

Cell Therapy Minisymposium

EnVISIONing reGENERation WITHIN tissues by enhancing cell-based plasticity

Wednesday January 19th 11:00am – 4pm EST

Cindi Morshead to give land acknowledgement and opening remarks



11:05am-11:35am

Penney Gilbert introduces Sally Temple

Sally Temple, Scientific Director, Neural Stem Cell Institute

Using stem cell technology to combat age-related neurodegenerative disease

Cell transplantation therapy to restore vision



11:55am-12:25pm

Valerie Wallace introduces Rachael Pearson

Rachael Pearson, Professor, King's College London

Stem cell-derived cone photoreceptor transplantation to restore vision



12:40pm-12:50pm

Arturo Ortin-Martinez, Scientific Associate, Krembil Research Institute

Modulating intracellular material transfer in transplanted photoreceptors



12:50pm-1:00pm

Margaret Ho, PhD Student, University of Toronto

A hyaluronan and methylcellulose-based hydrogel to perturb photoreceptor material transfer



1:00pm-1:10pm

Madison Gray, PhD Student, University of Toronto

Tracing synaptic connections in normal and regenerating retina

Gene therapy to promote neuroplasticity



1:20pm-1:50pm

Maryam Faiz introduces Shane Liddelow

Shane Liddelow, Assistant Professor, New York University

Reactive astrocyte heterogeneity in Inflammation and neurodegenerative disease



2:05pm-2:15pm

Justine Bajohr, PhD Student, University of Toronto

Astrocyte reprogramming for brain repair



2:15pm-2:25pm

Rikke Kofoed, Postdoctoral Fellow, Sunnybrook Research Institute

Kate Noseworthy, MSc Student, University of Toronto

Focused ultrasound mediates brain plasticity and viral vector delivery



2:25pm-2:35pm

Hussein Ghazale, Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Toronto

Glia to neuron conversion in a mouse model of amyotrophic lateral sclerosis

Stimulating endogenous repair in neural and muscle tissue



2:45pm-3:15pm

Julie Lefebvre introduces Joshua Sanes

Joshua Sanes, Professor, Harvard University

Enhancing neuronal survival and regeneration after retinal injury: insights from single cell transcriptomics



3:30pm-3:40pm

Emily Gilbert, Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Toronto

Metformin-mediated recovery following spinal cord injury: sex-dependent effects on inflammation and neural precursor cells



3:40pm-3:50pm

Erik Jacques, PhD Student, University of Toronto

Engineered bio-mimetic niche supports muscle stem cell quiescence



3:50pm-4:00pm

Danielle Jeong, PhD Student, University of Toronto

Characterization of neural stem cells and their niche during CNS remyelination

Molly Shoichet to give closing remarks