

# DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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for Human Genome Research**

**May 2014**

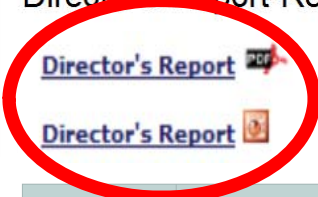
**Eric Green, M.D., Ph.D.  
Director, NHGRI**





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# Open Session Presentations

Presentation from NIGMS Director

**Jon Lorsch**

Concept Clearance: eMERGE III

**Teri Manolio**

Genome Sequencing Program Presentations:

- Clinical Sequencing Exploratory Research Program

**Jim Evans**

- Centers for Mendelian Genomics

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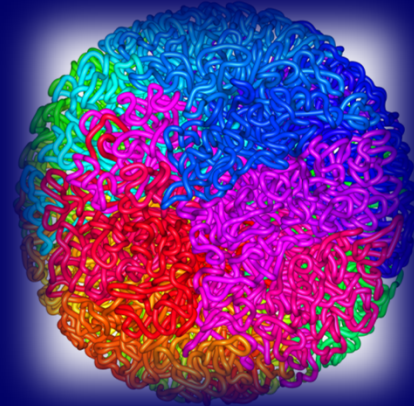
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# Genome: Unlocking Life's Code Exhibition



**GENOME**  
UNLOCKING  
LIFE'S  
CODE



- >2.3 million visitors since June 2013 opening
- 15% of museum visitors specifically came to see genome exhibition
- Exhibition programming: Neanderthal genomics, drama and genomics, & Saturday lectures
- 1<sup>st</sup> stop on 4-5 year traveling tour: San Diego

# Featured Presentation at Advances in Genome Biology and Technology Meeting



Jeff Schloss, Ph.D.

# \$1000 Genome Program

**nature** International weekly journal of science

## How to get ahead

The success of the \$1,000 genome programme offers lessons for fostering innovation.



“In the eyes of many, a fair share of the credit for this success goes to a grant scheme run by the US National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI).”



# \$1000 Genome Program

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The main article title is "Talking with the Government's \$1,000 Genome Man". Below the title, it says "By Meredith Salisbury | March 21, 2014, 11:57 AM | *Techonomy Exclusive*".

On the right side of the article, it says "WEBSITE SPONSOR: magisto".

The article text begins with: "There's been a lot of attention paid to the tremendous progress in making DNA sequencing so cheap that scanning a person's genome could cost just \$1,000. This pricing free-fall—in contrast to the massive Human Genome Project, which allocated hundreds of millions of dollars to sequencing a single genome in the late '90s—has occurred markedly faster than with comparable drops for other technologies, such as computers."

The text continues: "Most people would assume that credit is due mostly to the progress made by companies."

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Below the photograph, it says "(Photo courtesy NHGRI)".

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# NHGRI Incidental Findings Workshop

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## Health Issues in Genetics

- Defining Research Needs and Assessing Implications for Research Following the ACMG Recommendations** ▶
- Direct to Consumer Marketing of Genetic Tests ▶
- FDA Issues Guidance On "Home Brew" and In Vitro Tests
- GAO Concludes DTC Genetic Tests Mislead Consumers
- Informed Consent ▶
- NHGRI Director Speaks at Personalized Medicine Briefing
- The Ethics of Synthetic Biology
- The Future of Genomic Medicine: Policy Implications for Research and Medicine

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## Defining Research Needs and Assessing Implications for Research Following the Release of the ACMG Recommendations for Incidental Findings in Clinical Genome Sequencing

**February 18-19, 2014**  
**Rockville, Md.**

The National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) held a workshop on February 18 and 19, 2014 to discuss the potential implications of clinical sequencing recommendations and guidelines for genomic research, in particular the recommendations from the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ACMG) on the management of incidental findings when patients undergo clinical exome or genome sequencing.

**The objectives of the workshop were:**

1. To discuss key questions and challenges in determining the role of clinical recommendations in shaping research policies (in this case, addressing to what extent the clinical ACMG recommendations have an impact on the conduct of genomic research), and
2. To inform NHGRI about what the Institute should consider in developing a normative and scientific research agenda and a policy agenda relating to the return of incidental findings in clinical and research settings.

# Inter-Society Coordinating Committee for Practitioner Education in Genomics

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# DHHS Secretary: Nomination of Sylvia Mathews Burwell



# Retirement of Stephen Groft, Rare Disease Research Champion



**Stephen Groft,  
Pharm.D.**



**Pamela McInnes,  
D.D.S.**



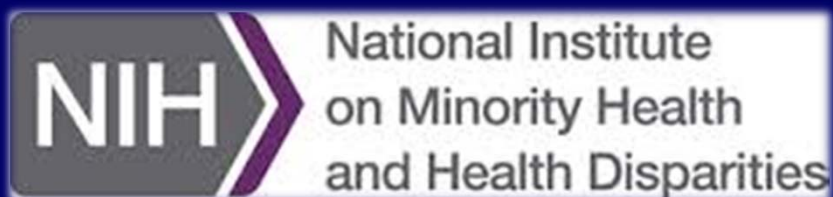
# National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities



**John Ruffin,  
Ph.D.**



**Yvonne Maddox,  
Ph.D.**



# NIH Office of Behavioral and Social Sciences Research



**Robert Kaplan,  
Ph.D.**



**William Riley,  
Ph.D.**





# C-SPAN's Washington Journal: NIH Feature Round 2

FEBRUARY 2014



NIAMS Director Dr. Stephen Katz talked about musculoskeletal and skin diseases and the importance of developing new ways to prevent and treat these diseases.



NHLBI Director Dr. Gary Gibbons talked about leading chronic diseases such as heart disease and lung disease, and how healthy habits can help in preventing some of these diseases.



NICHD Director Dr. Alan Guttmacher talks about advances in treating child development and health issues such as preterm birth and child leukemia.



NINDS Director Dr. Story Landis talked about the most common neurological disorders such as stroke, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis, and epilepsy.

# C-SPAN

# NIH Fiscal Year 2015 Appropriations

	Fiscal Year 2012	Fiscal Year 2013	Fiscal Year 2014	Fiscal Year 2015 President's Budget
NIH	\$30.9 B	\$29.2 B	\$30.2 B	\$30.4 B
NHGRI	\$513 M	\$483 M	\$497 M	\$498 M

# Congressional Appropriations Hearings



USHR22 Committee on Appropriations

March 26 at 9:32am

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# Congressional Hearings: “A Path to 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures”

April 30



May 6



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# Accelerating Medicines Partnership (AMP)



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# **ILCHUN Molecular Medicine Award**



**Geoffrey Ginsburg, M.D., Ph.D.**

# Harrington Prize for Innovation in Medicine



**Hal Dietz, M.D.**

# Passano Foundation Award



**Jeff Gordon, M.D., Ph.D.**

# National Academy of Sciences: Newly Elected



**Cynthia Burrows**

**Bob Darnell**

**Julian Davies**

**Michael Green**

**Vamsi Mootha**

**Monty Slatkin**

**Henry Yang**

# U.K. Royal Society: Newly Elected



**Ewan Birney**  
**Julian Parkhill**



**Global Alliance**  
for Genomics & Health

**Meeting Agenda: March 4, 2014**  
**Location: Wellcome Trust Offices, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor**

