SPEAKERS BIOGRAPHIES

Nima Aghaeepour, PhD is an Assistant Professor at Stanford University and is interested in the intersection of data sciences, immunology, and clinical phenotyping. Dr. Aghaeepour earned a B.Sc. in computer science from University of Tehran and a Ph.D. in Bioinformatics from University of British Columbia. He completed his postdoctoral studies at in the laboratory of Prof. Garry Nolan at Stanford University. Awards recognizing his work include Scholarship of the International Society for Advancement of Flow Cytometry, Fellowship of the Canadian Institute of Health Research, the Chao-Huei Jeffrey Wang Award, and the Ann Schreiber Award.

Galit Alter, PhD is a Professor of Medicine at the Ragon Institute of MGH, MIT and Harvard. Her research is focused on the development of systems biology tools to define the correlates of immunity against infectious diseases that ravage the globe. Her work points to unexpected mechanisms of protection against HIV, malaria, and tuberculosis, has led to the development of novel diagnostics to monitor chronic infections/diseases, and now promises to accelerate the development of novel classes of therapeutics able to deploy the activity of the innate immune system in a specific and controlled manner.

Dr. Rosa Bacchetta, MD, is a physician scientist, Associate Professor in the Department of Pediatrics, Division of Stem Cell Transplantation and Regenerative Medicine (SCTRM) in Stanford School of Medicine. She has long standing expertise in T regulatory cell studies in human diseases, especially in genetic autoimmune disease. Her work has significantly contributed to dissecting the role of FOXP3 and T regulatory cells in immune responses in humans, with particular focus on but not limited to, IPEX Syndrome. She is an international reference for pathogenetic studies on FOXP3+Treg cell deficiencies, and her group was the first to show the gene transfer mediated conversion of T cells from IPEX patients into Treg cells. Her lab specializes in pediatric immunology, with the goal to apply current scientific knowledge to understand the mechanisms underlying the paradox in diseases with autoimmunity and immune deficiency and to develop curative treatments. Her research group focuses on translational research and is contributing to the establishment of several new clinical trials for cell and gene therapy. These include a cell-based therapy to prevent graft versus host disease in allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell recipients and a gene therapy to control and prevent autoimmunity in IPEX syndrome patients. Her research is funded by Spark, CIRM, NIH and Stanford CHRI.

Carolyn Bertozzi, PhD, is the Anne T. and Robert M. Bass Professor of Chemistry and Professor of Chemical & Systems Biology and Radiology (by courtesy) at Stanford University, and an Investigator of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. She completed her undergraduate degree in Chemistry from Harvard University in 1988 and her Ph.D. in Chemistry from UC
Berkeley in 1993. After completing postdoctoral work at UCSF in the field of cellular immunology, she joined the UC Berkeley faculty in 1996. In June 2015, she joined the faculty at Stanford University coincident with the launch of Stanford's ChEM-H institute. Prof. Bertozzi’s research interests span the disciplines of chemistry and biology with an emphasis on studies of cell surface glycosylation pertinent to disease states. Her lab focuses on profiling changes in cell surface glycosylation associated with cancer, inflammation and bacterial infection, and exploiting this information for development of diagnostic and therapeutic approaches, most recently in the area of immuno-oncology. She has been recognized with many honors and awards for her research accomplishments. She is an elected member of the Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences, and American Academy of Arts and Sciences. She has been awarded the Lemelson-MIT Prize, the Heinrich Wieland Prize, and a MacArthur Foundation Fellowship, among many others.

Ami Bhatt, MD, PhD, is a physician scientist with a strong interest in microbial genomics and metagenomics. She received her MD and PhD from the University of California, San Francisco. She then carried out her residency and fellowship training at Harvard’s Brigham and Women’s Hospital and Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, and served as Chief Medical Resident from 2010-2011. She joined the faculty of the Departments of Medicine (Divisions of Hematology and Bone marrow transplantation) and Genetics at Stanford University in 2014 after completing a postdoctoral fellowship focused on genomics at the Broad Institute of Harvard and MIT. Prof. Bhatt is a current Damon Runyon Clinical Investigator and has received multiple awards for her academic scholarship including the Chen Award of Excellence from the Human Genome Organisation (HUGO). Her team’s research program seeks to illuminate the interplay between the microbial environment and host/clinical factors in human diseases. Her translational laboratory develops and applies novel molecular and computational tools to study strain level dynamics of the microbiome, to understand how microbial genomes change over time and predict the functional output of microbiomes.

