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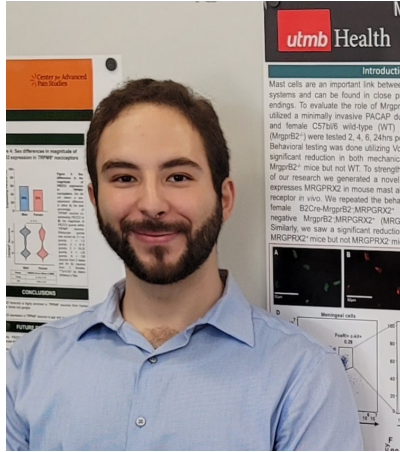
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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: JOURNAL OF PAIN SOCIAL MEDIA CO-CHAIR

The Journal of Pain seeks a social media co-chair to assist with social media communications for **Clinical Science** for the journal. The Chair will generate social media content based on journal articles, activities, and events, and will serve on the USASP Communications Committee. The ideal candidate is a motivated student or early career leader with knowledge of and facility with social media platforms and a passion for clinical pain science. Candidates should be available beginning July 1, 2023, for a minimum of a 1-year term. Time commitment estimated at 1-2 hours/week.

Interested candidates should send a cover letter outlining their experience with social media and why they are interested in this role and a current CV to Tonya Palermo at tonya.palermo@seattlechildrens.org.

June USASP Trainee Spotlight



Sami Sbei
PhD Student
University of Texas Medical
Branch

Sami Sbei is a fourth year Ph.D. student in the Human Pathophysiology and Translational Medicine (HPTM) program at the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB). His ongoing predoctoral training, under the mentorship of Dr. Dustin Green, is focused on studying the interface between neurons and immune cells in the context of pain. His research is directed at characterizing the role of mast cell-expressed Mas-Related G Protein-Coupled Receptor (Mrgpr)B2 and its human homolog, MRGPRX2, in neurogenic inflammation and pain.

Sami has been recently awarded the TL1 predoctoral training fellowship supported by the Institute for Translational Sciences at the UTMB, supported in part by a Clinical and Translational Science Award NRSA (TL1) Training Core (TL1TR001440) from the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences, National Institutes of Health. He was also selected for the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences (GSBS) Innovative Methods Fellowship (IMF) program, which will support his travel to Johns Hopkins University to learn new imaging techniques at the lab of the HHMI recipient Dr. Xinzhong Dong.

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Education and Professional Development Event!



JOIN US IN CELEBRATING
Juneteenth
Freedom Day
THURSDAY, JUNE 22
12PM PT / 3PM ET

**Bridging Gaps in Pain and Medical Research
Among Marginalized Communities: Reflections
on the Past and Future Directions for Better
Recruitment and Engagement**

**ONLINE
EVENT**

Events \$10 for non-members & free for patient
advocates and persons with lived experience

Join us for our 2023 USASP Juneteenth Seminar on June 22nd from 3:00-4:00pm ET to learn and discuss the complex history of clinical research in marginalized communities, including past lessons

and future opportunities. This webinar will also foster an open discussion on proactive strategies for greater inclusivity in pain research, particularly pertaining to recruitment, engagement and retention of marginalized individuals in clinical studies. This event is co-sponsored by the Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, and Access Committee & Diversity, Inclusion, and Anti-Racism in Pain Special Interest Group.

Speakers:

Anna Hood, PhD, Assistant Professor, University of Manchester

Jonathan Jackson, PhD, Executive Director of the Community Access, Recruitment, and Engagement (CARE) Research Center at Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School)

Cassandra Trimnell, a patient advocate for individuals living with sickle cell disease, renowned for her role as the founder and executive director of Sickle Cell 101.

Moderator:

Troy Dildine, PhD, T-32 Postdoctoral Scholar at Stanford University School of Medicine.