The Wellcome Trust  
215 Euston Road, London, England

**Welcome**

**David Altshuler**  
**Kay Davies**

**Time:**  
**8:30 – 8:45 a.m.**

- **Four Working Groups have been established:**

- Regulatory and Ethics Working Group**

- Genomic Data Working Group**

- Security Working Group**

- Clinical Working Group**



# Special Issue: American Journal of Medicine Genetics



American Journal of Medical Genetics Part C (Seminars in Medical Genetics) 166C:1-7 (2014)

**I N V I T E D C O M M E N T**

## **Leading the Way to Genomic Medicine**

**TERI A. MANOLIO\* AND ERIC D. GREEN**

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# NHGRI Genome Advance of the Month

## The evolutionary mark of *Y. pestis* and the Black Death

By Roseanne Zhao

NIH M.D./Ph.D. Partnership Training Program Scholar

## Circulating tumor DNA: A new generation of cancer biomarkers

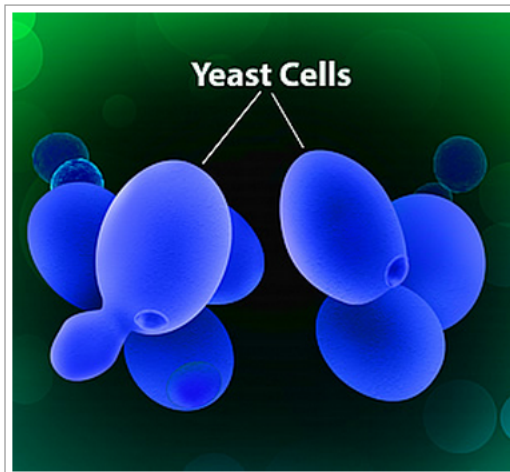
By Elizabeth Burke, Ph.D.

Intramural Postdoctoral Fellow, NHGRI

## Constructing the first designer yeast chromosome opens door to reengineering cells

By Jacqueline Odgis

Scientific Program Analyst, NHGRI



**Demystifying the intricate underpinnings of genetic processes** has been, for many years, a "look, don't touch" endeavor for biologists. Genetic material and the complex machinery within cells that direct these processes are delicate and complicated. Tampering with these elements has proven difficult, both to alter and track the cells as they pass on their genes to their daughter cells.

In the March Genome Advance of the Month, we learn how scientists have dared to redesign a species of yeast - *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* - that has been instrumental to winemaking, baking and brewing since ancient times. Researchers chose to redesign some of the *S. cerevisiae* genome, the yeast's complete set of genetic material. After cutting and shuffling the genes on a segment of the yeast genome using a computer simulation, they created a blueprint for a sleeker sequence that can be rearranged on command. The scientists stitched together many nucleotides, the basic building blocks of DNA, following the map of the simulated reference sequence. The end result was a synthetic chromosome called synIII, which functions correctly when inserted into a host yeast cell.

Scientists have constructed synthetic bacterium and virus genomes, but have never before succeeded in creating a chromosome from more complex cells like yeast from scratch. Unlike much simpler bacteria, known to scientists as prokaryotes, the genomes of eukaryotic cells are larger and more complex; their DNA is twisted tightly into multiple tiny packages called chromosomes. Bacteria, on the other hand, usually contain just one compact loop of DNA, which are often easier to work with and replicate, due to their simpler structure and smaller size.

The synIII chromosome is the first entirely man-made designer chromosome in a complex cell. This marks a major milestone for the international team behind this study, who will use these methods to construct an entire synthetic eukaryotic genome, Sc2.0 ([www.syntheticyeast.org](http://www.syntheticyeast.org)), creating a complete artificial yeast genome from scratch to implant into a host cell.



# Genomics In The News...



MIT  
Technology  
Review

## 50 SMARTEST COMPANIES

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The 50 Companies  
FAQ

Illumina on Top  
Tesla's Tech Advantage  
Google's Next Act  
Third Rock is Biotech's Top VC  
Cree: Reinventing the Lightbulb

1366: Solar Survivor  
Xiaomi's Smartphone Success  
Cheap Gas from Siluria  
Upworthy: Going Viral  
Ripple Labs: New Money

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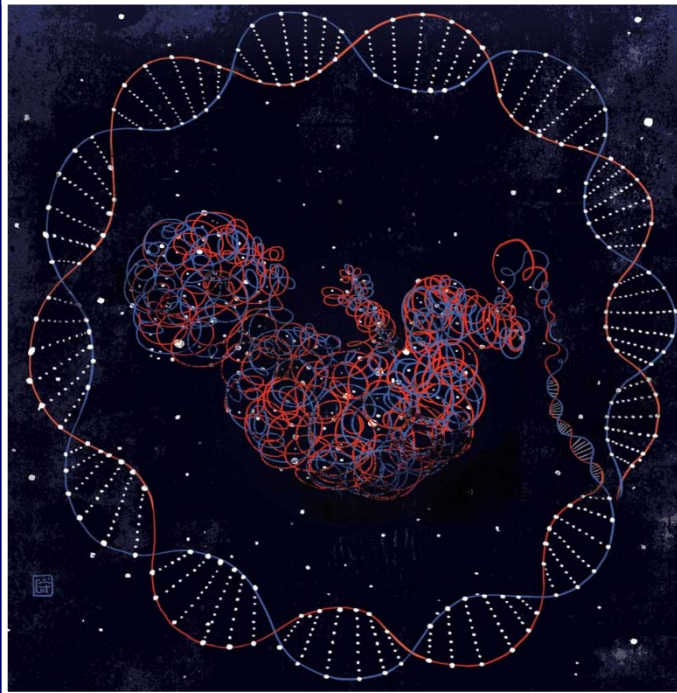
# Genomics In The News...



## The New York Times

### *The Path to Reading a Newborn's DNA Map*

By ANNE EISENBERG FEB. 8, 2014



## The Washington Post

### The triumph of genomic medicine is just beginning

BY VIVEK WADHWA March 13 at 7:16 am





# Genomes In The News...



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# Large-Scale Genome Sequencing and Analysis Centers



## Major Projects Include:

- Alzheimer's Disease Sequencing Project (with NIA)
- T2D-Genes (with NIDDK)
- TCGA (with NCI)



# Alzheimer's Disease Sequencing Project



- **584 whole-genome sequences from affected families (sequencing complete, analysis ongoing)**
- **10,000 case/control whole-exome sequences (~4,500 completed to date)**
- **Replication study of up to 40,000 individuals (samples identified)**
- **NIA data-analysis RFA to be funded in May**



