

# Lasker Lessons in Leadership

## Mentor Panel Bios



### **Tom Wynn, PhD**

Chief, Immunopathogenesis Section, Laboratory of Parasitic Disease, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health, USA

Dr. Wynn is a senior investigator and chief of the Immunopathogenesis Section of the Laboratory of Parasitic Disease. He also serves as the scientific director of the NIH Oxford-Cambridge Scholars program, a doctoral training program for outstanding science students committed to biomedical research, which annually supports more than 52 doctoral candidates at NIH, Oxford University, and Cambridge University. Dr. Wynn obtained his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin-Madison Medical School in the department of microbiology and immunology. His laboratory group uses a variety of in vivo model systems to study the immunological mechanisms controlling chronic inflammation and fibrosis. He has published over 175 papers, reviews, and book chapters in many prestigious journals, including *Nature*, *Nature Immunology*, *Journal of Experimental Medicine*, *Gastroenterology*, *Nature Reviews Immunology*, *Nature Medicine*, and *Annual Review of Immunology*. He has made seminal contributions to our understanding of the role of IL-13, IL-17A, and macrophages in the progression and resolution of liver and lung fibrosis and has developed in vivo models to test novel anti-fibrotic drugs. Dr. Wynn was recently elected to fellowship in the American Academy of Microbiology and has received several prestigious awards, including the Bailey K. Ashford Medal from the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, the Oswaldo Cruz Medal from the Oswaldo Cruz Foundation, and two Merit Awards from NIH. Dr. Wynn has organized several national and international scientific meetings, including three Keystone Symposia, and collaborates extensively with the pharmaceutical industry.

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### **Linda Huynh, PhD**

Scientific Writer/Editor, Public Communications Branch, Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, National Institutes of Health, USA

Linda Huynh is a writer in the Communications Office of the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), where she translates scientific findings into lay-friendly language for the public and news media, using news releases, feature articles, infographics, videos, and social media.

Linda joined NIH in 2013 after graduating from Cornell University's Weill Graduate School with a doctorate in immunology and microbial pathogenesis. She started at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases as a press officer and writer before moving onto NICHD in 2015, and she had gained intramural experience as a research intern while obtaining her undergraduate degree in biological sciences at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.

Her interest in science as a career, which certainly developed from hands-on research experience, was actually sparked by watching Jurassic Park as a child, showing that science communication comes in all forms, for all ages.

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### **Michele Hogan, PhD**

Executive Director, American Association of Immunologists

Dr. Hogan received her MS in cell biology and anthropology, and her PhD in pathology from the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis. She worked as a physical anthropologist for 4 years in the Middle East before switching fields and getting her PhD in pathology. Hogan moved to Bethesda (USUHS) for a post-doctoral fellowship with Dr. Stefanie Vogel, whose laboratory focuses on macrophage biology and innate immunity. Subsequently, she accepted a position with the Division of Allergy, Immunology and Transplantation at NIAID and rose through the ranks from program officer to chief of the Basic Immunology Branch. As an extramural administrator, she had the honor of working with eminent scientists including leaders of the AAI. In 1997, she was offered the position of AAI chief executive.

AAI, which celebrated its centennial in 2013, is the oldest and largest professional association for individual bench researchers in the field of immunology globally. From its offices in Bethesda, AAI serves nearly 8,000 members through a broad range of programs which support basic research and advances in the field. AAI disseminates discoveries by hosting the largest all-immunology annual meeting world-wide and publishing *The Journal of Immunology*. It advances careers by recognizing scientists at all stages of their careers with awards and a fellowship program. The AAI public affairs program advocates for policies that will benefit the working lives of scientists and provide a voice to Congress and other policy-makers on behalf of its members. Other AAI programs include summer courses in immunology, initiatives for the advancement of women and underrepresented minority scientists, and research to document the contributions of AAI and its members to the history of immunology.