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November 5, 2025



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In Memoriam

Lynn Landmesser
Professor and Chair
of Neuroscience



Howard Hall
Pediatric Psychologist
and Professor of
Pediatrics



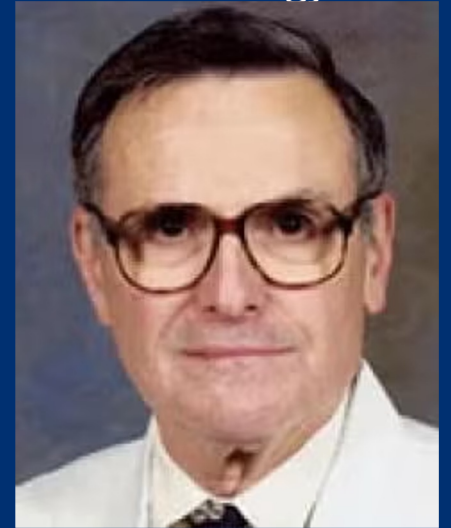
Douglas Kerr
Professor of
Pediatrics and
Biochemistry



Ron Przbylski
Emeritus Professor of
Anatomy



Robert Daroff
Opthamologist and
Professor of
Neurology



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Mary Garrity

Senior Director of
Development for
Biomedical and
Translational Sciences



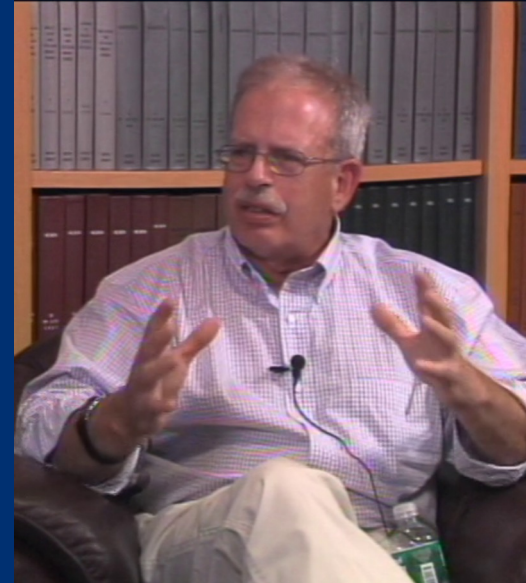
Hisashi Fujioka

Manager of the Standard
Electron Microscopy
services at the CryoEM
Core



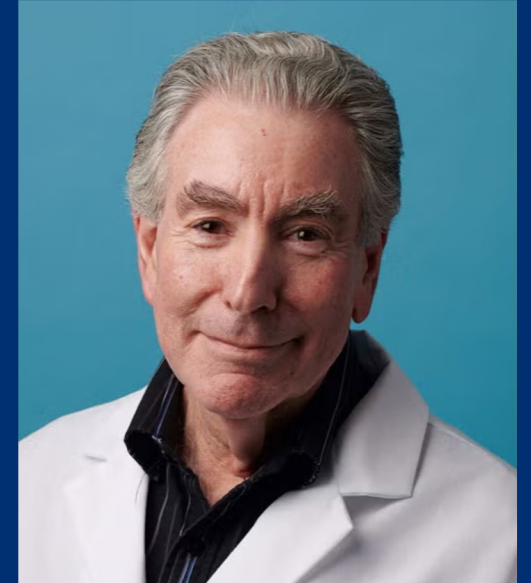
Tim Nilsen

Emeritus Professor of
Molecular Biology; Founder
of Center for RNA Molecular
Biology



Jerry Silver

Emeritus Professor of
Molecular Biology; Founder
of Center for RNA Molecular
Biology



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Awards - National

Walter F. Boron
Scandinavian Physiological
Society
2025 Christian Bohr Prize



Tony Wynshaw-Boris
Elected to National Academy
Medicine



Tomislav Mihaljevic, MD
Elected to National
Academy of Medicine



Karen Mulloy
Alice Hamilton Award



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Faculty Awards

Robert Kirsch

U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs,
Paul B. Magnuson Award for
Outstanding Achievement in
Rehabilitation Research and



