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By Nick Lukacs with commentary from the iSLB Editor, Michelle Visser



Nick Lukacs,
SLB President

The summer issue of iSLB accompanies many changes in how we conduct our research and run our society. For many of us, we have adapted to a new way of life that has changed how we are doing research, communicating with our colleagues, and even mentoring and teaching. As we go into this new phase of the pandemic response, the Society of Leukocyte Biology has changed how we deliver science progress and information. The 2020 Annual SLB in person meeting, **Host-Microbial Interactions in Health and Disease: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly**, has been transformed to a free virtual series of over 40 hours of scientific content and professional development workshops. The organizers, Drs. Louis Justement and Ilhem Messaoudi, along with Jennifer Holland, have quickly responded to the need for change and ensured an outstanding series of talks from the invited speakers for a global audience. Themed weeks have been defined which will allow State-of-the-art science and research communication. The organizers have also included a session on COVID with experts in coronavirus. The registration is free and you can see the [program and sign up online](#).

In addition to the Symposium speakers, there are a number of workshops included in the virtual 2020 SLB meeting that continue SLB's outstanding commitment to training and career development. These include the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Workshop, Professional Development Workshop, as well as the Members in Transition and Training (MTTG) Workshop that will focus on Science Illustrations and how to use images to tell your story. A new extensive workshop, SLB SCHOOL ([Symposium for Career Development and Hands-On Opportunity to Learn](#)), will introduce a number of topics ranging from the history of host-pathogen interactions to bioinformatics as well as how trainees can better prepare for "chalk talks". While there is no substitute for the valuable interactions that occur at an annual meeting, this alternate approach required for 2020 offers the opportunity to participate in the virtual Annual meeting and to benefit from the outstanding program that has been organized. Please tell your colleagues and let them experience the great opportunities that are offered by SLB and the benefits of our community as a whole.

A question that all of us must be asking ourselves is "how do we progress our research in this difficult environment".

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Like most of you, our research was completely shut down and now we have to find ways to adapt to a new reality that will only completely end when the pandemic threat subsides. We must view this as an opportunity to focus ourselves on our process and efficiency to continue to provide outstanding research, to find new discoveries, and train the next generation. As members of the Society of Leukocyte Biology our research has never been more important, as we watch the worst consequences of COVID be directly related to the intensity and direction of the inflammatory/immune response. While many of us may not engage directly in COVID research, I firmly believe that it is the everyday discoveries that all of you are making in the laboratory, big and small, that will help to better understand disease, and health overall. Thank you for your dedication to the science, no matter the obstacles. SLB remains your community to connect and communicate.

From the President con't...

In this regard, SLB has been working to provide accurate and timely materials related to COVID-19 research and information via our website and social media. The society has also been actively promoting our members' accomplishments, research highlights and topics of interest on social media platforms; check out our Facebook page and Twitter feeds. If you are new to the world of social media, please see our guide in this issue on how to engage with the scientific community using social media.

SLB is continuing to provide a variety of resources to the membership during this time. In addition to the 2020 virtual program, the society has hosted two great Entrepreneurs in Science webinars with another planned for this August with Hua Lin. Also, April 29 was the "International Day of Immunology" and again this year we hosted a microscopic image and scientific cartoon contest. Many great submissions were received, and you can see the artist talent of our members in this issue.

While the focus is on 2020, SLB has also been looking ahead to the 2021 Annual Meeting. The program will be held September 22-25, 2021. We are excited to meet at the InterContinental Cleveland Hotel & Conference Center, Cleveland, Ohio located at the Cleveland Clinic. The Program Chairs, Laura Nagy & Vidula Vachharajani, both of the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine have designed a timely program titled "Immunometabolism: Fueling the Flame of Aging, Cancer and Immunity". With special consideration for making the meeting accessible with a very reasonable room rate, we look forward to reconnecting with our community in person in 2021.

Don't forget that SLB elections are coming. See this issue to review biographies of the candidates and get ready to vote in August. Remember SLB is YOUR society and this is your opportunity to help us prepare for the future.