Rhiju Das, PHD is a computational biochemist and associate professor at Stanford University School of Medicine. Dr. Das trained at Harvard University (A.B.), Cambridge (M. Phil), University College London (M. Res), Stanford University (Ph.D.), all in physics; and then in David Baker ’s biochemistry lab at U. Washington. The Das lab focuses on computational modeling and design of RNA molecules. Dr. Das leads the Eterna massive open laboratory, which couples a 100,000-player videogame to the lab’s massively parallel experimental tools, the first such platform in citizen science.

Steven G. Deeks, MD, is a Professor of Medicine in Residence at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). He is a recognized expert on HIV-associated immune dysfunction and its impact on HIV persistence (the “reservoir”) and health during antiretroviral therapy. Dr. Deeks has published over 400 peer-review articles, editorials and invited reviews on these and related topics. He has been the recipient of several NIH grants, and is one of the principal investigators of DARE (the Delaney AIDS Research Enterprise), which is an NIH-funded international collaborative aimed at developing therapeutic interventions to cure HIV infection. He is also a member of the Board of Directors for the UCSF-based amfAR Institute for HIV Cure Research. In addition to his clinical and translational investigation, Dr. Deeks maintains a primary care clinic for HIV infected adults.

Elizabeth S. Egan, M.D., Ph.D., is an Assistant Professor of Pediatric Infectious Diseases and of Microbiology & Immunology at Stanford School of Medicine, where she studies host
erythrocyte determinants of infection by the malaria parasite Plasmodium falciparum. Her research focuses on developing novel approaches to identify and characterize red blood cell factors that influence P. falciparum biology and pathogenesis, including the ex-vivo generation of genetically altered red blood cells from hematopoietic stem cells. The long-term goal of her work is to explore the potential of host-directed therapeutics for malaria. In addition to her research, Dr. Egan is an attending physician in Pediatric Infectious Diseases at Stanford’s Lucille Packard Children’s Hospital. Dr. Egan has received various awards for her research including a Clinical Scientist Development Award from the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation, New Innovator Award from the National Institutes of Health, and Young Investigator Award from the American Society of Microbiology.

Sarah Fortune, MD, is the John LaPorte Given Professor of Immunology and Infectious Diseases at the Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health and Director of the TB Research Program at the Ragon Institute of MGH, Harvard and MIT. She received a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in biology from Yale University and an MD from Columbia University’s College of Physicians and Surgeons. She completed her residency in Internal Medicine and fellowship in Infectious Diseases at the Brigham and Women’s Hospital and Massachusetts General Hospital. Her lab currently seeks to define bacterial determinants of the variability in clinical outcomes of tuberculosis. Areas of interest include mechanisms and rates of genetic and epigenetic diversification, and identification of mechanisms by which the bacterium generates high frequency diversity.

X SHIRLEY LIU, PhD is Professor of Statistics, Biostatistics and Computational Biology at Harvard University, Director of the Center of Functional Cancer Epigenetics at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, and the PI of the Cancer Immune Data Common from National Cancer Institute with the goal of identifying biomarkers for optimizing cancer immunotherapy strategies. Her research focuses on algorithm development and integrative modeling of high throughput genomic data to understand the specificity and function of regulator genes in tumor development, progression, drug response and resistance. She is especially interested in genomics and bioinformatics approaches in cancer epigenetics, cancer immunology, and CRISPR screens for translational cancer research. She is the recipient of the Sloan Research Fellowship, the Richard E. Weitzman Outstanding Early Career Investigator Award from the Endocrine Society, and Breast Cancer Research Foundation Investigator.

Crystal Mackall, MD is an Endowed Professor of Pediatrics and Medicine at Stanford University. She is Founding Director of the Stanford Center for Cancer Cell Therapy, Associate Director of Stanford Cancer Institute, and Director of the Parker Institute for Cancer Immunotherapy at Stanford. During her tenure as Chief of the Pediatric Oncology Branch, NCI, she built an internationally recognized translational research program spanning basic studies of T cell homeostasis and tumor immunology, and clinical trials of immune based therapies for cancer. Her work is credited with identifying an essential role for the thymus in human T cell regeneration and discovering IL-7 as the master regulator of T cell homeostasis. She has led numerous cutting edge and first-in-human and first-in-child clinical trials spanning dendritic cell vaccines, cytokines, and adoptive immunotherapy using NK cells and genetically modified T cells.
Kari C. Nadeau, MD, PhD is the Naddisy Foundation Endowed Professor of Medicine and Pediatric Food Allergy, Immunology, and Asthma at Stanford University and the Director of the Sean N. Parker Center for Allergy and Asthma Research at Stanford University. She is a member of the ITI. The center’s vision is to find the causes and cures of allergies and asthma via studying basic mechanisms of immunology. The center’s mission is to transform the lives of patients and families through innovative science and compassionate care. For more than 30 years, Kari and her team have devoted themselves to understanding how environmental and genetic factors affect the risk of developing allergies and asthma, and the molecular mechanisms underlying the diseases. She works with a diverse team of specialists—in areas from immunology to chemical engineering—and collaborates with Scott Boyd, Mark Davis, Steve Galli, Holden Maecker, Garry Nolan, Purvesh Khatri, Yueh-Hsiu Chien and others at Stanford. Our team that was among the first to show that high dimensional immunophenotyping of T cells involved in allergy could be used in therapies for patients. Her lab has published over 200 peer reviewed papers. Kari has overseen more than 50 clinical trials and enrolled more than 3,000 patients in allergy and asthma studies, including several programs with the underserved communities at high risk for anaphylaxis. She received her MD and PhD from Harvard Medical School. She completed a residency in pediatrics at Boston Children’s Hospital and a clinical fellowship in asthma and immunology at Stanford and University of California, San Francisco. She has served as a White House Medical Consultant, a member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the EPA, NHLBI DSMB, NIH Study Sections, FARE Scientific Board, the American Lung Association Medical Board, ASCI, and leads the AAAAI Mechanism Committee.

Evan Newell, PhD, is an Associate Member at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, is currently focusing on developing and applying novel methods for identifying and characterizing antigen specific T cells in the context of human cancer and infectious disease. In addition to studies on the biophysical and structural nature of TCR – peptide-MHC interactions, he developed novel systems for identifying and thoroughly characterizing antigen-specific T cells derived from human blood and tissue samples. This included the development of combinatorial peptide-MHC tetramer staining, which allows for multiplexed assessment of a large number (>>100) T cell antigen specificities in a single sample, and the first application of mass cytometry (CyTOF) to deeply probe the phenotypic and functional characteristics of antigen specific T cells. The Newell lab continues to improve on published methods and is using mass cytometry for a wide range of applications in both mouse and human, especially for the study of tumor-specific T cell responses in the context of cancer. Dr. Newell completed his B.Sc. in Immunology at McGill University and Ph.D. in Physiology at the University of Toronto. He did his post-doctoral fellowship with Dr. Mark Davis at Stanford University before starting his own lab at the Singapore Immunology Network in 2012. In 2018 he moved his lab and joined the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center in Seattle. Dr. Newell also co-founded a spin-off company called immunoSCPAPE and is active as an advisor for this Singapore-based immune profiling service company.

Garry Nolan, PhD is the Rachford and Carlota A. Harris Professor in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at Stanford University School of Medicine. He trained with Leonard Herzenberg (for his Ph.D.) and Nobelist Dr. David Baltimore (for postdoctoral work for the first cloning/characterization of NF-B p65/ RelA and the development of rapid retroviral production systems). He has published over 220 research articles and is the holder of 20 US patents, and has been honored as one of the top 25 inventors at Stanford University. His areas of research include hematopoiesis, cancer and leukemia, autoimmunity and inflammation, and
computational approaches for network and systems immunology. Dr. Nolan’s recent efforts are focused on a single cell analysis advance using a mass spectrometry-flow cytometry hybrid device (CyTOF) and nanoscale imaging with the "Multiparameter Ion Beam Imager" (MIBI). The approaches use an advanced ion plasma source to determine the levels of tagged reagents bound to cells - enabling a vast increase in the number of parameters that can be measured per cell - either as flow cytometry devices (CyTOF) or imaging platforms for cancer (MIBI). Further developments in imaging are enabled by CODEX—a system that inexpensively converts fluorescence scopes into high dimensional imaging platforms.