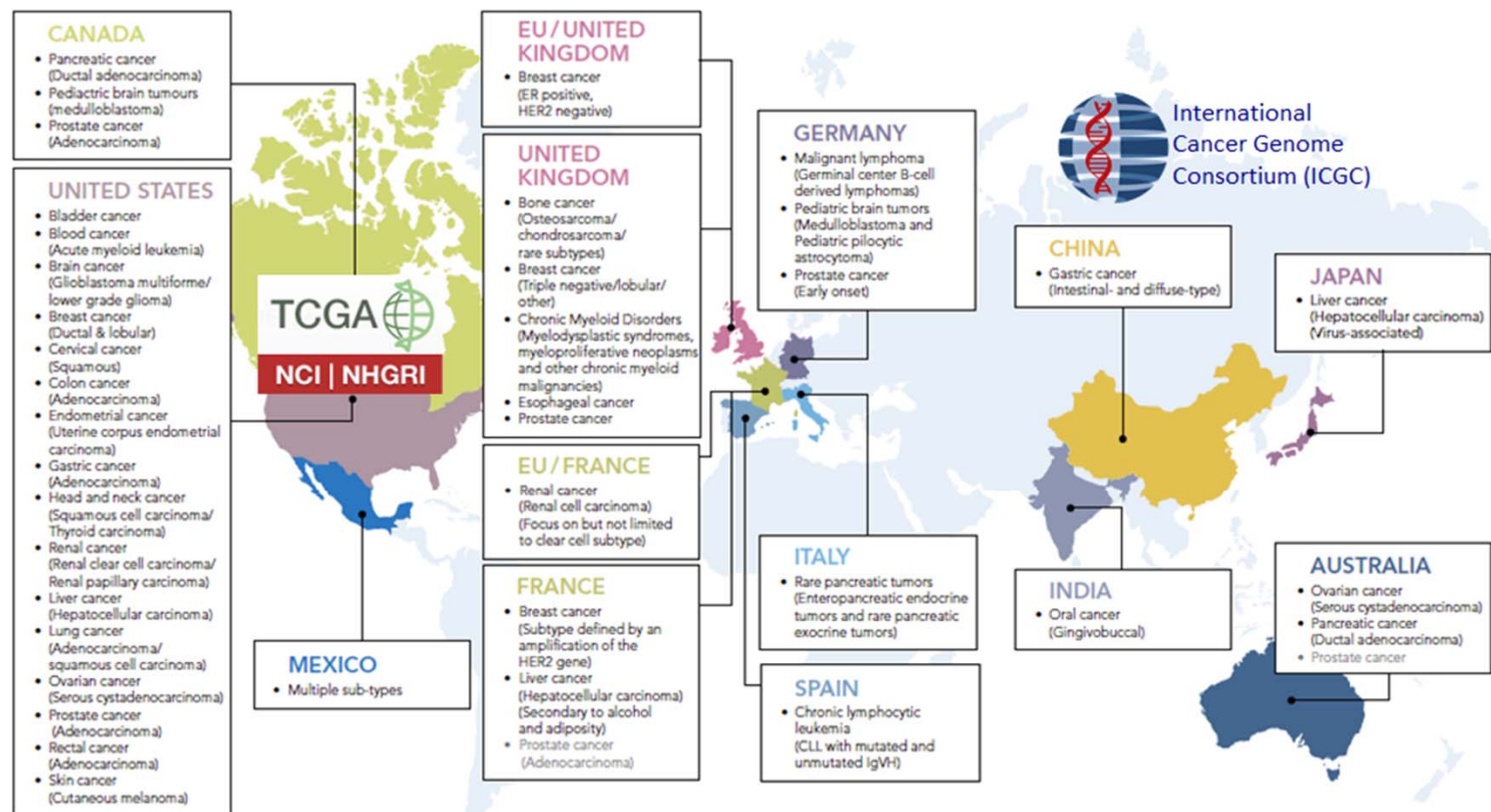
# **Type 2 Diabetes Multiethnic Genetic Consortium (T2D-Genes)**

- **NIDDK initiated, with NHGRI providing genome sequencing capacity**
- **Whole-exome sequences from 5000 cases/controls from five ancestry groups**
- **Whole-genome sequences from over 600 members of 20 Mexican-American pedigrees**
- **Multiethnic GWAS analysis published**
- **Follow up (GWAS and targeted DNA sequencing) in up to 50,000 cases/controls**



# The WGS Pan-Cancer Analysis Project

Analysis of >2,000 cancer genomes from >20 cancer types.



Finding the genes underlying human Mendelian conditions

- **CMG Network: >410 investigators, 33 countries**
- **~80 publications**

## **CLP1 Founder Mutation Links tRNA Splicing and Maturation to Cerebellar Development and Neurodegeneration**

Ashleigh E. Schaffer,<sup>1</sup> Veele R.C. Eggen,<sup>2</sup> Ahmet Okay Caglayan,<sup>3</sup> Miriam S. Reuter,<sup>4</sup> Eric Scott,<sup>1</sup> Nicole G. Coufal,<sup>1</sup> Jennifer L. Silhavy,<sup>1</sup> Yuanchao Xue,<sup>5</sup> Hulya Kaysenli,<sup>6</sup> Katsuhito Yasuno,<sup>3</sup> Rasim Ozgur Rosti,<sup>1</sup> Mostafa Abdellateef,<sup>1</sup> Caner Caglar,<sup>3</sup> Paul R. Kasher,<sup>2</sup> J. Leonie Cazemier,<sup>2</sup> Marian A. Weteman,<sup>2</sup> Vincent Cantagrel,<sup>1,7</sup> Na Cai,<sup>1</sup> Christiane Zweier,<sup>1</sup> Umut Altunoglu,<sup>8</sup> N. Bilge Satkin,<sup>6</sup> Fesih Aktar,<sup>9</sup> Beyhan Tuysuz,<sup>9</sup> Cengiz Yalcinkaya,<sup>10</sup> Huseyin Cakcen,<sup>11</sup> Kaya Bilguvar,<sup>3</sup> Xiang-Dong Fu,<sup>6</sup> Christopher R. Trotta,<sup>12</sup> Stacey Gabriel,<sup>13</sup> André Reis,<sup>4</sup> Murat Gunel,<sup>3,14</sup> Frank Baas,<sup>2,14</sup> and Joseph G. Gleeson<sup>1,14,\*</sup>