2020 Speaker Interview:

Dr. Marina Kreutz, University Hospital Regensburg

By: Alan Hsu



Marina is an immunologist at the Universität Regensburg in Germany. She has a special interest and focus on the metabolism of immune cells. Her goal is to understand the metabolic interplay between immune cells and tumor cells.

Q: Where did your scientific journey begin?

A: My original plan was NOT to become a scientist. My father was chair of biophysics and I visited his institute, but thought research was too sophisticated for me. My plan was to become a scientific writer. I studied biology and when I started my diploma thesis I learned that research is fun. I knew immediately that this was my mission.

Q: How was the experience attending your first SLB conference (Florida, 1989) when you were in your Ph.D. vs meetings in general now?

A: It was an adventure for me to go; first time in US and first time at an international conference. I was excited to present my data as a poster. The atmosphere was very relaxed, and I enjoyed everything. Especially walking along the beach to the conference location.

Nowadays a conference is always a challenge. A poster presentation is no longer what I want to do, I love to present my data in a talk, and I am happy whenever there is a lively discussion. I often get inspiration and new ideas during a conference and it is important to meet people and start collaborations.

Q: Would you recommend a student just go to a conference to learn, or would you feel he/she needs to have some data or a poster to present?

A: I believe it is more interesting to present your own data and discuss with other researchers at the poster instead of being just a visitor. I like the feeling of being part of the scientific community.

Q: How did you choose your current research and interests in tumor immune microenvironment and Immunometabolomics?

A: When I finished my studies, I thought that immunology would be an interesting topic and I performed my diploma thesis at the Institute for Immunobiology in Freiburg. I worked on the activation of murine macrophages. When I finished my thesis, I decided to focus on macrophages but switch to the human system. My task was to analyze human macrophage differentiation and I found that macrophages metabolize vitamin D₃ and produce the active vitamin D₃ metabolite comparable to the kidney. I am still working on this topic but more translational related to bone marrow transplantation. This was my first step towards "immunometabolism". During my postdoc, I worked with Leoni Kunz-Schughart from the Pathology department here in Regensburg. She was an expert for 3D tumor spheroid cultures, and we decided to put our expertise together and establish a 3D co-culture model with immune cells plus tumor spheroids. We found that the tumor microenvironment had a strong impact on infiltrating immune cells in this model. Beside well-known cytokines, lactic acid turned out to be an important player for immunosuppression. I hope to translate these findings into a tumor therapy to strengthen immune cells in the tumor environment.

Q: How many people are in your lab? Is it what you envisioned?

A: At the moment I have 3 postdocs, 2 PhD students, 2 medical students and 3 technicians. I did not actively decide on a special group size. In the beginning, less people worked in my lab as I

concentrated mainly on two topics (vitamin D and tumor metabolism). By the time the number of projects increased with postdocs establishing their own projects, we grew.

Q: What advice would you give to Ph.D. students and postdocs on how to establish themselves and pursue a career in academia?

A: Two weeks ago, my answer would have been like this: Find a mentor, write a grant very early in your career to establish your own scientific profile, publish, believe in yourself and keep on going. Academia is not perfect, but you enjoy many benefits. However, two weeks ago one of my postdocs quit and accepted a job offer from a company because there are almost no permanent positions in academia. There are two options in Germany: become a professor or leave the University. Now one of my best post-docs left the University and I completely understand her decision, but it makes me sad as I know that she had the potential to build up her own group.

Q: What is your favorite part of running a lab and what is more challenging?

A: My favorite part is to design new experiments and discuss the data with my colleagues. It is hard work to keep the lab running, write grants, and get the necessary funding.

Q: Do you still work on the bench? Do you encourage young PI's to do so?

A: Not really. Nevertheless, my lab focuses a lot on cell biology and I still love to look at the cells under the microscope before they are further analyzed by flow cytometry or RT-PCR. Just looking at the cells gives you a lot of information and I encourage my students, and PI's to do so.

