

# UC DAVIS MUSCULOSKELETAL HEALTH RESEARCH DAY

Friday, April 26, 2024  
UC Davis Health, Sacramento Campus  
Center for Health and Technology (CHT) 1341



## Keynote speaker

**Grace O'Connell, Ph.D.**

Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering  
Berkeley Biomechanics Co-Director  
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## Agenda

Registration, continental breakfast, poster setup	7:00am-8:00am
Introduction to MSK Research Day and Dr. O'Connell	8:00am-8:05am
Keynote speaker: <b>Grace O'Connell, Ph.D.</b> <i>"Environmental Factors to Support Growth"</i>	8:05am-9:00am
Break/picture	9:00am-9:15am
Talks selected from abstracts	9:15am-11:45am
Poster session (Education Bldg 3rd floor breezeway)	11:45am-
Lunch for RSVPs (CHT 1341)	12:30pm
Conclude	1:30pm

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## Keynote Lecture:

### **Environmental Factors to Support Growth**

#### **Abstract**

Articular cartilage has a limited ability to self-heal following trauma or degenerative diseases, such as osteoarthritis (OA). The aging population and a rise in younger patients (< 60 years old) developing cartilage defects has led to a growing interest in developing biological approaches that aim to repair early-stage cartilage lesions, reduce patient pain, and prolong the need for total joint replacements. However, chondrocytes dedifferentiate during expansion culture, limiting their ability to produce chondrogenic tissue and their utility for cell-based cartilage repair strategies. This seminar discusses how supplementation of expansion culture media with a growth factor cocktail can help to preserve chondrogenic cell properties during two-dimensional (2D) culture and alter tissue production once the cells are returned to a three-dimensional (3D) environment. The lecture will also discuss how the learning environment in the classroom or laboratory can support student growth and learning.

#### **Brief Bio**

Grace O'Connell, PhD, is the Don M. Cunningham Chair of Mechanical Engineering, Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering, and Associate Dean for Inclusive Excellence in the College of Engineering at the University of California, Berkeley. She completed her graduate training in bioengineering at the University of Pennsylvania under the mentorship of Dr. Dawn Elliott. She then undertook postdoctoral training with Dr. Clark Hung at Columbia University and joined the faculty at UC Berkeley as Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering in 2013. Presently, Dr. O'Connell is the co-director of the Berkeley Biomechanics Laboratory, which is a core laboratory focused on biomechanics of hard and soft tissues including bone, intervertebral disc and articular cartilage.

She has authored nearly 70 peer-reviewed publications, book chapters and conference proceedings, along with more than 50 invited speaker engagements nationally and internationally. Dr. O'Connell is a fellow of the American Society of Mechanical Engineering (ASME) and the American Institute of Medical and Biological Engineers (AIMBE). She has received numerous other honors and awards including the University of Maryland's College of Engineering Early Career Distinguished Alumni Award, the inaugural JOR Spine Early Career Award, the YC Fung Young Investigator Award, and the NSF Career Award.

# SHORT TALKS

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## Short talks presented by NIH T32 Scholars

### **AGE-BASED DIFFERENCES IN MUSCULOSKELETAL ADAPTATION DURING UNLOADING IN MICE UNDERGOING ALENDRONATE TREATMENT**

Sophie Orr<sup>1</sup>, Suraj Pathak<sup>2</sup>, Hodo Ali Edan<sup>2</sup>, Henning Langer<sup>2</sup>, Keith Baar<sup>2</sup>, Blaine A. Christiansen<sup>1</sup>  
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### **ENGINEERING APPROACHES FOR MUSCLE REGENERATION**

Andrea C. Filler<sup>1</sup>, J. Kent Leach<sup>1,2</sup>

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### **FIBROBLAST GROWTH FACTOR 21 SIGNALING CONTRIBUTES TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF SARCOPENIA AND DIABETES IN OBESITY**

Devi Jayakrishnan<sup>1</sup>, Karen Ryan<sup>1</sup>

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## Short talks selected from abstracts

