April showers bring May flowers!

This is a fantastic time to go outdoors and enjoy the warm spring weather before the heat of summer. There are many parks to explore throughout Cleveland, including the lovely Heritage Park located on the Cuyahoga River (pictured to the right).

This month, we feature alumnus Dr. Sivakumar Vijayaraghavalu, postdoctoral fellow Dr. Sweta Parab, and graduate student Jessica Castrillon Lal. We have also recapped the recent LEADERS seminar by Dr. Shaun Stauffer on Drug Discovery in case you missed it. We highly recommend taking a look to learn more about Cleveland Clinic’s Center for Therapeutics Discovery, which can help you start the process of bringing your research from bench to bedside. The next LEADERS seminar is on Gnotobiotics and will be presented by Dr. Lynn Hajjar on May 10th.

To celebrate diversity and Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month, we are also featuring local Asian-owned businesses recommended by our fellow trainees.
Leadership Opportunities Available
Join the Lerner Trainee Association Leadership Council!

Committees in need of co-chairs are: social & outreach committee (1 postdoc and 1 grad student), mentorship & advocacy committee (1 postdoc) and communication committee (1 postdoc).

- Co-chair responsibilities include: setting up monthly meetings with the rest of the committee members, leading committee meetings and recruiting general committee members.
- General committee members are always welcome for any committee!

Social & Outreach Committee

Committee Goal: Plan community outreach events, social events, and networking opportunities.

Some recurring events include:

- Coffee hours
- Hope for the Holidays toy drive
- Participation in the regional science fair
- Organizing trainee volunteers for the summer student seminar series

Mentorship & Advocacy Committee

Committee Goal: Advocate for trainees by addressing trainee concerns to appropriate channels, provide opportunities for trainees to be mentors as well as to gain mentors of their own.

Some recurring events include:

- Mentorship seminars
- Mentor roundtable workshops
- Peer-to-peer mentoring series

Communications Committee

Committee Goal: Organize the monthly Lerner Trainee Newsletter, advertise LTA-hosted events, run the LTA social media (LinkedIn).

Some recurring events include:

- Meet monthly
- Discuss the content of newsletter, organize sections on alumni/fellow feature, seminar recaps, accomplishments, monthly feature, etc.

Career Development Committee

Committee Goal: Organize career development seminars, professional development workshops, and provide information on career/training opportunities.

Some recurring events include:

- Brainstorm ideas for career development topics to create workshops or seminars series
- Organize logistics for seminars (contact speakers, determine dates/times, etc.)

If interested in participating, please contact Shilpa Rao (raos3@ccf.org) or Kelly Mitchell (MITCHEK@ccf.org) by May 21st, 2021.
Where did you obtain your PhD? I received my Ph.D. in 2006 from the University of Madras, India in Biomedical Genetics, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

When did you work in Lerner and in which lab? What positions did you hold? I worked as a Postdoctoral Fellow (2007-2012) and Research Associate (2016 – 2019) in Dr. Labhasetwar’s Laboratory in the Department of Biomedical Engineering, Lerner Research Institute.

What did you work on at Lerner? My primary research area was in cancer nanomedicine. Under this program, I was involved in several projects, evaluating the efficacy of epigenetic drug delivery in overcoming drug resistance and metastasis. In addition, I was working on the NIH funded project on developing nanoparticle-based delivery systems for treatment of bone metastasis. As a part of my research activities I was also involved in other projects which included developing a scale-up process for synthesis of nanoparticles, engineering nanoparticles for delivery of different therapeutics including proteins and enzymes.

What successes did you have at Lerner? I have published 14 research articles. One of the articles published in Biomaterials titled – “Synergistic combination treatment to break cross talk between cancer cells and bone cells to inhibit progression of bone metastasis”, was selected as an Editor’s Choice paper in Science Translational Medicine. In addition, I am co-inventor on two issued US patents and received an Innovator Award for co-inventing the decitabine-loaded nanogel delivery system from Cleveland Clinic Foundation, Ohio, USA.