Q: Could you describe the difference between being a young researcher and being well established as you are now?

A: In the beginning science was just fun. I could concentrate on my experiments and summarized the results in a paper. Things become a bit more complicated; You need to get funding, organize the lab, teach your students, and keep in

mind that your post-docs need a perspective. You try to convince people at your faculty that immunometabolism is important and more lab space is necessary. You need the courage to continue and motivate the people in your lab when things are not going well.

Q: What do you think has changed in the way we approach science from when you were in your Ph.D.?

A: My impression is that there is more competition and it is more important to have at least one high-ranking paper to get funded even as young scientist.

Q: What are your current projects?

A: As you might know, the immunosuppressive role of lactic acid on T cells is one of our main projects. Currently Dr. Kathrin Renner and I try to find possible ways to circumvent immunosuppression by lactic acid. Our role model are macrophages, as they seem to be more resistant to the effects of lactic acid. In the end, we hope to learn from macrophages how to strengthen T cell function by genetic modulation.

Starting a postdoc in the age of COVID-19

By: Travis Walrath

The world was a different place back in November of 2019, a place where we could meet other people, in person, without the ever-present fear of viral infection. Meeting people was vitally important for me at the SLB meeting in Boston. I learned that my first-author paper was accepted for publication the first night there, and that obtaining my PhD was tantalizingly close. The pressure was on to network effectively with labs that were seeking post-docs, and thankfully I made inroads that would lead to my acceptance into the lab of Liz Kovacs.

I have met with the lab as a whole in person only once, during the interview process. Again, face to face meetings with groups of people seem like such a far-away occurrence. Meetings now occur online or not at all – my PhD commencement ceremony was performed in a mostly empty room and live-streamed online, an event that seemed so impersonal and lacking the closure that should be associated with such a momentous life event. The orientation for my new position also occurred completely online, and while it was informative, it too felt like it lacked the appropriate weight of a new beginning. The age of COVID-19 is one of seemingly perpetual stasis; even though time goes on, most days feel eerily similar.

That is not to say I have been idle. There is, thankfully, a ton of reading material that I need to integrate into my mind-space, and stay-at-home orders have given me the time to do so. This time, however, needs to be juggled with my other responsibilities, which include being a parent to two children who desperately want to go to playgrounds and are too young to understand why it's best if we don't. Again, COVID-19 has robbed us all of normality, and adjusting to the "new normal" is a slow process.

Hopefully it will be safe to return to research soon. I also hope that returning to the bench will grant me some closure to my past life as a student and allow me to feel secure in beginning my new life as a PhD. Whatever the future holds, I am glad that the last SLB meeting set me on this path, and I'm sure that we are all up to the challenge of continuing research in this new world.



A Leukocyte Biologist's #Introduction to Social Media

By: The SLB Communication Committee



You have a manuscript accepted and feel like jumping up and down with excitement. How can I share the news with other scientists? How can you tell other scientists in your field(s) about your exciting work and why it matters? You read an amazing paper and want to share your thoughts and engage into a discussion about the findings with a diverse audience. How can you explain these findings to the public? These are all examples of how you can use social media to express your thoughts, build your knowledge and develop networks!

In the current age of technology and social distancing, the use of social media has increased and provides a great platform for everyone to interact and connect with colleagues. Traditionally, many communications would occur in person at scientific meetings, in both formal and informal settings. Today, social media provides an alternative that is not bound by the boundaries of physical location or conference venue. You may wonder how to use social media and how it can benefit you?

Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn... so many apps, so little time! Here are a few highlights and steps to help everyone engage in the world of SLB social media, with a focus on the details on scientific engagement through Twitter.

Facebook: This site is familiar to many people and offers the ability to share thoughts, photos and video via posts and communication with your own network of social friends. Join our [Society for Leukocyte Biology page on Facebook](#) for SLB updates.

