

# 2010 Columbia University Spring Research Symposium



**10:00 a.m.** Opening Remarks

**10:15 a.m.** Poster Session I

**11:00 a.m.** Keynote Address I  
*Biomolecular Motors for Directed Assembly and Hybrid Devices*

Professor Henry Hess

Department of Biomedical Engineering,  
Columbia University

**11:45 a.m. —** Research Presentations

**12:30 p.m.**

Lindsay Hill

*Gadolinium-Loaded Micelles as Intravascular Contrast Agent for Micro-Magnetic Resonance Angiography*  
Radiology, New York University

Kaitlyn Gaynor

*Anti-Predator and Social Monitoring Functions of Vigilance in Blue Monkey*  
Ecology, Evolution and Environmental Biology, Columbia University

Jeffrey Campbell

*Synthesis of Hydroxyapatite Coatings on Calcite: Developing a Coating to Protect Marble from Damage in Acid Rain*  
Chemical and Civil Engineering,  
Princeton University

**12:30 p.m.** Lunch

**1:30 p.m.** Keynote Address II

Professor Ramon Parsons

Institute of Cancer Genetics,  
Columbia University

**2:15 p.m.** Poster Session II

**3:15 p.m. —** Research Presentations II

**4:15 p.m.**

Jian Zhang (Graduate Student)

*Design of Steerable Electrode Arrays and Optimal Insertion Path Planning for Robot-Assisted Cochlear Implant Surgery*

Mechanical Engineering,  
Columbia University

Evan Smoak

*Abscisic Acid Based Hydrogels as Drug Delivery Vectors*

Chemistry, Fordham University

Kristina Rapuano

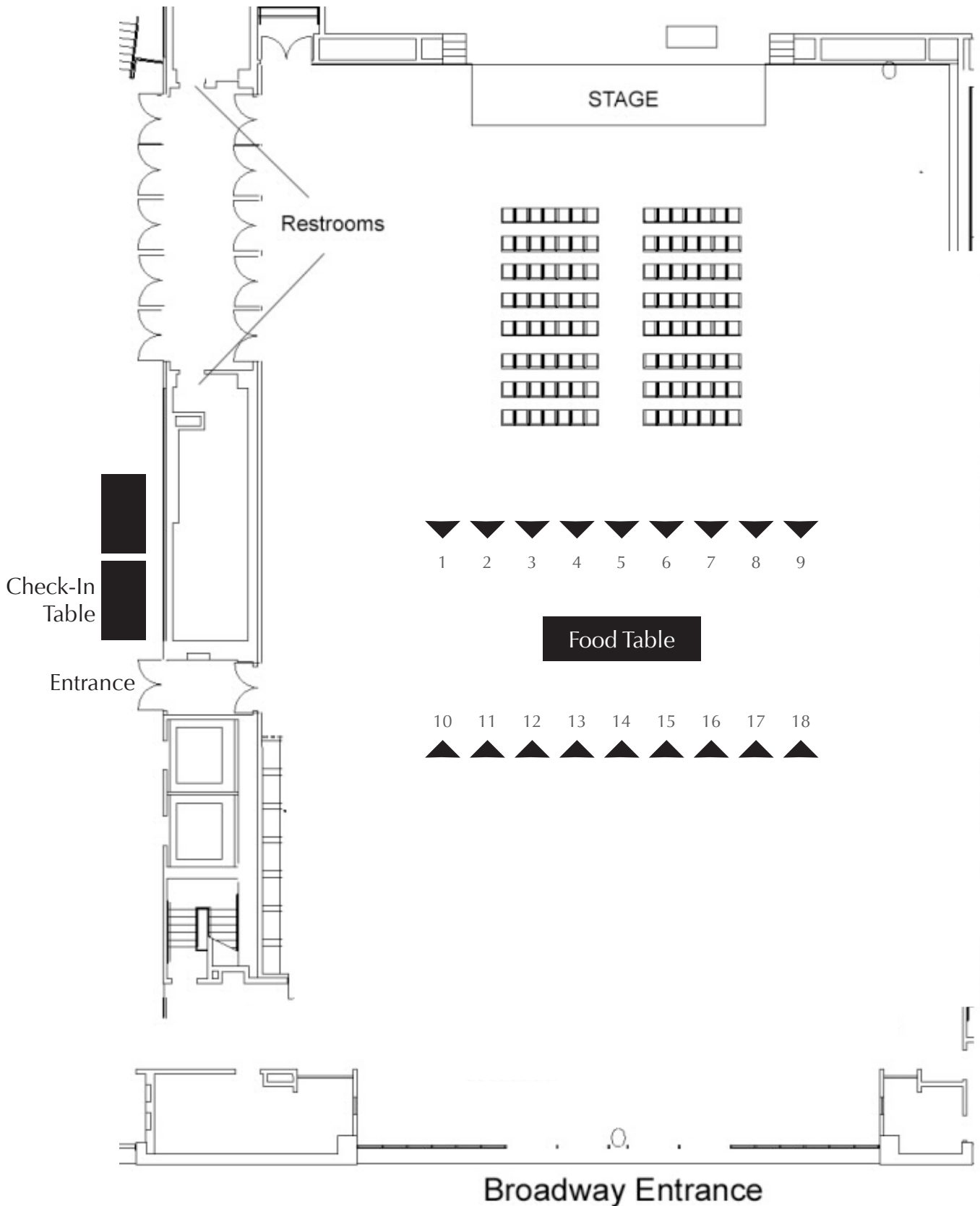
*Humans Mimicking Animals: Implications for Species-Specific Vocalization Processing in Human Cortex*

