Biographies of Guest Speakers

CAMERON CARTER, M.D.
Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Psychology
Director, Center for Neuroscience and the Imaging Research Center
UC Davis

Dr. Carter is a Professor of Psychiatry and Psychology at the University of California, Davis, where he directs the Center for Excellence in Behavioral Health, the Center for Neuroscience, the Imaging Research Center, and the Early Psychosis Research Programs. In 2003 Dr. Carter established the Imaging Research Center along with a clinical research and early intervention program in psychotic disorders at the University. He has previously served on the faculty at UC Davis before moving to the University of Pittsburgh where he obtained advanced training in cognitive neuroscience and neuroimaging.

A graduate of the University of Western Australia’s medical school, Dr. Carter completed his psychiatry residency training at the University of California, Davis. Dr. Carter uses methods from cognitive neuroscience including functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) to conduct basic research on the neural mechanisms of cognitive control as well as clinical and translational research in schizophrenia and other neurodevelopmental disorders.

CHRISTOPHER GIZA, M.D.
Neurologist, Specialized in Sports Concussion and Traumatic Brain Injury
Director, Steve Tisch BrainSPORT Program
Professor of Pediatric Neurology and Neurosurgery
University of California, Los Angeles

Dr. Giza leads the Pediatric TBI/Sports Concussion program at UCLA. Dr. Giza has served as the Vice-Chair for the California State Athletic Commission, a civilian advisor to the Department of Defense, and Co-Chaired the American Academy of Neurology’s committee, which developed an evidence-based Practice Guideline for Management of Sports Concussions in 2013. Dr. Giza serves on the Center for Disease Control's Pediatric mild TBI committee, the NCAA Concussion Task Force and the Major League Soccer Concussion Program Committee. He is currently a Professor of Pediatric Neurology and Neurosurgery at the David Geffen School of Medicine and Mattel Children's Hospital UCLA.

A graduate of Dartmouth College, Dr. Giza received his M.D. from West Virginia University and completed his internship at the University of Pennsylvania. He then trained in Adult and Pediatric Neurology at UCLA, after which he worked on the Yosemite Search and Rescue team. In 1998, he returned to UCLA and joined the Brain Injury Research Center in the Department of Neurosurgery. His research interests include neuroplasticity, recovery from injury, sports-related concussions, post-traumatic epilepsy and brain development.
BRUCE MILLER, M.D.
Clinical Director, Memory and Aging Center
Professor of Neurology
UCSF

Dr. Miller holds the A.W. and Mary Margaret Clausen Distinguished Professorship in Neurology at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). He directs the UCSF dementia center where patients in the San Francisco Bay Area receive comprehensive clinical evaluations. His goal is the delivery of model care to all of the patients who enter the clinical and research programs at the UCSF Memory and Aging Center. He has also worked with the National Football League to help with the education and assessment of players related to brain health. Dr. Miller teaches extensively and runs the Behavioral Neurology Fellowship at UCSF.

A graduate of the University of British Columbia, Dr. Miller completed fellowships in Pharmacology and Neurobehavior at UCLA and residencies in Internal Medicine at the Vancouver General Hospital, Neurology at the University of Western Ontario, and Neurology at UCLA. His focus is on dementia with special interests in brain and behavior relationships as well as the genetic and molecular underpinnings of disease. His work in frontotemporal dementia (FTD) emphasizes both the behavioral and emotional deficits that characterize these patients, while simultaneously noting the visual creativity that can emerge in the setting of FTD. He is the principal investigator of the NIH-sponsored Alzheimer’s Disease Research Center (ADRC) and an NIH-funded program project on FTD called Frontotemporal Dementia: Genes, Imaging and Emotions.

DAVID MOORE
Senior Director for Governmental Relations
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David B. Moore is the Senior Director for Government Relations at the Association of American Medical Colleges. He has primary responsibility for legislative issues related to the federal budget and appropriations, research and research training, health professions education, public health, and ethical issues in science and medicine. He is the founding editor of Washington Highlights, the Association’s weekly government affairs newsletter.

A graduate of Bucknell University, Dave did his graduate work in experimental pathology at the University of Maryland School of Medicine and in health and science journalism at Marquette University. Prior to joining the AAMC in 1984, Dave interned at the National Cancer Institute and worked for the Director of the National Institute on Aging.

Since 1987 he has served as Executive Secretary and now Executive Director of the Ad Hoc Group for Medical Research, a coalition of over 300 patient groups, professional societies, and research institutions that advocates for increased funding for the National Institutes of Health.