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## RESEARCH GRANTS

### COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS

**Domenico Accili**, MD, Medicine, received \$1,683,736 over four years from the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases for “Role of Forkhead Proteins in Insulin Action.”

**David L. Bell**, MD, Pediatrics, and **Melanie A. Gold**, DO, received \$3,633,300 over five years from the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion and the Office of Adolescent Health for “Male Teen Pregnancy Prevention Project (Male TPP Project).”

**Jahar Bhattacharya**, MD, PhD, Medicine, received \$1,791,808 over five years from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute for “Lung Barrier Protection by Tatylated Proteins” in a competitive renewal.

**Alberto Ciccia**, PhD, Genetics & Development, received \$1,789,123 over five years from the National Cancer Institute for “Replication Fork Remodeling and Genomic Stability.”

**Piero Dalerba**, MD, Herbert Irving Comprehensive Cancer Center, received \$300,000 over one year from the Damon Runyon Cancer Research Foundation for “Using Single-Cell Genomics to Resolve the Molecular Identity of Cancer Stem Cells and Guide their Pharmacological Eradication.”

**Aniruddha Das**, PhD, Neuroscience, received \$1,929,924 over four years from the National Eye Institute for “Endogenous Neural Activity: Neurophysiology, Optical Imaging, fMRI, and Behavior.”

**Donald Edmondson**, PhD, Center for Behavioral Cardiovascular Health, received \$3,017,339 over three years from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute for “Testing Biopsychosocial Mechanisms of the Posthospital Syndrome Model of Early Rehospitalization in Acute Coronary Syndrome Patients.”

**Wei Gu**, PhD, Institute for Cancer Genetics, received \$1,830,000 over five years from the National Cancer Institute for “Regulation of SLC7A11 by p53 in Cancer Metabolism.”

**Hilda Hutcherson**, MD, Diversity and Multicultural Affairs, received \$1,147,500 over five years from the New York State Department of Education for “Science and Technology Entry Program.”

**Lynne Johnson**, MD, Medicine, received \$1,895,493 over four years from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute for “Novel Therapy for Diabetic PAD Monitored with Dual Isotope Multimodality Imaging.”

**Un Kang**, MD, Neurology, received \$488,262 over one year from the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke for “The Role of Striatal Cholinergic Interneurons in Parkinson’s Disease.”

**Francis Lee**, MD, PhD, Orthopedic Surgery, received \$2,326,686 over five years from the National Cancer Institute for “Bone and Breast Cancer Molecular Interactions.”

**Seonjoo Lee**, PhD, Psychiatry, received \$525,600 over four years from the National Institute on Aging for “Statistical Methods for Neural Mechanisms Mediating Cognitive System in Mental Health Research.”

**Eduardo David Leonardo**, MD, Psychiatry, received \$1,592,818 over three years from the National Institute of Mental Health for “Developmental Regulation of Mood States by 5-HT1A Heteroreceptors.”

**Jining Lu**, PhD, Medicine, received \$1,616,242 over three years from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute for “The Trinucleotide Repeat Containing 6a-Mediated miRNA Activities in the Ciliogenesis of Airway Epithelium.”

**Steven Marx**, MD, Medicine, received \$1,600,000 over three years from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute for “Elucidating the Mechanisms of Vascular Dysfunction in Heart Failure.”

**Lale Ozcan**, MD, Medicine, received \$276,000 over one year from the American Diabetes Association for “Role of Dach1 in Obesity-Induced Hepatic Insulin Resistance.”

**Vincent Racaniello**, PhD, Microbiology & Immunology, received \$440,000 over one year from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases for “Cellular Receptor for Enterovirus D68.”

**Stephen Rayport**, MD, Psychiatry, received \$257,197 over two years for “Mapping Dopamine Neuron Co-Transmission by Proximity Detection.”

**Robert H. Remien**, PhD, Psychiatry, received \$4,606,384 over five years from the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases for “Use of ARV Drug Levels in DBS to Assess and Manage ART Adherence in South Africa.”

**Lisa Saiman**, MD, Pediatrics, received \$350,380 over two years from the National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases for “Influenza and other Respiratory Viral Disease in Pediatric Chronic Care Facilities Infection Control.”

**Theodorus G.M. Sandfort**, PhD, Psychiatry, received \$3,570,953 over five years from the National Institute on Drug Abuse for “Universal for All, Frequent for Some: HIV Testing in School-based Health Centers.”