## **Human CLP1 Mutations Alter tRNA Biogenesis, Affecting Both Peripheral and Central Nervous System Function**

Ender Karaca,<sup>1,21</sup> Stefan Weitzer,<sup>2,21</sup> Davut Pehlivan,<sup>1,21</sup> Hiroshi Shiraishi,<sup>2,21</sup> Tasos Gogakos,<sup>3</sup> Toshikatsu Hanada,<sup>2,20</sup> Shalini N. Jhangiani,<sup>3</sup> Wojciech Wiszniewski,<sup>1</sup> Marjorie Withers,<sup>1</sup> Ian M. Campbell,<sup>1</sup> Serkan Erdin,<sup>2</sup> Sedat Isikay,<sup>6</sup> Luis M. Franco,<sup>1,7</sup> Claudia Gonzaga-Jauregui,<sup>1</sup> Tomasz Gambin,<sup>1</sup> Violet Gelowani,<sup>1</sup> Jill V. Hunter,<sup>9</sup> Gozde Yesil,<sup>9</sup> Erkan Koparic,<sup>10</sup> Sarenur Yilmaz,<sup>11</sup> Miguel Brown,<sup>3</sup> Daniel Briskin,<sup>3</sup> Markus Hafner,<sup>3</sup> Pavel Morozov,<sup>3</sup> Thalia A. Farazi,<sup>3</sup> Christian Bernreuther,<sup>14</sup> Markus Glatzel,<sup>15</sup> Siegfried Trattnig,<sup>13</sup> Joachim Friske,<sup>13</sup> Claudia Kronenwetter,<sup>13</sup> Matthew N. Bambridge,<sup>4</sup> Alper Gezdirci,<sup>10</sup> Mehmet Seven,<sup>10</sup> Donna M. Muzny,<sup>4</sup> Eric Boerwinkle,<sup>4,18</sup> Mustafa Ozen,<sup>10</sup> Baylor Hopkins Center for Mendelian Genomics, Tim Clausen,<sup>16</sup> Thomas Tuschl,<sup>3</sup> Adnan Yuksecler,<sup>10</sup> Andreas Hess,<sup>16,17</sup> Richard A. Gibbs,<sup>1,4</sup> Javier Martinez,<sup>20</sup> Josef M. Penninger,<sup>20</sup> and James R. Lupski<sup>1,4,16,19,\*</sup>

Cell 157, 636–650, April 24, 2014

## **Mutations in Alström protein impair terminal differentiation of cardiomyocytes**

Lincoln T. Shenje<sup>1,\*</sup>, Peter Andersen<sup>1,\*</sup>, Marc K. Halushka<sup>2</sup>, Cecilia Lui<sup>1</sup>, Laviel Fernandez<sup>1</sup>, Gayle B. Collin<sup>3</sup>, Nuria Amat-Alarcon<sup>1</sup>, Wendy Meschino<sup>4</sup>, Ernest Cutz<sup>5</sup>, Kenneth Chang<sup>5,6</sup>, Raluca Yonescu<sup>2,7</sup>, Denise A.S. Batista<sup>2,7</sup>, Yan Chen<sup>1</sup>, Stephen Chelko<sup>1</sup>, Jane E. Crosson<sup>8</sup>, Janet Scheel<sup>8</sup>, Luca Vicella<sup>9</sup>, Brian D. Craig<sup>7</sup>, Beth A. Marosy<sup>7</sup>, David W. Mohr<sup>7,10</sup>, Kurt N. Hetrick<sup>7</sup>, Jane M. Romm<sup>7</sup>, Alan F. Scott<sup>7,10</sup>, David Valle<sup>7</sup>, Jürgen K. Naggert<sup>3</sup>, Chulan Kwon<sup>1</sup>, Kimberly F. Doheny<sup>7</sup> & Daniel P. Judge<sup>1</sup>

NATURE COMMUNICATIONS | 5:3416 | DOI: 10.1038/ncomms4416 |

## **Mutations in *TJP2* cause progressive cholestatic liver disease**

Melissa Sambrotta<sup>1</sup>, Sandra Strautnieks<sup>2</sup>, Efterpi Papouli<sup>3</sup>, Peter Rushton<sup>4</sup>, Barnaby E Clark<sup>4</sup>, David A Parry<sup>5</sup>, Clare V Logan<sup>5</sup>, Lucy J Newbury<sup>6</sup>, Binita M Kamath<sup>7,8</sup>, Simon Ling<sup>7,8</sup>, Tassos Grammatikopoulos<sup>1,9</sup>, Bart E Wagner<sup>10</sup>, John C Magee<sup>11</sup>, Ronald J Sokol<sup>12</sup>, Giorgina Mieli-Vergani<sup>1,9</sup>, University of Washington Center for Mendelian Genomics<sup>13</sup>, Joshua D Smith<sup>14</sup>, Colin A Johnson<sup>5</sup>, Patricia McClean<sup>15</sup>, Michael A Simpson<sup>16</sup>, A S Knisely<sup>2</sup>, Laura N Bull<sup>17,18</sup> & Richard J Thompson<sup>1,9</sup>

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## **Mutations in *PIEZO2* Cause Gordon Syndrome, Marden-Walker Syndrome, and Distal Arthrogyriposis Type 5**

Margaret J. McMillin,<sup>1,40</sup> Anita E. Beck,<sup>1,2,40</sup> Jessica X. Chong,<sup>1</sup> Kathryn M. Shively,<sup>1</sup> Kati J. Buckingham,<sup>1</sup> Heidi I.S. Gildersleeve,<sup>1</sup> Mariana I. Aracena,<sup>3,4</sup> Arthur S. Aylsworth,<sup>5</sup> Pierre Bitoun,<sup>6</sup> John C. Carey,<sup>7</sup> Carol L. Clericuzio,<sup>8</sup> Yanick J. Crow,<sup>9</sup> Cynthia J. Curry,<sup>10</sup> Koenraad Devriendt,<sup>11</sup> David B. Everman,<sup>12</sup> Alan Fryer,<sup>13</sup> Kate Gibson,<sup>14</sup> Maria Luisa Giovannucci Uzielli,<sup>15</sup> John M. Graham, Jr.,<sup>16</sup> Judith G. Hall,<sup>17</sup> Jacqueline T. Hecht,<sup>18</sup> Randall A. Heidenreich,<sup>8</sup> Jane A. Hurst,<sup>19</sup> Sarosh Irani,<sup>20</sup> Ingrid P.C. Krapels,<sup>21</sup> Jules G. Leroy,<sup>22</sup> David Mowat,<sup>23,24</sup> Gordon T. Plant,<sup>25</sup> Stephen P. Robertson,<sup>26</sup> Elizabeth K. Schorry,<sup>27</sup> Richard H. Scott,<sup>19</sup> Laurie H. Seaver,<sup>28</sup> Elliott Sherr,<sup>29</sup> Miranda Splitt,<sup>30</sup> Helen Stewart,<sup>31</sup> Constance Stumpel,<sup>21</sup> Sehime G. Temel,<sup>32,33,34</sup> David D. Weaver,<sup>35</sup> Margo Whiteford,<sup>36</sup> Marc S. Williams,<sup>37</sup> Holly K. Tabor,<sup>2,38</sup> Joshua D. Smith,<sup>39</sup> Jay Shendure,<sup>39</sup> Deborah A. Nickerson,<sup>39</sup> University of Washington Center for Mendelian Genomics, and Michael J. Bamshad<sup>1,2,39,\*</sup>

The American Journal of Human Genetics 94, 1–11, May 1, 2014 11

## **A general framework for estimating the relative pathogenicity of human genetic variants**

Martin Kircher<sup>1,5</sup>, Daniela M Witten<sup>2,5</sup>, Preti Jain<sup>3,4</sup>, Brian J O’Roak<sup>1,4</sup>, Gregory M Cooper<sup>3</sup> & Jay Shendure<sup>1</sup>

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*Finding the genes underlying human Mendelian conditions*



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://genematcher.org/about>. The page has a navigation menu with links for Home, Create Account, About, EULA, Contact Us, and Help. A prominent green banner contains the text "Used by geneticists from ~ 30 countries". Below this is a section titled "About GeneMatcher" where the word "GeneMatcher" is circled in red. The text describes the site as a freely accessible web site for connecting clinicians and researchers, developed with support from the Baylor-Hopkins Center for Mendelian Genomics.