LinkedIn: This site is generally employment oriented and also provides opportunities to build and maintain professional networks. LinkedIn is a great resource for job-seekers and for building professional profiles in academia and industry while also being part of topical groups of your interest. Join our [Society for Leukocyte Biology LinkedIn group](#) to keep up to date on opportunities, gain advice and build your network.

Twitter: In 280 characters and photos (or videos or links to other pages if you wish) you can use this platform to share your latest work, cross boundaries between fields and engage in public conversations with a small number of scientists or the largest and most diverse audience. Your brief messages ("**tweets**") become part of a web where you generate and consume science news in brief snippets that take seconds to read. It is more or less as if you are running your own science press agency.

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get started on
twitter

Twitter has become extremely popular in society in general and in the academic world due its broad reach. You are updated automatically on the news from people you "**follow**", and your messages and information can be viewed by many more through the "**retweet**" function. The beauty of Twitter is that it can help you find and connect with others in the academic world with similar interests.

As you navigate through social media platforms such as Twitter, remember YOU create the content seen on your page. Be careful who you choose to follow. Check the content of their bio page and feed before you decide to follow them.

Tweeting, retweeting, and comments are actions that in time will enrich your network. The like button, unlike Facebook, is a passive interaction that does not shape up your network. It is like a talk where people do not ask questions. The audience is polite, but it clears the room in the first 2 minutes after a talk is over. Social media can be a great outlet to connect with others, gain new knowledge and advice and provide an opportunity to get your message out! Consider following @leukocytebiol, @jlb_journal, and @FASEBorg to get started today!

#@...Did you know?

- **The hashtag #** allows you to tag your post so it can be tracked around a topic. For example, #SLB2020 for our virtual SLB meeting this summer. Hashtags are useful for topics or events such as conferences, as if people use that hashtag in their post you can easily filter and view all Tweets related to the topic.
- The reference **@** helps make someone become aware of your post. For example, adding @leukocytebiol to your post will make the SLB aware of your news. Friendly recipients of your tweet who are the most likely to retweet to larger audiences are your institution, your department, and your favorite society.

Entrepreneurs in Science Webinar Series

[Watch the recordings](#) to learn about the scientific journeys to entrepreneurship of [Zahra Timsah](#) and [Sarita Menon](#). From Artificial Intelligence to a magazine for inspiring young female scientists, their unique approaches along with their words of advice are sure to inspire.



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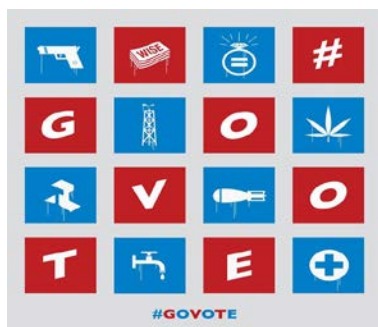


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SLB 2020 Elections

SLB is your society. Review the candidates, learn how and why they want to serve your interests and **look for your invitation to vote on July 31st**.



Candidates for
the Office of
Treasurer (2021-
2022 term)

H. Anne Pereira, PhD ([full bio](#))

I am a long-standing member of SLB, having joined while I was a postdoctoral fellow at Emory University. I have always found the Society to be a very nurturing and inclusive one that is an outstanding environment for trainees as well as established investigators. The scientific talent, high standard of presentations and camaraderie at the annual meeting are seldom encountered at other Society meetings of this size. I recently served as a member of the Grants and Corporate Relations Committee and chaired that committee for three years. During the time I was Chair I was successful in obtaining NIH¹³ funding to support travel awards for trainees. As Dean of the Graduate College, I am cognizant of the importance of attendance at scientific meetings for the growth and training of our graduate students as well as our postdoctoral fellows. Mentoring of junior investigators is an important part of my daily life, having served as the Associate Dean for Research in the College of Pharmacy for over a decade and for 7 years as the core director of the pilot grant program on the NIH funded Oklahoma Shared Clinical and Translational Research (OSCTR) award. I am passionate about entrepreneurship and started my biotech company based on intellectual property developed in my University Laboratory. The company is focused on the development of novel peptide therapeutics for treating severe multidrug resistant infections. I believe my long-standing research interests in neutrophils, innate immunity and inflammation, along with my commitment as a teacher, mentor, administrator and entrepreneur mesh well with the mission and vision of the Society. I look forward to making a tangible contribution to the Society if elected to Council.