**Steven Siegelbaum**, PhD, Neuroscience, received \$2,076,287 over five years from the National Institute of Mental Health for “The Role of the Hippocampal CA2 Region in Neuropsychiatric Disease.”

**Jennifer Sumner**, PhD, Center for Behavior Cardiovascular Health, received \$653,308 over five years from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute for “Post Traumatic Stress and Cardiovascular Risk in Women: Tests of Biological Mechanisms.”

**Ira Tabas**, MD, PhD, Medicine, received \$2,988,143 over three years from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute for “Enhancing Inflammation Resolution in Atherosclerosis via Targeted Nanoparticle-Mediated Delivery of Biologics.”

**Dennis Vitkup**, PhD, Systems Biology, received \$2,985,309 from the National Cancer Institute for “Analysis of Cancer Cell Metabolism in Diverse Environmental Conditions.”

## MAILMAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

**Elaine Abrams**, MD, ICAP, received \$15,383,749 over five years from the U.S. Agency for International Development for “Simplification of Linkage to and Delivery of Antiretroviral Therapy in USAID-PEPFAR Supported Programs.”

**Matthew Perzanowski**, MD, Environmental Health Sciences, received \$672,158 over three years from the Department of Housing & Urban Development for “Fungal Exposure in NYC Low-Income Housing Pre- and Post-Intervention.”

**Lynn Freedman**, JD, MPH, Population and Family Health, received \$540,194 over two years from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for “Ethiopia Advocacy on Emergency Obstetric and Newborn Care (EmONC).”

**Frederica Perera**, PhD, DrPH, Environmental Health Sciences, **Deliang Tang**, MD, DrPH, Environmental Health Sciences, and **Andrew Rundle**, DrPH, Epidemiology, received \$406,067 over two years from the National Cancer Institute for “Novel Protein Risk Markers for Lung Cancer.”

**Lindsay Stark**, DrPH, Population and Family Health, received \$387,697 over two years from the U.S. Agency for International Development for “Measuring Separation in Emergencies.”

## AWARDS & HONORS

### CUMC

#### Public Voices Fellows

CUMC faculty are 13 of the 20 new fellows in the Columbia Public Voices Fellowship program. The program, a collaboration of the Department of Medicine and the OpEd Project created through the support of Robert L. Burch, aims to cultivate national thought leaders among scholars, scientists, and clinicians who can influence public debate.

The CUMC fellows, chosen for 2015–16 through a competitive application process:

## College of Physicians & Surgeons

- **John C. Markowitz**, MD, Psychiatry
- **Raul Rabadan**, PhD, Biomedical Informatics
- **Shilpa Ravella**, MD, Medicine
- **Benjamin Schwartz**, MD, Surgery
- **Helen Blair Simpson**, MD, PhD, Psychiatry
- **Siqin Kye Ye**, MD, Medicine

## Mailman School of Public Health

- **Ana Abraido-Lanza**, PhD, Sociomedical Sciences
- **Helena Duch**, PsyD, Population and Family Health
- **Jeff Goldsmith**, PhD, Biostatistics
- **Patrick Kinney**, PhD, Environmental Health Sciences
- **Miriam Laugesen**, PhD, Health Policy & Management
- **Stephen S. Morse**, PhD, Epidemiology

## School of Nursing

- **Lusine Poghosyan**, PhD, Nursing

**COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS & SURGEONS****Steven Z. Miller Student Clinician's Ceremony Awards**

Awards were presented at the Steven Z. Miller Student Clinician's Ceremony, which marks the transition of the Class of 2018 from the fundamentals curriculum to the major clinical year. The ceremony also provides an opportunity for the class that has completed its major clinical year (the Class of 2017) to honor residents and faculty for excellent teaching. Awards also are given to students for preclinical work.