What is your current position title and where are you now? Currently, I am a Professor of Genetics and Head of Narayana Translational Research and Incubation Center, Narayana Medical College, Nellore, Andhra Pradesh, India. In addition to basic and clinical research, the center has an incubator facility to promote innovation and entrepreneurship.

What does your role in your current position entail and what is your favorite part? As a head of the Translational Research Centre, my main activities include supervising both government and privately funded pre-clinical and clinical research projects. I am also developing a clinical research division that explores the strength of physicians and medical students in medical school. My involvement in clinical projects broaden my expertise beyond laboratory-based research. Further, I am also involved in promoting innovation, invention and entrepreneurship.

What about your time at the Lerner do you think prepared you for this position? Participating in meticulous training to independently handle research projects, taking opportunities to train new lab members including technicians, graduate students and postdocs all helped me prepare myself to mentor graduate students of my own. Diversity in the lab prepared me to understand and appreciate individuality and to respect differences. With time this became a habit and it sculptured me to understand the needs of my staff, treat them with dignity and unite them as a team to maximize research output. In a nutshell, my time in LRI nurtured and sharpened my skills in all aspects of the research business and allowed me to mature, so that I can lead my department in a better manner. I learned the importance of hard work, staying positive and being goal-oriented without taking things personally. All these are great life lessons and I believe are helpful both in my professional and personal life.

Is there something you particularly miss from your time at Lerner? LRI’s policy of caring for its employees and trainees is the best. Resources in the lab and LRI in general are outstanding and have helped us with challenging projects. On the whole, I miss the LRI and its work environment.

In one sentence, what advice would you give current Lerner postdocs? Perseverance, patience and grit (PPG) are the key mantras of success - PPG is the “codon” of success!
Meet your Fellow

Sweta Parab, PhD

“I am happy being a postdoctoral fellow in this institute. It provides several opportunities that are beneficial for a career in research.” - Dr. Sweta Parab

Dr. Sweta Parab is a postdoctoral fellow in the Matsuoka Lab in the Department of Cardiovascular and Metabolic Sciences. Originally from Mumbai, Maharashtra, India, Sweta received her bachelor’s degree in microbiology from Ramnarain Ruia College in Mumbai, and her master’s in biophysics from the University of Mumbai. For her graduate research, Sweta studied reversible acetylation of alpha-tubulin and its role in sperm movement using biochemical, biophysical and bioinformatics approaches. She received her PhD in biochemistry from the National Institute for Research and Reproductive Health in affiliation with the University of Mumbai.

Sweta began her postdoctoral fellowship with a desire to develop a more versatile skill set. She chose to come to Cleveland Clinic because she recognized that it would provide several opportunities that would help her launch her career in research. In the Matsuoka Lab, Sweta is investigating the genetic programs that control the morphogenesis and vascularization of the central nervous system (CNS) using zebrafish as a vertebrate model organism. Her current focus is on addressing fundamental questions in neurovascular biology, including: (1) what signaling drives the development of fenestrated brain vasculature, and (2) how are the heterogeneous brain vasculature networks established during development?

So far, Sweta’s work has led to identification of vascular endothelial cell type-specific requirements for unique combinations of vascular endothelial growth factors that are key to driving fenestrated vascular development in the myelencephalic choroid plexus (mCP) of the zebrafish brain. This work was recently published in the journal eLife.

Outside of the lab, Sweta likes to unwind by listening to music and cooking. She also loves spending time with her family. They go on hikes, explore new places, and watch movies.
Jessica Castrillon Lal is a Molecular Medicine PhD student in the Cheng Lab in the Genomic Medicine Institute (GMI). Jessica grew up in Richmond, Texas. She received her Bachelor of Arts in biology from Baylor University (Waco, TX) and her Master of Science in biomedical science from Tufts University School of Medicine (Boston, MA). After working for a few years as a research technician, she decided that she wanted to pursue a PhD with a focus on using real-world data to solve today’s multidisciplinary problems. Specifically, she chose the Molecular Medicine PhD program as she found that it encompasses just that. Jessica is currently in her 3rd year of the program.