Bruce Walcheck, PhD ([full bio](#))

I am a long-standing member of SLB (20 years), I have served as an SLB Councilor, on the SLB Membership Committee, and am currently serving on the Editorial Board for the Society's scientific journal, the Journal of Leukocyte Biology. As the Treasurer for SLB and member of the Executive Committee, I will diligently execute the responsibilities of this position. This includes attending Council meetings, monitoring the disbursement of funds according to the budgets, ensuring proper record and accounting procedures, and presenting annual financial statements to the Council to the best of my ability.



Candidates for the Office of Councilor (2021-2024 term) ^{2 positions}

Sergio Catz, PhD [\(full bio\)](#)



I have worked in the field of neutrophil biology for over 25 years, since I was a graduate student at University of Buenos Aires, in Argentina, and have continued those studies at The Scripps Research Institute, both as a post-doctoral fellow and Professor. I have had the privilege to interact and collaborate with many renowned neutrophil biologist over the years, but it has been my interaction with young graduate students and post-doctoral fellows that has inspired me the most. I have witnessed first-hand the gradual development of their love for this research field. It has been inspiring to have been a part of that and immensely satisfying to help these young scientists find and follow their true passion, be it, in academia, drug discovery, biotech or policy making. Based on my experience as a mentor, if elected as a SLB council, I will implement mechanisms to help guide young scientist to find their interest and facilitate communication with groups of interest to guide their paths into their future careers.

Originating from a scientific community where resources were not always readily available, I have a great appreciation for the challenges often faced in such environments. If elected as a member of the SLB council, I will work to develop mechanism to facilitate the availability and exchange of resources between research laboratories in low income countries with groups with more readily available resources. To this end, I will maximize communication between the USA SLB members and members of the scientific communities in other countries. As an example, I am part of the organization committee of the upcoming SLB satellite meeting concurrent with the Sociedad Argentina de Inmunología, to take place in Mar del Plata, Argentina in 2020. Equally important, I will also focus on increasing and maximizing the inclusion of minorities and under-represented groups into the research field of leukocyte biology.

If elected to the council, I will work to develop mechanisms to facilitate the availability and exchange of resources between research laboratories in low income countries with those with more resourceful groups as well as generate tools to help young scientists in their early scientific careers. I believe that SLB provides an effective platform to facilitate the exchange of ideas, work power and resources between groups, which I anticipate will benefit all participants and the SLB scientific community as a whole.

Gustavo Menezes, PhD [\(full bio\)](#)



I have been working since I was 17 years old on the leukocyte biology field, and I am glad life has directed me to this point. Have deciding to move back to Brazil after my international training to build my own lab was a decision that trespassed my own dreams and plans, and this has become a life changing opportunity to many low-income students that could receive cutting-edge lab training in South America. Two years ago, I was invited by Society of Leukocyte Biology to initiate a Program of Collaboration between Brazilian Society of Immunology (BSI) and SLB. We since then have been working together to build a strong network that can tightly connect South America with the rest of the World, and this chain link has been the Leukocyte Biology. To demonstrate this, I have co-edited the 2018's Journal of BSI-Leukocyte Biology Special Issue – which published dozens of high profile papers derived from different Latin America labs. I will be performing this mission again in 2020 (postponed to 2021 due to COVID-19 pandemic), and I am sure that the success will be even higher. As a putative member of the SLB Council, I would focus on enhancing the opportunities that SLB can offer to both young and senior investigators in South America, increasing not only the frequency of our students in foreign meetings, but also allowing international Leaders to attend in Conferences and Initiatives in Latin America. For this, I will be the SLB corresponding Scientist and organizer inside not only Brazilian Society of Immunology, but also in our Cell Biology Society. Together, these two Societies can gather more than 2.000 highly motivated scientists, which could consist in a strong pool of human resources to maintain Leukocyte Biology reaching scientists in all different continents. Finally, having on your continent a representative of one of the largest scientific societies in the world is not only an honor, but also a proof and an inspiration to our people that Science is the greatest instrument of freedom, breaking barriers sometimes imposed by socioeconomic issues. So, I believe that becoming a SLB Council Member will be a fundamental step in this direction.

