

**Division of Cancer Biology**  
**24<sup>th</sup> Annual New Grantee Workshop**  
January 9 - 10, 2025

**DAY 1:**

**Meet and Greet**

**Welcome and Introductory Remarks**

Dan Gallahan, PhD  
Director, Division of Cancer Biology

Housekeeping Remarks  
Joanna Watson, PhD  
NGW Committee Chair  
Chief, Tumor Metastasis Branch

**Session 1: The NCI and Your New Investigator Grant**

Moderator: Brunilde Gril, PhD  
Tumor Metastasis Branch

**Introduction to the NIH Grants System and DCB**

Yin Liu, PhD  
Cancer Immunology, Hematology, and Etiology Branch

**Communicating with Your NCI Program Director: It's a Two-Way Street**

Natalia Mercer, PhD  
Tumor Biology and Microenvironment Branch

**Post-Award Administration (Funding) of Your NCI Grant**

Amy Bartosch  
Branch Chief, Office of Grants Administration, NCI

**Panel Q and A – I: Speakers and All Invited Participants**

**Keynote I: Thoughts and Comments from the NCI Director**

W. Kimryn Rathmell, MD, PhD  
Director, National Cancer Institute

## **Lunch Break**

### **R00 Investigators Q & A Session**

**Moderator:** Keren Witkin, PhD  
DNA and Chromosome Aberrations

**Panel:**

Dave Miller, Biophysics, Bioengineering, and Computational Sciences Branch

Elizabeth Snyderwine, Tumor Metastasis Branch

Malgorzata Klauzinska, Cancer Immunology, Hematology, and Etiology Branch

Tapan Bera, Tumor Biology and Microenvironment Branch

Wanping Xu, Cancer Cell Biology Branch

### **Session 2: Supporting your team and Expanding your Research Enterprise**

**Moderator:** Hannah Dueck, PhD  
Biophysics, Bioengineering, and Computational Sciences Branch

### **Awards to Support Trainees**

Nas Zahir, PhD  
Branch Director, Cancer Training Branch  
Center for Cancer Training, NCI

### **Advancing the Science of Cancer Health Disparities**

Behrouz Davani, PhD  
Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities

Tiffany Wallace, PhD  
Center to Reduce Cancer Health Disparities

### **Panel Q and A – II: Speakers and all invited participants**

## **Break**

### **Session 3: Supporting Your Science with Additional Funding & Resources**

**Moderator:** Soumya Korrapati  
Office of the Director, DCB

**Additional Funding Opportunities**

Sharmistha Ghosh-Janjigian, PhD  
Cancer Cell Biology Branch

**DCB/NCI Research Resources**

Stefan Maas, PhD  
Cancer Cell Biology Branch

**NCI Requirements Regarding Data**

Justin Benavidez, PhD  
Tumor Metastasis Branch

**Thoughts about Sharing Resources and Data**

Adrian Lee, PhD  
Foundation Chair and Director of Institute for Precision Medicine,  
Professor, Pharmacology & Chemical Biology  
University of Pittsburgh

**Panel Q and A – III: Speakers and all invited participants**

**Adjourn Day 1**

**DAY 2:**

**Meet & Greet**

**Recap of Day 1**

**Introduction of the Keynote Speaker**

Jerry Li, PhD  
Biophysics, Bioengineering, and Computational Sciences Branch

**Keynote II:**

Elana Fertig, MBBS  
Director, Institute for Genome Sciences  
University of Maryland

**Session 4: Review, Renew, and Promote Your Science**

Moderator: Mihoko Kai, PhD  
Tumor Biology and Microenvironment Branch

**Peer Review at NIH**

Jennifer Sanders, PhD  
Cancer Therapeutics Branch  
Center for Scientific Review, NIH

**Review, Resubmissions, and Renewals – the Program Perspective**

Michael Weinreich, PhD  
DNA Chromosome Aberrations Branch

**DCB/NCI Outreach Activities to Promote Science**

Steven Becker, PhD  
Biophysics, Bioengineering, and Computational Sciences Branch

**Panel Q and A – III: Speakers and all invited participants – PANEL!!!**

**Break**

**Scientific Branch Meetings of Grantees with NCI Staff**

Q&A for grantees with NCI Program and Grants Administration Staff in breakout rooms

**Adjourn Day 2**