**Used by geneticists from ~ 30 countries**

## About GeneMatcher :

GeneMatcher is a freely accessible web site designed to enable connections between clinicians and researchers from around the world who share an interest in the same gene or genes. The principle goal for making GeneMatcher available is to help solve “unsolved” exomes. This may be done with cases from research or clinical sources. No identifiable data are collected. GeneMatcher was developed with support from the Baylor-Hopkins Center for Mendelian Genomics as part of the Centers for Mendelian Genomics network.

The site allows investigators to post a gene (or genes) of interest and will connect investigators who post the same gene. The match is done automatically and there is no way to search the database. When a match occurs, the submitters will automatically receive email notification. Follow-up is at the discretion of the submitters. Aside from the site administrator, no one has access to all the information in the database. Submitters have access to their own data and may edit it or delete it at will.



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## CSER Steering Committee meeting | May 13-14, 2014

- Streamlining variant pathogenicity annotation
- Best practices for clinical genomics implementation





# Clinical Sequencing Exploratory Research

*Moving the Genome Into the Clinic*

377 Researchers  
20 Institutions  
1 Consortium

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# Genome Sequencing Informatics Tools



## TMAP

Turnkey Variant Analysis Project



## iSEQTOOLS



**BreakDancer**

*SV caller using paired-end sequencing data*



**Pindel**

*Indel caller using pattern growth*



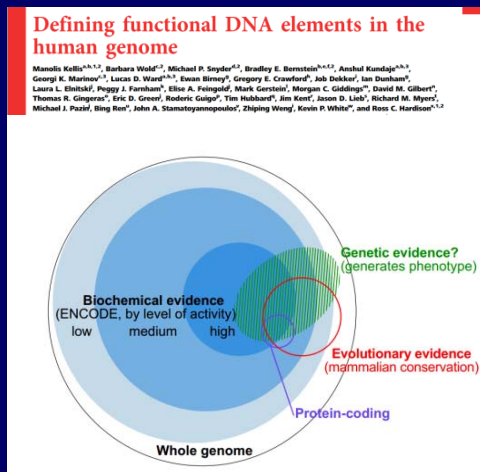
**VarScan**

*Germline & somatic SNV & CNV caller*

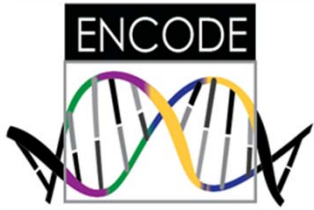
- **GS-IT projects are putting iSeqTools in the cloud**
- **Genomics tools in cloud are more readily accessible by wider range of users**
- **iSeqTools Network workshop on 'De-Mystify the Cloud' at 2014 ASHG meeting**



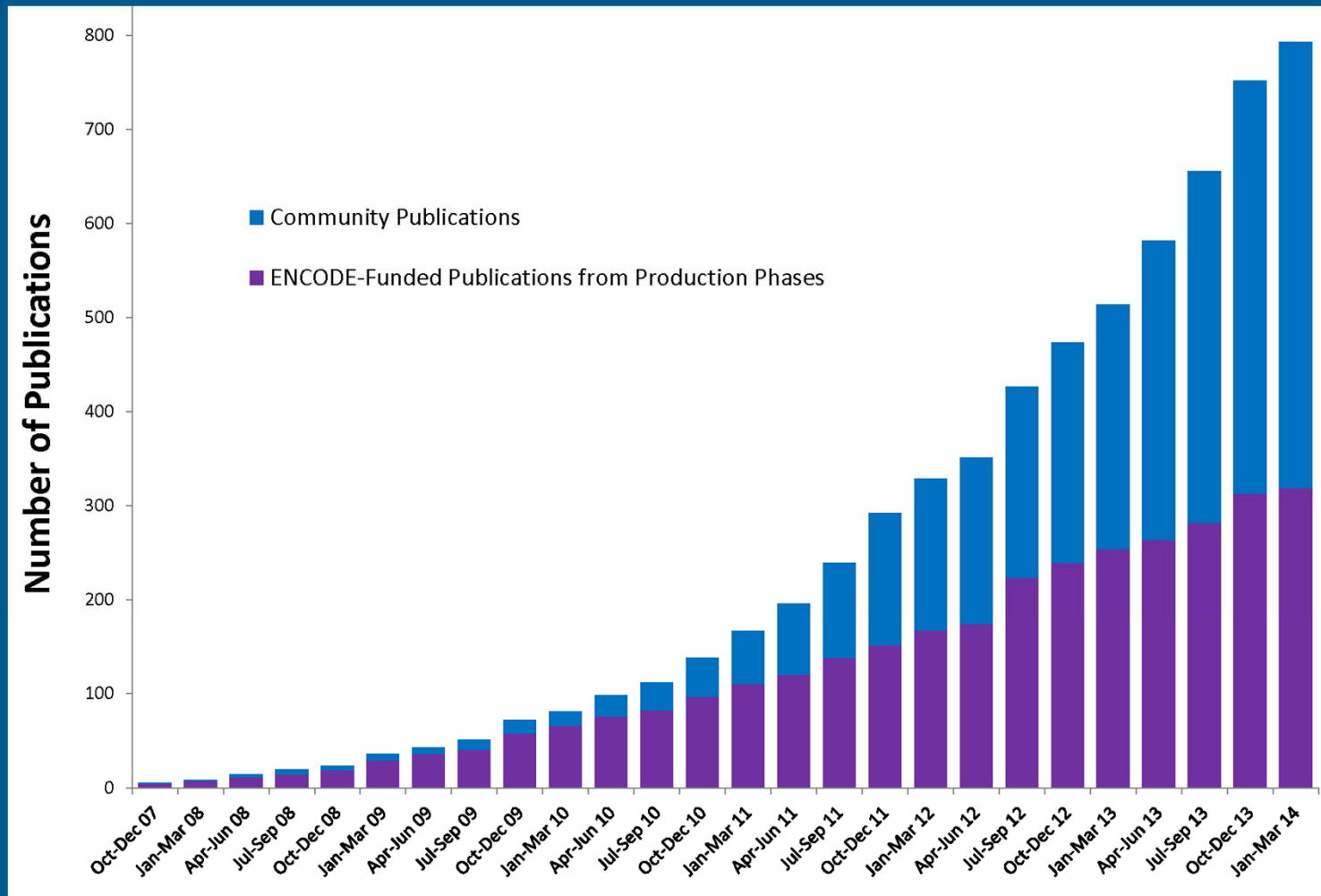
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- **ENCODE Outreach Activities:**
  - ENCODE Workshop at HUGO Meeting (April 2014)
  - ENCODE Workshop at ESHG Conference (June 2014)
- **ENCODE Consortium Meeting (July 2014)**
- **PNAS Perspective:**  
“Defining functional DNA elements in the human genome”



# ENCODE Publications



# Centers of Excellence in Genomic Science (CEGS) Program

- CEGS program announcement published in the NIH Guide: PAR-14-195
- Application receipt dates:  
July 2, 2014 | May 20, 2015 | May 20, 2016