- Major Clinical Year Outstanding Teacher Award:  
**Janis Cutler**, MD, Psychiatry
- Fundamentals Outstanding Teaching Award:  
**Peter D. Canoll**, MD, PhD, Pathology & Cell Biology
- Resident Teaching Awards:  
**Mauer Biscotti**, NYP, Surgery  
**Sabrina Gard**, NYP, Medicine  
**Caroline Garcia**, NYP, Medicine  
**Andrew Rausch**, Stamford Hospital, OB/GYN  
**Ellis Rochelson**, NYP, Pediatrics  
**Devon Rupley**, NYP, OB/GYN
- Humanism in Patient Care Awards:  
**Sheldene Gorovitzc**, social worker at NYP  
**Maureen Licursi**, nurse practitioner at NYP  
**Nadeen Robinson**, nurse at NYP  
**Lynette Williams**, senior social worker at NYP
- Greg Grove Award (for promoting activities that provide relaxation for busy students):  
**Jessica Buesing**, P&S'18
- Karl H. Perzin Excellence in Pathology Awards:  
**Athena Huang**, P&S'18  
**William Simmons**, P&S'18

## P&S Awards for Excellence

Six employees of the College of Physicians & Surgeons were honored at the 2015 P&S Awards for Excellence Ceremony. The awards recognize outstanding performance and contributions by employees. The winners are nominated by colleagues and chosen by a selection committee.

- Officer of Administration/Managerial Award:  
**Fran Brogan**, Herbert Irving Comprehensive Cancer Center
- Officer of Administration/Administrative Professional Award:  
**Nicole Lyn**, Radiology
- Officer of Research Award:  
**Harriet Lloyd**, Ophthalmology
- SSA Union Award:  
**Rosa Marcus**, Physiology & Cellular Biophysics
- Community Service Award:  
**Rachana Gavara**, MD, Obstetrics & Gynecology
- Diversity Award:  
**Hilda Hutcherson**, MD, Diversity and Multicultural Affairs

## 2016 Schaefer Research Scholars

Four research scientists were selected as Schaefer Research Scholars. The program supports research scientists whose work focuses on human physiology.

The 2016 Schaefer Research Scholars and their projects:

- **Ivaylo Ivanov**, PhD, Microbiology & Immunology  
Project: Keeping a Healthy Gut: Commensal Bacteria Know-Hows
- **Filippo Mancia**, PhD, Physiology & Cellular Biophysics  
Project: Structural Basis of Receptor-Mediated Cellular Vitamin A Uptake
- **Anna Moroni**, PhD, Physiology & Cellular Biophysics visiting scholar  
Project: Expression and Functional Characterization of Engineered Blue-Light-Gated K<sup>+</sup> Channels in Neurons

- **Andrew Trevelyan**, DPhil, Neurology visiting scholar  
Project: The Role of Chloride Dysregulation in Epileptic Circuits

## Other Honors

**Louis Z. Cooper**, MD, Pediatrics, was selected to receive the Tonniges Lifetime Achievement Award for Advocacy on Behalf of Vulnerable Children from the American Academy of Pediatrics Council of Foster Care, Adoption and Kinship Care.

**Brian Fallon**, MD, Psychiatry, will be honored at the Global Lyme Alliance gala on April 2 in honor of his research on chronic Lyme disease.

**Arianna Giacobbe**, PhD, Herbert Irving Comprehensive Cancer Center, was awarded the Italian Association for Cancer Research International Cancer Research Fellowship, designed to promote the mobility of highly qualified and experienced cancer researchers to and from Italy. Dr. Giacobbe is a member of the laboratory of **Cory Abate-Shen**, PhD, Herbert Irving Comprehensive Cancer Center.

**Adam Griesemer**, MD, Surgery, received the American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases Career Development Award in Memory of the University of Michigan Transplant Team for his project “Inhibition/Depletion of Memory T-Cells to Induce Liver Transplant Tolerance.”

**Nellie Hermann**, MFA, Narrative Medicine, was awarded a prestigious 2016 National Endowment for the Arts Creative Writing Fellowship for her fiction writing. She was selected from among 1,763 eligible applicants by 23 readers and panelists.

**Shunichi Homma**, MD, Medicine, was awarded a Japanese Foreign Minister’s Commendation in recognition of work enhancing medical services for Japanese people in the United States.

**Joshua A. Gordon**, MD, PhD, Psychiatry, was selected to receive the Daniel H. Efron Award from the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology for excellence in basic science research.

**David Kalfa**, MD, PhD, Surgery, was named to the editorial board of the journal Biomaterials and Biomechanics in Bioengineering.

**Paul Kurlansky**, MD, Surgery, was named associate statistical editor of the Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery.

**Donald W. Landry**, MD, PhD, Medicine, was elected as a fellow to the National Academy of Inventors, an organization of academics who have helped create or facilitate inventions and innovations that impact quality of life, economic development, and the welfare of society.

