RESEARCH SHOWCASE

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9:30 AM - 5 PM
Bahen Centre for Information Technology
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Justin Nodwell, PhD
Vice Dean, Research & Health Science Education

I would like to invite and welcome you all to the Temerty Faculty of Medicine Research Showcase. This student-led event is at the core of our mission to provide an outstanding education in this research-intensive environment. It’s been said many times, but it is worth repeating: science does not take place in a vacuum. The most innovative ideas often occur in the interfaces between disciplines and involve many investigators working collaboratively. This showcase, which features opportunities to share ideas, is an outstanding opportunity to foster this spirit of discovery. It will also be a terrific opportunity for students to gather information and advice about possible careers once they finish up at university.

Antonio Strafella, MD PhD
Director of Clinical Research and Translation

The inaugural Temerty Faculty of Research Showcase is a unique event which has been conceived, planned, fundraised and organized entirely by graduate students. This research day emphasizes interdisciplinary and translational research across Temerty Medicine. This first event of its kind will allow graduate students, postdoctoral fellows & faculty to connect across disciplines and learn about research breakthroughs outside their own departments.
### Program at a Glance

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# Session Descriptions

## Keynote & Endnote Presentations

During the keynote and endnote presentations, the invited speakers will present their work and/or current hot topics in the field. This is an exciting session that is meant to spark interest in the current state of the field and provide attendees with the opportunity to learn about research outside of their work. The presentations are 35 minutes long, followed by 10 minute Q&A segments.

## Research Forums

In this session, a method or technique that may be useful for a wide range of researchers within Temerty Medicine will be showcased. The forum can be 1) the basics of a method and its application, 2) how to set up an experiment or analysis and how to troubleshoot, or 3) a panel discussion about a hot topic.

The session will consist of two forums about 15 minutes long, with time for questions and/or discussion during the session and additional discussion time at the end. Ultimately, the goal of this session is to foster discussions and collaborations within the Faculty and allow attendees to discuss their research, challenges, and tips with each other.

## Research Symposia

In this session, four presentations will be given by trainees or postdoctoral fellows from different departments within the Temerty Faculty of Medicine. This is an excellent opportunity for undergraduate, graduate, medical, and postdoctoral trainees to present their research to an audience of experts and non-experts.

Each presentation will be 8 minutes long, followed by a 2 minute Q&A session. At the end of all presentations, the moderator will open up the floor for additional questions to all presenters in a panel style.

## Career Coffee Chats

This session provides an opportunity for trainees and postdoctoral fellows to interact with academic and industry professionals, gaining insights into potential future careers and building meaningful relationships. Interested trainees who registered early have already been contacted with their assigned session time; this session is not open to all attendees. Limited spots are available to ensure meaningful conversations. The session follows a "speed dating" format, with 3 x 15-minute networking rounds where each professional engages with 4-5 attendees. Attendees can review professionals' bios and LinkedIn profiles provided on the corresponding pages below but cannot reserve spots with professionals in advance. Connecting with professionals outside the session is encouraged for further conversation.
Tamorah Lewis, MD PhD

The intersection of ontogeny, pharmacogenetics and drug safety in the NICU

Tamorah Lewis, MD PhD, is a physician scientist, and was recently appointed as the Division Head for Clinical Pharmacology and Toxicology at SickKids. Prior to this, she worked as an attending at the Children's Mercy Kansas City in the Divisions of Neonatology and Pediatric Clinical Pharmacology for 7 years, where she led translational/clinical research in neonatal pharmacology.