Currently, Jessica’s research focuses on several cardio-oncology projects that involve screening cancer survivors with cardiac dysfunction resulting from their cancer treatments. She utilizes network-based approaches to integrate gene expression, metabolomic, proteomic, exposomic, and electronic health records data to identify novel biomarkers of cardiotoxicity following classical chemotherapies and targeted therapies. She also utilizes induced pluripotent stem cell-derived cardiomyocytes as a functional validation of her systems biology findings. She recently published her first first-author research publication in this field titled “A Retrospective Analysis of Cardiovascular Adverse Events Associated with Immune Checkpoint Inhibitors” in Cardio-Oncology. In the near future, she hopes that travelling restrictions will soon be lifted so that she can attend, present, and network at in-person research conferences.

Outside of the lab, Jessica enjoys spending time outdoors and reading biographies. She usually goes to Rocky River Reservation when the weather permits and has started reading The Code Breaker: Jennifer Doudna, Gene Editing, and the Future of the Human Race.
Upcoming Events

LEADERS 2021 Seminar Series

Gnotobiotics

- Provides Lerner trainees with career development tools that will accelerate their professional development.
- Sessions open to all Lerner Research Institute trainees.
- 12 sessions in 2021
- Receive a certificate of completion if 75% of sessions are attended.

Who: Lynn Hajjar, DVM, PhD
Director, Gnotobiotics Core

When: May 10, 2021
4:00 - 5:00 PM

Where: Contact RETC for Zoom information
Upcoming Events

Upcoming NIH Office of Intramural Training & Education Events

WORKPLACE DYNAMICS I AND II: GAINING SELF-AWARENESS AND COMMUNICATION SKILLS
WORKSHOP/SEMINAR: LEADERSHIP
June 28, 2021 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm
Speaker(s): Lori Conlan, PhD, Director, Office of Postdoctoral Services

Let's explore themes of self-awareness and self-management. We will discuss your preferences, work, and communication styles that influence interactions you encounter in any research group or workgroup.

Virtual- register here.

WORKPLACE DYNAMICS III-CONFLICT AND FEEDBACK
WORKSHOP/SEMINAR: LEADERSHIP
July 12, 2021 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm
Speaker(s): Lori Conlan, PhD, Director, Office of Postdoctoral Services

Rooted in the Thomas and Kilmann Conflict Grid, this workshop provides an accessible framework for conflict management and giving and receiving personal feedback. Participants learn how to have difficult conversations often associated with conflict within research groups, like leadership struggles and peer-interactions.

Virtual- register here.

WORKPLACE DYNAMICS IV: TEAM SKILLS
WORKSHOP/SEMINAR: LEADERSHIP
July 19, 2021 3:30 pm - 5:00 pm
Speaker(s): Lori Conlan, PhD, Director, Office of Postdoctoral Services

This is workshop focuses on team tools and group development insights, including spotting the stages of group development and how to help teams through rough spots, conflict, and growing pains.

Virtual- register here.
Upcoming Events

Sloan Kettering Academic Job Search Bootcamp

The annual Academic Job Search Bootcamp series at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSK) provides senior postdocs with guidance and strategies for entering the faculty job market, navigating the interview process, and ultimately securing job offers. Bootcamp participants receive expert advice from MSK faculty and postdocs who have recently gone through the process, advice that can be critical to succeed in all aspects of this important career transition.

This year, MSK seeks to draw senior postdocs from diverse backgrounds (as defined in the NIH Interest in Diversity notice) to attend the Bootcamp alongside MSK postdocs. This virtual bootcamp is geared toward senior postdocs in biomedical fields who are preparing to apply to jobs in the current cycle and have started to organize their application materials.

We are accepting applications on a rolling admissions basis, so we encourage you to apply as soon as possible.

The final deadline to apply is: Friday, May 21, 11:59 PM EST

The topics and exact dates for the virtual bootcamp sessions (held June 8, 10, 15, and 17, 2021) can be found on the application form at tinyurl.com/SKIbootcamp.
Did you miss the virtual LEADERS seminar on ‘Drug Discovery’ presented by Shaun Stauffer, PhD? Here is the recap!

