



DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Big Changes Are Afoot!!

NORC Leadership Changes: As you may have heard, Drs. Jim Hill and Jed Friedman have left the University to pursue some very exciting opportunities. On behalf of our entire research base, we want to thank Drs. Hill and Friedman for their exceptional NORC leadership over the past two decades. We will greatly miss them both and wish them well in their new endeavors. As we transition to a new leadership structure, Dr. Paul MacLean will serve as Interim Director for the NORC and as Acting Director of the Molecular, Cellular, & Analytical Core (MCA).



Daniel Bessesen, MD
Executive Director, Anschutz
Health and Wellness Center

AHWC Leadership Change: We are excited to announce that Dr. Daniel Bessesen accepted the position of Executive Director for the Anschutz Health and Wellness Center. Related to this transition, Drs. Marc Cornier and Dr. Paul MacLean will serve as Associate Directors. We look forward to what this leadership team has in store as we move the AHWC to its next phase of success!

NORC Core Leadership Change: Dr. Bessesen has stepped down as the Director of the NORC's CIT core, and Dr. Marc Cornier has agreed to take over leadership and run the core during the next phase of the award. A great appreciation goes to Dan for the many years of successful operation of that core. We see a very productive path forward with Marc as the new Director. We are also pleased to announce that Dr.



Marc Cornier, MD
NORC CIT Core Director

Edward Melanson has accepted the position of Director for the NORC's Enrichment Program (EP). Over the past year, Dr. Melanson has been proactive in organizing numerous journal clubs, seminars, and enrichment activities. His efforts will undoubtedly enhance our research environment in the coming years.



Ed Melanson, PhD
NORC EP Director

RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

Inter-NORC Collaborations

Our NORC is participating in an inter-NORC collaboration to examine the reproducibility of global gene expression analyses via bulk RNA sequencing. Dr. Michael Rudolph, Associate Director of our MCA core, is working with core personnel from six other NORCs across the country to standardize these analyses. This effort follows a similar effort to standardize whole room calorimetry assessments across NORCs, led by Dr. Ed Melanson, Associate Director of our NORC's Energy Balance Laboratory. Both projects have been sponsored by the NIH NORC program at the national level, in hopes to lay a stronger foundation for multi-institutional research projects.

2018 NORC Research Retreat

The NORC Research Retreat held on October 16th, 2018, turned out to be a great success. The retreat highlighted Pilot Awardees, the breadth and depth of our research base, and Dr. Jeffrey Horowitz from the University of Michigan NORC as the keynote speaker. A big thanks goes to Drs. Gavin and Wellberg for organizing the program.



NORC Holiday Party—Awards Announced

Our annual holiday party turned out to be a fantastic event! We danced to music from "Dogs in the Yard", played games, and consumed tasty holiday treats. We also honored the 2018 NORC Awardees:



- Outstanding Research/Education Support: **Ginger Johnson**
- Outstanding Graduate Student: **Nathan DeJong**
- Outstanding M.D. Instructor/Fellow: **Paula Holland-Price**
- Outstanding Ph.D. Instructor/Fellow: **Becky Scalzo**
- Outstanding Faculty Member: **Vicki Catenacci**
- Outstanding Mentor: **Ed Melanson**

Congratulations to these incredible individuals, and a big thanks goes to Danielle Ostendorf, Nancy Nickless, and the AHWC social committee for organizing such a great event.

Comments and Suggestions for the Newsletter?

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