[Register here to attend this event](#)

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Unlocking the Potential of ICD-11 for Chronic Pain



[Join IASP and the World Health Organization \(WHO\) on 14 June for the ICD-11 webinar series](#) of the Classifications and Terminologies Unit, focusing on unlocking the Potential of ICD-11 for Chronic Pain. Featuring presentations by:

- Robert Jakob, MD (Switzerland)
- Beatrice Korwisi, MSc (Germany)
- Kate Nicholson, JD (USA)
- Carine Alsokhn (Switzerland)

IASP Funding and Award Opportunities

IASP Early Career Research Grants

[IASP is now accepting applications for IASP's Early Career Research Grants](#). These grants award recipients \$20,000 to help facilitate the development of young researchers just starting their careers as independent investigators. Application Deadline: 10 July

IASP Collaborative Research Grant

[IASP is now accepting applications for the IASP Collaborative Research Grant](#). This grant awards up to \$15,000 for international interdisciplinary pain research collaborations between at least two countries with an emphasis on collaborations among basic, translational, and clinical scientists. Application Deadline: 14 August

IASP Pain in Older Persons SIG: Apply for the Junior Investigator Award

[The Junior Investigator Award for Pain in Older Persons 2023](#) acknowledges the valuable scientific work of a junior investigator who has contributed to the advancement of pain science and practice in older people. The recipient of this award will be awarded a prize of \$500 USD. Application Deadline: 15 June

IASP Pain in Older Persons SIG: Apply for the Distinguished Contribution Award for Pain

[The Distinguished Contribution Award for Pain in Older Persons 2023](#) acknowledges the contribution of a member who has conducted and promoted a program of research that has enhanced the science and practice of pain in older persons. The recipient of this award will receive a prize of \$500 USD. Application Deadline: 15 June.

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SAVE THE DATE 06/14/2023 Technical Assistance Webinar for New U24 Funding Opportunity on Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) Pain.

The National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH/NIH) released a new funding opportunity: [Research Network to Promote Multidisciplinary Mechanistic and Translational Studies of Sickle Cell Disease Pain \(U24, Clinical Trial Optional\)](#).

The purpose of this funding opportunity is to support a research network that promotes multidisciplinary mechanistic and translational studies of Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) pain. This network is expected to develop compelling research frameworks and model systems that will support interdisciplinary collaborations; initiate pilot projects to test novel mechanistic hypotheses in the high-priority research areas listed below and develop novel technologies and methodologies to study pain in the organ(s) typically impacted by SCD.

To accomplish these objectives, applicants can propose activities such as meetings, workshops, conferences, research collaborations, exchange of ideas through visiting scientist arrangements, or training opportunities. These activities will help identify unique research gaps and opportunities that can be addressed through the network in the form of pilot projects which will in turn generate the preliminary data needed for SCD pain investigators to successfully compete for more substantial NIH grants, including The Helping to End Addiction Long-term® (HEAL) Initiative grant awards. In addition, the network will sustain its scientific impact through a variety of dissemination and outreach strategies, including publication of research frameworks, reviews, and other best practices to foster the growth and development of research in the several priority areas. The application deadline is **October 01, 2023**.

[REGISTER NOW](#): Technical Assistance Webinar Scheduled: June 14, 2023; 2-3:00 pm ET

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NOFO - Post-doc Training Opportunity: HEAL Initiative Partnerships to Advance INterdisciplinary (PAIN) Training in Clinical Pain Research: The HEAL PAIN Cohort Program

(T90/R90 Independent Clinical Trial Not Allowed)
The HEAL Initiative has released a new NOFO opportunity (NOFO# 23-018) to increase the clinical pain post-doctoral fellowship workforce. The HEAL Initiative will fund up to 4 T90/R90 centers.

If your institution is interested in applying to this NOFO, please join us for a webinar on [Monday June 26, 2023 at 12-1pm ET](#).