One of Cleveland Clinic’s missions is to bring the high quality of care at the Clinic to countries without access to high-quality healthcare. As part of this mission, the Cleveland Clinic seeks to discover new technologies and therapeutics to reach people who need them most. There have been many innovations over the years from Cleveland Clinic investigators, with one of the earliest being the discovery of the angiotensin pathway and synthesis of the angiotensin peptide in 1957. Since then, many other discoveries have been made, and in 2018 the Center for Therapeutics Discovery at Cleveland Clinic was created with the mission of promoting translation of advances in basic science to therapeutics for patients, and de-risking efforts focused on novel approaches and opportunities.

The Center for Therapeutics Discovery has many functions, including illuminating biological processes, triaging molecules to identify promising tools, optimizing molecules with the goal of patent protection, determining if the molecule/agent is safe and effective, and selecting clinical candidates. There are many steps from discovery of a pathway to development of a molecule to use in human trials. The Center for Therapeutics Discovery’s primary roles are to develop the pharmacology behind the target/drug, to create a screening method, and to utilize medicinal chemistry to interrogate the drug and its target prior to preclinical development.

There are several ways for investigators to engage the Center to help in the drug discovery process. The Center can assist in developing the specific question/study, developing the assay/screen to find chemical starting points, and utilizing medicinal chemistry to find optimal candidates. During this process, the PI and members of the Center will have regular meetings to review program data, identify gaps, help with go/no-go experiments, and plan the next steps in the process.

The Center for Therapeutics Discovery currently has about 20 full-time employees in efficient and highly focused teams, including technicians, fellows, research associates, project scientists, and staff. The Center is also partnered with many strategic external contract research organization (CRO) partners. Many exciting leads are currently in development, including ones for oncology, neuroscience, inflammation, and cardiovascular diseases. In addition, the Center has high-throughput screening capabilities with a library of about 58,000 compounds with both bioactive and diversity collections to help investigators discover new molecules/targets for research.

Overall, preclinical development is a high-risk endeavor, and studies to find investigational new drugs (IND) are expensive. However, the Center for Therapeutics Discovery can help de-risk these efforts and assist investigators in avoiding many of the pitfalls involved in drug discovery.

The Center for Therapeutics Discovery Team

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Support Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) - Owned Businesses in CLE - Check These Out!

-Mihyun Hwang, PhD & Claire (Kirwen) Baker

Cleveland Clinic supports our Asian and Asian American colleagues, patients and neighbors. As Dr. Tom Mihaljevic, Cleveland Clinic CEO and President notes: “We are stronger when we work together and support each other as a global community.” In this monthly feature, we highlight ways to support the Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) community in Cleveland during Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month.

AAPI-owned shopping centers such as Asia Plaza, Asian Town Center, Payne Commons offer customers a variety of products and services with Asian markets, restaurants, and shops. Below you can find a small selection of the many AAPI-owned restaurants that you can check out in Northeast Ohio! Looking to support more Asian businesses? Check out the Cleveland Bucket List’s AsiaTown favorites or explore AsiaTown with one of the curated itineraries on their website.

Ha Ahn Korean (3030 Superior Ave, 216.664.1152)
Hours: Monday – Saturday: 11 AM – 8 PM; Sunday: Closed
The restaurant is family-run and offers delicious Korean food and sushi. Complimentary banchan (traditional Korean small plates) start off each meal, which includes bean sprouts, house-made kimchi, and fermented fish cakes. Ha Ahn, located in AsiaTown, was included in Cleveland Magazine’s 2019 25 best Cleveland restaurants list.

KoKo Bakery (3710 Payne Ave, 216.881.7600)
Hours: Tuesday: Closed; Monday, Wednesday – Sunday: 9 AM – 8 PM
KoKo Bakery is a full service Asian bakery and offers a wide variety of buns, breads and desserts, including their popular sesame balls, cream buns and red bean donuts. The bakery also offers customers with a large selection of bubble teas and smoothies.

Map of Thailand (3710 Payne Ave, 216.361.2220)
Hours: Monday – Saturday: 12 – 7 PM; Sunday: Closed
Located in AsiaTown, Map of Thailand provides customers with a taste of Thai cuisine in Cleveland. Try their country style pad Thai, Panang curry or Thai basil fried rice.

