification of liquid biopsy markers in cancer using ex vivo 4D model

Nicholas Murphy

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Research Areas:

- Schizophrenia
- Parkinson's disease dementia
- Psychosis
- Depression

Type of collaborator would like to find: Therapeutics, imaging

Poster # 26

Poster Title: MEG investigation of auditory cortical delta-gamma cross-frequency coupling in early vs. chronic phase schizophrenia.

Tomoyuki Naoi

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Research Areas:

- Nanomedicine
- Drug delivery
- Liposome/LNP
- Nucleic acid (siRNA, mRNA) delivery

Resources willing to share:

Type of collaborator would like to find: The researchers who are conducting drug delivery research toward clinical study The researchers who are developing new bio inert materials



Bulent Ozpolat

Speaker

Associate Professor

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Research Areas:

- Targeted therapies for breast
- Pancreatic
- lung cancer

Resources willing to share: Cancer animal models and siRNA and miRNA chimeras for in vitro/in vivo treatments

Anna Pasto

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Research Areas:

- cancer
- nanotechnology

Type of collaborator would like to find: nanoparticle expert

Sagar Patwardhan

Student

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Research Areas:

- Nanomaterials that can sit inside individual neurons and are sensitive to voltage deflections
- Nanotechnology to wirelessly transmit or using some other technology, pass voltage information out of a cell, in a way that preserves the identity of the cell b

Type of collaborator would like to find: nanomaterials that sense voltage deflections, and can send these measurements wirelessly or in some other non-invasive way to a receiver outside the animal body.

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Shivanand Pudakalakatti

Postdoc

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Research Areas: Magnetic resonance Imaging

Resources willing to share: MRI and Dynamic Nuclear Polarizer **Type of collaborator would like to find:** nanomaterial scientist

Li Quan

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Research Areas:

- cancer diagnosis base on the fluorescence probe
- AD diagnosis base on the fluorescence probe

Type of collaborator would like to find: teacher or doctor

Poster #: 27

Potster Title: Polymeric Nanobiosensors for Ultrasensitive Detection of Disease Markers and Toxins

Cristian Rodriguez-Aguayo

Instructor

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Research Areas:

- Liposomes
- Nanocarriers
- Rna Based Therapeutics

Resources willing to share: Liposomes

Chitosan Particles

Type of collaborator would like to find: RNA Based Therapeutics

Cancer Research

Paul Ruchhoeft

Associate Professor

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Research Areas:

- Nanofabrication
- Nanolithography

Resources willing to share: Fabrication processes for forming nanoscale structured arrays with high throughput

Type of collaborator would like to find: Users interested in hybrid nanoparticles consisting of multiple polymer/metal layers, in the structuring of non-planar surfaces, or in the fabrication of large-area nanoparticle arrays

Poster #: 28

Poster Title: Atom beam lithography for the rapid, high-throughput prototyping of large-area nanostructure arrays

Farnaz Safi Samghabadi

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Research Areas:

- Nanomaterials
- Diagnostics
- Drug delivery

Resources willing to share: Our results on multiferroic nanomaterials

Type of collaborator would like to find: People working on biomedical applications of nanomaterials

Travis Salzillo

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Research Areas:

- Hyperpolarization
- MRI

Joann Schulte

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Research Areas:

- Lead
- Epidemiology

Laura Segatori

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Research Areas:

- Nanotherapeutics
- Autophagy
- health and safety of nanomaterials
- impact of nanomaterials on mammalian cells
- cellular response to uptake fo nanomaterials, clearance pathways activated in response to nanomaterials

Type of collaborator would like to find: expert in nanomaterial synthesis who want to test effect of their materials in vitro, researchers developing nano materials for therapeutic applications interested in understanding interaction of nano materials with cells (in vitro)

Hyeonglim Seo

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Research Areas:

- Cancer Imaging (MRI)
- Bio-nanomaterial

Resources willing to share: Previous research data and papers

Type of collaborator would like to find: I would like to find faculty members who do research about nano-material synthesis and its Imaging application for cancer system.