Nathan Price, PhD, is Professor & Associate Director of the Institute for Systems Biology where he co-directs with Lee Hood the Hood-Price Integrated Lab for Systems Biomedicine. He is Co-Founder and on the Board of Directors of Arivale, a scientific wellness company that was named as Geekwire’s 2016 startup of the year. He is also Co-Founder & Chief Science Officer of Consilience, a 2018 AI startup focused on the learning healthcare system. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Health and Environmental Sciences Institute (HESI) and on the Board of Advisors for the American Cancer Society (WA). Dr. Price was the recipient of early career awards from NIH, NSF, American Cancer Society, the Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust, and Genome Technology. He was also named as a Camille Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar, and received the 2016 Grace A. Goldsmith Award for his work pioneering scientific wellness. He also serves on numerous scientific advisory boards including for Roche (Personalized Medicine division), Providence St. Joseph Health, Sera Prognostics, Habit, Trelys, and the Novo Nordisk Foundation Center for Biosustainability. He is also a fellow of the European Society of Preventive Medicine. He has published over 150 scientific papers and given over 180 invited talks.

Andrea Radtke, PhD, is a Senior Scientist at the Center for Advanced Tissue Imaging (CAT-I) under the leadership of Dr. Ronald Germain. The CAT-I is a National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) and National Cancer Institute (NCI) supported effort involving collaborative studies between experts in the Laboratory of Immune System Biology, NIAID, and NIAID and NCI investigators. The primary focus of her research is applying advanced imaging techniques to visualize the cellular composition and architecture of normal and malignant human tissues. To achieve this aim, Andrea and her colleagues have pioneered robust, high-dimensional imaging techniques that enable visualization of human tissues in 2D and 3D.

Soumya Raychaudhuri, MD, PhD, is a Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School, and Director of the Center for Data Sciences at Brigham and Women’s Hospital. He also is an Associate Member of the Broad Institute of Harvard and MIT, and a Visiting Professor in Genetics at the University of Manchester. Dr. Raychaudhuri completed a BA in mathematics and a BS in biophysics at the State University of New York at Buffalo. He then matriculated into the Stanford MSTP MD/PhD program, where he trained with Dr. Russ Altman in biomedical informatics. In 2004 he began clinical training in internal medicine, and then went on to pursue subspecialty training in rheumatology at Brigham and Women’s Hospital. He concurrently completed postdoctoral training in human genetics at the Broad Institute with Dr. Mark Daly. Since joining the faculty at Harvard Medical School in 2010, he has contributed to the understanding of the genetic basis of rheumatoid arthritis, type I diabetes and other immune-mediated diseases. He has also been at the forefront of devising statistical and computational methods to localize genetic association signals to causal variants, and to interpret human genetic data in the context of functional information. He has published over 100 papers, and has
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**William Shih, PhD** is a Professor in the Department of Biological Chemistry and Molecular Pharmacology at Harvard Medical School and the Department of Cancer Biology at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and a Core Faculty member at the Wyss Institute for Biologically Inspired Engineering at Harvard. William studied Biochemical Sciences at Harvard for his A.B. (1990–1994) and Biochemistry at Stanford for his Ph.D. (1994–2000) He did a postdoctoral fellowship at The Scripps Research Institute (2001–2004) and has since been back at Harvard as a faculty member. William was a 2008 NIH Director’s New Innovator Awardee, a 2013 Blavatnik National Award Finalist in the Physical Sciences, and the 2017 Foresight Prize Awardee in Experimental Nanotechnology.

