

THE ROBERT A. WINN CLINICAL INVESTIGATOR PATHWAY PROGRAM **2025 SYMPOSIUM**



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Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center
Seattle, Washington



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A Message from Dr. Robert A. Winn

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

Welcome to the fourth annual **Robert A. Winn Clinical Investigator Pathway Program (Winn CIPP) Symposium**. We are thrilled to gather with our students, partners, and allies for a powerful few days of connection, learning, and inspiration — driven by a shared commitment to reshaping the future of clinical and translational research.

With the thoughtful support of **the Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation, Gilead Sciences, Amgen, and our dedicated team**, we've built an agenda that's both dynamic and meaningful.



From keynote talks and expert panels to hands-on professional development, we are proud to feature national leaders who are deeply engaged in advancing community-centered research and reimagining what excellence in medicine can look like.

We're especially energized by the engagement of our 2025 Winn CIPP students, whose brilliance, drive, and dedication embody the very purpose of this program: to open doors, reach new communities, and inspire lasting change in how research is conducted, who conducts it, and who it ultimately serves.

Thank you for joining us in this important work. We're honored to have you as part of our growing national community working to ensure that clinical research reflects and responds to the real needs of all people.

With excitement for a bright future,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert A. Winn, MD". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized.

Robert A. Winn, MD

Director, Virginia Commonwealth University Massey Cancer Center
Chair, National Advisory Committee, Winn Awards



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Winston Wong, MD, FAACP

Scholar-in-Residence, UCLA Fielding School of Public Health

** Denotes ad hoc members*

Day 1: Saturday, July 19, 2025

9:00AM - 9:30AM | BREAKFAST

9:30AM - 9:45AM | OPENING REMARKS

Joy L. Jones, PhD

Mason Chiang, PharmD, RPh

Amanda Beasley, PhD

9:45AM - 10:15AM | ICEBREAKER

Katelyn Evans

10:15AM - 10:25AM | SYMPOSIUM OVERVIEW

Desiree Y. Vasquez, MNLM, CNP

10:25AM - 10:45AM | STUDENT WELCOME

Robert A. Winn, MD

10:45AM - 11:30AM | KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Lucio Miele, MD, PhD

11:30AM - 12:40PM | SESSION 1: PANEL

Topic - Clinical Research Career Pathways

Moderator - David Horne, MD, MPH

Panelists - Rachel Bender Ignacio, MD, PhD

Theresa Laguna, MD, MSc

Yaw Nyame, MD, MS, MBA

Eugene Yang, MD, MS, FACC



Day 1: *Continued*

12:40PM - 1:00PM | GROUP PHOTO

1:00PM - 1:45PM | LUNCH

1:45PM - 2:45PM | SESSION 2: LECTURE

Topic - Effective Community Outreach and Engagement

Speaker - Jason Mendoza, MD, MPH

2:45PM - 3:45PM | SESSION 3: PANEL

Topic - The Road to Residency

Panelists - Kristine Karvonen, MD

Matthew Hallman, MD

Cindy Tian, MD, PhD

3:45PM - 4:00PM | BREAK

4:00PM - 4:50PM | WORKSHOP (PART 1)

Topic - The Elevator Pitch

Speaker - Sara Furlong, MA

4:50PM - 5:50PM | CEREMONY

Certificates and Pinning

6:30AM - 9:30PM | RECEPTION

Waterway Cruises, Olympic Star



Day 2: Sunday, July 20, 2025

8:00AM - 8:30AM | BREAKFAST

8:30AM - 8:45AM | WELCOME & INTRO

Joy L. Jones, PhD

Christopher Li, MD, PhD

8:40AM - 9:40AM | KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Johnnie Orozco, MD, PhD

9:40AM - 11:40AM | SESSION 1: WORKSHOP

The Elevator Pitch

11:40AM - 11:50AM | BREAK

11:50AM - 1:00PM | SESSION 2: PANEL

Topic - Clinical Trial Research Patients

Moderator - Christopher Li, MD, PhD

Panelists - Debbie Anderson; Alexes Harris, PhD;
Douglas Holbrook; Sue Lim

1:00PM - 1:30PM | LUNCH

1:30PM - 2:05PM | SYMPOSIUM REFLECTION

Katelyn Evans

2:05PM - 2:15PM | CLOSING

Joy L. Jones, PhD



SPEAKERS & PANELISTS

In order of appearance



DAY 1

Saturday, July 19



MASON CHIANG, PHARMD, RPH

Associate Director | Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation

Mason Chiang (he/him) is Associate Director at the Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation, where he leads strategic initiatives and global grantmaking to advance health equity. He manages the full grant lifecycle for philanthropic investments in India targeting Adult Cancers and Pediatric Blood Disorders, and supports the Robert A. Winn Excellence in Clinical Trials Award Program to increase participation in research.