### **EVALUATION OF HIGH BONE MASS PHENOTYPE INDUCED BY DEGRADATION RESISTANT HYPOXIA INDUCIBLE FACTORS**

Adriana P. Pantoja<sup>1</sup>, Sarah V. Mendoza<sup>1</sup>, Deepa K. Muruges<sup>2</sup>, Gabriela G. Loots<sup>1</sup>, Damian C. Genetos<sup>1,\*</sup>, Clare E. Yellowley<sup>1,\*</sup>

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### **EVALUATING THE IMPACT OF REPEATED DOSES OF VITAMIN C-ENRICHED HYDROLYZED- AND VEGAN COLLAGEN SUPPLEMENT ON COLLAGEN SYNTHESIS**

Emelie Strandberg<sup>1</sup>, Keith Baar<sup>1,2</sup>

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### **FIBRO-ADIPOGENIC PROGENITORS PRODUCE ALTERED EXTRACELLULAR MATRIX AND IMPAIR MUSCLE DIFFERENTIATION**

Taryn Loomis<sup>1</sup>, Perri E. Gish<sup>2</sup>, Ross P. Wohlgemuth<sup>2</sup>, Avalon M. Babros<sup>2</sup>, Lucas R. Smith<sup>2,3</sup>

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### **GUT MICROBIOME REGULATION OF THE AGING SKELETAL STEM CELL NICHE**

Kelly C. Weldon<sup>1,2</sup>, Kun Chen<sup>2</sup>, David Morales<sup>2,3</sup>, Ethan Hunt<sup>2</sup>, Thomas H. Ambrosi<sup>2</sup>

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Sacramento, CA 95817; <sup>3</sup>Graduate Group in Integrative Pathobiology, University of California, Davis, Davis, CA 95616 USA

## **SKELETAL STEM/PROGENITOR CELLS AS A VIABLE REGENERATIVE THERAPEUTIC FOR BONE DEFECTS**

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## **THE ROLE OF WISP2 DURING SKELETAL STEM CELL AGING**

Kun Chen<sup>1</sup>, Kelly C. Weldon<sup>1</sup>, David Morales<sup>1</sup>, Ethan J. Hunt<sup>1</sup>, Thomas H. Ambrosi<sup>1</sup>

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## **DYSREGULATED INFLAMMATORY RESPONSE AND POOR FRACTURE HEALING IN POLYTRAUMA**

Tony D. Baldini<sup>1</sup>, Maryam Rahmati<sup>1\*</sup>, Robert Charles Henry Gresham<sup>1\*</sup>, Augustine M. Saiz<sup>1</sup>, Jane Burgan<sup>1</sup>, Mark Lee<sup>1</sup>, Benjamin Osipov<sup>1</sup>, Blaine A. Christiansen<sup>1</sup>, Thaqif El Khassawna<sup>2,3</sup>, D.C. Florian Wieland<sup>4</sup>, Zahra Sabouri<sup>2</sup>, Andre Lopes<sup>4</sup>, Clement Blanchet<sup>4</sup>, J. Kent Leach<sup>1</sup>

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## **EARLY UNLOADING AFTER ACL RUPTURE AND PRIOR TO SURGICAL RESTABILIZATION IN MICE SLOWS POST-TRAUMATIC OSTEOARTHRITIS PROGRESSION**

Yu-Yang Lin<sup>1</sup>, Elias H. Jbeily<sup>1</sup>, Cassandra A. Lee<sup>1</sup>, Gabriela G. Loots<sup>1</sup>, Blaine A. Christiansen<sup>1</sup>

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## **IMMUNOMODULATORY HYDROGELS FOR BONE REGENERATION IN RESPONSE TO BIPHOSPHONATE-RELATED OSTEONECROSIS OF THE JAW**

Katherine H. Griffin<sup>1,2</sup>, Thomas P. Coonan<sup>1</sup>, Isabel S. Sagheb<sup>1</sup>, Langston A. Wu<sup>1</sup>, Boaz Arzi<sup>2</sup>, Jamal S. Lewis<sup>3</sup>, and J. Kent Leach<sup>1,4</sup>