**William Levine**, MD, Orthopedic Surgery, was appointed editor-in-chief of the Journal of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons.

**Umrao Monani**, MD, Pathology & Cell Biology, was selected as a winner of the 2015 Sanofi Innovator Award, in support of work to investigate novel therapeutic strategies for Glut1 deficiency syndrome. Dr. Monani will work in collaboration with **Darryl De Vivo**, MD, Neurology.

**Yoshifumi Naka**, MD, PhD, Surgery, received the Socrates Award from the Thoracic Surgery Residents Association in recognition of his commitment to resident education and mentorship.

**Rodney Rothstein**, PhD, Genetics & Development, will deliver the keynote talk at the Abcam's Mechanisms of Recombination 2016 Conference in May and will deliver the Winge-Lindgren Address at the Genetics Society of America's Yeast Genetics Meeting in July.

**Roshan P. Shah**, MD, Orthopedic Surgery, was named a 2016 Health Policy Fellow by the American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons. These fellowships provide future leaders with an opportunity to get involved in policy-making and develop advocacy skills.

**Erin Sherer**, PA-C, Medicine, was awarded a certificate of added qualifications in emergency medicine by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants. Only 1,000 certified PAs in the country have this credential.

**Chunhua Weng**, PhD, Biomedical Informatics, was elected as a fellow of the American College of Medical Informatics, an organization of elected fellows from the United States and abroad who have made significant and sustained contributions to the field of medical informatics.

## MAILMAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

**Linda P. Fried**, MD, dean, was named to the Milken Institute's Center for the Future of Aging Advisory Board. She also gave the Lasker Lessons in Leadership lecture at the National Institutes of Health on Jan. 14. The lecture series invites scientists and medical leaders to inspire future leaders enrolled in the NIH Oxford-Cambridge Scholars Program and the NIH Lasker Clinical Research Scholars Program.

**Mark Hatzenbuehler**, PhD, Sociomedical Sciences, was awarded the 2016 Janet Taylor Spence Award for Transformative Early Career Contributions. The award, granted by the Association for Psychological Science, recognizes psychological scientists who push the limits of their field. He also was selected by the American Psychological Association as the recipient of the 2016 Award for Distinguished Contributions to Psychology in the Public Interest (Early Career).

**Diana Hernandez**, PhD, Sociomedical Sciences, was named an alumni member of Cornell's Graduate School Diversity Advisory Council, which provides leadership on diversity and inclusion plans and initiatives at the school.

**W. Ian Lipkin**, MD, Epidemiology, received China's top science honor for foreign scientists, the International Science and Technology Cooperation Award, at a ceremony presided by China President Xi Jinping. The award recognizes Dr. Lipkin's contributions to scientific and technological innovation and for promoting scientific advancement in China.

## NURSING

The **2015 Grassroots Prize from the American Association of the Colleges of Nursing** was awarded to the following team from the Columbia Nursing community. The team was selected from among 2015 policy summit attendees who submitted projects to engage the public in policy and advocacy.

- **Don Boyd**, CRNA
- **Heidi Hahn-Schroeder**, RN
- **Thania Lee**
- **Sarah Rudolph**

**Lusine Poghosyan**, PhD, was named by the AcademyHealth a conference theme leader AcademyHealth in the area of "Organizational Behavior and Management."

## PHILANTHROPIC GIFTS

Herbert and Florence Irving made a \$7,500,000 contribution toward their \$50,000,000 commitment to establish the Herbert and Florence Irving Fund for Cancer Genomics, provide funding for seven professorships at the Medical Center, and support two new Irving Scholars focused on cancer research.

A foundation made a \$1,000,000 contribution to complete a pledge to the Sackler Institute for the Developmental Psychobiology Parent-Infant Project, to advance research on the developing brain and mind, and a \$750,000 commitment to the new Medical and Graduate Education Building.

A foundation made a contribution of \$1,216,922 in support of pediatric oncology at Columbia.

A contribution of \$875,000 was made toward a \$10,500,000 commitment to advance research into the mechanisms of brain and gut function and the ways they are affected by nurture.

A foundation made a \$700,000 contribution toward a \$7,000,000 pledge to advance research at the Taub Institute for Research on Alzheimer's Disease and the Aging Brain.