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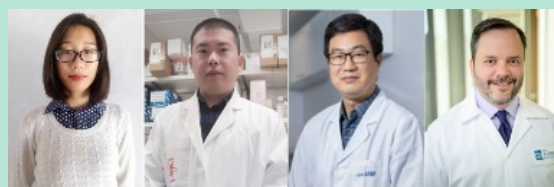


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FRONTLINE REVIEW

Cytokine storm and leukocyte changes in mild versus severe SARS-CoV-2 infection: Review of 3939 COVID-19 patients in China and emerging pathogenesis and therapy concepts

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Candidates for the Office of Councilor Continued

(2021-2024 term) 2 positions

Carlos Serezani, PhD [\(full bio\)](#)

As a recently promoted Associate Professor, I can relate to the struggles and excitement junior faculty are exposed throughout their careers. I am a big advocate for mentoring young PIs and helping postdocs find academic and non-academic jobs to develop successful research programs. My interest in helping young investigators can be noted by the attendance of several career round tables in the AAI meetings, NHLBI K-R01 transition symposiums, and now as a standing member of a K and T32 award NIH study section. As a minority scientist, I have been heavily committed to foster careers of minorities, and many of my former students are working in either academic or industry settings.



As a part of the SLB Council, my significant interests will be 1) in providing resources to boost further guidance for postdocs in applying for faculty positions and grant writing for junior faculty and trainees. 2) tailor strategies to help assistant professors successfully navigate in different phases of their careers, such as the years 1-2 and 3-6, to reach tenure. With the help of senior faculty, we could also provide resources for recently promoted mid-career associate professors. 3) Specifically, work with minority junior faculty to help him/her understand the work environment and how-to best transit in academic and industry settings.

I believe SLB is a magnet for junior investigators and by investing in the early-career and minority scientists, we will further improve our mission to 1) "...provide support for career development...; 2) "promote education in leukocyte biology to a wide variety of constituencies..."; and 3) "to foster effective interactions among investigators" from different career stages.

Michelle B. Visser, PhD [\(full bio\)](#)

Soon after beginning my independent research career, I joined SLB in order to gain exposure to cutting edge research and build networks in the field of leukocyte biology. Upon joining SLB, I encountered an intimate, engaging and active society. I was encouraged to join the Website committee and in 2018 became the Chair, now renamed the Communication Committee. During this time, I have worked with the committee members to refocus the committee to more broadly reflect overall communication among the society membership and involve new technology and enhance social media to maintain our online presence and interactions as a scientific community as a whole. More recently since 2019, I have assumed the Senior Editorial role of the iSLB electronic newsletter. This is an enjoyable experience for me as it allows me to work with the SLB senior leadership and other members of the society to shape our communications to the society to provide timely information on proceedings and initiatives of SLB along with appealing and relevant topics.



I enjoy being part of SLB and undertaking my current duties. I now look to become involved in a more senior leadership role and I would be honored to serve as a society counselor. As counselor I would strive to continue to develop and support communication and membership of the society among other areas where I can positively impact the SLB community.

- I will continue to support the use of novel technology, websites and social media platforms for interaction, dissemination of information and scientific communication among our membership. These are important tools for our members to build networks, gain new knowledge and be aware of society goals on a regular basis as well as leading up to and during events such as the Annual Meeting. I believe that it is crucial for the membership to have a say in development of the society.
- Leukocyte biology and immunology is a diverse and comprehensive field of science. I have a diverse background of research experiences from microbiology, veterinary science and dental research and oral health. I will support and develop initiatives to expand membership and increase exposure of research broadly related to leukocyte biology among the general scientific community.