As Strategy and Operations lead, Mason drives strategic planning, operational excellence, and impact measurement, aligning teams and partners to address systemic barriers to care. With a background in clinical pharmacy, he brings firsthand insight into healthcare delivery, grounding his work in patients' real-world challenges. Mason earned his PharmD from the University of Washington and completed training at Sutter Health and the Rutgers/BMS Foundation Public Health Residency.



AMANDA BEASLEY, PHD

Director, Inclusive Operations & Business Solutions | Representation in Clinical Research (RISE) | Amgen

Amanda Beasley is a Director in the Representation in Clinical Research (RISE) team at Amgen. She has been working in preclinical and clinical research for almost 20 years. She holds a Master's degree in Clinical Research Administration and a Doctorate in Human Services. Amanda's passion to support marginalized and underrepresented individuals paired with her many years of study operations experience help to move the RISE vision and mission forward to drive proportional representation in clinical research and eliminate systemic barriers to participation. She specializes in collaborating cross-functionally to build internal infrastructure to make representative studies a part of Amgen's everyday work. She also works outside of Amgen's walls partnering with organizations that work directly in the communities where these people live, work, play, and pray to build sustainable presence and trust.

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DAY 1

Saturday, July 19



ROBERT A. WINN, MD

*Director and Lipman Chair in Oncology | VCU Massey Comprehensive Cancer Center
Professor of pulmonary disease and critical care medicine | VCU School of Medicine*

As director of VCU Massey Comprehensive Cancer Center, Dr. Winn leads an NCI-designated center advancing cancer care, research, and community partnerships to improve equity. He is nationally recognized for models that engage communities in reducing cancer disparities.

Dr. Winn serves as President of the Association of American Cancer Institutes and Chair of the National Cancer Policy Forum. His many honors include the NCI CURE Program Lifetime Achievement Award and the 2024 ASCO Allen Lichter Visionary Leader Award. In 2022, the Bristol Myers Squibb Foundation renamed its clinical trials program after him to honor his work advancing participation in research.



LUCIO MIELE, MD, PHD

Cancer Crusaders Professor of Genetics; Director, LSU-LCMC Cancer Center

Dr. Lucio Miele is a physician-scientist and cancer biologist who serves as the Cancer Crusaders Professor of Genetics and Director of the LSU-LCMC Cancer Center. He is internationally recognized for research in breast cancer biology, health disparities, and precision medicine. Dr. Miele earned his MD and PhD from the University of Naples and completed a fellowship at the NIH. He previously held leadership roles at the FDA, Loyola University Chicago, the University of Mississippi, and the University of Illinois at Chicago.

At LSU, he leads the Precision Medicine Program, is PI for the “All of Us” Research Program, and co-leads NIH-funded initiatives on cancer disparities and informatics. A national leader in Notch signaling research, he has authored over 280 publications. Dr. Miele also holds editorial and review roles with major journals and funding agencies and contributes to national efforts advancing equity in cancer research.

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DAVID HORNE, MD, MPH

Professor of Medicine, University of Washington

Dr. Horne is a Professor of Medicine in the Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine and an Adjunct Professor of Global Health at the University of Washington. His research focuses on tuberculosis, including aerobiology, pathogenesis, and drivers of disease in high-burden settings, with primary collaborations in Kenya. Clinically, he cares for patients in the ICU and in a pulmonary clinic specializing in nontuberculous mycobacterial infections. Since 2022, he has served as Associate Chair of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for the Department of Medicine.



RACHEL BENDER IGNACIO, MD, MPH

Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Washington

Dr. Bender Ignacio is Director of UW Positive Research, Associate Professor in the Division of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, and Robert W. Anderson Endowed Chair in Medicine for HIV Research at the University of Washington. She earned her MD and MPH from UW and completed internal medicine training at Massachusetts General Hospital before returning for her infectious diseases fellowship.

Her work focuses on clinical trials for HIV treatment, co-infections, and cancers, as well as improving care delivery in Southern and East Africa. She also led outpatient COVID-19 therapeutics research as Director of the Fred Hutch COVID-19 Clinical Research Center. Clinically, she provides HIV primary care and consults on Infectious Diseases and Transplant ID services. Dr. Bender Ignacio is dedicated to mentoring early career investigators and serves as Chair of Advocacy for HIVMA and IDSA.

