

LIVER DIGEST

A weekly update of PLRC happenings

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PLRC Seminar Suggestions for Fall 2021 and Beyond

We are currently preparing for our PLRC Research Seminars for September 2021 and beyond, and we would like to ask PLRC members to send us suggestions for speakers to invite. **Please email Amanda Bytzura (bytzuraam@upmc.edu) and Dr. Kari Nejak-Bowen (knnst5@pitt.edu) with the names of any suggestions you may have by June 15, 2021.**

PLRC Scientist-Clinician Roundtable- Tue, May 25 at 12-1pm

Join us on Tuesday, May 25 at 12:00 pm via Zoom for a Scientist-Clinician Roundtable sponsored by Regenerative Medicine Special Interest Group. **Dr. Chris Hughes**, Associate Professor of Surgery and Surgical Director of Liver Transplantation at the University of Pittsburgh, will be discussing indications of liver transplant, living donor transplantation, complications due to failed regeneration in transplantation, and unmet clinical needs. **Dr. George Michalopoulos**, Professor and Chair of the Department of Pathology at the University of Pittsburgh, will be discussing preclinical models to study liver regeneration.

Zoom Meeting: <https://pitt.zoom.us/j/94996033342>

Passcode: 885456

Dr. Lansing Taylor publishes a review article in Experimental Biology and Medicine

PLRC member and Co-director of the Human Synthetic Liver Biology Core at the PLRC, **Dr. Lansing Taylor**, co-authored a review article in Experimental Biology and Medicine, entitled "**Qualifying the progression of non-alcoholic fatty liver disease in human biomimetic liver microphysiology systems with fluorescent protein biosensors.**" Other PLRC members who contributed to this study are **Dr. Alex Soto-Gutierrez**, co-director HSLBC, **Dr. Jaideep Behari**, **Dr. Larry Verneti**, **Dr. Manush Saydmohammed**, and **Dr. Anupma Jha**.

Click here for the full article.

Saydmohammed M, Jha A, Mahajan V, Gavlock D, Shun TY, DeBiasio R, Lefever D, Li X, Reese C, Kershaw EE, Yechoor V, Behari J, Soto-Gutierrez A, Verneti L, Stern A, Gough A, Miedel MT, Lansing Taylor D. Quantifying the progression of non-alcoholic fatty liver disease in human biomimetic liver microphysiology systems with fluorescent protein

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Radiology Grand Rounds Research Seminar Wednesday, May 21 at 12:00pm

Dr. Bachir Taouli, Professor of Medicine and Radiology at the Icahn School of Medicine will present a talk at Pitt Radiology Grand rounds, titled, "**Gadolinium Based Contrast Agents: Update 2021**," this **Friday, May 21, 12pm-1pm on Microsoft Teams**.

[Click here for more information.](#)

Pathology Research Seminar Wednesday, May 26 at 12:00pm

Dr. Bernd Schnabl, Professor of Medicine at the University of California in San Diego and Director, San Diego Digestive Diseases Research Center, will present a talk entitled, "**Translating Microbiota Research Into Therapies for Liver Disease**," on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at noon.

[Click here for Zoom info](#)

[For CME credits, click here](#)

AASLD Masterclass 2021 for Early Career Investigators

"The **2021 AASLD/EASL Masterclass**, provides a unique educational collaboration of clinical, basic, and translational scientists from leading academic medical institutions from both sides of the Atlantic. Participants will attend a two-day intensive training session designed for future leaders in academic hepatology. The program will consist of academic lectures, interactive break-out sessions, individual meetings with tutors, abstract presentations and a poster session, and social events to give early-stage investigators (MD, PhD, or MD/PhD, or equivalent) the opportunity to network with world leaders in hepatology. This year's program is hosted by AASLD and will be held in the U.S.A."
To Learn more and to apply, Click Here

Update Information

*Please continue to share your relevant accolades (grants, manuscripts, other news) with us, as it relates to PLRC mission, so we can share with all members. Please visit **PLRC website here** for up to date news, and upcoming seminar and event information. Contact AJ Singh (singha16@upmc.edu) if you have specific questions or suggestions.*

Post-Doc Positions available

The laboratory of Dr. Mo Ebrahimkhani at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and Pittsburgh Liver Research Center seek qualified candidates for two post-doc positions.

Click here for more information.

Ebrahimkhani Lab website

The laboratory of Dr. Samira Kiani at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and Pittsburgh Liver Research Center seek qualified candidates for two post-doc positions.

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[Kiani Lab website](#)

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