

An AACR Special Conference on
Cancer Epigenomics

October 6-8, 2022 | Renaissance Washington DC | Washington, D.C.

CONFERENCE COCHAIRS:

Scott A. Armstrong, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, MA

Howard Y. Chang, Stanford University, Stanford, CA

Arul M. Chinnaiyan, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Margaret A. Goodell, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

* - Short Talk selected from Proffered Abstracts

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

WELCOME AND OPENING KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Rock Creek Ballroom BC

5:30 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

Welcome from conference cochair

Scott A. Armstrong, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, MA

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Introduction of opening keynote speaker

Howard Y. Chang, Stanford University, Stanford, CA

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Structure and function of ATP-dependent chromatin remodelers in human cancer

Cigall Kadoch, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, MA

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POSTER SESSION A / OPENING RECEPTION

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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.

CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

Meeting Rooms 2 and 3 (Meeting Room Level)

8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

**PLENARY SESSION 1: STRUCTURAL AND CHEMICAL
BIOLOGY OF CHROMATIN COMPLEXES**

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**Session Chair/Institution: Cynthia Wolberger, Johns
Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD**

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Structural basis of chromatin transcription

Lucas Farnung, Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

**Catalytic and noncatalytic mechanisms of chromatin
modifiers**

Karim-Jean Armache, New York University Langone
Health, New York, NY

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Novel inhibitors of histone H2B deubiquitinating enzymes

Cynthia Wolberger, Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore,
MD

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

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**PLENARY SESSION 2: EPIGENETIC DRIVER MUTATIONS
AND MALIGNANT TRANSFORMATION**

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Session Chair/Institution: Margaret A. Goodell, Baylor
College of Medicine, Houston, TX

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

DNMT3A in normal and malignant hematopoiesis

Margaret A. Goodell, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston,
TX

10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Systematic functional screening of chromatin factors
identifies strong lineage and disease dependencies in
normal and malignant haematopoiesis**

Brian Huntly, Wellcome-MRC Cambridge Stem Cell
Institute, Cambridge, England, United Kingdom

11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**Transforming chromatin: Oncohistone mutations in
pediatric high-grade glioma**

Suzanne J. Baker, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital,
Memphis, TN

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

LUNCH ON OWN

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

**PLENARY SESSION 3: CHROMATIN ASSOCIATED RNA AND
ITS MODIFICATIONS IN DEVELOPMENT AND DISEASE**

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Session Chair/Institution: Chuan He, University of
Chicago, Chicago, IL

1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**Chromatin regulation by reversible chromatin-associated
RNA methylation**

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Chuan He, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Dynamic roles for transfer RNAs in gene regulation and cancer

Sohail Tavazoie, The Rockefeller University, New York, NY

2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

The lncRNA Firre functions as a transcriptional activator from a distance

John L. Rinn, University of Colorado Boulder, Boulder, CO

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

PLENARY SESSION 4: HISTONE MODIFICATIONS IN DEVELOPMENT AND DISEASE

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Session Chair/Institution: Christopher R. Vakoc, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor, NY

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Transcriptional dependencies of tuft cell lung tumors

Christopher R. Vakoc, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, Cold Spring Harbor, NY

3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Epigenetic pathways in human health and disease

Shelley L. Berger, University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA

4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Quantitative proteomics for understanding epigenetics cancer mechanisms

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Benjamin A. Garcia, Washington University School of
Medicine in St. Louis, St. Louis, MO

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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PROFFERED TALKS I

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Session Chair/Institution: Howard Y. Chang, Stanford
University, Stanford, CA

5:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

**Mutant NPM1 hijacks transcriptional hub to maintain
pathogenic gene programs and block differentiation in
acute myeloid leukemia***

Xiaotian Zhang, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

5:15 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**Insights into the histone code recognition by the ATAD2B
bromodomain***

Margaret Phillips, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT

5:30 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

**Lineage plasticity dictates responsiveness to anti-GD2
therapy in neuroblastoma***

Nathaniel W. Mabe, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston,
MA

5:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**High-density CRISPR screens reveal mechanisms of
chromatin regulation of stemness networks in acute
myeloid leukemia***

Karina O. Barbosa Guerra, Sanford Burnham Presbys
Medical Discovery Institute, La Jolla, CA

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**PLENARY SESSION 5: CHROMATIN COMPLEXES IN
CANCER**

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Session Chair/Institution: Ali Shilatifard, Northwestern
University Feinberg School of Medicine, Chicago, IL

8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

SWI/SNF complexes in development and disease

Diana C. Hargreaves, Salk Institute, La Jolla, CA

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

**Principles of epigenetics and chromatin in development
and human disease**

Ali Shilatifard, Northwestern University Feinberg School of
Medicine, Chicago, IL

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

**Characterization of the protein-protein interactions
involved in DOT1L epigenetic regulation on biochemical,
structural and functional level towards developing new
therapeutic intervention**

Zaneta Nikolovska-Coleska, University of Michigan, Ann
Arbor, MI

9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

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PROFFERED TALKS II

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Session Chair/Institution: Scott A. Armstrong, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, MA

9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Targeting EP300 and CBP for therapeutic benefit in pediatric solid tumors*

Adam D. Durbin, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, TN

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Single-molecule and single-cell epigenetics: Decoding the epigenome for cancer research and diagnostics*

Efrat Shema, Weizmann Institute of Science, Rehovot, Israel

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

A local tumor microenvironment acquired super-enhancer induces an oncogenic driver for efficient growth under oxidative conditions in colorectal carcinoma*

Royce Zhou, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai, New York, NY

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.

An epigenetic memory of inflammation controls context-dependent lineage plasticity and KRAS-driven tumorigenesis in the pancreas*

Rohit Chandwani, Weill Cornell Medicine, New York, NY

10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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PLENARY SESSION 6: 3D GENOME AND EXTRACHROMOSOMAL DNA

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Session Chair/Institution: Howard Y. Chang, Stanford University, Stanford, CA

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Modeling epigenetic lesions that cause glioma

Bradley E. Bernstein, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, MA

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Reading and writing extrachromosomal DNA

Howard Y. Chang, Stanford University, Stanford, CA

12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Ectopic levels of low-complexity domain interactions repress endogenous oncogenic transcription

Shasha Chong, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, CA

12:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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12:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

PLENARY SESSION 7: NOVEL THERAPEUTIC APPROACHES TO TARGET CHROMATIN/TRANSCRIPTION

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Session Chair/Institution: Arul M. Chinnaiyan, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

12:45 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Therapeutic targeting of MLL complexes in cancer

Scott A. Armstrong, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Boston, MA

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Targeting epigenetic regulators of oncogenic transcription factors

Arul M. Chinnaiyan, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

1:45 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Aberrant transcriptional condensates in cancer: Mechanisms and implications

Liling Wan, University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA

2:15 p.m.

CLOSING REMARKS AND DEPARTURE

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2:15 p.m.

Closing remarks

Arul M. Chinnaiyan, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI