



2026 ACRE VASCULAR SYMPOSIUM

Hosted by the Academy of Cardiovascular Research Excellence (ACRE)

▣ May 13, 2026

🕒 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

📍 Crossroads Community Center
16000 NE 10th St, Bellevue, WA

★ PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Career Development Forum
- Networking & Lunch
- Keynote Presentations
- Featured & Distinguished Talks
- Young Investigator Award Competitions
- Leadership Remarks & Awards

● SPEAKERS

Keynote: Cecilia Giachelli
Mark W. Majesky

Distinguished: Naomi Hamburg
Guohao Dai

Featured: Li Amily Guo
Chengcheng Zhu
Nicholas Chavkin
Yanbo Fan

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FINAL PROGRAM



Keynote Speaker



Cecilia Giachelli

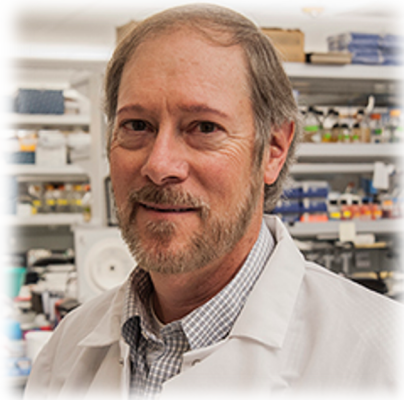
PhD

University of Washington

Dr. Cecilia Giachelli is Professor of Bioengineering, Associate Vice Provost for Research, and the Steven R. and Connie R. Rogel Endowed Professor for Cardiovascular Innovation. She previously served as President of the North American Vascular Biology Organization and has held leadership and advisory roles with the Society for Biomaterials, American Society of Investigative Pathology, and the American Heart Association. She has also served on multiple NIH study sections and as a site reviewer for the NHLBI Board of Scientific Counselors.

Dr. Giachelli is internationally recognized for her research on the molecular mechanisms of biomaterial biocompatibility, ectopic calcification, and phosphate signaling. Her work has identified key regulators of pathological calcification in chronic kidney disease, valvular disease, atherosclerosis, and medical devices. She is an elected Fellow of the American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering and the Washington State Academy of Sciences, and a recipient of the American Heart Association Established Investigator Award, the Advances in Mineral Metabolism Investigator Award, and the Society for Vascular Surgery Alexander Clowes Award.

Keynote Speaker



Mark W Majesky

PhD

Seattle Children's
Research Institute

Dr. Mark W Majesky is Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Washington and Director of the Myocardial Regeneration Initiative at Seattle Children's Research Institute. His research focuses on the molecular mechanisms governing cardiac and vascular development, with the goal of translating developmental and stem cell biology into regenerative therapies for congenital heart disease and heart failure. He also leads stem cell research efforts at the Seattle Children's Heart Center.

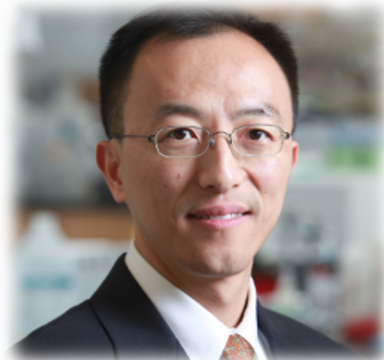
Dr. Majesky is an internationally recognized expert in vascular and stem cell biology. He previously held faculty positions at Baylor College of Medicine and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He served as President of the North American Vascular Biology Organization (2008–2009) and received the American Heart Association Special Recognition Award in Vascular Biology.

Distinguished Speakers



Naomi M. Hamburg

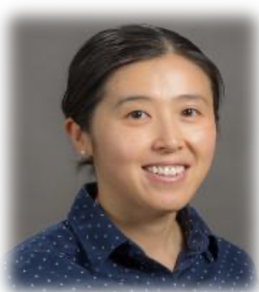
MD, MS
Professor
Boston University



Guohao Dai

PhD
Professor
Northeastern University

Featured Speakers



Li Amily Guo

MD, PhD
Assistant Professor
Bloodworks and
University of
Washington



Nicholas Chavkin

PhD
Assistant Professor
Seattle Children's
Research Institute and
University of Washington



Chengcheng Zhu

PhD
Associate Professor
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Yanbo Fan

MD, PhD
Associate Professor
The Ohio State
University

Program at glance

9:30 -10:00 AM	Registration	Breakfast
10:00 -11:00 AM		Career development Forum
11:00 -11:10 AM		Sponsor presentations
11:10- 12:00 PM		Lunch
12:00 -12:15 PM	Opening Remarks & ACRE Reports	
12:15 -12:45 PM	Keynote Presentation I	
12:45 - 1:45 PM	Featured Presentations	
1:45 - 2:00 PM	Break	
2:00 - 3:00 PM	YIA Presentations	
3:00 - 3:40 PM	Distinguished Presentations	
3:40 - 4:10 PM	Keynote Presentation II	
4:10 - 5:00 PM	Leadership Remarks, Award Presentations, Closing Remarks	

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10:00 -11:00 AM Career Development Forum

