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FOREWORD







Case Western Reserve University has always been at the forefront of Biomaterials research, starting from the pioneering work of Dr. James Anderson in biocompatibility to today's multiple research directions in drug delivery, tissue engineering, devices and artificial blood surrogates. Dr. Anderson had a leading role in founding SfB and the Case chapter has been around for more than two decades under the leadership of Drs. Nicholas Ziats, Horst von Recum and Anirban Sen Gupta. Dr. Anderson serves as an editor for SfB's Journal of Biomedical Materials Research, Dr. Ziats is a past President and current Program Committee co-chair, Dr. von Recum is the current National SfB President, and Dr. Sen Gupta serves as chair of the Education and Professional Development Committee and the faculty advisor for Case's SfB chapter.

Case has hosted several SfB Biomaterials Day events - in 2010, 2013, and 2016. These events were previously held in partnership with Purdue University and University of Kentucky, and more recently with University of Michigan, University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon University.

Case is surrounded by multiple high impact medical institutions as well as biotech companies, that make translational research in the Biomaterials area possible, and events like Biomaterials Day conducive to showcasing these achievements. We are grateful for financial support and sponsorship from SfB, Case BME, Case School of Engineering, the Provost's office and our industry partners - Abeona Therapeutics, Athersys Inc, Haima Therapeutics, Neuronoff Inc, and Viscus Biologics.

S SPEAKERS **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS** CHEDULE **BSTRACTS**



Ariella Shikanov, PhD
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Dr. Shikanov's research aims to solve premature ovarian insufficiency (POI), which is a common outcome of anticancer treatments in young girls and women. POI causes sterility and complications related to absent ovarian endocrine function such as premature osteopenia, muscle wasting, impaired cognitive development, and accelerated cardiovascular disease. Her group aims to engineer a biomimetic environment that promotes in vitro growth of immature follicles and integrates cellular, molecular and physico-chemical properties with a structural design that allows studying the bi-directional interactions between the follicles and the support cells. Engineered ovarian tissue with controlled physical and biological properties provides supportive environment for ovarian follicle survival and development, graft remodeling and longevity after transplantation.



Yizhou Dong, PhD
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Messenger RNA (mRNA) therapeutics have shown great promise for expressing functional proteins. However, the efficient and safe delivery of mRNA remains a key challenge for the clinical application of mRNA based therapeutics. In order to improve mRNA delivery, we designed N 1 ,N 3 ,N 5 -tris(2-aminoethyl)benzene-1,3,5-tricarboxamide (TT) derived lipids. We applied an orthogonal experimental design to investigate the impacts of formulation components on delivery efficiency. In a hemophilia mouse model, TT3 lipid-like nanoparticles, a lead material, was able to fully recover the level of human factor IX (hFIX) to normal physiological values. Two Cpf1 (CRISPR from Prevotella and Francisella 1) nucleases including Acidaminococcus sp. Cpf1 (AsCpf1) and Lachnospiraceae Cpf1 (LbCpf1) displayed comparable genome editing capability to Cas9 in human cells through a sinale RNA-auided approach. In order to systematically study the structure-activity relationship of engineered CRISPR RNAs (crRNA) and AsCpf1 messenger RNAs (mRNAs) and maximize gene editing efficiency, we designed and assessed a series of Cpf1 crRNAs and Cpf1 mRNA. Our results showed that the combination of the topperforming engineered crRNA and mRNAs augmented the efficiency over 300% in comparison to the combination of unmodified crRNA and plasmid encoding Cpf1. Meanwhile, we discovered that eleven out of sixteen crRNAs from Cpf1

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orthologs were able to achieve genome editing. Overall, our findings provide a promising approach for broad genome editing applications.



Julie Renner, PhD
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Bridging Biomaterials and Electrochemical Devices using Protein Engineering

Protein engineering is a versatile tool for creating biomaterials, and has found many applications in tissue engineering, drug-delivery and sensing. An emerging area where engineered proteins are also useful, is in the development of electrochemical technologies. These technologies are capable of utilizing renewable energy to manufacture useful chemicals. Bridging these two seemingly unrelated fields, biomaterials and energy technologies, with protein engineering can stimulate novel idea generation. For example, proteins previously utilized for tissue engineering can be useful in creating nanopatterned electrodes for electrochemical devices. That same patterning technology developed for energy applications may also be useful in the culture of human mesenchymal stem cells or sensing.



