

# LIVER DIGEST

February 3, 2023

A bi-weekly update of PLRC happenings



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## Faculty Highlight

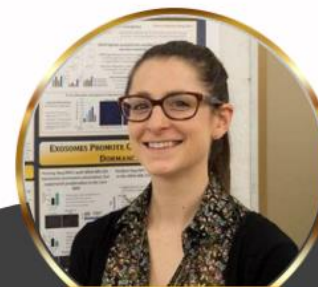
**Dr. Amanda Clark, PhD**, Research Assistant professor of Pathology, and former PLRC Pilot and Feasibility grant awardee has garnered Early Stage Investigator funding from METAvivor, a non-profit organization dedicated to funding research for stage IV metastatic breast cancer (MBC). Her research will investigate how “Extracellular vesicles regulate metastatic breast cancer dormancy in the liver”. Congratulations!



**METAVIVOR**

Metastatic Breast Cancer Research, Support and Awareness

**CONGRATULATIONS**



**NEWLY FUNDED**

**AMANDA CLARK, PHD**

Extracellular vesicles regulate metastatic breast cancer dormancy in the liver

Please acknowledge all support from the PLRC in your publications and presentations. (NIH/NIDDK P30DK120531)

Please continue to share your relevant accolades (grants, publications, awards and other news worthy items) with us, as it relates to the PLRC mission, so we can share with all of our members.

Please visit the PLRC website ([www.livercenter.pitt.edu](http://www.livercenter.pitt.edu)) for up-to-date news, and upcoming seminar and event information. Contact Aaron Bell ([bellaaro@pitt.edu](mailto:bellaaro@pitt.edu)) if you have specific questions or suggestions.

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## PLRC SEMINARS

- February 7th @ 9:00—11:00 AM PLRC P&F Semi-Finalist presentations (Live) in 1104 Scaife Conference Center.

Session Open to ALL PLRC Members 9-11:00AM

- \* 9:00 Opening Remarks: Paul Monga
- \* 9:15 Samer Tohme
- \* 9:30 Mark Miedel
- \* 9:45 Jinjie Zhu
- \* 10:00 Rodrigo Florentino
- \* 10:15 Break
- \* 10:30 Rongua Wang
- \* 10:45 Yu-Chiao Chiu
- \* 11:00 Closing Remarks: Gavin Arteel

- February 21 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm *HYBRID* S120 BST & via Zoom



Hossam A. Abdelsamed, PhD  
Research Assistant Professor  
Department of Surgery, Starzl  
Transplant Institute

**Title: TBD**

- February 28 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm *HYBRID* S120 BST & via Zoom



Hun-Way Hwang, MD, PhD

Assistant Professor  
Department of Pathology

**Title: TBD**

- March 7 @ 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm *HYBRID* S120 BST & via Zoom



George Michalopoulos, MD, PhD

Professor and Chair  
Department of Pathology

**TITLE: TBD**

## PLRC AFFILIATED SEMINARS

- February 6<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00a.m. Live in Crawford Hall, rm 169



Dr. Tom Rutkowski, PhD

Associate Professor of  
Anatomy & Cell Biology,  
University of Iowa

**TITLE: The ER stress response in fatty liver disease: protecting the organelle at the expense of the organ and the organism?**

Sponsored by the Center for Protein Conformational Diseases : Jeff Brodsky director

- February 9<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 p.m. *HYBRID* in 5th floor conference room in Bridgeside Point 1, 100 Technology Drive & Via Zoom: <https://pitt.zoom.us/j/99688230409>



Dr. Richard J. Youle, PhD.

Chief, Biochemistry  
Section of the Surgical  
Neurology Branch of the  
National Institute of  
Neurological Disorders  
and Stroke at the  
National Institutes of  
Health

**TITLE: Mitochondrial Quality Control Mechanisms**

Sponsored by the University of Pittsburgh & UPMC Aging Institute

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Dr. Silvia Liu and the Genomics and Systems Biology Core would like to announce the release of the Spring 2023 NGS Workshop Schedule. If your research involves next generation sequencing techniques there are classes and training for you, and your trainees.

Workshop descriptions: [CRC Spring Workshops](#) Workshop registration: [CRC Workshop Registration](#)



**CLA FEBRUARY EVENTS:** ([link for more info and registration](#))

2/6/23 Hepatitis B Update : Dr. Elizabeth Zheng virtual @6:00PM  
2/7/23 Treating HCV in Rural Setting via Telemedicine virtual @ 6:00PM  
2/10/23 You Make a Difference –Awards ceremony-Carnegie Science center  
2/24/23 CLA/WVU Liver Update Treating HCV in primary Care setting

## Funding Opportunities

- Gilead Research Scholars-Liver Disease program. [Junior Faculty . May 1, 2023](#)
- To see all NIH Grants sorted by week, please visit: [NIH Guide: 2022](#) Or click below:

Jan 27

Jan 20

[Click here](#) for all current NIDDK Funding opportunities

## WANT ADS

- This section is available for PLRC members to communicate wants or needs in your laboratories.  
Available positions / Collaboration ideas / Equipment needs  
Please send any “wants/needs” to be advertised to [bellaaro@pitt.edu](mailto:bellaaro@pitt.edu) (Aaron Bell)
- \* **POSTDOC: Biostatistics & Bioinformatics analysis in the GSBC Pittsburgh Liver Research Center.** Dr. Silvia Liu [PITT Job Posting link](#)
- Postdoc/Technician: [Bone cell Differentiation](#) \$45K; PI: Harry Blair: US citizen ONLY!  
Contact: 412-383-9616 or [hcblair@pitt.edu](mailto:hcblair@pitt.edu)