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Candidates for the Office of Associate Councilor (2020-2021 term)

Leah M. Cook, PhD ([full bio](#))

My long-term passion has been to provide career development opportunities for junior scientists focused on: 1) providing support during graduate (through my work with the UAB Black Graduate Student Association) and post-graduate (through my work with the Moffitt Cancer Center Postdoctoral Association) training, 2) assisting with the transition from graduate student to postdoctoral fellow (through my work with the Moffitt Cancer Center Postdoctoral Association), and 3) to provide community amongst fellow scientists. As a junior faculty member, I have continued in my endeavors as a Faculty mentor for the UNMC GRADS program which provides support and mentoring programs for underrepresented graduate and medical students.



In many of my service positions, I have acted as a liaison and a voice for the groups that I was representing (junior scientist/trainee and under-represented minority graduate students) and would like to continue in those endeavors as an Associate Councilor with the Society for Leukocyte Biology, in working with the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee and the Professional Development Committee. My goal is to lend my expertise in the organization of Annual Meetings and Special Symposia to include: panel/or virtual sessions focused on navigating academia as Junior Faculty, overcoming imposed Societal stereotypes and embracing the Progressiveness of Science, and focused opportunities for mental health support for underrepresented groups in science. Additionally, I have significant experience in developing webinar series, hosting and organizing retreats and small conferences, and in navigating social media exposure. My ultimate goal is to assist the SLB in moving its mission forward for science and to act as a representative for diverse and junior scientists in the implementation of SLB programs.

Matthew Long, PhD ([full bio](#))

I initially became involved with the Society for Leukocyte Biology as a PhD candidate at the University of Iowa, and the first SLB meeting I attended was the 2010 joint meeting with IEIS located in Vancouver, BC. This meeting was memorable for the large number of trainee-specific scientific and social activities, which highlighted SLB's commitment to development programs for its trainee members. To participate in SLB's unique opportunities for its trainee members, I was fortunate to receive support from SLB's pizza and publications program as a graduate student at the University of Iowa to organize a monthly journal club. During my postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Washington, I was co-chair of the 2017 Phagocytes Gordon Research Seminar and worked with SLB to facilitate travel awards for outstanding research presented by SLB trainee members attending the conference.



I was also fortunate to be selected as a finalist for the SLB Presidential award in 2018 in the junior faculty/postdoctoral category. I believe that SLB's support of its junior members is one of the strengths of the organization, and I would be honored to help extend these opportunities as an Associate Councilor member. Having just completed my postdoctoral training, I have a unique understanding for the complex obstacles that trainee members may face during their career development. I would be a strong advocate for the interests of graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and junior faculty members, and would work to: 1) increase exposure of graduate students to diverse career opportunities; 2) highlight the evolving challenges that postdocs encounter during their career development; and 3) provide opportunities for junior faculty members to share their research and enhance their career development. SLB has had a positive influence on my career trajectory and I would enjoy serving the society in order to help it remain vibrant and engaging to the diverse members of its scientific community.

SLB 2020 Honorary Lifetime Awardees



Congratulations to the 2020 inductees of the Honorary Lifetime Award, [Helene Rosenberg](#) and [Phil Murphy](#). Read more about these deserving and dedicated SLB members and join us in celebrating their accomplishments.



Nominations Welcomed for New Senior JLB Board Positions

from the Editor-In-Chief

As part of ongoing efforts to keep JLB competitive in the ever-changing scholarly publishing field, the Editor-In-Chief is leading changes to the Editorial Board. The goal is to 1) broaden our base of editors to reflect the global diversity of scientists publishing in JLB and 2) create more opportunities for SLB members to engage in the important work being done by JLB. JLB is now accepting nominations (either self- or member nominations) for the following 5 positions. For all positions, candidates with editorial experience and/or those that have published in JLB are preferred.

- *One* Chief Deputy Editor (stipend). This position will be responsible for managing the Editorial Board, including inviting new members and overseeing Board rotations. This is a key position and will report directly to the Editor-In-Chief. The Chief Deputy Editor will also coordinate with Deputy Editors to ensure that the Board is well staffed with scientists that are diverse in their areas of research, geographical regions, and perspectives. Candidates with academic/industry seniority, editorial experience, and a passion for SLB/JLB are preferred.
- *One* Deputy Editor for Social Media (stipend). This position will lead a team of editors working on a range of social media platforms in the US, Europe, and China. The Editor will be tasked with recruiting two Social Media Editors, promoting JLB content, author features, and targeted regional outreach. Candidates with existing science-based Twitter accounts and a strong following are preferred.
- *Three* Senior Associate Editors (SLB meeting and travel benefits). These editors will be responsible for (a) supporting overall Board Management in conjunction with the Chief Deputy Editor, (b) overseeing selection of monthly JLB editorial features, and (c) overseeing/commissioning 2-3 Bench to Bedside reviews per year. JLB is seeking candidates with a broad range of expertise in the field and/or a diverse network for the Bench to Bedside role whereas Assistant Prof. and above will be considered for the other positions.

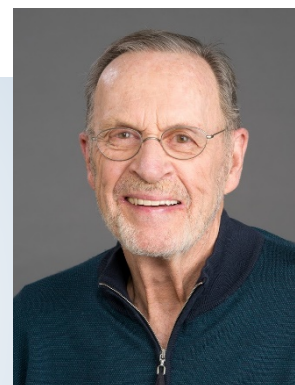
Please send nominations to jholland@leukocytebiology.org by July 15th and include:

- 1) Nominee's name, institution, and contact information
and, if self-nominating
- 2) Nominee's CV
- 3) A statement of interest (300 words max.) expressing the position of interest and your vision of serving in the role.

Candidates will be reviewed and considered following the [SLB Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion policy](#) and will be contacted with appropriate follow-up by August 17th.

2021 SLB Legacy Lecturer Announced

Please join us in congratulating Cash McCall as the recently named 2021 SLB Legacy Awardee. [Learn more about Cash](#) and check back for details about his 2021 Keynote Lecture.



*2020 Legacy awardee Robert Clark will be recognized and provide the Keynote Lecture in 2022.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GET INVOLVED AND ADD TO YOUR CV

Add “Guest Editor” to your CV!

Interested in adding Guest Editor to your CV? Volunteer to take the lead on a special issue of JLB! Your role as lead Guest Editor would include identifying 2-3 co-Editors to work with you in...

- 1) Defining the scope of your topic/theme
- 2) Suggesting potential contributing authors for research papers and reviews
- 3) Acting as the handling editor to oversee the peer review process.

If you have a topic in mind, begin by perusing recent JLB special issues to see the range of topics and articles represented, then submit the following information:

- Your name, institution, and contact information
- Proposed topic or theme
- A brief paragraph (approx. 250 words) outlining your ideas and including 2-3 possible article topics and authors (please do not contact any possible authors at this point!)

Submissions will be accepted from society members and responded to on a rolling basis. For topics of greatest interest, we will schedule a virtual meeting to provide a more detailed outline of the special issue process and support mechanisms, answer your questions, and discuss possible next steps. This is a great opportunity for junior faculty and mentoring will be provided.

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SLB Think Tank: Building Bridges for Undergraduate Immunology Research

SLB has launched an exciting new initiative to build connections that will enhance undergraduate research and research-based education in leukocyte biology. Our undergraduate student membership level includes member benefits such as trainee travel and poster awards. What else could SLB do to support undergrads and their faculty mentors, particularly those at smaller universities and liberal arts colleges? Join the brainstorming! Register for free to join us on **Tuesday July 14, 12:00 pm Eastern**.

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Thank you to our 2020 Sustaining Members:



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Fueling the Flame of Aging,
Cancer and Immunity**

September 22–25, 2021
InterContinental Cleveland
Hotel & Conference Center,
Cleveland, Ohio