

GSBS Faculty – April 2019

Regular Members:

Xiangli Yang Elefteriou

Associate Professor

Pediatrics

UTHealth McGovern Medical School

Ph.D., University of Alabama at Birmingham, 2000

Research interests: Molecular and human genetics, cellular signaling, skeletal biology, transcription regulation, developmental biology

Peter M. Grace

Associate Professor

Symptom Research

MD Anderson Cancer Center

Ph.D., University of Adelaide, 2011

Research interests: Neuroimmunology, glia, pain

Rachael W. Sirianni

Assistant Professor

Neurosurgery

UTHealth McGovern Medical School

Ph.D., Yale University, 2008

Research interests: Biomedical engineering, polymeric biomaterials, nanoparticles, drug delivery, pediatric neuro-oncology

Jun Wang

Assistant Professor

Pediatrics

UTHealth McGovern Medical School

Ph.D., Texas A&M Health Science Center, 2010

Research interests: Craniofacial and cardiac development, diseases and regeneration

Wantong Yao

Assistant Professor

Translational Molecular Pathology

MD Anderson Cancer Center

Ph.D., Fudan University, 2012

Research interests: Drug and druggable gene screen, biomarker discovery, genomic engineered mouse model of disease, patient derived xenograft model, tumor biology, preclinic research, pancreatic cancer, sarcoma

Associate Members:

Erica M. Bednar

Genetic Counselor

Clinical Cancer Genetics

MD Anderson Cancer Center

M.S., University of Pittsburgh, 2013

Research interests: Cancer genetics, genetic counseling, public health, quality improvement

Alana C. Cecchi

Assistant Professor

Internal Medicine

UTHealth McGovern Medical School

M.S., University of Cincinnati, 2011

Research interests: Genetic counseling, cardiovascular genetics, hereditary vascular disease, molecular genetics, clinical translational research

Suhendan Ekmekcioglu

Professor

Melanoma Medical Oncology

MD Anderson Cancer Center

Ph.D., University of Istanbul, 1993

Research interests: Tumor inflammation, immune regulation in tumor microenvironment, translational molecular biomarkers

Gabriel R. Fries

Instructor

Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences

UTHealth McGovern Medical School

Ph.D., Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, 2014

Research interests: Epigenetics, mood disorders, addiction, stress

Samuel M. Hyde

Genetic Counselor

Clinical Cancer Genetics

MD Anderson Cancer Center

MMSc., Emory University School of Medicine, 2015

Research interests: Hereditary cancer, hereditary endocrine neoplasia, cancer genetics, genetic counseling

Meagan E. Kaulfus

Genetic Counselor

Clinical Cancer Genetics

MD Anderson Cancer Center

M.S., MD Anderson UTHealth Graduate School, 2017

Research interests: Genetics, cancer genetics, genetic counseling

Michael P. Kim

Assistant Professor

Surgical Oncology

MD Anderson Cancer Center

M.D., University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill, 2005

Research interests: Pancreatic cancer, transcription factors, preclinical therapeutics, cancer model systems

Jessica L. Ross

Genetic Counselor

Clinical Cancer Genetics

MD Anderson Cancer Center

M.S., MD Anderson UTHealth Graduate School, 2016

Research interests: Genetic counseling, cancer genetics, pediatric genetics, adolescent and young adult genetics

Donika Saporito

Genetic Counselor

Clinical Cancer Genetics

MD Anderson Cancer Center

M.S., Ohio State University, 2016

Research interests: Genetics

Grace Tran

Genetic Counselor

Clinical Cancer Genetics

MD Anderson Cancer Center

M.S., University of Cincinnati, 2014

Research interests: Genetic counseling, hereditary cancer, cancer genetics

Rachel Webster

Genetic Counselor

Clinical Cancer Genetics

MD Anderson Cancer Center

MMSc., Emory University, 2014

Research interests: Genetic counseling, clinical hereditary cancer risk assessment