A couple made a \$700,000 contribution toward a \$5,000,000 commitment to support the new Medical and Graduate Education Building.

An anonymous donor made a contribution of \$650,000 to complete a pledge to advance research at the Taub Institute for Research on Alzheimer's Disease and the Aging Brain.

A bequest of \$641,363 was realized to provide professorship support to the Department of Otolaryngology/Head & Neck Surgery.

A donor made a contribution of \$625,000 to complete a \$1,250,000 commitment to provide fellowship support to the Division of Cardiology and a \$200,000 contribution toward a \$7,500,000 commitment to the David A. Gardner New Initiatives Fund.

A corporation made a \$600,000 contribution to support the new Medical and Graduate Education Building.

A donor made a \$583,900 contribution toward a \$2,000,000 pledge to the Department of Neurology and the Taub Institute for Research on Alzheimer's Disease and the Aging Brain to support the recruitment of a physician-scientist specializing in immunology and neurodegenerative diseases.

A private foundation made a contribution of \$414,000 toward a commitment of \$828,000 to the Department of Medicine to advance research on the treatment and prevention of malaria.

A foundation made a contribution of \$374,425 toward a \$2,000,000 commitment to the Center for Neuroscience Initiatives at Columbia University Medical Center.

A foundation made a contribution of \$362,480 toward a \$1,087,400 commitment to the Department of Psychiatry to support a fellowship in developmental neuropsychiatry and a contribution of \$375,000 toward a \$7,500,000 pledge to the Division of Clinical Genetics to advance clinical research into the genetic basis of autism spectrum disorders.

A donor made a \$350,000 gift to the Movement Disorders Division to advance Parkinson's disease research.

A family foundation contributed \$300,000 toward a \$1,500,000 pledge to advance research on gene therapy at the Department of Biochemistry & Molecular Biophysics.

A donor made a \$274,000 contribution to advance research and care in the Department of Pediatrics.

A donor made a \$250,000 contribution toward a \$1,000,000 pledge to support the new Medical and Graduate Education Building and a \$500,000 contribution to complete a \$1,000,000 commitment to the Division of Endocrinology to advance osteoporosis research.

A foundation made a gift of \$250,000 to support young scholars in the Department of Ophthalmology.

A donor made a \$200,000 contribution toward a \$1,000,000 pledge to support the new Medical and Graduate Education Building.

A donor made a \$200,000 contribution toward a \$1,000,000 pledge to the Department of Neurology to support the recruitment of a physician-scientist to conduct research to better understand and treat neurological diseases in children.

A donor made a \$200,000 contribution toward a \$300,000 commitment to support the Division of Child Neurology's outpatient program at its new West 86<sup>th</sup> Street location.

A couple made a gift of \$200,000 to advance research on lymphoma and other hematological cancers at the Center for Lymphoid Malignancies and a contribution of \$200,000 to provide scholarship support for the College of Physicians & Surgeons.

A donor made a \$180,000 pledge to the Department of Psychiatry's Lieber Recovery and Rehabilitation Clinic to help doctors provide simulated work training for adults with schizophrenia and other mental illnesses.

A couple made a contribution of \$172,500 toward a \$1,380,000 commitment to the Department of Ophthalmology to advance research on latent retina dystrophies.

A donor made a contribution of \$170,000 to the Department of Psychiatry to advance precision medicine in neuropsychiatric diseases.

A donor made a \$155,800 contribution to support the Wu Center for Global Health.

A donor made a gift of \$150,000 toward a \$500,000 pledge to advance research in the Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology.

A corporation made a \$150,000 contribution to the Department of Surgery to advance research in plastic, craniofacial, and reconstructive surgery.

A foundation made a gift of \$129,700 to the Department of Medicine's Gunnar Esiason Adult Cystic Fibrosis and Lung Program to support the care of adult patients living with cystic fibrosis.

A donor made a \$125,633 contribution toward a \$500,000 pledge to the Department of Surgery to advance pancreatic cancer research at the Pancreas Center.

A donor made a contribution of \$118,000 to complete a \$250,000 commitment to advance clinical research and patient care at the Weinberg Family Cerebral Palsy Center.

A donor made a \$114,500 pledge to the Department of Psychiatry to advance research and clinical care in non-verbal learning disabilities in the Division of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry.

A donor made a contribution of \$111,990 toward a \$770,000 commitment to provide professorship support to the Department of Pathology & Cell Biology.