Mansi Shah

Postdoc

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Research Areas:

- Drug delivery
- nanotechnology

Type of collaborator would like to find: advancement in nanotechnology, in vivo capabilities

Charles Shang

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Research Areas:

- electroceutics
- bioelectromagnetics
- internal medicine

Resources willing to share: My research publications, e.g.

https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0079610716300487

Type of collaborator would like to find: researchers on minimally invasive electroceuticals, atomic

magnetometer

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Poster Title: wearable electroceuticals and nanotechnology

Liwen Shih



Professor

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Research Areas:

- Quantum Computing (Topology Tuning, Latency-Aware Workflow Allocation, Parameter Sweeping, Material Design, Drug Discovery, EpiGenetics)
- Al Optimization (Head-n-Neck Cancer Spreading Prediction, Virtual Spring Model Multi Drone Group Coordination

Resources willing to share:

- 1. Free Access to all NSF XSEDE Supercomputers and Data Storage Supercell, Monthly HPC/BigData Training and Technical Support.
- 2. Emerging Quantum Thinking, Computing & Problem Solving by constraints.
- 3. Hosting Annual NASA Innovation/Automation Dual Co

Type of collaborator would like to find: Looking for Complex Application Problems/Data in all areas that demand Efficient and Smart High-performance Computing

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Poster Title: Automatic Severity Measurement for Diabetes Retinopathy



Crystal ShinAssistant Professor
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Research Areas: drug delivery systems, biomaterials

Resources willing to share: Zeta sizer, imaging systems

Type of collaborator would like to find: Regenerative medicine

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Poster Title: Non-invasive nanowafer drug delivery to the retina



Rachael Sirianni
Assistant Professor
Radiology, UT Health Science Center

Speaker

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Research Areas:

- drug delivery
- tissue engineering
- pediatric neuro-oncology

Resources willing to share: models in pediatric neuro-oncology, drug loaded nanoparticles

Type of collaborator would like to find: other drug delivery scientists, researchers working on CNS disease



Laura Smith CallahanAssistant Professor
Neurosurgery, UT Health Science Center at Houston

Speaker

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Research Areas:

- Tissue engineering
- microfluidics

Resources willing to share: Peptide Synthesis and Characterization equipment

Type of collaborator would like to find:

- Innovative delivery approaches
- systems approaches

Poster # 42

Poster Title: Maximizing human induced pluripotent stem cell derived neural stem cell survival, axon extension and gene expression of neural differentiation markers using polyethylene glycol hydrogels containing a continuous concentration gradient in n-cadherin derived peptide His-Ala-Val-Asp-Lle



Anil Sood
Professor and Vice Chair
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Speaker

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Research Areas:

- Nanomedicine
- tumor microenvironment
- exosomes

Resources willing to share:

- Nano-delivery
- mouse models

Type of collaborator would like to find:

- Innovative delivery approaches
- systems approaches

Igor Stupin

Senior Research Scientist
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Research Areas:

- Animal models
- MRi imaging

Resources willing to share: Imaging

Type of collaborator would like to find: any

Manuela Sushnitha

Student

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Research Areas:

- Cancer nanomedicine
- Liposome-based therapeutics
- Triple-negative breast cancer

Type of collaborator would like to find: Experience in siRNA loading into liposomes and testing of these particles

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Poster Title: Using leukocyte-based biomimetic nanoparticles to target and tune the inflammatory environment in triple-negative breast cancer

Eric Tanifum

Assistant Professor

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Research Areas:

- Imaging agents
- Targeted liposomes

Resources willing to share: Small animal imaging MRI instrument (1T)

Type of collaborator would like to find: Any collaborator to find project with Cell Biology, and Molecular Biology.

Francesca Taraballi

Assistant Professor

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Research Areas:

- immune engineering
- tissue engineering

Resources willing to share: Small animal imaging MRI instrument (1T)

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Poster Title: VLA-4 Targeted Liposomes for Noninvasive Visualization of Vulnerable Plaques in ApoE(-/-)

Mice by MRI

Mark Titus

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Research Areas:

- Prostate Cancer
- Endocrinology

Resources willing to share: Mass SAllpectrometry Collaboration

Type of collaborator would like to find: All

Chris Tsao

Postdoc

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Research Areas:

- Biomaterials
- Tissue Engineering
- Drug Delivery

Resources willing to share: Cardiac tissue engineering

Type of collaborator would like to find: Chemical synthesis of materials and fabrication techniques

Stephanie P. Vega

Postdoc

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Research Areas:

- Lung tissue-engineering
- Respiratory infections
- Stem cell therapies

Type of collaborator would like to find: Tissue-engineering Nanoparticle development Lung cancer research.