Andrew Shoffstall, PhD
Assistant Professor
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Minimizina Trauma at the Neural Interface

Neural interfaces such as electrical stimulation and recording electrodes have many exciting applications for rehabilitation (e.g. braincomputer interface) and other emerging areas of autonomic and peripheral nerve neuromodulation. A significant amount of funding from public and private entities is being invested to discover and further develop devices for a wide range of clinical applications. While non-invasive solutions exist, due to their reliability and target engagement specificity, implanted neural interface devices remain the gold standard for engaging with the nervous system tissues. However, trauma to implant devices may limit the wide-spread adoption of neural interface technology by patients due to the real, or even just perceived, risks of the invasive surgery. Trauma also initiates a secondary injury cascade comprised of inflammation and neurodegeneration, which can be particularly detrimental to brain-implanted electrodes. The result is decreased device performance and limited longevity. In this talk, recent progress on a number of approaches to minimize trauma and bleeding due to device implantation will be presented.

9:00 AM - Welcome Remarks Anirban Sen Gupta, PhD

9:10 AM - SfB Introduction Horst von Recum, PhD

9:20 AM - Keynote Ariella Shikanov, PhD

9:50 AM - Faculty Presentation Julie Renner, PhD

10:15 AM - Student Presentations Thwing Ballroom - Novel Biomaterials

Catherine Snyder

Fabrication of non-spherical and multiphasic particles with independent control of particle size, shape and chemistry

Anna Kalmykov

Organ-on-e-chip: Three-dimensional Self-rolled Biosensor Array for Electrical Interrogations of Human Electrogenic Spheroids

Kelsey Swingle

Biomaterials-based Modular Design of Platelet-inspired Nanotechnology for Hemorrhage Control

Thwing Room 201 - Diagnostics

Utku Goreke

Hypoxia enhanced mature red blood cell adhesion in sickle cell disease associates with cardiopulmonary shunts

Yu-Chih Chen, PhD

High-throughput and Contamination-free Microfluidics for Single-cell RNA-sequencing of Rare Circulating Tumor Cells

Andrew Schilb

Visualizing cationic lipid-siRNA release to mediate sustained gene knockdown

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11:00 AM - Poster Presentation

12:30 PM - Lunch & Networking

2:05 PM - Faculty Presentation Yizhou Dong, PhD

2:30 PM - Panel Discussion

3:30 PM - Faculty Presentation Andrew Shoffstall, PhD

3:55 PM - Student Presentations Thwing Ballroom - Tissue Engineering

Prabaha Sikder, PhD

Amorphous Magnesium Phosphate-Polyetheretherketone Composite Biomaterials for 3D Printing of Customized Orthopedic Implants

Dipak Pukale

Subcutaneous priming of neural stem cell-seeded scaffolds improves function following spinal cord injury

Jacqueline Bliley

Perfused 3D Printed Collagen Tubes Support Tissue Viability

Thwing Room 201 - Drug Delivery

Nathan Rohner, PhD

Leveraging Affinity-based Polymers for Long-term Esophageal Antifibrotic Therapy

Nguyen Tram

Antioxidant-Releasing Hydrogels as Vitreous Replacement

Elizabeth Mays

Dual Growth Factor Release Maintained with Heparin-Hyaluronic Acid Nanofibers

4:45 PM - Closing & Awards

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- 7. Prabaha Sikder, PhD University of Pittsburgh Amorphous Magnesium Phosphate-Polyetheretherketone Composite Biomaterials for 3D Printing of Customized Orthopedic Implants
- Dipak Pukale University of Akron Subcutaneous priming of neural stem cell-seeded scaffolds improves function following spinal cord injury
- Jacqueline Bliley Carnegie Mellon University Perfused 3D Printed Collagen Tubes Support Tissue Viability
- Nathan Rohner, PhD Case Western Reserve University Leveraging Affinity-based Polymers for Long-term Esophageal Antifibrotic Therapy
- 11. Nguyen Tram The Ohio State University Antioxidant-Releasing Hydrogels as Vitreous Replacement
- 12. Elizabeth Mays Wayne State University Dual Growth Factor Release Maintained with Heparin-Hyaluronic Acid Nanofibers