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THERESA LAGUNA, MD, MSC

Pediatric Pulmonologist; Division Head of Pulmonary and Sleep Medicine at Seattle Children's Hospital; Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Washington School of Medicine

Dr. Laguna has made mentorship and sponsorship her life's work. She has a more than 17-year track-record of exceptional career mentoring at the undergraduate, medical student, resident, fellowship, and junior faculty level at every institution in which she has served. She is active in diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives locally, regionally, and nationally and strongly believes that "if you see it, you can be it." As a Latinx woman and member of the LGBTQIA+ community in a leadership role in academic medicine, she strives to bring her authentic self to work every day and use her voice and leadership platforms to advance DEI initiatives for patients, trainees, and colleagues.



YAW NYAME, MD, MS, MBA

Physician and Associate Professor, Division of Urology, University of Washington School of Medicine

Dr. Nyame is a surgeon, researcher, and educator specializing in urologic oncology and general urology. His clinical focus includes open and minimally invasive surgeries for kidney, prostate, bladder, and testicular cancers.

He earned his MD and MBA from Northwestern University and a master's in health services administration from George Washington University. Dr. Nyame completed residency at the Cleveland Clinic and a urologic oncology fellowship at the University of Washington, where he is now on faculty. His research explores healthcare disparities and the molecular and health services drivers of inequities in urologic cancers.

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EUGENE YANG, MD, MS, FACC

Professor of Medicine in the Division of Cardiology, University of Washington School of Medicine

Eugene Yang, MD, MS, FACC is a Professor of Medicine in the Division of Cardiology at the University of Washington School of Medicine, where he holds the Carl and Renée Behnke Endowed Chair for Asian Health. He earned both his undergraduate and graduate degrees from Stanford University, followed by his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania. He completed his residency in internal medicine and fellowships in cardiovascular disease and advanced cardiac imaging at Stanford.



JASON "JAY" MENDOZA, MD, MPH

Professor of Public Health Sciences, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center

Dr. Mendoza is a general pediatrician and researcher specializing in cancer prevention and health equity. He is Professor of Public Health Sciences and Associate Program Head of Cancer Prevention at Fred Hutch and Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Washington. As Associate Director of Community Outreach and Engagement for the Fred Hutch/UW/Seattle Children's Cancer Consortium, he leads efforts to reduce cancer disparities.

His NIH-funded research focuses on community-engaged interventions to improve nutrition and physical activity among underserved youth and to lower cardiometabolic disease risk in adolescent and young adult cancer survivors through technology-based programs. Dr. Mendoza earned his MD from Rush Medical College, completed pediatrics residency at UW/Seattle Children's, and received advanced research training and an MPH through the UW Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholars Program.

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KRISTINE KARVONEN, MD

Assistant Professor, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center

Dr. Karvonen is a pediatric hematologist-oncologist who studies social determinants of health and disparities affecting children and adolescents with cancer and blood disorders. Her research examines barriers such as structural racism, poverty, and limited health literacy, and focuses on developing interventions to advance health equity. Clinically, she cares for patients with cancer and sickle cell anemia at Seattle Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders Center.



MATTHEW HALLMAN, MD, MS

Assistant Professor of Anesthesiology and Pain Medicine, University of Washington

Dr. Mathew Hallman is a board-certified critical care physician at Harborview Medical Center and a UW assistant professor. He is dedicated to delivering high-quality, evidence-based care to critically ill and injured patients and believes involving patients and families in treatment decisions is essential to excellent care.

Dr. Hallman earned his MS from Georgetown University and his MD from the University of Minnesota. His clinical and research interests include medical education, traumatic brain and spinal cord injury, neurological critical care, trauma care, and the use of ultrasound in perioperative and intensive care settings.



CINDY TIAN, MD, PHD

Chief Resident, Department of Emergency Medicine, University of Washington

Dr. Tian is Chief Resident in the University of Washington Emergency Medicine Residency Program. She grew up in the Seattle area, earned her undergraduate degree from Brown University, and completed her MD/PhD at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. Her career interests include critical care, research, and diversity, equity, and inclusion in emergency medicine.

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DAY 2

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CHRISTOPHER LI, PHD

Epidemiologist, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center

Dr. Christopher Li is an epidemiologist focused on identifying breast cancer risk factors. He has uncovered key links between breast cancer and lifestyle factors like obesity, physical activity, alcohol use, and certain medications. Dr. Li also studies disparities in cancer outcomes and works to ensure research benefits patients of all backgrounds.

