Infectious Diseases Division Newsletter

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Congratulations to **Adeel Butt**, who was appointed to the Board of Governors of the National Institute of Health, Pakistan as one of nine 3-year term members.

Congratulations to **Bill Pape**, who was selected to serve on the new World Health Organization (WHO) Science Council. This group will provide guidance on the organization’s science and research strategy.

Congratulations to **Khanh Pham**, who won an ID Society of New York (IDSNY) Fellow Clinical Research Award. He will present his abstract virtually on May 11th at the annual meeting: “Effects of *Schistosoma mansoni* and Praziquantel Treatment on the Gastrointestinal Mucosa: A Cohort Study in Rural Tanzania”.
Congratulations to **Grant Ellsworth** for promotion to Assistant Professor of Medicine as of July 1st.

Congratulations to **Guin Lee** for promotion to Assistant Professor of Virology in Medicine as of July 1st.

Congratulations to **Ayana Morales** for promotion to Assistant Professor of Medicine as of July 1st.
As of April 19th, **Tabitha Pitre** is no longer working at Weill Cornell Medicine. Please direct any questions or concerns to Avi Bueno.

Congratulations to **Markus Plate** for promotion to Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine as of July 1st.

Congratulations to **Ivo SahBandar**, who is transitioning to Resident Physician at the Department Of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at NYP/Cornell.
Congratulations to **Harjot Singh**, who was promoted to Associate Professor of Clinical Medicine, effective March 1st.

Congratulations to **Vijay Soni** of the Rhee Lab, who will join the ID Faculty as Instructor of Microbiology in Medicine as of June 1st.

Congratulations to **Charles Vorkas** for promotion to Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine as of July 1st. He has accepted a position at the Renaissance School of Medicine at Stony Brook University as Assistant Professor (Tenure-track) in the Section of Infectious Diseases with a joint appointment in Microbiology and Immunology and will start in August 2021.
Grants

Congratulations to **Matthew Bendall**, who successfully competed for a Department of Medicine Fund for the Future (FFF) Program Award with his proposal: “Elucidating the role of endogenous retrovirus expression in primary melanoma and metastasis”.

Congratulations to **Teresa Evering**, who was awarded a 1-year grant from The Campbell Foundation: "Investigating the Predictive Role of the Neutrophil-to-Lymphocyte Ratio (NLR) and Platelet-to-Lymphocyte Ratio (PLR) for Measures of Cardiovascular Disease and Neurologic Outcomes in People Living with HIV-1“. Please see press release [here](#).

Congratulations to **Douglas Nixon**, who successfully competed for an NIH R01 award with his proposal: “Regulatory Crosstalk Between Human Endogenous Retroviruses, HIV, and EBV, in Lymphoma”.

Congratulations to **Michael Satlin** and **Lars Westblade** for being selected for the Cornell Ithaca Office of Academic Integration (OVPAI) award, in which 10 seed grants were awarded. Their study is entitled “Determining the Role of Antibiotic Tolerance in Antibiotic Therapy failure”.

Congratulations to **Cathy Small**, who successfully competed for a Gilead COMMIT (COvid-19 unMet MedIcal needs and associated research exTension) grant with her proposal: “Clinical Characteristics, Inflammatory Markers, Immunologic Factors, and Outcomes of Renal Transplant Recipients with COVID-19 Infection”.
Congratulations to Cathy Small and Markus Plate, who were selected and will serve as internal Co-Principal Investigators for Gilead’s Phase 3 study of Remdesivir in patients with severely reduced kidney function with COVID-19.
On May 12th, **Marina Caskey** will give a talk entitled “HIV-1 bNAbs: Looking Ahead” for the Physician’s Research Network via Zoom. Registration link [here](#).

On July 13th, **Grant Ellsworth** will give a talk for the International Antiviral Society—USA, entitled “Prevention of Anal Cancer In Persons Living With HIV: How Should We Screen and Will Vaccines Make a Difference?” Registration link [here](#).

**Michael Satlin** was highlighted in the Antibacterial Resistance Leadership Group (ARLG/NIH/NIAID/DMID) Newsletter on April 15th. Link [here](#).

On May 3rd, **Harjot Singh** will co-host a virtual gathering at WCM entitled “The Well-Being of Women Faculty” as a Founding Member of the Blackwell Society. Zoom link to join (5:00pm) [here](#).
Sorana Maurer was featured in Reader’s Digest on April 3rd: “Please Stop Putting Reusable Bags On The Kitchen Counter”.

Priya Kodiyanplakkal was featured in a Weill Cornell Medicine LinkedIn post on National Doctor’s Day. Post shown below.
**Kristen Marks** was featured in The Washington Post on April 15th: “Why you shouldn’t skip your second dose of the coronavirus vaccine”.

**Trip Gulick** was featured in Crain's New York Business on April 16th: “Regeneron antibodies cocktail could be a boon for unvaccinated workers”.

**Teresa Evering** was featured in POZ Magazine on April 12th: “Identifying People With HIV at Higher Risk of Heart Disease and Stroke”.

**Kristen Marks** was featured in The Washington Post on April 15th: “Why you shouldn’t skip your second dose of the coronavirus vaccine”.

**Michael Satlin** was featured in Oncology Times on April 20th: “Experts: Vaccinate Most Hematologic Malignancy Patients Against COVID-19”.


Important Dates

**Faculty Meeting (8:30 am).** Meeting registration link [here](#).

**Annual IDSNY Meeting (Virtual).** Meeting registration link [here](#).

**Weill Cornell Medicine Commencement – Class of 2021**

**Department of Medicine Faculty Meeting (12:00 pm).** Meeting Zoom link [here](#).

**12th Annual Infectious Disease Update:** The registration for this virtual conference closes on June 18, 2021. Meeting registration link [here](#). Topics include:

- Targeted Molecular Panels for Antimicrobial Resistance Detection – with **Lars F. Westblade**, PhD, D(ABMM)
- Duration of Therapy for Common Bacterial Infections: Is shorter Better? – **Michael Satlin**, MD
- Vaccines & Monoclonal Antibodies for COVID-19 Prevention – **Kristen Marks**, MD
- Infection Prevention and Control in 2021 – **Deborah Yokoe**, MD, MPH
- HIV cure research: The journey so far, and the road ahead – **Brad Jones**, PhD