A donor made a \$100,000 contribution toward a \$1,250,000 family commitment to establish a glaucoma fellowship at the Department of Ophthalmology.

A P&S alumnus made a contribution of \$100,000 toward a \$500,000 commitment to provide scholarship support to the College of Physicians & Surgeons.

A donor made a \$100,000 gift toward a \$300,000 pledge to the Department of Neurology to help recruit a senior physician-scientist in MS/neuro-immunology.

A couple made a \$100,000 gift toward their \$300,000 pledge to advance research in the Department of Urology.

A family foundation made a \$100,000 contribution toward a \$300,000 pledge to the Department of Ophthalmology to advance research on myopia.

A family foundation made a \$100,000 contribution toward a \$270,000 commitment to the Department of Medicine to advance research on fractures at the Toni Stabile Osteoporosis Center.

A foundation made a \$100,000 contribution to complete a \$250,000 commitment to support the new Medical and Graduate Education Building.

A foundation made a contribution of \$100,000 toward a \$200,000 commitment to the Celiac Disease Center to advance research and clinical care programs.

A family foundation made a \$100,000 contribution to support primary care in the Department of Medicine.

A donor made a \$100,000 contribution toward the establishment of a professorship at the Division of Cardiology.

A donor made a contribution of \$100,000 to the Department of Pediatrics to support the IFAP Global Health Program.

A faculty member made a \$100,000 commitment to support the new Medical and Graduate Education Building.

A family foundation made a \$100,000 contribution to the Department of Surgery to advance renal transplant research.

A donor made a \$100,000 gift to establish the David Pearce Memorial Lecture Fund in the Department of Ophthalmology.

A Columbia University alumnus made a \$100,000 gift to provide unrestricted support for the Department of Medicine.

## **SCHOOL OF NURSING**

An alumnus of the School of Nursing committed \$1,000,000 to launch the school's "Building the Future" Planned Giving Challenge to inspire alumni and friends to include Columbia Nursing in their estate plans.

A friend of the School of Nursing made a gift of \$250,000 to augment a scholarship fund awarded to doctor of nursing practice students and allocated an additional gift of \$50,000 to create a scholarship fund in memory of Abigail Flanagan '15, a DNP graduate who tragically lost her life during a recent humanitarian trip to Honduras.

A foundation directed a gift of \$160,000 for scholarship support for entry-to-practice students as well as master's students with an interest in oncology; an additional \$40,000 gift provided a fellowship in palliative and end-of-life care.

A foundation made a pledge of \$150,000 to support the design and construction of Columbia's Nurse Practitioner Faculty Practice in Washington Heights.

An alumnus of the School of Nursing made a pledge of \$100,000 to endow a scholarship and name a study space in the new building.

## **MAILMAN SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH**

A family foundation made a pledge of \$1,900,000 to support research on the role of co-infections and other agents in long-term symptoms post Lyme disease treatment at the Center for Infection and Immunity.

## **CUMC IN THE NEWS**

CBS News

*Why NBA Players Have Highest Rate of Heart Deaths* – February 25, 2016

“Editor’s Note: Researchers at Columbia University Medical Center, in collaboration with the NBA, have released a study that for the first time examines the hearts of NBA Players...”

PBS

*Nova: Memory Hackers* – February 10, 2016

“Editor’s Note: Dr. Eric Kandel and Dr. Christine Denny share their insights into the molecular biology of memory.”

## CBS NEWS

*Zika Case Sparks Questions About Sexual Transmission* – February 4, 2016

“Perhaps a bigger worry than sex is what dangers may lurk in blood donations ..., said Dr. W. Ian Lipkin, a Columbia University infectious diseases...”

## CNN

*Discovery One Step Closer to Cause of Schizophrenia* – January 29, 2016

“This is a landmark study because ... we have implicated specific genes that cause schizophrenia,” said Dr. Jeffrey Lieberman.

## FORBES

*CRISPR Used to Repair Blindness-Causing Gene Defect* – January 29, 2016

“The X-linked form of retinitis pigmentosa is an ideal candidate ...,” said study author Dr. Stephen Tsang, an associate professor of pathology and...

## WASHINGTON POST

*The Gender Wage Gap Isn't Just Unfair. It Also Ups the Odds Women Get Anxiety or Depression* – January 7, 2016

“But a new study by researchers at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health points to another possible culprit: The gender wage gap...”

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