Prices, hours and menu items are subject to change. Please check the restaurant’s website or call ahead for the most updated information. Please remember to drink responsibly.
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Bombay Chaat (2044 Euclid Ave, 216.331.4598)
Hours: Weekdays: 11 AM – 10 PM; Saturday: 12 – 10 PM; Sunday: 12 – 8 PM
Bombay Chaat is located in downtown Cleveland and is a great place to try street food from the different regions of India. They offer a weekday lunch buffet from 11 AM – 3 PM which $9.99 per person.

Pho Lee’s Vietnamese Restaurant (1541 East 38th St, 216.273.7093)
Hours: Monday, Wednesday – Sunday: 11 AM – 7 PM; Tuesday: Closed
This Vietnamese restaurant that opened in 2019 offers pho with beef, brisket, meatballs, tendon, and tripe along with a selection of appetizers and other dishes.

2021 Virtual Cleveland Asian Festival
May 22, 10:30 AM via YouTube
The celebration will feature a diverse array of Asian and Pacific Islander foods, performances, culture and traditions in Northeast Ohio.
Now Hiring

Medical Science Liaison | Syneos Health
The MSL serves as an advocate for VBI Vaccines science within the healthcare community and is responsible to establish, cultivate, and maintain relationships with HCPs and other stakeholders while developing a strong understanding of relevant public policies, recommendations, clinical practice and reimbursement within the healthcare system. The MSL is able to provide balanced, non-promotional high-level scientific and technical partnership to internal and external stakeholders for the benefit of patient care. The MSL plays a critical role in developing insights which support the development and execution of innovative medical affairs strategies and plans to enhance patient care. For more information, please click here.

Research Scientist 1 | Charles River
We are seeking a Research Scientist 1 for our Safety Assessment group site located in Cleveland, Ohio. Serve as a scientist in the conduct of assigned nonclinical research studies of basic to moderate complexity, to include study management, interpretation and reporting of study data, and assuring the regulatory compliance of these projects. For more information, please click here.

Principal Medical Writer | MMS Holdings Inc.
Under minimal supervision, the Medical Writer will critically evaluate, analyze, and interpret the medical literature to select primary resource materials for adequate study design, statistical significance, scientific rigor and absence of bias. Write and edit clinical development documents, including but not limited to, clinical protocols, investigator’s brochures, clinical study reports, subject consent forms, integrated safety and efficacy summaries, presentation materials and publications to medical journals For more information, please click here.

Postdoctoral Fellow | Jenkins Lab
Post-doctoral research training positions available immediately to join a team of biomedical engineers, neurobiologists, and electrophysiologists to assess the mechanisms by which infrared light (infrared neuromodulation - IRN) can modulate axons and neurons in ganglia as a therapeutic alternative to systemic drug delivery, as well as creating novel tools for visualizing and manipulating neurons and axons using infrared light.

Successful applicants will be expected to work in an interdisciplinary team, including coordination with research and clinical collaborators and providing leadership to junior researchers. Outstanding organization, communication, and writing skills are required. The research environment is collegial and productive and the positions require a good balance between independence and teamwork. For more information, please click here.

Biology Adjunct | Baldwin Wallace University
Baldwin Wallace University seeks applications for a part-time, adjunct faculty position in the Department of Biology and Geology. The preferred candidate will hold a Ph.D. in biology or related field, although applicants with a Masters’ degree in biology or related field will be given strong consideration. We are seeking a candidate to teach BIO-122: Principles of Biology: Ecology, Diversity and Evolution. The faculty member would be responsible for teaching both lectures and labs in a blended in-person model, starting August 24, 2020. Please refer to the Biology Department’s website for more information about the department and course descriptions here.
Congratulations to Dr. Morgan Rogers-Carter from the Dana lab in the Department of Neurosciences!

Dr. Rogers-Carter received the Ruth L. Kirschstein F32 postdoctoral fellowship from the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke. The project, titled “optical monitoring of the role of neurogenesis in epileptogenesis,” aims to use *in vivo* imaging to study hippocampal circuit dynamics in a mouse model of epilepsy.