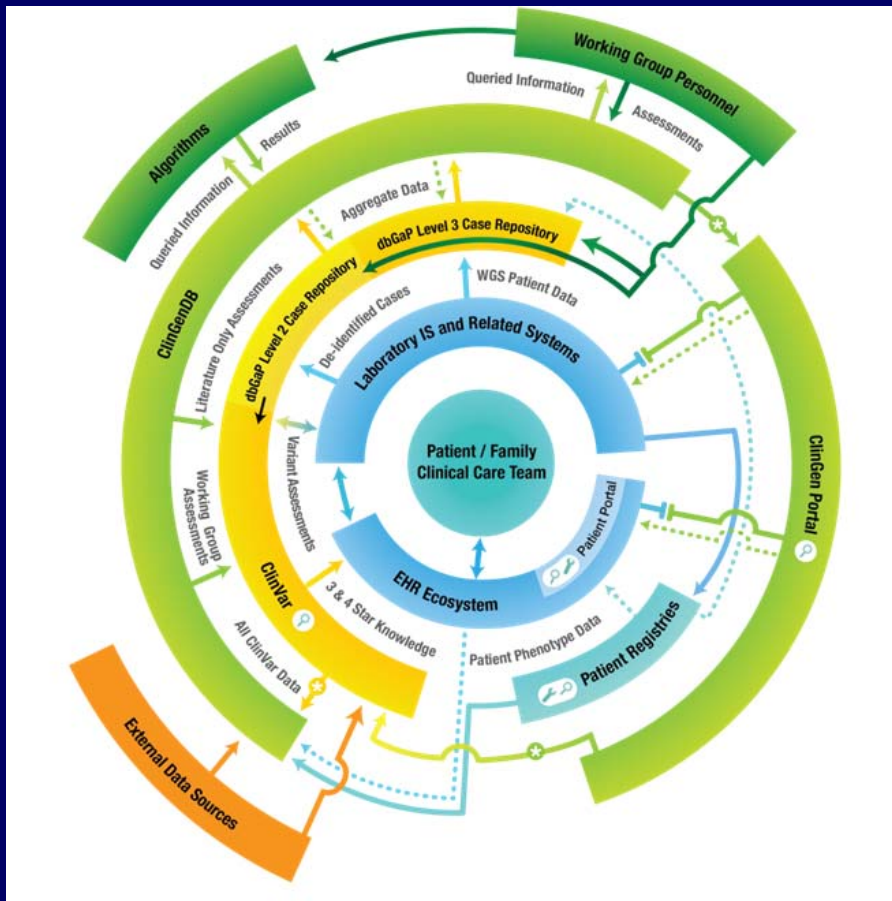






# ClinGen

# CSER



## Expected rate of returnable mutations: 6503 Exome Variant Server (EVS) Results by Ancestry Group

Participants with classification	European ancestry* N=4300	African ancestry N=2203
Pathogenic variants from HGMD	37 (0.9%)	9 (0.4%)
Likely pathogenic variants from HGMD	55 (1.3%)	15 (0.7%)
Novel disruptive variants	6 (0.1%)	8 (0.4%)
<b>Total</b>	<b>98 (2.3%)</b>	<b>32 (1.5%)</b>

Courtesy of Gail Jarvik

# Genomics and Society Working Group

- Third in-person meeting held April 2014
- Key topics discussed included:
  - Training
  - GSWG progress and future directions
- Annual report planned for September Council
- Council member Arti Rai joining the Working Group



# ELSI Research Program

- **CEER Annual Meeting (March 2014)**
  - Mock grant review for trainees
  - ELSI 'horizon scanning'
- **Upcoming Re-Issuance of ELSI Program Announcements**

Shorter, more streamlined format

Input from Genomics and Society Working group and NIH partners

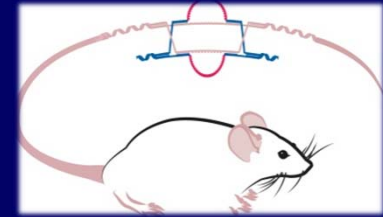
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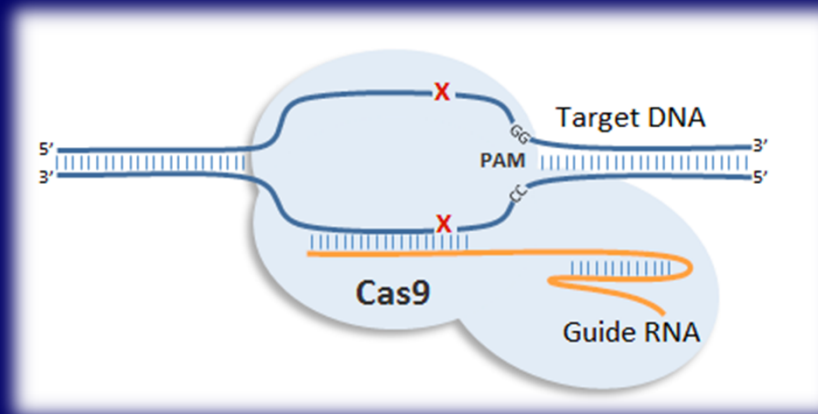
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# Knockout Mouse Phenotyping Project (KOMP2)

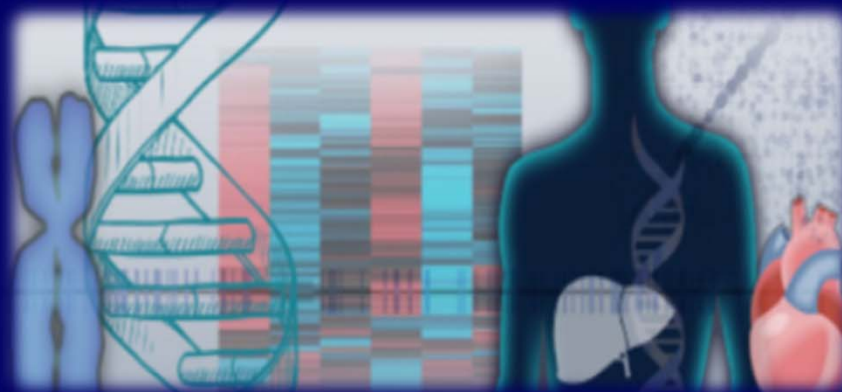


- IMPC evaluating CRISPR technology

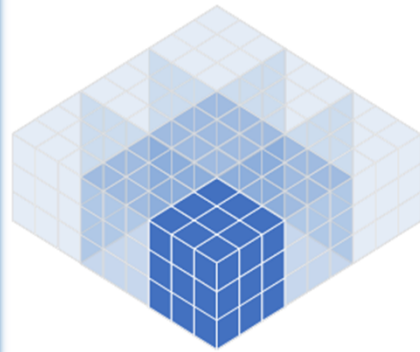


- KOMP centers to make and phenotype ~100 knockout strains testing the CRISPR method
- Plan to award \$3M in supplemental funds provided by Common Fund





- **Scale-up phase underway**
  - **>650 donors enrolled**
  - **~11,500 RNA-Seq studies**
- **Biospecimen Access Policy implemented**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> GTE<sub>x</sub> Community Scientific Meeting in June**

