



HIGHLIGHTS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Brown Bag Talks



Dr. Molly Hermiller

*Stimulating Age-Related
Dedifferentiation in Memory
Networks*

November 3rd, 12PM
112 Innovation Hub / Zoom

Register [here](#).

NOW LIVE

Brown Bag Talks



Dr. Yan Li

*How Brain Immune Cells
Communicate to Protect Against
Neurodegeneration*

Watch [here](#).



Dr. R. Mark Isaac

*When Irrelevant Information
Changes Our Minds: Lessons from
the Monty Hall Problem*

Watch [here](#).

AI+AGING DISTINGUISHED LECTURE

YANSHAN WANG, PHD, FAMIA

On October 26, the ISL welcomed Yanshan Wang, Vice Chair of Research & Associate Professor, Department of Biomedical Informatics and Director of AI, Clinical and Translational Science Institute, from the University of Pittsburgh to our university. He gave a talk: "Healthy Aging in the Era of Generative AI: From Scientific Advances to Trustworthy Clinical Applications," Yanshan shared exciting advances in how generative AI can transform healthy aging across four key dimensions: Prevent, Restore, Support, and Extend.



Many thanks to Dr. Wang for sharing his insights and inspiring our FSU community, and to our faculty, students, and community partners for joining us and contributing to the thoughtful discussions.

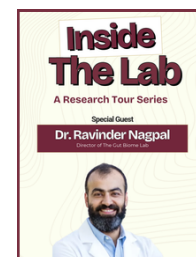
INSIDE THE LAB: A RESEARCH TOUR SERIES

Our new series, Inside the Lab, takes you behind the scenes to explore the innovative research happening in the labs of ISL Affiliates.

DR. RAVINDER NAGPAL

For our first episode, we visit the Gut Biome Lab with ISL Affiliate Dr. Ravinder Nagpal. Dr. Nagpal gives us a look inside his lab and discusses how his team studies the gut microbiome and its connections to health, aging, and longevity.

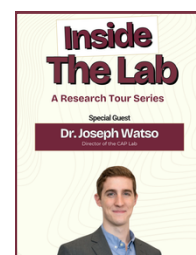
Watch the episode [here](#).



DR. JOSEPH WATSO

In the second episode of Inside the Lab, we visit the Cardiovascular and Applied Physiology (CAP) Laboratory with ISL Affiliate Dr. Joseph Watso. Dr. Watso gives us a look inside his lab and discusses how his team studies cardiovascular health, human physiology, and the ways exercise and other interventions can improve health and well-being.

Watch the episode [here](#).



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RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS



Fellow of the American College of Medical Informatics

*Congratulations to ISL
Director, Dr. Zhe He on
being named a Fellow of
the American College of
Medical Informatics*

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

Dr. Amber DeJohn

*Minimum Attainment Cost:
National Benchmark
Framework for Measuring
Healthcare Accessibility in
Alzheimer's Disease and
Related Dementias-
Related Services*

Dr. Dawn Carr

*Changes in depressive
symptoms associated
with spousal loss in six
country context*

Dr. Anne Barrett

*"To hell with it all!": Older
women's disengagement
from age-masking beauty
work*

Dr. Joseph Watso

*Between-visit
Reproducibility of
Cerebrovascular and
Cardiovascular Reactivity
During the Cold Pressor
Test*

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

UF-FSU CTSA MENTORED CAREER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The UF-FSU CTSA is now accepting pre-applications for its Mentored Career Development Program. Funded by the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS), this program supports emerging scholars committed to building successful careers in clinical or translational research.

Selected Scholars will receive at least 2 years of support, including 75% salary funding (up to \$102,164 plus fringe) and \$23,000 for research, training, and travel. Read more here: [here](#)



NEW GRANT

DR. RUSSELL CLAYTON

ISL Affiliate, Dr. Russell B. Clayton, a professor in the College of Communication and Information at FSU, was recently awarded a \$3.1 million, five-year NIH federal grant. He will collaborate with The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center – James and UMass Chan Medical School. The projects supported by the grant will focus on identifying the most effective social media strategies for spreading awareness about the link between alcohol consumption and breast cancer in women.



Read more about the grant and the project it supports [here](#).

NEW GRANT

DR. AMY SANG

ISL Affiliate, Dr. Qing-Xiang "Amy" Sang, a professor in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, received over \$500,000 from the Florida Cancer Innovation Fund to explore connections between existing cancer drugs and rare pediatric brain cancers. Using AI, Sang will sort through large volumes of data before testing promising treatments in the laboratory, investigating interactions at the molecular level.



Read more about the grant and the project it supports [here](#).



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