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**Full abstracts for short talks and posters available at**

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## POSTER PRESENTATIONS

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### **ELUCIDATING THE ROLE OF YAP IN SARCOMA DEVELOPMENT**

Julissa Suarez-Navarro<sup>1,2</sup>, Jack Freeland<sup>3</sup>, Maria Muñoz<sup>4</sup>, Jessica Bergonio<sup>2</sup>, Janai R. Carr-Ascher<sup>2,5</sup>  
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### **AFFECTED MUSCLES RETAIN DEXTROUS MOTOR CAPABILITIES IN CHILDREN BORN WITH UPPER-LIMB DEFICIENCIES**

Eden J. Winslow<sup>1</sup>, Marcus A. Batraw<sup>2</sup>, Justin J. Fitzgerald<sup>1,3,4</sup>, Michelle A. James<sup>5,6</sup>, Anita M. Bagley<sup>5,6</sup>, Wilsaan M. Joiner<sup>1,4,7</sup>, Jonathon S. Schofield<sup>2</sup>  
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### **FUNCTIONALIZED ANNEALED MICROGELS FOR SPATIAL CONTROL OF OSTEOGENIC AND CHONDROGENIC DIFFERENTIATION**

Erika E. Wheeler<sup>1</sup>, Jeremy M. Lowen<sup>1</sup>, Nathan K. Shimamoto<sup>2</sup>, David H. Ramos-Rodriguez<sup>1</sup>, Katherine H. Griffin<sup>1</sup>, Gabriella C. Bond<sup>2</sup>, J. Kent Leach<sup>1,2</sup>  
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### **GLUCOCORTICOID-INDUCED REDUCTION IN OSTEOGENESIS AND ANGIOGENESIS IS COUPLED THROUGH ALTERED SKELETAL STEM CELL LINEAGE DYNAMICS**

David Morales<sup>1</sup>, Kun Chen<sup>1</sup>, and Thomas H. Ambrosi<sup>1</sup>  
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### **TESTING THE OSTEOGENIC AND CHONDROGENIC EFFECT OF THE SMALL MOLECULES DMH1 AND SAG21K IN HUMAN SKELETAL STEM CELLS**

Ethan J. Hunt<sup>1</sup>, Kun Chen<sup>1</sup>, Kelly C. Weldon<sup>1,2</sup>, David Morales<sup>1,3</sup>, Thomas H. Ambrosi<sup>1</sup>  
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### **MACROMOLECULAR CROWDING ENHANCES OSTEOGENIC POTENTIAL IN CELL-SECRETED MATRIX-LOADED SPHEROIDS**

Shierly W. Fok Lau<sup>1,2</sup>, David H. Ramos-Rodriguez<sup>1</sup>, J. Kent Leach<sup>1,2</sup>  
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## **DISPARATE IMPACT OF OSTEOCYTE OXYGEN-SENSING MECHANISMS ON BONE QUALITY**

Kristina V. Wells<sup>1</sup>, Sarah V. Mendoza<sup>1</sup>, Alice Wong<sup>1</sup>, Deepa Muruges<sup>2</sup>, Gabriela G. Loots<sup>2,3</sup>, Clare E. Yellowley<sup>1</sup>, Damian C. Genetos<sup>1</sup>

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## **REMODELING AND MECHANOSENSING VARY AS A FUNCTION OF STRAIN PATTERN AND MAGNITUDE IN ENGINEERED HUMAN LIGAMENTS**

Kenneth T. Tam<sup>1</sup>, Alec M. Avey<sup>1</sup>, Keith Baar<sup>1,2</sup>

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## **TIBALIS ANTERIOR TENDON IS WEAKENED IN AN ADENINE DIET-INDUCED MODEL OF CHRONIC KIDNEY DISEASE**