Congratulations to Dr. Shiju Thomas Michael from the Wilson lab in the Department of Ophthalmic Research!

Dr. Thomas Michael was awarded a travel award to attend the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology conference 2021. The title of his talk is “Assembly of Epithelial Basement Membrane *In Vitro* in a 3D Organotypic Cornea Model.”

Congratulations to Alan Chen from the Krishna lab in the Department of Biomedical Engineering!

Alan was awarded the 2021 National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship. His project will focus on characterization of photonic properties of polyhydroxy fullerenes.

We love celebrating trainee accomplishments! To submit your own news or to recognize someone else, email LRITraineeAssoc@ccf.org
Accomplishments

Congratulations to Dr. Terri Harford for her work in the Piedimonte lab in the Department of Inflammation and Immunity! Dr. Harford is now in the Karnik lab in the Department of Cardiovascular and Metabolic Sciences.

Dr. Harford published an article titled “RSV infection potentiates TRPV1-mediated calcium transport in bronchial epithelium of asthmatic children” in the American Journal of Physiology, Lung Cellular and Molecular Physiology. Click here.

Congratulations to Dr. Caleb Seavey from the Rubin lab in the Department of Cancer Biology!

Dr. Seavey published an article titled “WWTR1(TAZ)-CAMTA1 gene fusion is sufficient to dysregulate YAP/TAZ signaling and drive epithelioid hemangioendothelioma tumorigenesis” in Genes and Development. Click here.

Congratulations to Dr. Shashi Shekhar Singh from the Dasarathy lab in the Department of Inflammation and Immunity!

Dr. Singh was named the Inflammation and Immunity’s Scientist of the Quarter (Spring 2021) for his project titled, “Identifying the underlying mechanisms of sarcopenia in cirrhosis.”

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Wellness Resources

Virtual Wellness Sessions

**Mindful Minutes Meditation:** Weekly guided 15 minute imagery meditation every **Wednesday at 12:15 PM.** Each meditation is 15 minutes of your week where you can reset, re-empower, reflect and refocus your energies and intentions to cultivate peace. Join via [Zoom](https://zoom.com).

**Daily Wellness Tools:** Weekly, live virtual, and free sessions on Yoga, Meditation, Fitness and Culinary Medicine. Registration: [http://clevelandclinic.org/CILMevents](http://clevelandclinic.org/CILMevents).

**One Cleveland Clinic Moment:** The Center for Spiritual Care offers One Cleveland Clinic Moment as an opportunity to join together virtually for an inspirational thought and quiet reflection. 5 minutes to focus on personal renewal weekdays at 1 p.m. Click here to join.

Well-Being, Self-Care and Emotional Support for Caregivers

*Please note: A connection to the Cleveland Clinic network is required to access many of these resources.*

For a more detailed and complete list of resources, please visit [this link](http://clevelandclinic.org/CILMevents).

**Caregiver Experience Wellness Portal:** disconnect, unwind or say thank you virtually

**Caring for Caregivers:** confidential services that preserve, restore and enhance wellbeing of our caregivers. Available at 1.800.989.8820.

Cleveland Clinic Office of Caregiver Experience on Facebook and Instagram.

**Connect Today/Learner Connect:** resiliency resources to help you manage complex, changing times (virtual meetings, change and stress management, and communication)

**Occupational Health:** If you have further questions about COVID-19 please contact the COVID-19 Caregiver Hotline at 216.445.8246.

**OneClick to Well-Being:** well-being information and resources for staff

**Spiritual Care and Healing Services:** information for the religious and spiritual needs of CCF patients, their families and loved ones, and Cleveland Clinic caregivers. 216.444.2518

**CCPD Victim Advocacy:** resource to help educate and support the CCF community on DV. Email the committee at: [dvcommittee@ccf.org](mailto:dvcommittee@ccf.org)

**Report Workplace Harassment:** Call ONE HR at 216.448.2247
Behind the Scenes

This newsletter is written by the communications teams of the Lerner Trainee Association Leadership Council and fellow trainees. We welcome your questions and suggestions!

Email LRITraineeAssoc@ccf.org to connect with us.

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