Moderator: Jingyan Han

Panelists: Drs. Larry Pinkus, Kathleen Martin, Xiaofeng Yang, Naomi Hamburg

10:00 -11:00 AM Panel Discussion

11:00 -11:10 AM Sponsor Presentations

Moderator: Jiliang Zhou

11:00 -11:05 PM **Ming Chen**, Shibeikang

Shibeikang's Current R&D Pipeline: Key Candidates and Development Status

11:05 -11:10 PM **"Gavin" Guanyang Zhang**, Novoprotein Scientific Inc

Novoprotein's solutions for 3D tissues and organoids

11:10 AM -12:00 Lunch

11:10 -12:00 PM Family-Style Chinese Lunch

12:00-12:15 PM Opening Remarks & ACRE Reports

12:00-12:05 PM Opening Remarks

Zhao Wang, President of ACRE

12:05-12:10 PM Financial Report

Zhao Wang, (on behalf of Jun Yu, General Secretary of ACRE)

12:10-12:15 PM Membership Report

Xiaochun Long, Co-Chair, Membership Committee, the ACRE

12:15 -12:45 PM Keynote Presentation I**Moderator: Yabing Chen**

12:15 -12:45 PM **Cecilia Giachelli**, PhD, University of Washington
Current Concepts in Cardiovascular Calcification

12:45-1:45 PM Featured Presentations**Moderators: Yanming Li, Li Amily Guo**

12:45-1:00 PM **Nicholas Chavkin**, PhD, Seattle Children's Research Institute and University of Washington
Cardiac Endothelial Cell Fate Dynamics during Myocardial Remodeling

1:00-1:15 PM **Chengcheng Zhu**, PhD, University of Washington
Clinical Applications of Intracranial Vessel Wall Imaging

1:15-1:30 PM **Li Amily Guo**, PhD, Bloodworks and University of Washington
Platelet-CD8+ T cell interactions in Thromboinflammation

1:30-1:45 PM **Yanbo Fan**, MD, PhD, The Ohio State University
Endothelial TFE8 regulates the Cardiac Stress Response to Doxorubicin

1:45-2:00 PM Coffee Break

Coffee & Snacks

2:00-3:00 PM YIA Presentations**Moderators: Xu Xiao, Xiangqin He**

2:00-2:10 PM **Nestor Ishimwe**, Augusta University
An Unexpected MYOCD-Driven Constraint on VSMC Adaptive States Promotes Aortic Aneurysm

2:10-2:20 PM **Ming He**, The University of Alabama at Birmingham
A Novel Mechanosensitive Histone Modification Promotes Endothelial Dysfunction and Atherogenesis

2:20-2:30 PM **Hanqiu Zhao**, Washington University in Saint Louis
A Single-Cell and Spatial Transcriptomic Atlas of Human Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension

2:30-2:40 PM **Yong Sun**, PhD Candidate, Oregon Health & Science University
Cyclic Dinucleotide Metabolites Inhibit Vascular Calcification via a STING-IFN β Program

2:40-2:50 PM **Wenbin Tan**, University of South Carolina
Single-vessel transcriptome map pathological landscapes and reveal NR2F2-mediated smooth muscle cell phenotype acquisition

2:50-3:00 PM **Esteban Delgado**, Temple University
The functional roles of TGF-beta signaling on cardiac lymphangiogenesis during myocardial ischemia

3:00-3:40 PM Distinguished Presentations**Moderators: Xiaofeng Yang, Yun Fang**

3:00-3:20 PM **Naomi Hamburg**, MD, Boston University School of Medicine
Insights into cardiometabolic risk from the human endothelium

3:20-3:40 PM **Guohao Dai**, PhD, Department of Bioengineering, Northeastern University
Arterial Venous Differentiation in Vascular Health and Diseases

3:40 - 4:10 PM Keynote Presentation II

Moderator: **Jiliang Zhou**

3:40- 4:10 PM **Mark W Majesky**, PhD, Seattle Children's Research Institute
Looking at a Bigger Picture in Vascular Biology

4:10 - 5:00 PM Leadership Remarks, Award Presentations, and Closing Remarks

4:10-4:25 PM **AHA Leadership Remarks:**

Drs. Katey Rayner, Peter K. Henke, Isabella Grumbach, Kathleen Martin, Joseph C. Wu
(Moderator: Changchen Zhou)

4:25-4:45 PM **Award and Certificate Presentations**

Keynote speakers, distinguished speakers, featured speakers:

Zhao Wang, President of ACRE

YIA & Travel Awards

Hong Lu, Chair of Education/Award Committee

Travel Awardees:

Qian Ma (Baylor College of Medicine)

Sabrina Robichaud (Augusta University)

Sijie Tang (University of California, Riverside)

Erandi Velazquez-Miranda (Oregon Health & Science University)

Ting-Yun Wang (Arizona State University)

Dien Ye (University of Kentucky)

Jiahui Zhao (Mayo Clinic)

Liyuan Zhu (University of Kentucky)

Zhehao Zhu (Oregon Health & Science University)

Xuejian Yang (Peking Union Medical College)

4:45 - 5:00 PM **Closing Remarks**

Changcheng Zhou, Vascular Council Chair of ACRE

5:00 – 5:10 PM Group Photo

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YIA Judges: Yun Fang, Jifeng Zhang, Jiliang Zhou

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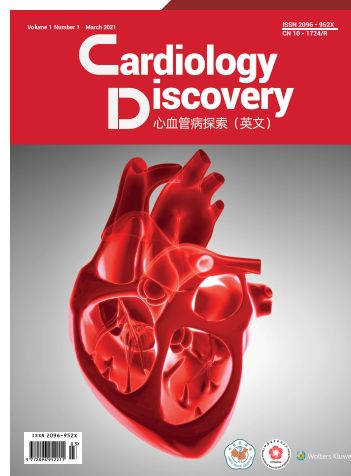
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