Dr. Lewis' research interests include PBPK and population pharmacokinetic and pharmacodynamic investigations in neonates and children, pertaining to both drugs in common use and drugs under development. Currently, Dr. Lewis is strides to advance the hospital-wide vision for Precision Child Health, and collaborates with multiple clinical Divisions to research and implement precision therapeutics, while continuing to provide clinical care in the level IV NICU at SickKids.
# Research Forums

## Room 2165: Tools for Improving Inclusivity, Equity, and Patient Engagement

**Sherald Sanchez**  
PhD Candidate  
*Institute of Medical Sciences*

Patient-oriented research: Advancing the science of engagement

**Insiya Bhalloo**  
PhD Candidate  
*Rehabilitation Sciences Institute*

Equity in research practice: Considerations for multilingual populations

## Room 2175: Improving Animal Research & Behavioural Assays

**Kristyn Fournier**  
Animal Research Ethics Specialist, CAMH

Animal welfare

**Dr. Ravinder Naik Dharavath**  
Postdoctoral Fellow  
*Psychiatry & Pharmacology*

5-CSRTT assay for capturing impulsivity

## Room 2185: 3D Imaging & Mitochondrial Genomics

**Dr. Alexandre Hardy**  
Staff Member  
*Department of Physiology & 3D: Animal to Cell Imaging Facility*

Core facility: 3D imaging facility services with various instrument capabilities

**Dr. Vanessa Gonçalves**  
Faculty  
*CAMH, Departments of Psychiatry & Pharmacology & Toxicology*

Genetics, mitochondrial genetics/genomics

## Room 2195: New Technologies in Imaging & Microscopy

**Lindsey Fiddes**  
Staff Member  
*Microscopy Imaging Lab*

Core facility: Microscopy imaging lab

**Dr. Edward James**  
Postdoctoral Fellow  
*Molecular Genetics*

Automated image analysis
### Room 2165: Sequencing & RNA Biology

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<td>Aleksandra Marakhovskaia</td>
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<td>Kimberly Crasta</td>
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<td>Assessing the antidepressant efficacy of ketamine for treatment-resistant depression with comorbid post-traumatic stress disorder</td>
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<td>Sipan Haikazian</td>
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<td>Maintenance ketamine infusions demonstrate sustained antidepressant efficacy in a sample of real-world TRD and TRBD patients</td>
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<td>Micaela Wiseman</td>
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<td>Investigating the use of a speech-based biomarker for identifying patients with treatment-resistant depression</td>
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<td>Frank Mazza</td>
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<td>Electroencephalographic (EEG) biomarkers of reduced somatostatin-expressing (SST) interneuron inhibition in human cortical microcircuit models of depression</td>
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<td>Dr. Catharine Mielnik</td>
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<td>The bidirectional effect of 2-AG on hyperdopaminergic states: Implications for therapeutic 2-AG modulation in psychosis</td>
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<td>Shehab Eid</td>
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<td>Targeting the sodium potassium pump for treatment of prion diseases and Alzheimer’s disease</td>
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<td>Earvin Tio</td>
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<td>Exploration of the Biopsychosocial Mechanisms Underlying Suicidal Ideation Using a Whole-Person Approach</td>
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<td>Suraj Bansal</td>
<td>Undergraduate Student, Molecular Genetics</td>
<td>ATLAS-AML: An automated bioinformatics pipeline to advance precision medicine in acute myeloid leukemia</td>
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<td>Haidy Giratallah</td>
<td>PhD Candidate, Pharmacology &amp; Toxicology</td>
<td>A PheWAS-MR study in the UK biobank reveals associations for CYP2A6 activity with lung cancers, obstructive respiratory diseases, and earlier diagnosis</td>
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<td>Ryan Marks</td>
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<td>CRISPR-mediated correction of small duplications/deletions in DMD using an engineered Cas9</td>
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<td>Meena Fatah</td>
<td>PhD Candidate, Institute of Medical Sciences</td>
<td>Machine learning in pediatric Brugada Syndrome: Can electrocardiographic parameters diagnostically discriminate in children?</td>
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<td>Emma Collier</td>
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<td>Unveiling human papillomavirus in cervical cancer through liquid biopsy</td>
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<td>Kaviya Devaraja</td>
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<td>The role of ICAM1 in glioblastoma tumorigenesis under hypoxic conditions</td>
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<td>Aarushi Gupta</td>
<td>Undergraduate Student, Medical Biophysics</td>
<td>Evaluating the potential therapeutic effect of targeting polyamine metabolism in acute myeloid leukemia in combination with venetoclax</td>
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<td>Tianning Yu</td>
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<td>STING agonists drive intrinsic type I interferon responses in monocytes for optimal anti-tumor immunity</td>
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Room 1190: Patient Engagement, Care, and Equity in Healthcare