He leads research on breast cancer risk in young women and headed the largest study on triple-negative breast cancer, an aggressive subtype. Combining lab work with big data, he identifies patterns that predict recurrence and blood-based biomarkers for early detection. Dr. Li co-leads Fred Hutch's Cancer Surveillance System, a registry tracking cancer incidence and survival in 13 Washington counties, widely used to study cancer trends and outcomes.



JOHNNIE J. OROZCO, MD, PHD

Associate Professor, Translational Science & Therapeutics Division | Fred Hutch Cancer Center

Associate Professor, Division of Hematology & Oncology, Department of Medicine | University of Washington (UW)

Dr. Orozco develops targeted therapies for blood cancers, with a focus on acute myeloid leukemia. His team uses radioimmunotherapy—radiation linked to antibodies—to reduce the need for toxic chemotherapy and total body irradiation in stem cell transplant models.

A Latino physician-scientist, he works to expand access through haploidentical transplantation for patients lacking matched donors and translates promising findings into clinical trials. He also mentors students from underrepresented backgrounds and advocates for faculty diversity. Dr. Orozco completed his MD/PhD at UW, trained at UCSF, and holds a BS in Chemical Engineering from UCLA.

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DEBBIE ANDERSON

Patient Panelist

Debbie found care for Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia at Seattle Cancer Care Alliance (now a part of Fred Hutch) when she was diagnosed in 2017. Given the treatment choices at that time she opted for a clinical trial. Debbie is retired from social services and a transplant from the east coast. While she lived in South Florida most of her life, she came to Bellingham, WA to be near her daughter's family from Maryland where she lived for 15 years.



ALEXES HARRIS, PHD

Patient panelist

Alexes Harris, PhD is a professor of sociology at the University of Washington. She speaks regularly about her research and teaching related to the criminal justice system, race and poverty in the United States. She also speaks on her personal experience with cancer to raise awareness about fighting cancer and the importance of marrow and cord blood donation.



DOUGLAS HOLBROOK

Patient Panelist

Douglas Holbrook is a fourth-generation Washingtonian and a graduate of Western Washington University. He spent 30 years in senior management with the Sea-Tac Airport Authority before serving as a professor of economics and finance for a decade.

An avid traveler, Douglas and his wife of 52 years have explored more than half the countries in the world, visiting 105 out of 195. They also enjoy spending time with their grandchildren. Douglas has been a patient at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center since 2016.

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SUE LIM

Patient Panelist

Sue Lim, Patient and Caregiver Advisor on the Fred Hutch Patient and Family Advisory Council (PFAC), former Clinical Nurse Coordinator at FHCC, Patient Advocate on the National Cancer Institute Head and Neck Cancer Steering Committee, Caregiver Ambassador for the Head and Neck Cancer Alliance.

Sue was a caregiver for six years to her late husband, Carl, who had a rare salivary gland cancer (lymphoepithelial carcinoma of the parotid gland), and she is also a three year breast cancer survivor.

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IS TO LOSE YOURSELF IN THE SERVICE OF OTHERS."
— MAHATMA GANDHI**

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Seattle, WA
Medical School: University of Washington
School of Medicine

Nathan Smith

Funder: The Bristol Myers Squibb
Foundation
Site: LSU Health Sciences Center, New
Orleans, LA
Medical School: Tulane University School of
Medicine

Andre Smith

Funder: The Bristol Myers Squibb
Foundation
Site: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital,
Memphis, TN
Medical School: New York Institute of
Technology College of Osteopathic
Medicine at Arkansas State University

Katelynn Soto

Funder: The Bristol Myers Squibb
Foundation
Site: LSU Health Sciences Center, New
Orleans, LA
Medical School: Indiana University School of
Medicine

Katelynn Tran

Funder: Gilead Sciences
Site: Cedars Sinai, Los Angeles, CA
Medical School: California University of
Science and Medicine – School of Medicine

Robert Tran

Funder: The Bristol Myers Squibb
Foundation
Site: Weill Cornell Clinical & Translational
Science Center, New York, NY
Medical School: University of California,
Irvine School of Medicine

Tiffany Trieu

Funder: Gilead Sciences
Site: UCLA-CTSI at Lundquist Institute, Los
Angeles, CA
Medical School: University of California,
Riverside School of Medicine

Kyron Wicker

Funder: The Bristol Myers Squibb
Foundation
Site: Weill Cornell Clinical & Translational
Science Center, New York, NY
Medical School: Lake Erie College of
Osteopathic Medicine – Erie

Bishoy Yacoub

Funder: The Bristol Myers Squibb
Foundation
Site: Mount Sinai Tisch Cancer Center, New
York, NY
Medical School: Icahn School of Medicine at
Mount Sinai

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JOY L. JONES, PHD

**EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR,
WINN AWARDS**

Dr. Joy L. Jones oversees the strategic direction, expansion, integration, implementation, supervision and evaluation of the Winn Awards. Before joining VCU, Dr. Jones served in various leadership roles at National Medical Fellowships, overseeing the substantial growth and development of the organization's Programs Department.

