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ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Happy New Year
from the CU Diabetes Research Center!*



As we step into the new year, we are filled with gratitude for the dedication, innovation, and collaboration each of you brings to our community. Together, we have made remarkable strides in advancing diabetes research and supporting those impacted by this disease.

May this year bring fresh opportunities, exciting breakthroughs, and continued success in all your endeavors. Let's keep pushing boundaries and making a difference—together. Wishing you and your loved ones a healthy, joyful, and prosperous New Year!

Congratulations to Dr. Jane Reusch!



Dr. Jane Reusch, Associate Director and Director of Pilot & Feasibility Program of CU Diabetes Research Center, has been named the inaugural **Amy Davis Endowed Chair in Diabetes and Women's Health Research**. The chair is a generous gift of the [Patten Davis Foundation](#), a generous supporter of the CU Anschutz Campus.

In this role, Dr. Reusch's goals are to accelerate sex difference research in diabetes, continue mentoring the next generation of researchers in the field of women's health and diabetes, and disseminate research findings in publications and outreach. Dr. Reusch also holds the positions of Associate Director of the Ludeman Family Center for Women's Health Research, and Professor of Medicine, Bioengineering and Integrative Physiology at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus and RMR VAMC.

This endowed chair position recognizes and supports Dr. Reusch's career-long commitment to advancing research in women's health and diabetes, areas where she has already demonstrated significant expertise and leadership. Congratulations to Jane on her milestone achievement. Click [here](#) for Dr. Reusch's research and other achievements.



We are delighted to welcome **Clara Tang** as our **Research Services Senior Professional** at Diabetes Research Center. In this role, Clara will oversee financial management, program coordination, communications, and the management of the Research in Progress (RIP) seminar series, along with other responsibilities to support the strategic goals and operations of the Diabetes Research Center.

Prior to this position, Clara had an extensive professional background spanning public relations, research, trade and investment promotion, and project management. In her most recent role, she served as the founding Executive Director of the Myanmar-Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Myanmar. She is a member of the Chin ethnic group from Myanmar and has experience working in three countries: Myanmar, Thailand and the United States. She recently graduated from University of Iowa with a master's degree in Public Affairs, receiving the 2024 Outstanding MPA Student award. Click [here](#) for her detailed biography. Please reach out to her at clara.tang@cuanschutz.edu.

New CU DRC Social Media Page



We are pleased to announce the launch of our new LinkedIn page for the [CU Diabetes Research Center](#). Please follow us and help us promote our CU DRC social media pages.



In addition to our LinkedIn page, you can also find us on other platforms:

[X \(CU Diabetes Research Center\)](#)

[YouTube \(University of Colorado Diabetes Research Center\)](#)

Your support in following and sharing our content will help us reach a wider audience and promote the important work of the CU Diabetes Research Center. Thank you for your help!

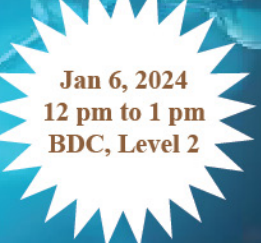
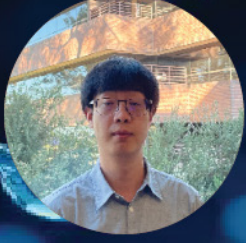
UPCOMING EVENTS



DRC Research In Progress Seminar Series

Gene Regulatory Mechanisms in Pancreatic Islet Endocrine Lineage Decision During In Vitro Directed Differentiation

By Han Zhu, PhD, Assistant Professor of Department of Pediatrics, Section of Developmental Biology, Barbara Davis Center for Diabetes



**Jan 6, 2024
12 pm to 1 pm
BDC, Level 2**

As we welcome the New Year, we are excited to kick off our DRC Research in Progress (RIP) Seminar Series with a presentation by Dr. Han Zhu, Assistant Professor in the Department of Pediatrics, Section of Developmental Biology at the Barbara Davis Center for Diabetes. His talk is titled "Gene Regulatory Mechanisms in Pancreatic Islet Endocrine Lineage Decisions During In Vitro Directed Differentiation." Please join us!

When: Monday, January 6, 2025, 12 pm to 1 pm

Where: Barbara Davis Center (M20), Level 2, Main Conference Room 2104 ([Map](#))

Registration: Click [here](#). Please register by January 5 to help us with the logistics.

Light refreshments will be served on a first come, first served basis.



Diabetes Research Center Seminar Series

What do we know about islet-infiltrating CD8+ T cells in type 1 diabetes?

January 10, 2025
12 pm to 1 pm
Nighthorse Campbell Building



Speaker: Sally Kent, PhD, Associate Professor of Medicine, Diabetes Center of Excellence, University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School

DRC is delighted to host Dr. Sally Kent, Associate Professor of Medicine at the Diabetes Center of Excellence, University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School. She will speak about islet-infiltrating CD8+ T cells in Type 1 diabetes. Dr. Kent's research focuses on understanding the autoimmune response in human Type 1 Diabetes (T1D), particularly the role of T cells in the disease process. Her laboratory has identified a broad repertoire of autoreactive T cells that infiltrate the islets in humans with T1D, including newly described modified targets. Click [here](#) for more information on her research and professional background.

When: Friday, January 10, 2025, 12 pm to 1 pm

Where: Nighthorse Campbell Native Health Building (M24), Shore Family Forum (110) ([Map](#))

Registration: Click [here](#).

Light refreshments will be served in on a first come, first served basis.

Other DRC Upcoming Events

Other Upcoming RIP Events:

- + January 13, 2025 Carissa Birznies, Integrated Physiology
- + January 27, 2025 Emily Bates, Pediatrics
- + February 3, 2025 Claire Levitt, Bioengineering
- + February 10, 2025 Kristen Wells, Pediatrics
- + February 24, 2025 "Novel CAR T Cell Designs for T Cell Autoimmunity" by Prashanth Francis, Gastroenterology & Hepatology

Other Upcoming DRC Speaker Series:

- + January 17, 2025 Danielle Hessler Jones, PhD, Professor, Vice Chair for Research, University of California, San Francisco
- + January 24, 2025 Justin Brumbaugh, PhD, Assistant Professor, Molecular, Cellular & Developmental Biology, University of Colorado, Boulder
- + February 7, 2025 Kanakadurga Singer, MD, Associate Professor, Division of Pediatric Endocrinology and Department of Molecular and Integrative Physiology, University of Michigan
- + February 14, 2025 Abigail Cheruiyot, PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow, Jean E. Schaffer Lab, Joslin Diabetes Center
- + February 21, 2025 J. Andrew Pospisilik, PhD, Professor, Chair, Department of Epigenetics, Van Andel Institute

