



## 2018 Trainee Leaders & Working Group Members

### ***A Note from Training & Development Committee Chair Lauren Tindale***

ASHG Trainee Leaders aim to create and expand opportunities for all trainees in human genetics. Trainees have specific concerns including career exploration, trainee-mentor relationships, networking, funding, skill acquisition, and job opportunities. The Training and Development Committee (TDC) continually works to develop online resources and sessions at the annual meeting that are specifically geared to the interests of ASHG trainee members. Trainee Leaders are also present on all standing committees at ASHG and provide an invaluable trainee voice across the society's leadership.

Please feel free to explore the ASHG trainee resources, contact one of our Trainee Leaders, or get involved by applying to our leadership opportunities in the fall!

Best regards,  
Lauren



**Lauren Tindale**

#### **Training & Development Committee (Chair)**

PhD candidate, Canada's Michael Smith Genome Sciences Centre,  
Simon Fraser University

I study the genetics of healthy aging and longevity in a group of Super-Seniors.

*Innovative, perceptive, perseverant*

## 2018 Trainee Leaders (Listed Alphabetically)



**Olivia Corradin, PhD**

**Program Committee**

Postdoctoral Researcher, Case Western Reserve University

My work focuses on understanding how noncoding genetic variation contributes to disease pathogenesis.

*Positive, curious, driven*



**Beryl B Cummings**

**Program Committee**

Graduate Student, Massachusetts General Hospital, Broad Institute, Boston, USA

My work focuses on using transcriptome sequencing to inform variant interpretation and rare disease diagnosis

*Witty, helpful, resilient*



**Burcu Darst**

**Training & Development Committee**

PhD Candidate, University of Wisconsin, Madison

My research focuses on integrating omics data to comprehensively model early risk factors Alzheimer's disease.

*Adventurous, determined, inquisitive*



**Emily Davenport, PhD**

**Training & Development Committee**

Postdoctoral Fellow, Cornell University

My work focuses on understanding what determines human gut microbiome composition, including environmental and host genetic factors.

*Determined, diligent, sarcastic*



**Douglas Dluzen, PhD**

**Training & Development Committee**

Assistant Professor, Morgan State University

I study genetic mechanisms of normal aging and how perturbations in those mechanisms contribute to age-related diseases.

*Writer, spontaneous, curious*



**Emily C. Glassberg, AB**

**Communications Committee**

PhD Candidate, Stanford University

I use population genetic modeling to explore genetic loci that are likely to contribute to human complex traits.

*Driven, passionate, enthusiastic*



**Ted Han**

**Training & Development Committee**

PhD Candidate, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

I am studying the molecular mechanisms underlying mutations that cause cystic fibrosis in order to determine the most effective therapy for patients with those mutations.

*Calm, curious, practical*



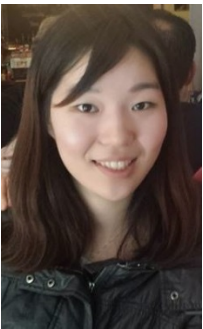
**Leila Jamal, ScM, PhD, CGC**

**Social Issues Committee**

Postdoctoral Fellow, Johns Hopkins Institute of Genetic Medicine and Berman Institute of Bioethics

Leila works as a cancer genetic counselor and is also developing a return of results framework for the Baylor-Hopkins Centers for Mendelian Genomics.

*Curious, sociable, resourceful*



**Ha Eun Kong**

**Awards Committee**

MD/PhD Candidate, Emory University School of Medicine

I am investigating the molecular basis for the pathogenesis of Fragile X Tremor and Ataxia Syndrome (FXTAS).

*Driven, curious, friendly*



**Grace Kwon**

**Training and Development Committee**

MD/PhD Candidate, University of Connecticut, The Jackson Laboratory for Genomic Medicine

My research focuses on the role of long noncoding RNAs in allergic asthma, specifically in airway epithelium.

*Eccentric, modest, dependable*



**Mila Mirceta**

**Training and Development Committee**

PhD Candidate, Hospital for Sick Children, University of Toronto

My research focuses on understanding the mechanism of DNA expansion in the C9orf72 gene that causes amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and fronto-temporal dementia (FTD).

*Passionate, outgoing, reliable*



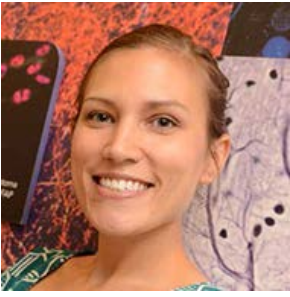
**Zachary Nevin**

**Board of Directors**

MD/PhD Student, Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine

I am developing human organoid models of genetic brain diseases while finishing med school.

*Imaginative, inquisitive, sincere*



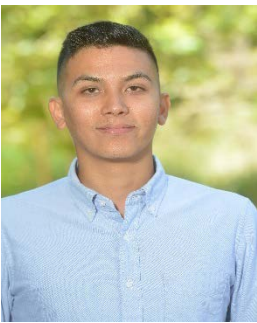
**Alexis Norris, PhD**

**Information and Education Committee**

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Kennedy Krieger Institute & Johns Hopkins University

My research utilizes computational tools to identify genes and pathways dysregulated in psychiatric disorders.

*Enthusiastic, engaging, and empowering*



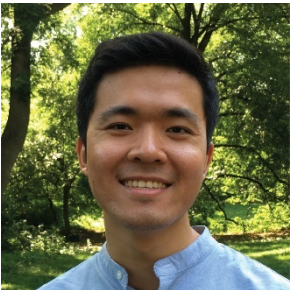
**Christopher Robles**

**Training & Development Committee**

PhD Candidate, University of California, Los Angeles

My research focuses on ancient DNA, and developing statistical methods to analyze large data sets and determine how Neanderthal ancestry impacts modern human phenotypes.

*Adventurous, energetic, compassionate*



**Xinchen Wang, PhD**

**Awards Committee**

Postdoctoral Fellow, Columbia University

My research focuses on studying how mutations and genetic variation in the non-coding genome contribute to human disease.

*Curious, driven, imaginative*

## **2018 Trainee Working Group Members**

### **Trainee Newsletter Working Group**

[Burcu Darst](#) - University of Wisconsin, Madison (leader)  
[Sumantra Chatterjee](#) - Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine  
[Ted Han](#) - Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine  
[Sarah Gagliano](#) - University of Michigan  
[Allison McCague](#) - Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine  
[Sandra Smieszek](#) - Case Western Reserve University  
[Kathryn Vaillancourt](#) - Douglas Mental Health University Institute  
[Brooke Wolford](#) - University of Michigan  
[Jennifer Zieba](#) - Baylor College of Medicine

### **Trainee Paper Spotlight Working Group**

[Emily Davenport](#) - Cornell University (leader)  
[Grace Kwon](#) - University of Connecticut, The Jackson Laboratory for Genomic Medicine  
[Mila Mirceta](#) - Hospital for Sick Children, University of Toronto

### **#ASHGtrainee Twitter Working Group**

[Emily Davenport](#) - Cornell University (co-leader)  
[Doug Dluzen](#) – Morgan State University (co-leader)  
[Christopher Robles](#) - University of California, Los Angeles

### **FASEB Training & Career Development Subcommittee Working Group**

[Doug Dluzen](#) – Morgan State University  
[Emily Davenport](#) - Cornell University