Dr. Jones has over 20 years of experience providing technical assistance and institutional support for capacity development, including proposal writing, program development and implementation, strategic planning, human capital development, and program monitoring and evaluation. She holds a PhD in International Development from Tulane University Law School's Payson Center for International Development. She has also consulted for public and private institutions in the US and internationally.



DESIREE VASQUEZ,

MNLM, CNP

**DIRECTOR,
WINN CIPP**

Desiree Vasquez received her master's degree in Nonprofit Leadership and Management from Arizona State University and her bachelor's from Lehman College in Bronx, NY. She majored in Communications with a minor in Sociology and aspired to work with diverse communities from a young age. Her first place of employment was with the YMCA when she was 14 years old. Since then, her desire to make a difference in young people's lives has grown.

With almost 30 years working in the non-profit field, Desiree spent 13 years managing student scholarships and joined the Winn Awards in 2022 as a Program Manager. In 2024, she was promoted to Program Director of the Winn CIPP. Working on this clinical trials initiative allows her to work with established physicians and medical students on a shared purpose that will no doubt expand her professional and personal development. Engaging with students and witnessing their potential and growth has fueled her passion for continuing with the success of underrepresented medical students.

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KATELYN EVANS

**SENIOR PROGRAM
COORDINATOR,
WINN CIPP**

Katelyn Evans supports the development and success of future medical professionals in the Robert A. Winn Clinical Investigator Pathway Program (Winn CIPP).

Before joining VCU, Katelyn worked in admissions at A.T. Still University's College of Osteopathic Medicine, where she guided prospective medical students through the application process. This experience sparked her passion for supporting medical students on their path to a career in medicine. In her current role, Katelyn is dedicated to guiding students as they work toward their professional goals, providing meaningful support throughout their journey.

Katelyn completed her undergraduate degree at Wartburg College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Public Health.



REBEKAH BROAD

**OPERATIONS
MANAGER,
WINN AWARDS**

Rebekah Broad joined the Winn Awards in April 2022 as Executive Assistant to the Chief Program Officer, bringing a keen eye for efficiency and organizational excellence to her role. She recently transitioned to Operations Manager for the team, streamlining processes while coordinating complex logistics and ensuring the seamless execution of critical initiatives.

Her 15 years of providing comprehensive executive support across various fields have cultivated strong skills in resource allocation, project coordination, and administrative leadership.

Rebekah holds a BA in Peace, Justice, and Conflict Studies from DePaul University. While earning her degree, she partnered with the Ethiopian Community Association of Chicago to facilitate a smooth transition for refugees resettling on Chicago's North Side. She also began her MA in International Development at Eastern University, reflecting her foundational commitment to human rights and upholding the inherent dignity of all individuals.

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SARA FURLONG, MA

**DIRECTOR OF
COMMUNICATIONS
AND MARKETING,
WINN AWARDS**

Sara Furlong is a seasoned marketing and communications professional with more than two decades of experience spanning higher education, development, healthcare, and industry.

Before joining the Winn Awards, she led the marketing and communications team at SUNY Polytechnic Institute and held various marketing and fundraising roles at Colgate University. She began her career working on both account strategy and creative services for advertising agencies, experiences that shaped her approach and led to building her own consulting practice.

Sara earned her MA in political science from the Maxwell School of Syracuse University, where her research focused on the politics of identity and American indigenous communities.

She is thrilled to be a part of the Winn Awards mission, having experienced in her own family the positive outcomes that clinical trials can bring.



MEGAN BECKER, PHD

**EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR,
WINN CDA**

Dr. Megan Becker has over 30 years of experience in medical education, holding a PhD in educational psychology.

She started her career at the University of North Carolina School of Medicine, Chapel Hill, in the Office of Educational Development. Later, she was an Assistant Professor of Medical Education and Assistant Professor of Preventive Medicine and Community Health at the University of Texas Medical Branch.

Her career also includes working in global medical education for several small to medium-sized medical device companies and running a medical education consulting firm for a decade.

Before recently joining the Winn Awards team as Executive Director of its Career Development Award program, she was the Senior Director of Medical Education & Programs at Gilead Sciences, Inc., where she also worked closely with the Winn Awards program.



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