



UW Center for Translational Muscle Research

2025 UW CTMR ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

Friday, November 21, 2025

9:00am – 5:00 pm Pacific Time

[Orin Smith Auditorium \(Building C\)](#)

UW SLU | 850 Republican St | Seattle, WA, 98109

THEME: Modeling & Metabolism in Muscle Research

- 8:45 am** **Coffee and Tea**, Building C Lobby
- 9:00 am** **General Welcome & Keynote Speaker Introduction**
Mike Regnier, PhD, CTMR Director
- 9:10 am** **Keynote Session**
Daniel Beard, PhD, Professor of Cardiovascular Physiology, Molecular and Integrative Physiology, Internal Medicine, Emergency Medicine, and Biomedical Engineering, Medical School and College of Engineering, University of Michigan Medical School
Title: ***The Vicious Cycle of Metabolic and Mechanical Dysfunction in Heart Failure***
- 10:10 am** **Break**
- 10:30 am** **CTMR Pilot Grant Awardees (Year 6)**
Moderator: **Dave Beck, PhD**, Co-Core Director, CTMR Quantitative Analysis Core
Silvia Marchianò, PhD, PharmD, Acting Instructor, Department of Laboratory Medicine & Pathology and **Elaheh Karbassi, PhD**, Acting Instructor, Department of Laboratory Medicine & Pathology
Title: ***Mutational screening of ribonucleotide reductase (RNR) activity for improved cell-based heart regeneration***
Joe Powers, PhD, Assistant Professor Department of Laboratory Medicine & Pathology and Mechanical Engineering
Title: ***Measuring and modeling emergent mechanical behavior of remodeled myocytes due to Filamin C deletion***
Wentao Zhu, PhD, Acting Assistant Professor, Department of Anesthesiology & Pain Medicine
Title: ***A Comprehensive Metabolomics Investigation into the Molecular Mechanisms of ZFYVE1 in a Mouse Model of Heart Failure.***
Matthew Childers, PhD, Research Scientist 4, Department of Bioengineering
Aditi Prabhala, MS, Research Scientist, Division of Cardiology
Title: ***Examining the Mechanisms of the Dilated Cardiomyopathy-Associated Myosin Mutation R369Q***

Joel Chamberlain, PhD, Research Associate Professor, Division of Medical Genetics,
Title: ***Cell-derived nanoparticle functional assessment in model cells as a delivery platform for muscular dystrophy antisense therapy***
Shabnam Salimi, MD, MSc, FAHA, Acting Instructor, Department of Anesthesiology & Pain Medicine
Title: ***Metabolomic insights to Doxorubicin and mitigation strategy***

11:30 am

Lightning talks

Moderator: **Joe Powers, PhD**, CTMR Faculty

Riya Keshri, PhD, Postdoc, Ruohola-Baker Lab

Title: ***AI-designed HER2–FGFR Agonist and designed protein cocktail enhance direct myogenic reprogramming***

Bianca Druta, Undergraduate, Bengtsson Lab

Title: ***Evaluating Drug-Responsive Gene Editing Constructs for In Vivo Gene Therapy of Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy***

Kieran Fruebis, Undergraduate, Regnier Lab

Title: ***Hyper- and Hypocontractility: A Functional Assessment of β -Myosin Mutation E525K in Dilated Cardiomyopathy Models***

Emily Li, Undergraduate, Kollman Lab

Title: ***Characterizing Mutations in Glycogen Storage Disease Type VII***

Benjamin Pryce, PhD, Acting Instructor, Division of Gastroenterology

Title: ***Intercellular Signaling within the Muscle Microenvironment Controls Muscle Wasting in Cachexia***

Sasha Smolgovsky, PhD, Postdoc, Davis Lab

Title: ***Establishing Cardiac Fibroblasts as Orchestrators of Cardiac Decompensation in Familial Dilated Cardiomyopathy***

Tristan Wasley, Graduate Student, Regnier Lab

Title: ***Atomistic Modeling of Cardiac Myosin-Binding Protein-C to Elucidate Its Role in Thick Filament Regulation***

Yejin Kwon, Research Assistant, Berndt Lab

Title: ***Genetically encoded fluorescence lifetime H₂O₂ sensors for quantitative redox imaging***

Taylor Christopherson, Undergraduate, Tanner Lab, WSU

Title: ***Characterization of sarcomeric protein mutations related to the development of cardiac hypertrophy and cellular disarray in transgenic mice.***

12:00 pm

Lunch Break & Poster Session, C123A/B, Qdoba Catering provided

2:00 pm

CTMR Investigator Talks

Moderator: **Mike Regnier, PhD**, CTMR Director

Princess Imoukhuede, PhD, Hunter and Dorothy Simpson Endowed Chair and Professor, UW Bioengineering

Title: ***Systems Bioengineering for Vascular Signaling and Women's Health: Mechanisms, Models, and Diagnostics***

Mike Geeves, PhD, Emeritus Professor of Physical Biochemistry, University of Kent

Title: ***Regulation of thick filaments: Seeking the Super Relaxed State (SRX) in myosin and muscle***

- 3:00 pm** **Recent CTMR Pilot Grant Awardees (Year 7)**
Moderator: **Jen Davis, PhD**, Co-Core Director, CTMR Quantitative Analysis Core
Shabnam Salimi, MD, MSc, FAHA, Acting Instructor, Department of Anesthesiology & Pain Medicine
Title: ***From Metabolomics to Epigenetics Signatures of Aging Skeletal Muscle and Mice Frailty***
Guy Odom, PhD, Research Associate Professor, Department of Neurology
Title: ***Linking cardiac biophysical performance to protein redesign of microtrophin in DMD mice***
Wentao Zhu, PhD, Acting Assistant Professor, Department of Anesthesiology & Pain Medicine
Title: ***Investigating the Metabolic Basis of Chronic Pain in Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) Through Comprehensive Metabolomics Analysis***
Matthew Childers, PhD, Research Scientist 4, Department of Bioengineering
Bert Tanner, PhD, Associate Professor, Washington State University
Title: ***Molecular dynamics simulations of myosin and thick-filament regulatory protein phosphorylation***
Pat Boyle, PhD, Associate Professor, Department of Bioengineering
Joe Powers, PhD, Assistant Professor Department of Laboratory Medicine & Pathology and Mechanical Engineering
Title: ***Effects of filamin C deletion on multiscale structure-function relationships in muscle***
Alec Smith, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Neurobiology & Biophysics
Title: ***Investigating the functional effect of b-adrenergic stimulation on CRISPR-edited human iPSC-derived myoblasts harboring ALS-associated mutations***
- 3:30pm** **Break**
- 3:45 pm** **Special Session on Metabolomics in Partnership with Nutrition Obesity Research Center (NORC)**
Moderator: **Dan Raftery, PhD**, Core Director, CTMR Metabolism
Ellen Schur, MD, Professor of Medicine, Director of NORC
An Introduction to NORC
Rong Tian, MD, PhD, Professor, Departments of Anesthesiology & Pain Medicine and Bioengineering
Title: ***NAD metabolism in human failing heart***
Karin Bornfeldt, PhD, Professor, Departments of Laboratory Medicine & Pathology and Medicine
Title: ***A Multiomics Approach to Understanding Diabetic Dyslipidemia***



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