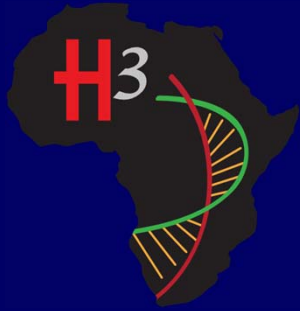


**NIH LINCS**  
PROGRAM

- **LINCS Pilot Phase wrapping up**
- **LINCS Phase 2 begins this summer**

**Phase 2 Data and Signature Generation Centers will be discussed in Closed Session**

**BD2K-LINCS Data Integration and Coordination Center (RFA HG-14-001) applications will be reviewed in July and go to NHLBI Council**



# H3Africa

- **Biorepositories scale-up: Administrative review to be discussed in Closed Session**
- **Marker paper (“*Enabling African Scientists for the Genomic Revolution*”) in press at *Science***
- **>5,000 samples accrued as of March 31**
- **H3ABioNet accrediting nodes**
- **4<sup>th</sup> Consortium Meeting moved from Uganda to Cape Town (to be held in late May)**

**Companion Workshops: Cardiovascular Diseases, Ethics, and Genome Analysis and Data Management**

# Big Data to Knowledge (BD2K)

*Advancing Health and Discovery through Big Data*



- **Phil Bourne started as NIH Associate Director for Data Science in March**
- **Status of BD2K Components:**
  - Centers of Excellence (Closed Session)**
  - LINCS-BD2K Perturbation Data Coordination and Integration Center (NHLBI Council in September)**

# Big Data to Knowledge (BD2K)



## ▪ Status of BD2K Components (con't):

### Training:

K01s & R25s (NHGRI Council in September)

T32s: new and supplements (FOAs issued)

Data Discovery Index (NHLBI Council in September)

Targeted Software Development (June receipt date)



# BD2K Multi-Council Working Group



- **BD2K and the envisioned NIH Office of Data Science cannot issue FOAs**
- **Because BD2K is a trans-NIH initiative, a trans-NIH approach to obtaining input has been devised**
- **Multi-Council Working Group: representative from each council that wishes to participate and has relevant expertise**
- **First meeting in July**

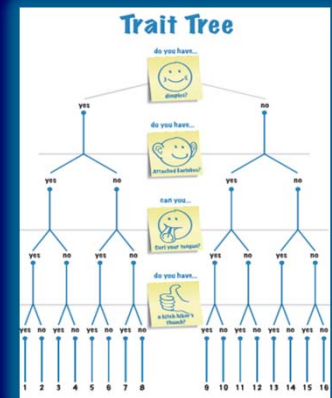
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# Effective Strategies for Engaging Communities Around Genomic Medicine



# 2014 USA Science and Engineering Festival (USASEF) and DNA Day 2014





# Communications Staff Departure



**Larry Thompson**



**Jeannine Mjoseh**



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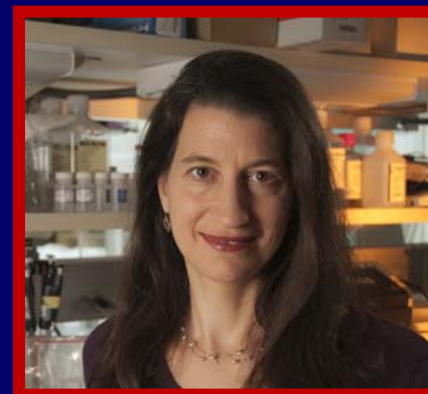
# NHGRI Intramural Research Program: Reorganization Update

- **Appointment of New Branch Chiefs:**

**Charles Rotimi: Metabolic, Cardiovascular, and Inflammatory Diseases Branch**

**Pam Schwartzberg: Genetic Disease Research Branch**

**Julie Segre: Translational and Functional Genomics Branch**



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Eric Green, M.D., Ph.D.  
Director

## Division of Intramural Research

### Office of the Scientific Director

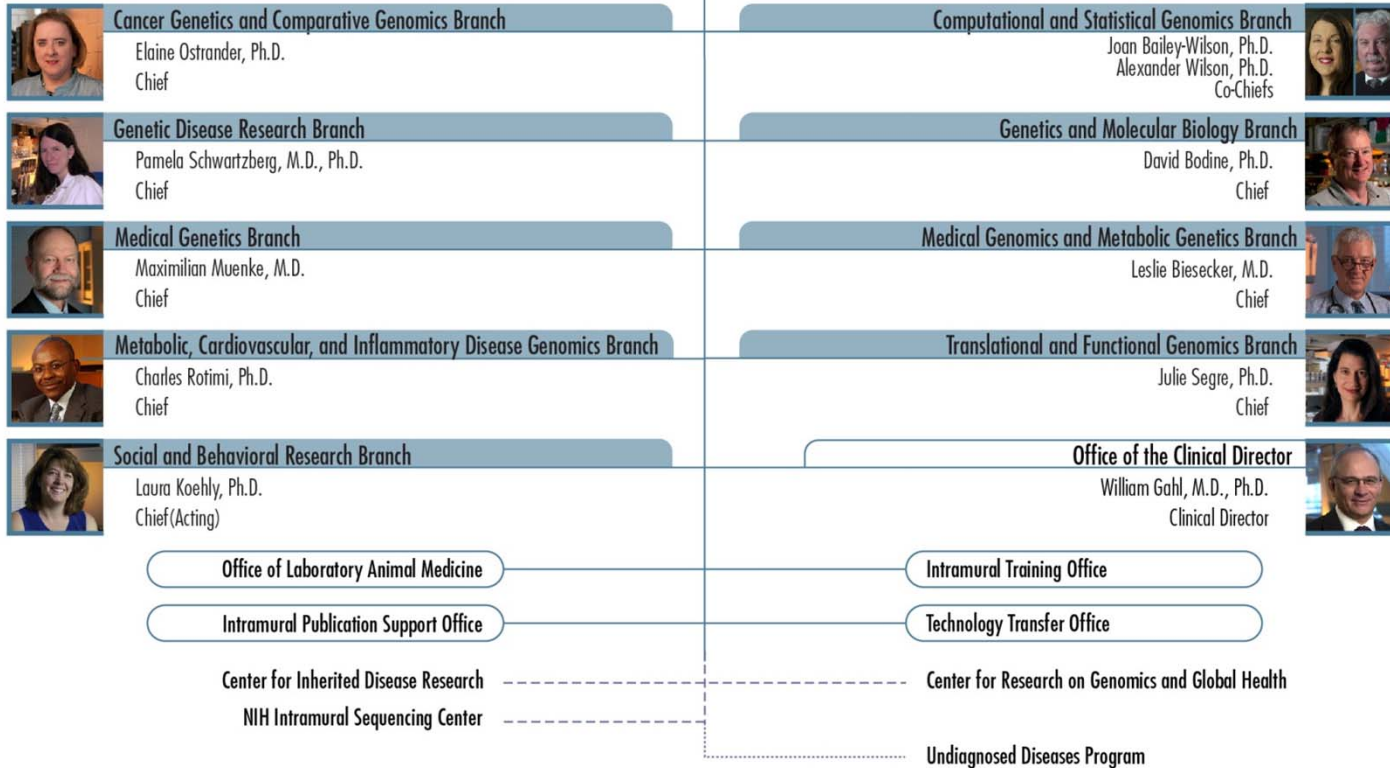
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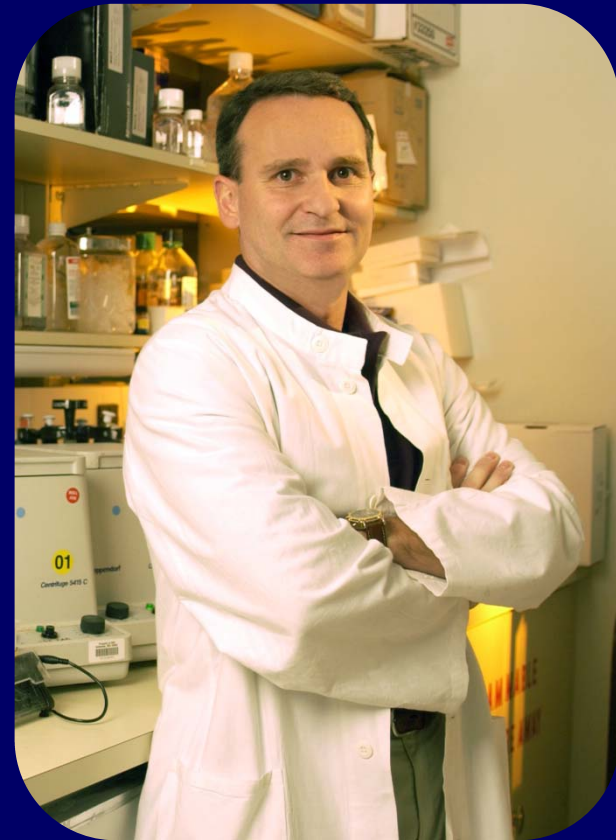
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# Intramural Investigator Departures