- **Samira Adus**  
  MD Candidate  
  *Family & Community Medicine*  
  Exploring patient perspectives on how they can and should be engaged in the development of artificial intelligence (AI) applications in health care

- **Susan Zahir**  
  MSc Candidate  
  *Rehabilitation Sciences*  
  Exploring electrical injury survivors and caregivers’ experiences with social support: A qualitative study

- **Dr. Yiyan Li**  
  Postdoctoral Fellow  
  *Bloorview Research Institute*  
  Exploring the experiences of ableism among Asian children and youth with disabilities and their families: A systematic review of qualitative studies

- **Dr. Samira Omar**  
  Postdoctoral Fellow  
  *Rehabilitation Sciences*  
  Confronting and addressing institutionalized racism in rehabilitation research and practice for black people with traumatic brain injury: A critical race perspective

Room 1200: Cancer Diagnostic & Prognostic Research

- **Martin Rotbauer**  
  MSc Candidate  
  *Laboratory Medicine & Pathobiology*  
  Exploring the role of circulating tumour cell-associated genes in estrogen receptor-positive breast cancer recurrence

- **Kseniia Tumanova**  
  PhD Candidate  
  *Medical Biophysics*  
  Polarized light microscopy for quantitative assessment of colorectal cancer: can we predict local recurrence?

- **Douglas Chung**  
  PhD Candidate  
  *Immunology*  
  A novel population of CD103-expressing CD56+ regulatory ILCs suppresses intratumoural T cells and are associated with poor prognosis in patients with ovarian carcinoma

- **Aaron Dou**  
  MD Candidate  
  *Medicine*  
  Risk factors for unplanned acute care use in gynecologic oncology patients receiving radiotherapy
## Room 1210: Circulatory Physiology Research

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<td>Joshua Tuazon</td>
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<td>Laura Wheeler</td>
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<td>Dr. Leif Simmatis</td>
<td>Multimodal assessment of bulbar amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) using a novel remote speech assessment app</td>
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<td>Sowsan Hafuth</td>
<td>Building a healthbot to help patients adhere to their varenicline prescriptions</td>
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**Career Coffee Chat Professionals**

**11:00 AM - 11:50 AM | Room 2145**

- **Mehrab Ali**  
  Research Program Manager, CAMH

- **Dr. Claudia Hui**  
  VP, Investment Banking, Bloom Burton & Co.

- **Dr. Srijit Khan**  
  Scientist, Sanofi

- **Dr. Tracy Moreira-Lucas**  
  Field Medical Affairs Scientist, Pfizer Oncology

- **Dr. Zainab Mya Motala**  
  Medical Editor & Sessional Lecturer, Klick Inc. & Seneca College

- **Deanna Rath**  
  Research Technician I, UHN

- **Dr. David Sealey**  
  Director, Regulatory Affairs (Oncology), AstraZeneca

- **Richard Yao**  
  Technical Sales Consultant, Miltenyi Biotec

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CAREER COFFEE CHAT PROFESSIONALS
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Dr. Meghan Chenoweth
Project Scientist & Assistant Professor, CAMH & University of Toronto

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Ben Dickson
Senior Medical Communications Manager, SixSense Strategy Group

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Christina Ditlof
Web & Communications Assistant, SickKids

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Dr. Michelle Dubinsky
Medical Science Liaison, Boehringer Ingelheim

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Fatma Faiez
Regulatory Affairs Specialist, Sanofi

Table 5

Ido Kaminsky
Director, Portfolio Performance Solutions, BenchSci

Table 6

Dr. Raza Mirza
Director, National Partnerships and Knowledge Mobilization & Assistant Professor, AgeHelp Canada & University of Toronto

Table 7

Dr. Morgane Morabito
Senior Manager, Research Program, Canadian Cancer Society

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Colin Arrowsmith
Data Scientist, Edge Analytics
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Dr. Michelle Ly
Life Sciences Strategy Consultant, Shift Health
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Dr. Ahmed Elharram
Scientific Advisor, GSK
Table 2

Dr. Thomas Prevot
Director of Operations & Project Scientist & Assistant Professor, Damona Pharmaceuticals & CAMH & University of Toronto
Table 6

Dr. Gabriella Chan
Lawyer, Yocto Law PC
Table 3

Brandon Rufino
Computational Scientist, Lead, Sanofi Digital RnD
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Hamza Farooq
Chief Technology Officer, BioBox Analytics Inc.
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Jack Zhang
Senior Project Manager, University of Toronto
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CAREER COFFEE CHAT PROFESSIONALS
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Dr. Christopher Ing
Chief Scientific Officer, ProteinQure Inc.

Connie Putterman
Family Engagement in Research Coordinator, CAMH

Dr. Nil Sahin
Data Scientist, Recursion

Aylin Visram
Clinical Study Associate, GSK

Dr. Helen Sarantis
Deputy Director, QC Analytical Excellence, Sanofi

Allan Brugel
Vaccines Supply Chain Manager, Sanofi

Dr. Ryan Smith
Senior Business Analyst, Lifescience Dynamics

Raul Suarez
Forensic Biologist, The Centre of Forensic Sciences

Career coffee chat professionals
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THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

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PHARMACOLOGY & TOXICOLOGY

EHAB BAKBAK
PHD CANDIDATE
PHARMACOLOGY & TOXICOLOGY
Welcome to the first-ever Temerty Faculty of Medicine Research Showcase!

During our time as graduate students, we became immersed in a community teeming with remarkable research and extraordinary people - a diverse blend of trainees, faculty, and staff from all corners of our Pharmacology & Toxicology Department. Our departmental research day was always an exciting time where we could learn about the diversity of research by our colleagues. We realized, however, that most of us wanted to learn about the research that takes place in the other departments within Temerty Medicine. We sought to create a platform where we could come together at the Faculty level and create new connections, exchange ideas, and forge new collaborations.

This is not just about showcasing research - it is about uniting us all, sharing our passions, learning from each other, and growing stronger as a community. It is about how we, together, are the heartbeat of the Temerty Faculty of Medicine. One Faculty.

Thank you for being a part of this day. We hope that this is the start of a wonderful tradition for years to come.

- The Temerty Faculty of Medicine Organizing Committee
Our volunteers

BRADY PARK  
PHD CANDIDATE  
PHARMACOLOGY & TOXICOLOGY

DAVID PRZELICKI  
PHD CANDIDATE  
LABORATORY MEDICINE & PATHOBIOLOGY

MOUZHAN VARSHOUEITABRIZI  
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LABORATORY MEDICINE & PATHOBIOLOGY

JASHAN DHILLON  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT  
HUMAN BIOLOGY

GIOVANNA MELLO  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT  
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AIKO HASHIMOTO REIS  
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ABIGAELLE MATONDO  
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HUMAN BIOLOGY

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MEDICAL BIOPHYSICS

YUEXIN (CINDY) LI  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT  
HUMAN BIOLOGY

ALICE SHAN  
PHD CANDIDATE  
INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES

ALEXANDRA MOFFAT  
MSC CANDIDATE  
LABORATORY MEDICINE & PATHOBIOLOGY
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