Additional important dates:

Letters of intent due on – Friday August 11, 2023

Applications due on – Tuesday September 26, 2023

A Brief Description of the NOFO:

To bolster the dwindling clinical pain research workforce, the NIH HEAL Initiative® Partnership to Advance INterdisciplinary (PAIN) Training in Clinical Pain Research (the HEAL PAIN Cohort Program) will support interdisciplinary postdoctoral training to promote the next generation of independent clinical pain researchers. The HEAL PAIN Cohort Program will fund up to four T90/R90 institutional postdoctoral training programs in clinical pain research as well as foster a cohort experience among programs at different institutions through the HEAL R24 Coordinating Center for National Pain Scientists. The [T90/R90 mechanism](#) is a Kirschstein-NRSA institutional training program designed to support interdisciplinary research. The T90/R90 Trainees/Participants must be in a clinical program or demonstrate an interest in clinical pain research. Each T90/R90 program must propose a partnership between two or more departments/colleges within a single institution. T90/R90 training centers should identify at least two research focus areas that align with HEAL's content areas. Program mentors will be expected to provide training in clinical pain research and in one or more fields that have not traditionally been represented in pain research (e.g., engineering; social sciences; epidemiology; anthropology; biostatistics; computer sciences; demography; bioengineering; addiction medicine; public health; or mental health/behavioral health), with the aim of broadening the foci of clinical pain research training. Appropriate Trainees/Participants include postdoctoral pain research fellows who either have a clinical degree or are interested in conducting clinical pain research.

If you have any questions about this NOFO, please contact Dr. Laura Wandner (Laura.Wandner@nih.gov).

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6/20 Free, Virtual Clinician Training - Pain, Opioids, & Worker Wellness

The Yale Program in Addiction Medicine is pleased to open registration for two upcoming sessions of **Pain, Opioids, and Worker Wellness**, a free, live, CME-accredited virtual training for clinicians.

Acute and chronic pain are common in the workplace and result in lost productivity which can be impacted by long-term opioid prescriptions and opioid use disorder. Clinicians who treat injured workers can benefit from targeted training that will help hone their skills to identify and treat such individuals with a goal toward proper clinical care for acute pain, prevention of and care for chronic pain, improved functional status and return to work.

TUESDAY, JUNE 20TH, 2023

1:00-6:00pm EDT

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Learn More: <https://medicine.yale.edu/event/june2023powwttraining/>

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Featured Jobs and Training Opportunities

New*

[Postdoctoral Associate Research Position in Sickle Cell Disease](#)

[Stanford Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Pain Psychology](#)

Members can sign into the USASP website to view additional job postings

Special Interest Group Updates

The **Pain, Movement, and Rehabilitation Science Special Interest Group** would like to welcome our new Co-Chairs, Dr. Emma Beisheim-Ryan and Dr. Kyle Kosik. We are excited for their leadership over the next two years!

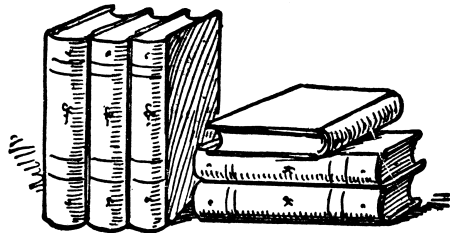


Emma Beisheim-Ryan, PT, DPT, PhD is a physical therapist and Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation Research Scientist at the DoD-VA Extremity Trauma and Amputation Center of Excellence (EACE) in the Naval Medical Center in San Diego. Dr. Beisheim-Ryan has expertise in clinical pain research, and her research interests include improving musculoskeletal rehabilitation outcomes and limb loss management and care within the military health system.



Kyle Kosik, Ph.D., ATC is an athletic trainer and Assistant Research Professor at the University of Kentucky in the Department of Athletic Training and Clinical Nutrition. Dr. Kosik's research agenda focuses on understanding how the current treatment for lower extremity joint injuries fail to prevent individuals from presenting with neuromuscular dysfunction and biomechanics adaptations that are responsible for causing lifelong disability and post-traumatic osteoarthritis.

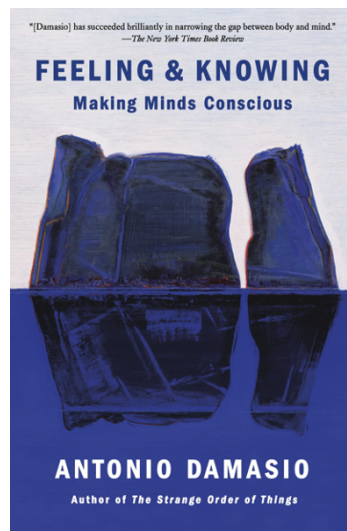
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BOOK CORNER

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"We should celebrate the wealth and the messiness we have been gifted by affect."



