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Event Agenda

Introductory Remarks - 9:00-9:05 AM

Kent Moore, Vice-Principal, Research & Professor of Physics



Moderated by Payam Zahedi, Director, OVPR





Keynote Speaker: Iva Zovkic, Associate Professor, Department of Psychology

Epigenetic basis of learning and memory



Iva Zovkic is a neuroscientist whose research is focused on epigenetic mechanisms of memory formation across the lifespan. She is specifically interested in histone variants, based on the observation that histone variants are replication-independent, which makes them the primary source of histones in the adult brain. Her team found that H2A.Z is a negative regulator of memory, and they are now actively pursuing the hypothesis that H2A.Z accumulation over the life span is an active contributor to dementia and age-related cognitive decline. To this end, the lab published work demonstrating genome-wide accumulation of histone H2A.Z in aged

mice and is investigating its role in Alzheimer's disease, with the ultimate goal of developing new therapeutics for memory decline. However, H2A.Z is just one of many histone variants, and the especially diverse group of H2A variants are excellent targets for memory regulation. The Zovkic lab is interested in understanding how individual H2A variants contribute to memory and gene regulation, and the way that histone switching and chromatin reorganization supports memory formation and memory decline.

Student Rapid Talks

Understanding the social benefits of urban trees

Ximena Bailly

Faculty Supervisor: Tenley Conway

Disseminating Undergraduate Research at UofT: A Qualitative Study

Paige France

Faculty Supervisor: Christopher Eaton



Spatial non-stationary effect of the unhealthy food environment and green spaces for diabetes in Toronto

Haoxuan (Peter) Ge

Faculty Supervisor: Jue Wang

Investigating the Effect of Content-Based Songs on Learning Math

Vashti Kamassah

Faculty Supervisor: Christina der Nederlanden

Brighter, Longer, Better: Antibleach Cocktails to Extend the Lifetime of Single Emitters

Shrivardhan Mishra

Faculty Supervisor: Claudiu Gradinaru

Wellness Break - 10:00-10:15 AM

Session Two - 10:15-11:05 AM

Moderated by Payam Zahedi, Director, OVPR

Keynote Speaker: Negin Dahya, Assistant Professor, ICCIT

Teaching & Learning Technology: A Study in Dzaleka Refugee Camp



Negin Dahya is an Assistant Professor at U of T's Institute for Communication, Culture, Information & Technology (ICCIT). Dahya's research engages feminist and postcolonial theories in the context of science and technology studies. As a social scientist, Dahya conducts qualitative research informed by ethnographic and visual methodologies. These primarily include interviews, observations, and visual documentation and analysis of participant made media like digital video or photographs. Her research contributes to the domains of critical media education and refugee education and technology. Her work

has evolved to include research on VR concept art design in a juvenile rehabilitation facility in the USA and refugee communities in camps and resettlements. She explores the role and relationships between education and technology within the constraints of refugee camps, or, in relation to the systemic socio-technical factors that influence migration and resettlement in North America. Her work focuses on girls and women as well as people of colour and the ways their own engagements with media and technology serve and support them; her work also identifies systemic structures of power, privilege and oppression that influence these realities and are entangled in pedagogy, curriculum, media, and technology.



Student Rapid Talks

Algardi's Bronzes by the Numbers: How Organizing a Sculptor's Bronze Oeuvre Can Help Us Understand Bronze Production in Seventeenth-Century Rome

Elizabeth Provost

Faculty Supervisor: Evonne Levy

Understanding the Role of University in the Personality Development and Well-Being of Racialized Students

Jaiditya Sharma

Faculty Supervisor: Joanne Chung

Determining Labelling Efficiency of Fluorotryptophan-Enriched Fluoroacetate Dehalogenase Using Fluoroanthranilic Acid Derivatives

Lauren Tabunar

Faculty Supervisor: Scott Prosser

Do Students Read Instructor Emails? A Case Study of Measuring Student Engagement to Email Reminders

Elexandra Tran

Faculty Co-supervisors: Joseph Williams & Andrew Petersen

Single-cell Segmentation Analysis on Dynamic Bacterial Micro-colonies

Sandra Zhitkova

Faculty Supervisor: Joshua Milstein



Poster Presentations* - 11:05 AM-12:00 PM

Students will be at their posters to explain their research and answer questions.

Lunch - 12:00-1:30 PM

While you enjoy a delicious lunch, please continue to wander and view student posters. Please note that students may not be at their posters at this time.

Closing Ceremony & Awards - 1:30-2:00 PM

Poster Presentations

POSTER NUMBER

Marim Adel & Feyza Lafci

Poster 01

The Personality Expression of Racialized Undergraduate Students in Everyday Life

Bailey Agard Poster 02

Where's the Bingleduff? How speaker accent shapes children's linguistic processing

Abdul Rahman Al Kos Poster 03

Exploring a novel channel in trichoplax: the half- Cav channel

Ali Al-Hasnawi Poster 04

Methods for modelling urban tree canopies using LiDAR data

Ryan Alexander & Rachel Mander

Poster 05

Hyporheic Flow In Mullet Creek



Irtaqa Arif Poster 06

Effect of air pollution on plant health and mutations

Keerath Bhachu Poster 07

Tissue-specific expression of HCN and its metabolic precursors in Trifolium repens

Giang Bui Poster 08

Prior Experience in Programming: Are experienced students more likely to succeed in CS1 and CS2?

Thalia Burden, Ayesha Bhardwaj & Rohan Revoori

Poster 09

Do coyotes in Vaughan prefer the nightlife? A comparative analysis of coyote activity between an urban and rural environment

Meyha Chhatwal Poster 10

Spontaneous Synchronization to Speech and its Effects on Music and Language Perception

Julianna Corbett & Sarun Balakrishnan

Poster 11

A Magnetic Resonance Imaging Study on the Association between Age and Cortical Thickness Among Regions in the Frontal Lobe

Josie Davies Poster 12

Does the accent of the experimenter influence children's language biases?

Yi-Ting Deng & Hafza Nuh

Poster 13

The perception and production towards imitating aspirated voiceless consonants and /u/ vowel



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Lewei Gao & Hefan Zhang

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From Supermarket to Family: Accessibility of Fresh Food in Mississauga

Christine Gaoiran Poster 23

Development of an Impedance Bioresistor for the Quantification of SARS-CoV-2 S1 Protein

Gianna Giovio Canavesi

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The grammatical role of tone in Keiyo (Kalenjin)

Michael Goldenitz & Sarah Rorwick

Poster 25

Investigating the relationship between myelin and brain lateralization by assessing radial diffusivity and handedness

Katya Golubeva

Poster 26

The Relation Between Health, Mental Health and Satisfaction with Oneself Among Canadian Youth

Shriya Gulati

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Quantifying the Activity of Enzymes Using a CuBpy-MOF-Based Impedance Bioresistor

Kaitlyn Harris

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Alexandra Hawse

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Ruoxi Qian, Yujiao Jiang & Yichen Qian

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Riya Shah, Moxuan Huang & Carson Cornelisse

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