Poster Presentations

- Thomas Knight Carnegie Mellon University Effect of Varied Polyacrylamide Substrate Surface Stiffnesses on the Cellular Uptake of Radiolabeled Extracellular Vesicles
- 2. Kevin Yang Case Western Reserve University Characterizing Mechanical Properties of an Injectable Electrode
- 3. Sangioon Lee, PhD Cleveland State University An integrated plate system for human organoid culture and disease modeling
- Mazin Hakim Purdue University Characterization of Cyclodextrin/ Polyethylene Glycol-Based Affinity Binding Polymers for 3D Bioprinting
- Adeel Ahmed Rochester Institute of Technology Microfluidic Shear Based Approach to Fabricate Physically Distinct Tissue Interfaces
- 6. Jiadong Chen The University of Akron Bovine Serum Albumin

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- Binding to Titanium Dioxide Nanoparticles
- Nick Schott University of Michigan Harnessing the Pericyte-like Function of Mesenchymal Stromal Cells to Engineer Vascularized Bone
- 8. Abdullah Al Saad University of Toledo Toughened Zirconia as Dental Implant Material
- Sabrina Khan University of Notre Dame Targeted Liposomal DM1 Prodrug Formulation for Improved Anti-cancer Effect with High Selectivity
- Charles Gabrion Wayne State University Design of an Osteochondral Plug from Microencapsulated Differentiated Mesenchymal Stem Cells
- Joseph Laws Youngstown State University Engineered Biohybrid Cellulose Nanocrystals for Electrochemical Detection of Hydrogen Peroxide
- Kaisal Shah Hathaway Brown School Modular Amplification of Hemostatic Output with Platelet-Inspired Particles Using Clot-Augmenting Nanomaterials
- 13. Debnath Maji Case Western Reserve University Toward Pointof-Care Assessment of Platelet Count-induced Changes in Whole Blood Coagulation with a Dielectric Microsensor
- 14. Toygun Cetinkaya Carnegie Mellon University Micromachinability of Biodissolvable Carboxymethyl Cellulose (CMC)
- 15. Kathleen Young Case Western Reserve University Drug-Refillable In Situ Forming Implants for Recurrent Tumor Chemotherapy
- Ka Keung Chan Cleveland State University Synthesis and Evaluation of Chain-End Functionalized N-Glycan Polymers
- Zahra Allahyari Rochester Institute of Technology Disrupted Surfaces Reduce Nuclear YAP Localization through Diminished Cell Spreading in ADSCs
- Apoorva Vishwakarma University of Akron Modification of a commercial polyurethane imparts anti-biofilm activity to combat catheter associated infections
- Karim Elhattab The University of Toledo Fabrication and Evaluation of 3-D Printed PEEK Scaffolds Containing Macropores by Design
- Chukwuma Nweke University of Michigan Injectable Gelatin Microcarriers for Osteogenic Differentiation of MSCs and Bone Regeneration
- Franklin Mejia University of Notre Dame -Modular Liposomal Platform for Systematic Analysis of Endosomal Escape in Targeted Systems
- 22. Eric Ellis Wayne State University HA-CNT Nanofibers with Anti-Inflammatory Microspheres for Enhanced Nerve Regeneration
- 23. Tejal Pendekanti Hathaway Brown School Combination Targeting of Active Platelets and Fibrin to Enhance Clot-anchorage Efficiency of Nanoparticles Under Flow for Vascular Drug Delivery
- 24. Jahnavi Pejavar Case Western Reserve University Development of a Hyaluronic Acid Electrochemical Sensor