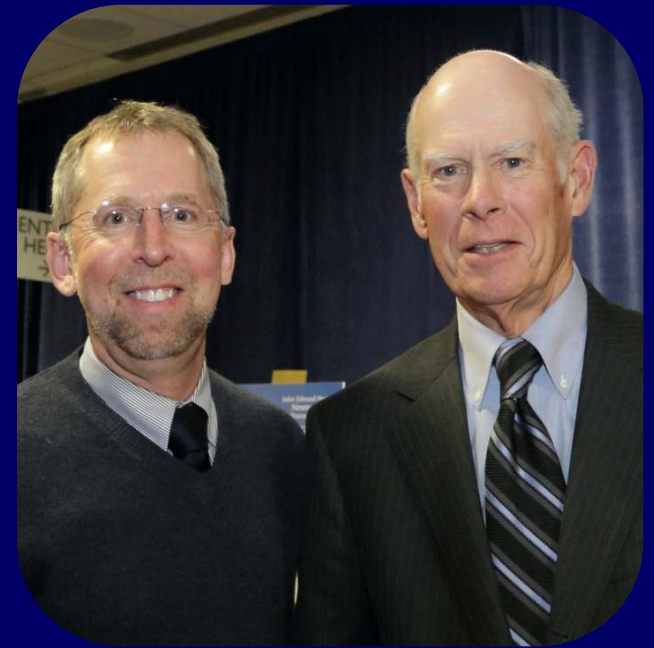
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# Dedication of John Edward Porter Neuroscience Research Center



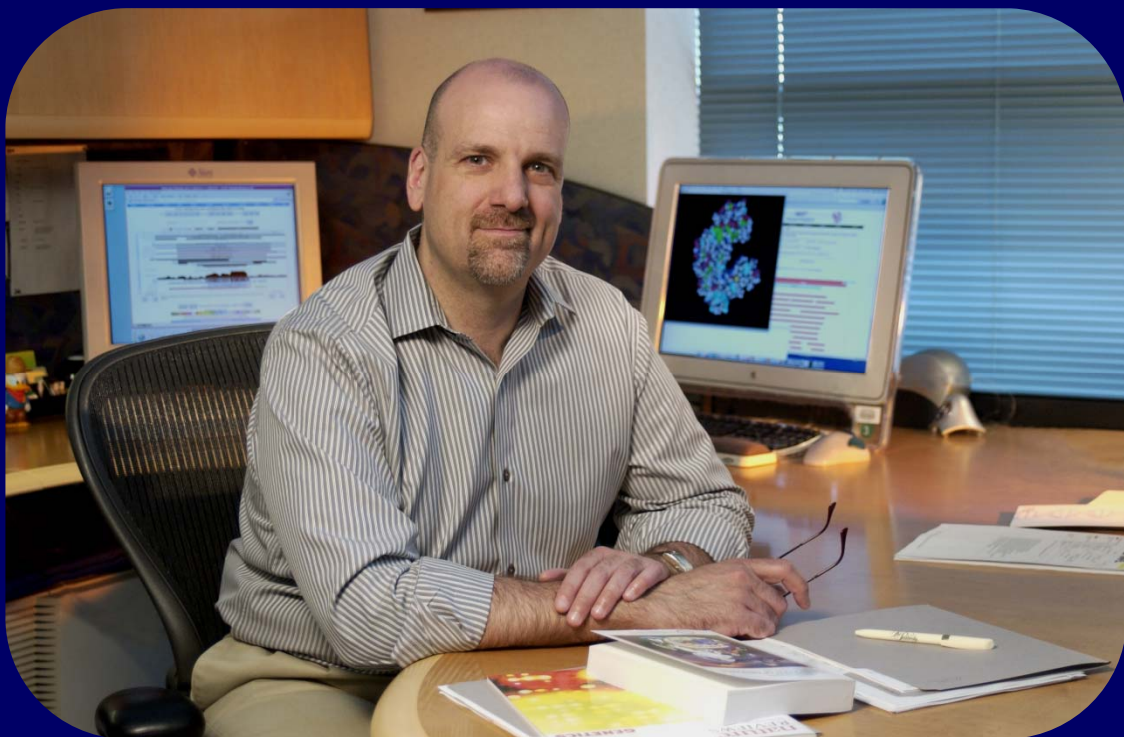


# NIH Clinical Center Genomics Opportunity

- **Sponsors:** NIH Office of Intramural Research, NHGRI, and NIH Clinical Center
- **Goals:**
  - Infrastructure for clinical genomics at the NIH Clinical Center
  - Develop capabilities within institutes for using genomic data in clinical research and care
- **1,000 whole-exome sequences**



# Johns Hopkins Society of Scholars



**Andy Baxevanis, Ph.D.**



# NHGRI Intramural Research Highlights



The NEW ENGLAND  
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**Early-Onset Stroke and Vasculopathy  
Associated with Mutations in ADA2**



**Cell**

**Cell  
PRESS**

**Global Analyses of Human Immune Variation Reveal  
Baseline Predictors of Postvaccination Responses**



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**Glycosylation, Hypogammaglobulinemia, and  
Resistance to Viral Infections**



Undiagnosed  
Diseases Program

# The Genomics Landscape

A monthly update from  
the NHGRI Director



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