Monica Yepes-Rios

2025 National Hispanic Medical
Association, Faculty Mentor of the
Year



Nicholas P. Ziats

Society for
Biomaterials 2025
Founders Award



Lina Meta, MD

AAMC GSA Exemplary
Service Award



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Faculty Awards

Clara M. Pelfrey

Freedman Center for Digital
Scholarship, Faculty
Fellowship 2024-2025



Keith Mcrae

Clinical Research Forum 2025:
Top 10 Clinical Research
Achievement Awards



Dan McGrail

2025 Science/AAAS Award:
Martin and Rose Wachtel
Cancer Research Award



Shuo Li

Inducted to American Institute
for Medical and Biological
Engineering College of Fellows



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Faculty Recognition

Fulbright Award



Agata Exner

Elected to serve American Society for Clinical Investigation Council

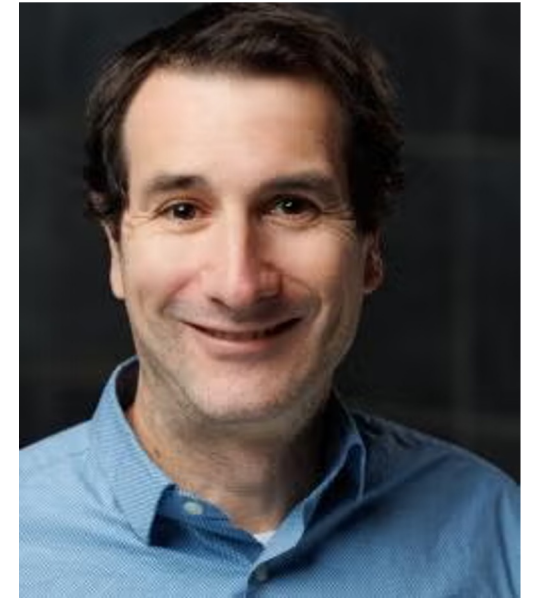


Jennifer Yu

Senior Members National Academy of Inventors



Shuo Li



David Wald



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Faculty Recognition

AAAS Fellows



Jonathan Karn



Witold K Surewicz

Appointed Chair Elect Crohns' and Colitus Fdn.



Fabio Cominelli

American Society of Human Genetics Advocacy Award



Tony Wynshaw-Boris

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Faculty Awards and Recognition

Andrew Pieper

National Neurotrauma
Society Dash Prize



Michael Dell

Council on Medical Student
Education in Pediatrics
Award for Teaching and
Education



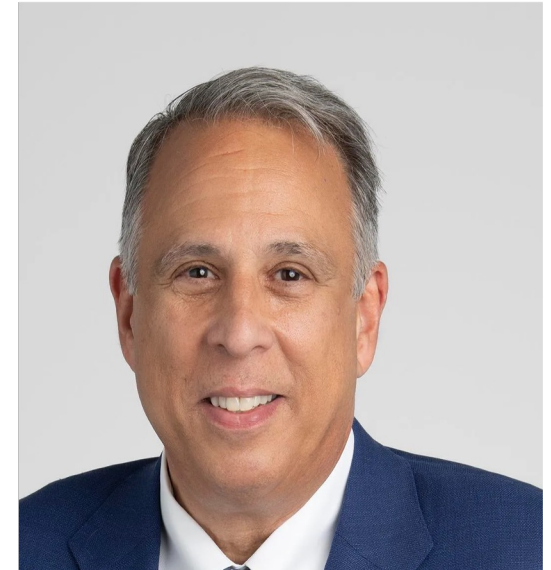
Darcy Freedman

New member of Food System
Advisory Council for the
Foundation for Food &
Agriculture Research



Joseph Lannotti

2025 Inductee to the Florida
Inventors Hall of Fame



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Faculty Awards - local

Jonathan L. Haines
Distinguished University
Professor



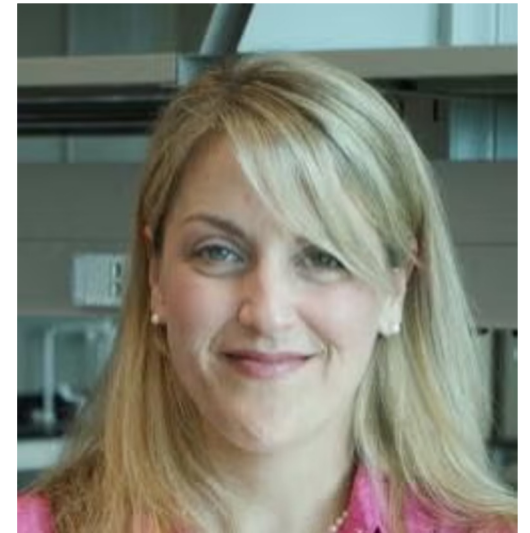
Catherine McManus
Carl F. Wittke Award for
Excellence in Undergraduate
Teaching