**H. Tom Soh, PHD** is a Professor of Electrical Engineering and Radiology at Stanford University. His laboratory develops synthetic biomaterials and biosensor devices. He earned his B.S. (1992), with a double major in Mechanical Engineering and Materials Science with Distinction from Cornell University and his M.S. (1995) and Ph.D. (1999) in Electrical Engineering from Stanford University. Between 1999 and 2003, he served as a technical manager of MEMS device research group at Bell Laboratories and Agere Systems. Between 2003 and 2015, he was the Ruth Garland Professor at UC-Santa Barbara (UCSB) in the department of Mechanical Engineering and Materials. His lab moved to Stanford in 2015. He is a recipient of numerous awards including MIT Technology Review’s “TR 100” Award, ONR Young Investigator Award, Beckman Young Investigator Award, ALA Innovator Award, NIH Director’s TR01 Award, NIH Edward Nagy Award, Guggenheim Fellowship, and Alexander van Humboldt Fellowship. Dr. Soh is a Chan-Zuckerberg Biohub Investigator, fellow of the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE), and member of the National Academy of Inventors (NAI).

**Justin Sonnenburg, PhD**, is currently an associate professor in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at the Stanford University School of Medicine, where he studies the gut microbiota in health and disease and co-directs the Center for Human Microbiome Studies. He has received an NIH Director’s New Innovator Award and Pioneer Award. He and his wife Erica, are the authors of the book *The Good Gut: Taking Control of Your Weight, Your Mood, and Your Long-Term Health*.

**Bruce Walker, MD** is the Director of the Ragon Institute of MGH, MIT and Harvard, a Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School, a Professor of Practice at MIT and a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Investigator. In addition to his clinical duties as a board certified Infectious Disease specialist, his research focuses on cellular immune responses in chronic viral infections, with a particular focus on HIV. He leads an international translational clinical and basic science research effort to understand how some rare people who are infected with HIV, but have never been treated, can fight the virus with their immune system. Dr. Walker is also an Adjunct Professor at the Nelson Mandela School of Medicine in Durban, South Africa. There he collaborates with the Doris Duke Medical Research Institute at the University of KwaZulu-Natal and serves as a Principal Investigator in the HIV Pathogenesis Program, an initiative to study the evolution of the HIV and the immune responses effective in controlling this virus, as well as to contribute to training African scientists. He is a member of the Steering Committee for the KwaZulu-Natal Research Institute for TB and HIV (K-RITH), a 10-year initiative funded by HHMI to build a state of the art TB-HIV research facility at the heart of these dual epidemics in South Africa.
Afrika. Dr. Walker is also a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, American Society for Clinical Investigation (ASCI), the American Association of Physicians (AAP), and the Institute of Medicine (IOM) of the National Academy of Sciences.

**Taia Wang, PhD**, is an Assistant Professor at Stanford University where her lab studies human immunity and susceptibility to viral pathogens. She completed MD, PhD training at Mount Sinai School of Medicine where her graduate thesis studies were in influenza virology with Dr. Peter Palese. She then performed postdoctoral training in Fc receptor biology with Dr. Jeffrey Ravetch at the Rockefeller University. There, she conducted studies demonstrating how distinct polyclonal IgG Fc domain repertoires impact vaccine responses and susceptibility to viral infections. Studies in the Wang laboratory at Stanford are driven by the hypothesis that the heterogeneity in IgG Fc domain repertoires among individuals, defined by IgG subclass and Fc glycoform distributions, is a central driver of diversity in human immune functioning.

**Nir Yosef** received his Ph.D. in computer science from the Tel Aviv University in 2010. He then proceeded to a postdoctoral training at the Broad Institute, where he worked on inference of transcriptional regulatory models of T cell development. Since 2014 he is an Assistant Professor of Computer Science and a core member at the Center of Computational Biology at UC Berkeley. He is also an associate member of the Ragon Institute of MGH, MIT and Harvard and a Chan Zuckerbers biohub investigator. The Yosef lab is developing and applying computational methods that leverage single cell RNA-sequencing data, covering a wide range of topics - from basic processing and probabilistic modeling to inference of sub-populations and characterization of metabolic programs. A second area of research is method development for studying regulatory regions in the genome, based on chromatin profiles and massively parallel reporter assays. These tools are developed through close collaboration with experimental labs, with applications including HIV control, T cell differentiation, and T cell function in autoimmunity.