



Infectious Diseases Division Newsletter

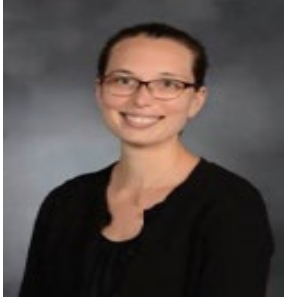
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Awards and Honors



Congratulations to **Grace Maldarelli**, who was selected as a recipient of a 2023 Pilot Grant Award from the Jill Roberts Center and presented at the Awards Symposium on April 19, 2023.



Congratulations to **Mirella Salvatore**, who received a Certificate of Appreciation from Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA) for her outstanding contributions and service to the Research Committee.





Appointments and Transitions



Congratulations to **Kohta Saito**, who was appointed as co-unit leader of the IIR (Injury, Infection, Inflammation and Repair) of the Essential Principles of Medicine B (EPOM-B) course.





Grants



Congratulations to **Brad Jones**, who received an NIH R01 Grant entitled: “Enhancing Susceptibility of HIV Reservoirs to CTL Through a Discovery to Translational Approach”.

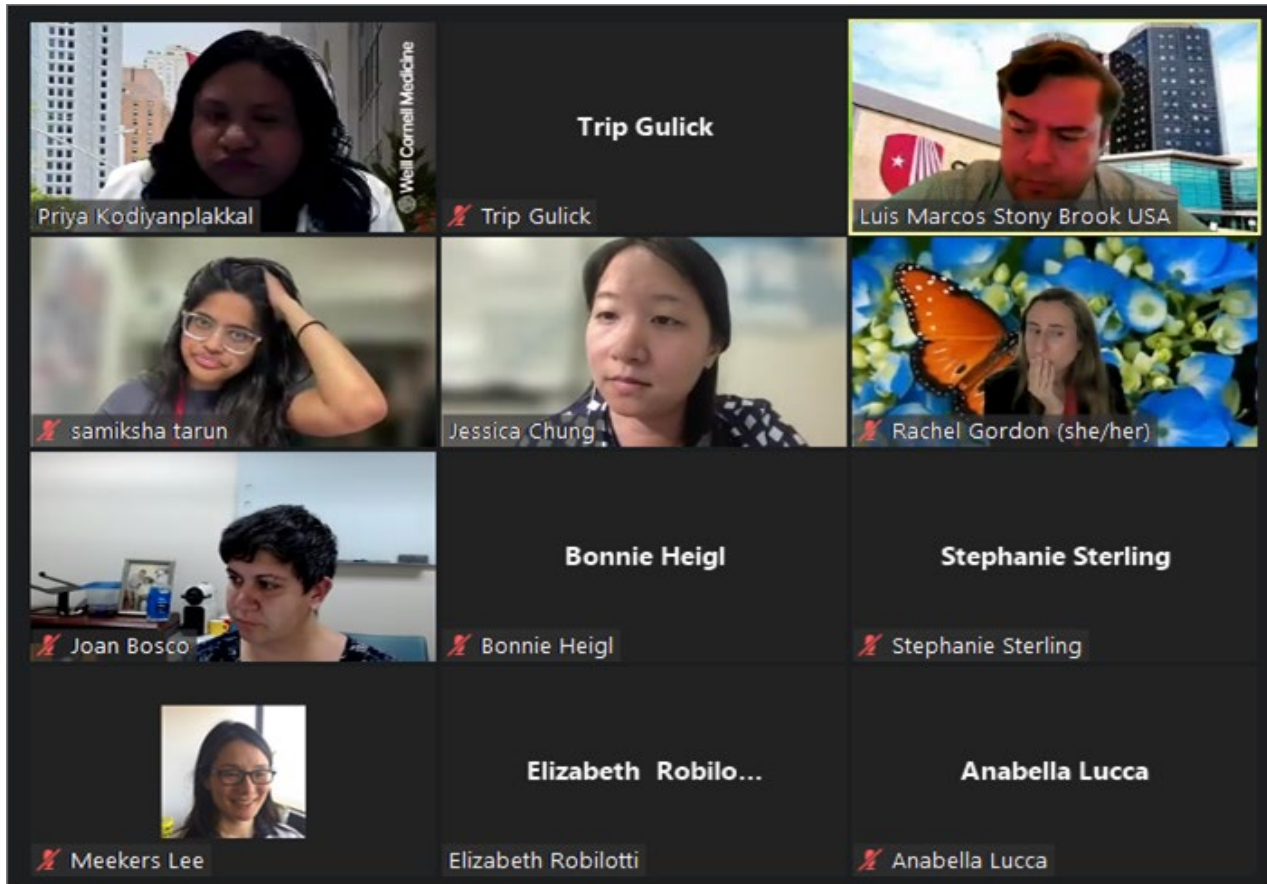




Other News



On April 17th, **Priya Kodiyanplakkal** served as one of two faculty discussants of 6 ID cases from around the city, at the IDSNY Intercity Rounds.





Newsroom Updates



Karen Acker (from Pediatric Infectious Diseases) was featured in the following article:

WALL STREET JOURNAL: “Why Is Strep So Bad Lately?”, where she comments on the rise of a more aggressive, invasive strep throat this season and the dangers of leaving it untreated, which can lead to pneumonia, rheumatic fever or other complications within weeks.



Teresa Evering was featured in the following:

HEALTHDAY: “Amubarvimab Plus Romlusevimab Safe, Effective for COVID-19”, which highlighted the study she and her colleagues published in the Annals of Internal Medicine, that found for non-hospitalized patients with COVID-19 at high risk for clinical progression, amubarvimab plus romlusevimab is safe and reduces the risk for hospitalization and/or death.

WCM NEWSROOM: “Antibody Combination Provided Strong Protection Against Severe COVID-19 in Large International Trial”.





Newsroom Updates



Trip Gulick was featured in the following:

BRONX NET: “Deadly Fungus Spreading In The US”, where he discusses candida auris, an emerging and deadly fungus that is quickly spreading internationally, especially within healthcare facilities.

MEDPAGE TODAY: “Increasing Awareness of PrEP Among MSM in Non-Healthcare Settings”, where he comments on a CDC study that found below-target level care for men who have sex with men (MSM), and who tested positive for HIV in non-healthcare settings, as well as racial and ethnic disparities in HIV testing and positivity.





Newsroom Updates



Samuel Merrick was featured in the following article:

[WEBMD](#): “HIV Prevention: Living HIV-Free With PrEP”, where he comments on the importance of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), for acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) that protects HIV-negative people from getting the virus through sex or injected drug use.



Mirella Salvatore was featured in the following article:

[HEALTHDAY](#): “Scientists Get Closer To A 'Universal' Flu Vaccine”, where she along with others, states the progress on the path to a "universal" flu vaccine -- one that would battle all strains of the virus and give the world a weapon against future flu pandemics.





Divisional Publications

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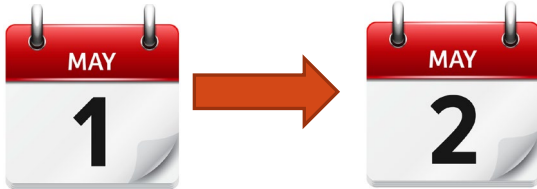
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Important Dates



REACH Annual Meeting
at Rockefeller University



Reception for **Nick Demenagas**
5pm - 6pm
Conference Room A-450



Next I.D. Faculty Meeting
8:30AM to 9:30AM
([Zoom Link](#))



Infectious Diseases Society of New York
Annual Meeting
at Columbia University Medical Center
Register [HERE](#)