Lisa Damato
John S. Diekhoff Award for
Graduate Teaching



Cheryl Cameron
J. Bruce Jackson MD Award for
Excellence in Undergraduate
Mentoring



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Faculty Awards

Susan De Luca
CTSC SPARC
Super User Award



Rachel Pope
CTSC Collaborative
Spirit Award



Paul Shaniuk
Named Master Clinician
Educator for the Department
of Medicine



Parameswaran Ramakrishnan
nominated member editorial board of
Diabetes journal American Diabetes
Association



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Faculty Recognition

Honored at the Ohio Cancer Research Annual Dinner

**Sandy
Markowitz**



**Gary
Schwartz**



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CASE MEDAL FOR EXCELLENCE IN HEALTH SCIENCE INNOVATION



J. Alan Diehl, PhD
2025 Recipient



Post-Doc Awards

- **Rodrigo Silva-Agular:** American Heart Association Postdoctoral Fellowship

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12 Professorship Investitures FY 25



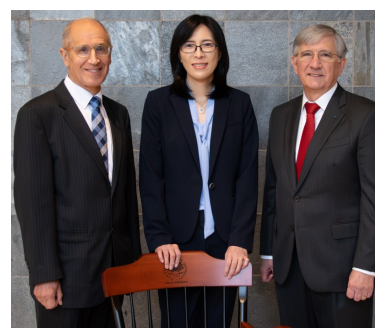
Tyler Miller, MD
Paul and Betsy Shiverick
Professorship in Immuno-
Oncology
10-14-24



Christina Hardesty, MD
Harry E. Figgie III, MD
Professorship in
Orthopaedics
11-26-24



Jacob Calcei, MD
Randall E. Marcus, MD
Professorship in
Orthopaedic Surgery
11-26-24



Xin Qi, PhD
Jeanette M. and Joseph S. Silber
Professorship for the Study of
Brain Sciences
2- 4-25



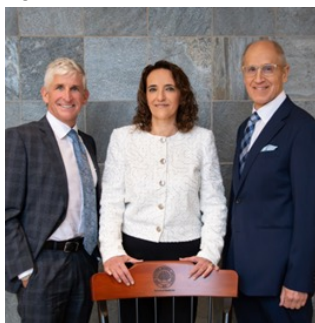
Susann Brady-Kalnay, PhD
Sally S. Morley
Designated Professorship
In Brain Tumor Research
2- 4-25



Johannes von Lintig, PhD
Silvia Balslew Page-William J. Reinhart M.D.
Professorship Ophthalmological Diseases
2-20-25



William Tse, MD, MBA
MetroHealth
Professorship
In Research
3-20-25



Grace McComsey, MD
The Gertrude Chandler
Tucker
Professorship in
Prevention and
Treatment of Diseases
of Children
4-10-25



Gary Schwartz, MD
Gertrude Donnelly Hess, M.D.
Professorship in Oncology
Research
7-8-25



Jeanne Lackamp, MD
Douglas Danford Bond
Professorship in
Psychiatry
7-29-25



Molly McVoy, MD
Rocco L. Motto
Professorship in Child
and Adolescent Psychiatry
7-29-25



Congrong “Ron” Yu, PhD
Tilles-Weidenthal Professorship
in Parkinson’s Disease and
Movement Disorders
8-12-25