Christopher MT Hayden<sup>1</sup>, Natalie K Gilmore<sup>1</sup>, Baback Roshanravan<sup>2</sup>, Keith Baar<sup>3</sup>

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## **KETOGENIC DIET INDUCES BONE LOSS IN ADULT MICE AND MAY REDUCE THE ANABOLIC EFFECT OF EXERCISE**

Benjamin Osipov<sup>1</sup>, Sophie V. Orr<sup>1</sup>, Yu-Yang Lin<sup>1</sup>, Ritvik S. Punati<sup>1</sup>, Maryam Rahmati<sup>1</sup>, Suraj J. Pathak<sup>2</sup>, Kei Takahata<sup>3</sup>, Keith Baar<sup>2</sup>, Blaine A. Christiansen<sup>1</sup>

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## **DEVELOPMENT OF A NOVEL NUTRITIONAL SUPPLEMENT TO INCREASE HUMAN CONNECTIVE TISSUE COLLAGEN SYNTHESIS**

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## **INVESTIGATING ECM DIFFERENCES AND RESPONSE TO LOADING DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MRL AND B6 CARTILAGE CONSTRUCTS**

Rahul D. Patel<sup>1</sup>, David HR Rodriguez<sup>1</sup>, J. Kent Leach<sup>1</sup>, Gabriela G. Loots<sup>1</sup>

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## **EFFECTS OF RESORBABLE VS. NON-RESORBABLE SUTURES ON RAT ACHILLES TENDON REPAIR OUTCOMES 30-DAYS POST SURGERY**

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## **PROSTATE CANCER AND BONE CELL CROSSTALK INVESTIGATED BY UTILIZING CONDITIONED MEDIA EXPERIMENTS**

Max A. Tracy<sup>1</sup>, Kristina V. Wells<sup>1</sup>, Damian C. Genetos<sup>1</sup>

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## **DOES TIMING OF PREOPERATIVE KNEE ASPIRATION OR OTHER INJECTIONS INFLUENCE TOTAL KNEE ARTHROPLASTY INFECTION RISK?**

Hania Shahzad<sup>1</sup>, John P. Meehan<sup>1</sup>, Mauro Giordani<sup>1</sup>, Safdar N. Khan<sup>1</sup>, Zachary C. Lum<sup>1\*</sup>

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## **EVALUATING DIFFERENCES IN CLINICAL PROFILES OF CARTILAGINOUS TUMOR PATIENTS**

Hector L. Sanchez Perez<sup>1</sup>, Kyle Walker<sup>2</sup>, Andres T. Ramos<sup>1</sup>, Samuel K. Simister<sup>2</sup>, Shannon Tse<sup>2</sup>, Aziz Saade<sup>2</sup>, Hania Shazad<sup>2</sup>, Steven W. Thorpe<sup>2</sup>, R Lor Randall<sup>2</sup>

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## **PEDIATRIC SPINAL INJURIES AT A LEVEL-ONE TRAUMA CENTER IN CALIFORNIA: A 15-YEAR EXPERIENCE**

Hannah E. Neiger<sup>1</sup>, Minna MC. Wieck<sup>2</sup>, Arzu Ozturk<sup>2</sup>, Hai V. Le<sup>2</sup>, Rolando Roberto<sup>2</sup>

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## **HANDS-ON OR GLOVED APPROACH? UNVEILING PATIENT EXPERIENCES IN ORTHOPAEDIC FOOT AND ANKLE CLINICS**

Frank Sierra<sup>1</sup>, Yvonne Conway<sup>2</sup>, Andrea Rincon<sup>1</sup>, Samuel K. Simister<sup>2</sup>, Christopher Kruelen<sup>2</sup>, Eric Giza<sup>2</sup>

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## **EFFICACY AND SAFETY OF TRAMADOL IN TOTAL KNEE ARTHROPLASTY: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW**

Frank Sierra<sup>1</sup>, Katherine Guo<sup>1</sup>, Shannon Tse<sup>2</sup>, Sam Simister<sup>2</sup>, Zachary Lum<sup>2</sup>

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