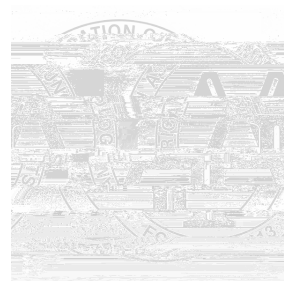


# The American Association of Immunologists

## News Release

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### AAI Announces Selection of 16 AAI Trainee Members as Major Symposium Speakers at the American Association of Immunologists' IMMUNOLOGY2024™ Annual Conference



**ROCKVILLE, MD** (March 22, 2024) — The American Association of Immunologists today announced the selection of Trainee Members as a Major Symposium speakers for the IMMUNOLOGY2024™ meeting – the premier immunology conference bringing together the best minds, sharing cutting-edge research, and providing opportunities to connect –to be held in Chicago May 3-7, 2024.

The 16 graduate student and postdoctoral fellow speakers were selected from more than 1,500 abstracts submitted during the regular abstract submission period. (Late-breaking abstracts were not eligible for consideration.) This year marks the first time AAI has featured trainees in its annual conference Major Symposia. Their research will also be showcased in a Poster Session.

“AAI’s annual meeting features the latest research from some of the brightest minds in the field of immunology,” said Loretta Doan, CEO of The American Association of Immunologists. “AAI trainee members are making exciting discoveries every day, and we are thrilled to offer this high-profile honor for some of them to share their work with the community.”

To be considered as a trainee symposia speaker, the trainee must be the first author of the abstract and a current AAI member in good standing.

The 16 trainee speakers are:

**Rimjhim Agarwal**

La Jolla Institute for Immunology  
La Jolla, CA

**Lindsay E. Bass**

Vanderbilt Univ.  
Nashville, TN

**Zena Marie Del Mundo**

Univ. of California  
Irvine, CA

**Cody Elkins**

Emory Univ. Sch. of Med.  
Atlanta, GA

**Diandra Ellis**

Tulane Univ.  
New Orleans, LA

**Alexandra M. Hoyt-Miggelbrink**

Duke Univ.  
Durham, NC

**Brittney Knott**

Univ. of Alabama  
Birmingham, AL

**Jeongsoo Lee**

Korean Advanced Inst. of Science and Engineering  
Daedeok Innopolis, Daejeon, South Korea

**Dustyn B. Levenson**

Washington Univ. Sch. of Med.  
St. Louis, MO

**Sana Mir**

Univ. of Rochester Med. Ctr.  
Rochester, NY

**Sam M. Murray**

Univ. of Oxford  
Wellington Square, Oxford, UK

**Ronal M. Peralta**

Univ. of Pittsburgh  
Pittsburgh, PA

**Sophie Sipprell**

Univ. of North Carolina  
Charlotte, NC

**Tania Velez**

Univ. of Virginia  
Charlottesville, VA

**Sarah A. Wedemeyer**

UT Health San Antonio  
San Antonio, TX

**Yating Zheng**

Univ. of Michigan Med. Sch  
Ann Arbor, MI

### **About The American Association of Immunologists**

The American Association of Immunologists (AAI) is one of the world's largest organizations of immunologists and scientists in related disciplines. Our mission is to improve global health and well-being by advancing immunology and elevating public understanding about the immune system. AAI members are responsible for some of the most significant biomedical discoveries of the past century, including the development of life-saving cancer immunotherapies, monoclonal antibodies, transplant technologies, and vaccines. We support scientists across the field of immunology through knowledge dissemination, community building, advocacy, and public outreach.

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