New Leadership

Kristy Short

Vice Dean for
Development and
Alumni Relations



Jose Ortiz

Acting National Program
Deputy Director for the
National Cardiology
Program, VA



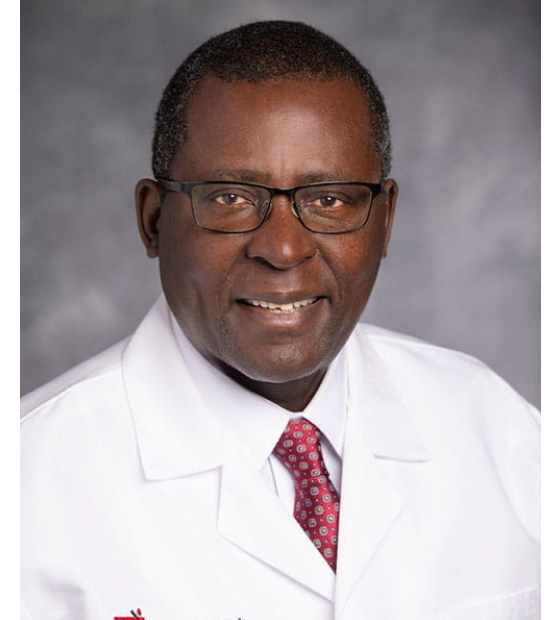
Xin Qi

Interim Chair for the
Department of
Physiology and
Biophysics



Igo Ofotokun

Chair
Department of Medicine
UH



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New Leadership

Julianne Demartino
Medical Director
Clinical Skills and
Simulation Center



Darin Croft
Chair for the
Department of
Anatomy



Peter Hovmand
Director for the Center
of Community Health
Integration



Nicole Maronian
President of University
Hospitals Medical
Group



Cliff Harding
Chair of
Basic Sciences



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Student Awards

- **Shriienidhie Ganesh (Medical Student):** Student scholarship in Cardiovascular Surgery from the American Heart Association.
- **Maggie Urban-Waala (Graduate Student):** Ohio Department of Health's 2024 Ohio Injury Prevention Partnership Champion Award
- **Shannon Moore (MSA Student):** Medical mission trip to the Philippines
- **Zydrei Tancinco (MSA Student):** Medical mission trip to the Philippines



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Staff Awards

- **Jessica DeCaro:** Distinguished Librarian of the Year Award from the Midwest Chapter of the Medical Library Association
- **Pierra Heard:** Pierra and her daughter wrote and published a children's book, "Pace for President"

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Staff PARTicipation Awards (Fall 2024)

- Leah Addison – Donor Relations and Events
- Isaac Anaya – Graduate Education Office
- Sam Baker – Enrollment Management
- Malana Bey – Graduate Education Office
- Christie Borkan – Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing
- Ned Breznai – University Marketing and Communications
- Jason Buitrago – Enrollment Management
- Shannon Butcheck – Cleveland Health Sciences Library
- Tyler Cajka – Enrollment Management
- Garrett Cole – University Technology
- Jeremy Cole – Customer Support Services
- Bill Collier – Dean – Graduate Studies
- J.P. Cooney – Vice Dean Finance & Admin.
- Linda Day – Earth, Environmental, and Planetary Science
- Christian Essman – Vice Dean Medical Education
- Diane Feckanin – Enrollment Management
- Morgan Gougler – Physical Education & Athletics
- Dedra Hanna – Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing
- Peggy Harris – Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing
- Emily Hastings – WSOM Alumni Relations
- Pierra Heard – Enrollment Management
- Logan Jacklin – Enrollment Management
- Leah Jeunnette – Bioethics
- Mary Kimble – The Institute for the Integration of Management and Engineering
- Catherine King – Cleveland Health Sciences Library
- Kathy Lee – Enrollment Management
- Kyra Lobdell – Enrollment Management
- Owen Lockhart – Biology
- Shaelin Maresco – Enrollment Management
- Alyssa Marynowski – University Marketing and Communications
- Rachael Mason – School of Dental Medicine
- Emily Mayock – University Marketing and Communications
- Jeremy Naab – University Registrar
- Wesley Schaub – Undergraduate Advising Support (UAS)
- Carey Skinner Moss – University Marketing and Communications
- Rachel Stegemann – Student Activities & Leadership
- Theresa Szczepanik – Tuition Return Anesthesiology
- Pamela Wearsch – Pathology
- Heather Willis – Student Activities and Leadership

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Staff PARTicipation Awards (Spring 2025)

- Alexander Brandt – University General
- Amy Hammett – University General
- Brooke Davis (nee Brook Berger) – Case School of Engineering
- Debra Tomsick – School of Dental Medicine
- Dr. Naomi Drakeford – University General
- Erin Corwin – University General
- Jaleela (Ms. GG) – Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing
- Janon Castile – University General
- Jason Buitrago – School of Medicine
- Jen Reynolds – University General
- Jenn Brown – University General
- Joe Jordan – University General
- Katie Laux – University General
- Keesha Sellars – College of Arts and Sciences
- Kim Hoch – School of Dental Medicine
- Lance Parkin – College of Arts and Sciences
- Mary Halm – University General
- Robert Anderson – School of Dental Medicine
- Roselle Ponsaran – School of Medicine
- Sonya Shelton – School of Dental Medicine
- Stacy Mitchell – University General
- Summer Canter – University General

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