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Awards and Honors

Congratulations to **Kirk Deitsch**, who received a $3.1M research grant from the National Institute of Allergy & Infectious Diseases entitled, "A Structured Transcriptional Switching Network that Coordinates Antigenic Variation by Malaria Parasites."

Congratulations to **Robert Peck**, who received a $2.7M research grant from the National Heart, Lung, & Blood Institute entitled, "HIV, Sleep, Nocturnal Non-dipping, and Cardiovascular Disease: a Tanzanian Cohort."

Congratulations to **Harjot Singh**, who was elected as a Fellow in the Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA).
Awards and Honors

Congratulations to Eli Finkelsztein and Christine Hatola (Infection control and Prevention) for being recognized by CHEERS FOR PEERS, a peer recognition program, for actions and behavior that have brightened the workplace.

Here is what a colleague wrote:

“Eli is a hard worker and always a team player. No matter how busy he is he is always full of optimism and encouragement for his colleagues. He shows concern about his co-workers just as he does his patients. His positive attitude and compassion shine making a happier place to work.”

Here is what a colleague wrote:

“Christine brightens up the room with her cheery attitude and positivity everyday. She welcomes everyone warmly and is kind and compassionate. Her optimistic energy makes for a happier working environment!”
Congratulations to Ali Danesh, who was appointed as Assistant Professor of Research in Medicine.

Congratulations to Guinevere Lee, who was elected to the AIDS Clinical Trials Group (ACTG) Cure Transformative Science Group.
Congratulations to **Rebecca Marrero-Rolon**, who will be joining us on January 4, 2022, as the Associate Medical Director of the Microbiology Laboratory. She will work with Dr. Lars Westblade, Medical Director of the Microbiology Laboratory.

Congratulations to **Kyu Rhee**, who was promoted to Professor of Medicine on November 1, 2021.
Grants

Congratulations to **Linnie Golightly**, who successfully competed for an NIH NHLBI R61/R33 to study *In vitro* modeling of brain blood barrier dysfunction on a chip to elucidate the pathogenesis of cerebral malaria. Dr. Golightly serves as a PI on the grant along with Dr. David Lyden, Professor of Pediatrics, Dr. Raphael Lis, Assistant Professor of Reproductive Medicine in Medicine and Dr. Ben Gyan of the Noguchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research, University of Ghana.
**Other News**

- **David Calfee** ran the 50th NYC Marathon in 3:18.27.

- On November 12th, **Grant Ellsworth** was featured in the following article: “How to Reduce Anal Cancers in People With HIV”. ([Link](#))

- **Linnie Golightly** served as a panelist for the Diversity Center of Excellence's COVID-19 STEM Community Education & Empowerment Internship for undergraduate and post-baccalaureate students. The mission of the internship is to empower students interested in medical and health fields to disseminate information about Covid-19 and vaccination by educating diverse communities.
Trip Gulick presented at the following:

On November 15th, gave a talk on Increasing Transparency & Opportunity in Faculty Compensation at the Blackwell Society Panel Discussion.

On November 29th, gave a talk on “ART: Past, Present, and Future” for the Slovenian National World AIDS Day Conference.
On November 13\textsuperscript{th}, Shashi Kapadia presented at The American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases (AASLD) Meeting “Rapid HCV Testing and Treating Young Drug Injectors Yields Higher SVR12”. \textcolor{blue}{(Link)}

**Abstract:**


Mirella Salvatore presented at the following:

On November 10\textsuperscript{th}, she presented at the Federal University of Health Sciences of Porto Alegre, Global Health lecture series, “Insights from the Covid-19 pandemic in New York City”.

On November 11\textsuperscript{th}, she presented at the University of Rochester Medical Center, Allergy, Immunology and Rheumatology Grand Rounds, “The Covid-19 pandemic: clinical and immunological insight”.

On November 19\textsuperscript{th}, she presented at the NYP Queens Infectious Disease Seminar Series, “Covid-19: Immunological and metabolic findings”.

Brad Jones gave a senior faulty talk, entitled “SARS-CoV2 mRNA vaccination exposes latent HIV to Nef-specific cytotoxic T lymphocytes”.

Abstracts

Christopher Brown: A novel lipid is associated with transmission advantage in circulating strains of Mycobacterium tuberculosis.

Michael Corley: Accelerated epigenetic aging of disease-critical monocytes associates with poor glycemic control in a type 2 diabetes multiethnic population

Lee, Guinevere Completed genome-intact unspliced HIV transcripts are rare in ex vivo CD4+ cells.

Grant Ellsworth: Predominance of Non-HPV 16/18 in a Randomized Clinical Trial of Adjunctive Quadrivalent HPV Vaccine in the Treatment of Cervical High Grade Squamous Intraepithelial Lesions in Women with HIV.

Carrie Johnston: Hepatic Steatosis is Associated with Insulin Resistance and Frailty in Older Adults with HIV.

Khanh Pham: Effects of Helminths on Cardiometabolic Diseases and Risk Factors: A Systematic Review.

On November 15\textsuperscript{th}, Jennifer Downs and Dan Fitzgerald discussed strategies and experiences around institutional global partnerships at the Weill Cornell Medicine Inaugural Global Symposium. [Link]

On November 5\textsuperscript{th}, Trip Gulick was featured in [The Washington Post]: “Aaron Rodgers said he did the research on covid vaccines. Here’s how he was wrong, according to experts”.
On November 3\textsuperscript{rd}, \textbf{Rosemary Soave} gave a talk on Nocardia at the WCM Medical Grand Rounds Clinicopathologic Conference (CPC).


Important Dates

Next Faculty Meeting
8:30AM – 9:30AM
Hybrid A-450 and Zoom
(https://weillcornell.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJ0qfuyrrDguGNcob1zw34hi8_qLrC15EOxW)

Christmas Day
(WCM Holiday- 12/24)

New Year’s Day
(WCM Holiday 12/31)