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Poster Title: Tissue Engineered Human Lung Models to Study Pathogenesis of Lung Disease

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Research Areas:

- Two dimensional polymers
- shape-responsive polymer networks
- surface analysis
- bio-imaging

Resources willing to share: time of flight secondary ion mass spectroscopy (ToF-SIMS) for surface analysis and bio-imaging

Type of collaborator would like to find: Collaborator with a need for materials development and characterization

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Poster Title: Shape-Responsive Elastomers and High-Strength 2-D Polymer Films



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Speaker

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Research Areas:

- Oral cancer and precancer: Minimally invasive diagnostic aids
- Transgenic animal models for oral carcinogenesis for validation of imaging and targeted therapy

Resources willing to share: Cell lines and biopsy samples etc

Type of collaborator would like to find: Bioinformatics and targeted NGS sequencing of cancer-associated genes using DNA isolated from brush biopsy samples and archival FFPE tissue sections of oral precancers

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Research Areas:

- brain injury
- stroke
- microbiome
- inflammation
- neurorestoration



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Research Areas:

- Aptamer Development
- Chemistry
- 3D Printing
- Targeting Cancer

Resources willing to share: High resolution, large scale 3D printers

Type of collaborator would like to find: Oncologist looking for new protein targets

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Poster Title: Developing Aptamers, X-Aptamers and Biomarkers for Diagnosis and Targeting

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Research Areas:

- Biomarker
- aptamer technology
- targeted therapy

Resources willing to share: proteomics

Type of collaborator would like to find: in vivo cancer model, nanoparticle



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Research Areas: Medical Diagnostics, Assays, detection, lateral-flow immunoassays, biosensors

Resources willing to share:

Nanoparticle characterization equipment

Type of collaborator would like to find: Physicians with clinically-actionable detection needs, people with very sensitive detectors or reporters that could be the basis of a diagnostic.

Tianfu Wu

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Research Areas:

- Biomarker
- Biosensor

Resources willing to share: autoantigen array

Type of collaborator would like to find: clinical collaborators,

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Poster Title: Polymeric Nanobiosensors for Ultrasensitive Detection of Disease Markers and Toxins.

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Research Areas:

- Polymeric Nanobiosensors
- Renal transplant markers

Resources willing to share: Polymeric Nanobiosensors for Ultrasensitive Detection of Disease Markers and Toxins.

Type of collaborator would like to find: kidney transplant

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Research Areas:

- Antibiotic resistance
- Environmental nanotechnology
- Bioconjugate

Resources willing to share: Bacteria and virus

Type of collaborator would like to find: Experts in functional NPs such as superparamagnetic NPs, light-thermal conversion NPs, micro/nano-swimmers.

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Poster Title: Enhanced biofilm penetration for microbial control by polyvalent phages conjugated with magnetic nanoparticles



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Research Areas:

- Nanotechnology
- Atomic Force Microscopy

Resources willing to share: I would welcome the opportunity to demonstrate our Atomic Force Microscopy core facility located at the South Campus Research Building # 3, at the Medical Center in Houston. Our scientific community is not aware of the capabilities of this instrumentation

Type of collaborator would like to find: People interested in measuring elastic properties/structure of samples to determine effects of treatment

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Poster Title: Sensitivity of detection by biological AFM for gold-labeled liposomes on human coronary arterial endothelial cell membranes.

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Research Areas:

- Learning and memory
- Computational Neuroscience

Resources willing to share: computational model codes

Type of collaborator would like to find: Collaborator to test the predictions from my computational models, e.g. the optimal therapies for amnesia

Poster #: 40

Poster Title: Computational model of a positive BDNF feedback loop in hippocampal neurons following inhibitory avoidance training.

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Research Areas:

- nanomaterials
- computational materials

Resources willing to share: Some research experience

Type of collaborator would like to find: professors that want PhD students in the materials science field

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Research Areas:

- Nano medicine
- Cancer nano therapeutics

Resources willing to share: Dynamic light scattering

Nano Sight

Type of collaborator would like to find: Organic chemist, Translational medicine leading researcher

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Poster Title: Collagenase encapsulated liposomes disassemble fibrotic tissue in pancreatic cancer and

improve the therapeutic effect in mice