- 25. Wenhuan Sun Carnegie Mellon University Strong and Flexible Electrochemically Aligned Collagen Threads with Tunable Mechanical and Geometric Properties
- 26. William Schwartzman Case Western Reserve University Localized Resveratrol Delivery Improves Recording Quality from Intracortical Microelectrodes
- Fjorela Xhyliu Cleveland State University Elucidating the Distinct Complexation Affinity of DNA and Carbon Nanotube Recognition Pairs by Optical Spectroscopy
- 28. Shayan Gholizadeh Rochester Institute of Technology Development of ultrathin membrane platforms for investigation of cell-cell communication and cell transmigration
- Elham Malekzadeh The University of Akron Thermoresponsive poly(methyl vinyl ether) (PVME) retained by 3aminopropyltriethoxysilane (APTES) as anti-fouling coatings
- Hamza Turkistani University of Michigan Antigen-Loaded, FasL-Functionalized Nanoparticles for Allogeneic Skin Transplant Tolerance
- 31. Jenna Sjoerdsma University of Notre Dame Identifying Immunodominant Epitopes House Dust Mite Protein Der p 2
- **32.** Amin Vossoughi Wayne State University Culturing the coencapsulated primary hepatocytes with mesenchymal stem cells in a perfusion chip system
- Ketan Jolly Case Western Reserve University Effects of SynthoPlate and Fibrin-Binding Pullulan in Mitigating Traumarelevant Coagulopathy
- 34. Erica Comber Carnegie Mellon University Collagen I fabrication methods for a biomimetic, respiratory support organ
- **35.** Emerson Lai Case Western Reserve University Nonthermal plasma exposure alters anti-biofouling performance of biomedical polymer surfaces
- **36.** Michael Cantwell Cleveland State University Engineering Optical Nanosensors with Carbohydrate Functionality Using Biomimetic Glycopolymers
- **37.** Nicholas Nun University of Akron Effects of Dressing Morphology and Pendant Group Chemistry on Skin Wound Healing
- 38. Joshua Sampson University of Michigan Scaffold
 Functionalization Augments B-cell Differentiation in Microporous
 Scaffold Culture
- Xining Gao Carnegie Mellon University Fibronectin Nanofiber-Patterned Collagen Scaffolds For Engineering Aligned Cardiac Sheets
- 40. Eloise Miller Case Western Reserve University Synthetic Periodontal Ligament
- 41. Sirilak Phomrak The University of Akron Modification of vulcanized natural rubber-bacterial cellulose (NRBC) composites with organosilanes and thermo-responsive polyvinylmethylether (PVME)
- 42. Yazmin Hernandez University of Michigan Catalase-Loaded

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- 43. Ezgi Yalcintas Carnegie Mellon University Tattoo Biosensors as Native In Situ Monitors of Inflammation
- 44. Chao-yi Lu Case Western Reserve University Broad-spectrum Antimicrobial Activity in Bone Cement Using an Affinity-Based Drug Delivery System
- **45. Ustriyana Putu** The University of Akron Mechanistic Understanding of Calcium Phosphate Phase Transformation by Oligo(I-glutamic acids)
- **46.** Eric Hobson University of Michigan Resonant Acoustic Viscoelastography for the Dynamic Mechanical Characterization of Soft Biomaterials
- 47. Santiago Carrasquilla Carnegie Mellon University Engineering Multi-Layered Cornea Stroma Constructs Using Aligned ECM Protein Scaffolds
- 48. Nadia Ayat, PhD Case Western Reserve University Effective MR Molecular Imaging of Aggressive Breast Cancer with an EDB-FN Specific Contrast Agent at a Reduced Dose
- **49.** Matthew Jennings, PhD University of Akron Calcification by Escherichia coli on Solid Media from a Variety of Calcium Sources
- Rikako Miki University of Michigan Characterization and Analysis of Protein Nanoparticles as Immobilized Enzyme Carriers for Industrial Aplications
- Yuliang Ding Case Western Reserve University Development of an in vitro Model for Liver Cancer Tissue Engineering: Extracellular Matrix Focus on Improving Patient Derived Xenografts
- **52.** Hannah Baumann University of Akron Matrix mechanobiology of the chronic spinal cord injury scar
- Caymen Novak University of Michigan Ovarian Cancer Cells Under Shear Stress Increase Proliferation, Invasion, and Chemoresistance
- 54. Kara Hageman Case Western Reserve University Platelet Interactions with Cancer Cells: A Model Study with HeLa Cells
- 55. Yen-Ming Tseng University of Akron Effect of Dexamethasone on Room Temperature Three-Dimensional Printing, Rheology, and Degradation of a Low Modulus Polyester for Soft Tissue Engineering
- 56. Georgia Loutrianakis Case Western Reserve University Multi-Ligand Targeted Nanoparticles Increase Deposition to Metastatic Tumors
- 57. Amal Narayanan University of Akron Chemistry of Underwater Adhesion: From Understanding the Contact Mechanics of Bioinspired Adhesives to Sealing Pericardial Defects
- 58. Xinming Wang Case Western Reserve University ECM Gel and Tissue Stiffness Synergistically Modulate Cardiomyocyte Proliferation Through Agrin-YAP
- Shahrzad Abri University of Akron Tailorable Antibacterial Heparin-Chitosan Nanospheres for Efficient Antibiotic Delivery
- **60.** Morgan Lorkowski Case Western Reserve University Dual Agonist Nanoparticle to Activate the Immune System in Pancreatic Cancer

PANEL DISCUSSION



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