New York, Pantheon, 2021

A review of Antonio Damasio's Feeling and Knowing: Making Minds Conscience

Pithy yet complex, Antonio Damasio, MD PhD, delivers a quite persuasive and noteworthy neurocognitive “calendar of life” spanning four billion years, delineated by his trio of evolutionary stages: “being,” “feeling,” and “knowing.” Powered by natural selection for all of earth’s creatures, from ancient bacterium to we humans, the “good life” is achieved by an “efficiently regulated life,” which itself depends upon complex homeostatic mechanisms capable of “surviving threats while respecting reality.” According to Damasio, *feelings*, including painful ones, are

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collections of co-occurring involuntary internal actions aimed at supporting homeostasis, countering threats with fear or anger, or signaling successful states with joy. For him “pain signifies failure at the life management effort.” Hmmm.

For Damasio, consciousness is a “state of mind” and its contents are necessarily experienced with affect, the “universe of our ideas transmuted in feeling.” Feelings generate subjective values, so-called “valences,” that determine experience across a range of qualities and intensities such as motivation, ease, relaxation or attention. All the world’s a “stage” (he says, extending Shakespeare’s metaphor) where mindfully endowed creatures, not just humans, are merely playing out a “musical score.” Affect alters the sound, adjusts the lights, and adapts their exits and entrances upon life’s stage. Feeling’s role: allocate attention, memories, and mental images.

Damasio is an accomplished cognitive scientist and prolific popular-science writer whose exceptional career has focused on questions of animal consciousness, brain/body partnership, and most notable that *feelings* are embedded within animal intelligence, social behavior, and culture. “*Feeling and Knowing: Making Minds Conscience*” ranges in scope from biochemical signaling of ‘simple’ unicellular organisms to structural deficiencies of artificial intelligence, which is unnatural, since lacking “the feeling stuff.” Awaiting new generations of “feeling machines”, Damasio wisely considers AI’s success and points to challenges as we advance data-collection and analysis in scientific medicine and improve communications and decision-making in our clinical practices.

Damasio is Chair in Neuroscience, Professor of Psychology, Philosophy, Neurology; Director of the Creativity Institute at University of Southern California; and adjunct Professor at the Salk Institute. Built upon a distinguished career of scientific study and suffused with philosophy and the arts, he aims the engine of evolution at the chemical machinery and sets uniform rules of all life forms: “survive always and flourish often.” *Feeling and Knowing: Making Minds Conscience* is a highly recommended read whose maxim applies to our patients, our work, and our own lives.

David Tauben MD

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Upcoming Events

June 14 (2-3pm ET): Technical Assistance [Webinar](#): Research Network to Promote Multidisciplinary Mechanistic and Translational Studies of Sickle Cell Disease Pain (U24, Clinical Trial Optional).

June 14: [Unlocking the Potential of ICD-11 for Chronic Pain](#)

June 15-18: American Headache Society’s 65th Annual Scientific Meeting (JW Marriott Austin and Virtual registration options)

June 18-23: North American Pain School ([NAPS 2023](#))

June 19-23: Harvard Medical School (In Person Course): [Evaluating and Treating Pain](#)

June 20: Pain, Opioids, and Worker Wellness, a free, live, CME-accredited virtual training for clinicians. More information can be found [here](#)

June 22 (3pm ET): Juneteenth Seminar "Bridging Gaps in Pain and Medical Research Among Marginalized Communities: Reflections on the Past and Future Directions for Better Recruitment and Engagement" More information can be found here: <https://usasp.memberclicks.net/upcoming-events>

June 23: [June #Pain2023 series](#) focusing on *Mechanisms of Pain Resolution and Chronification*

June 26: [Training Webinar: New NOFO opportunity \(RFA-NS-24-015\)](#)

July 9-12: [International Narcotic Research Conference will be in Atlanta Georgia July 9-12](#)

September 7-9: [NeuPSIG 2023 International Congress on Neuropathic Pain](#)

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