Neuroscience, Pennsylvania State University

Mei Yi Cheung

*Mathematical Modeling and Characterization of Coiling Perimodiolar Cochlear Electrode Arrays*  
Mechanical Engineering, Columbia University

**4:15 p.m.** Closing Remarks



114th St.

# Poster Session I

## Biochemistry

Automated Detection of GNRA Tetraloop Prevalance Using 3DNA and Python

**Prerana Pradhan\***, Mauricio Esquerra, Wilma K. Olsen  
Rutgers University

## Biology

A Comparison of Methods to Collect Host-Seeking, Blood-Fed and Gravid Mosquitoes in the Suburban Landscape

**Lily C. Hughes\***, Richard C. Falco, Thomas J. Daniels  
Clark University

Analysis of NFkB Protein Subunits in Stimulated Human Macrophages

**Steven Kennedy\***, Sitharam Ramaswami, Ashish P. Juvekar, Subrata Manna, Ivana Vancurova  
St. John's University

From Egg Raft to Emergence: Growth and Survival of Mosquito Larvae in Vernal Pools

**Jessie Lanterman\***, Mike Rubbo, Rich Falco  
Hiram College

The Effect of RNAi Protein Armitage on *oskar* mRNA Transport and Localization in *Drosophila* Oocyte

**Linda Molla\***, Joseph T. Cammarata\*, Irina E. Catrina, Diana P. Bratu  
City University of New York (CUNY) - Hunter

Analysis of Bortezomib-Induced Nuclear Protein Translocation in Cutaneous T-Cell Lymphoma Cells

**Hung Tran\***, Ashish P. Juvekar, Sitharam Ramaswami, Ashish P. Juvekar, Subrata Manna, Ivana Vancurova, Subrata Manna, Ivana Vancurova  
St. John's University

Bone Marrow Degradation: Correlations Between Lipid Oxidation and Caloric Decline Rates

**Lily Xie\***, Robert J. Blumeschine, Karen M. Schaich  
Rutgers University

## Civil Engineering

Structural Glass Shells: The Constructional and Structural Feasibility of a Hyperbolic Umbrella

**Gregor J. Horstmeyer\***, Sigrid Adriaenssens, George Scherer  
Princeton University

## Chemistry

Anticarcinogenic and Prooxidant Properties of Pomegranate Juice Extract and Olive Fruit Extract

**Loriel J. Solodokin\***, Audrey Canter, Ahuva Freilich, Orli Haken, Chana G. Ovits-Levy, A.G. Schuck, H. Babich  
Stern College for Women

## Computer Science & Engineering

A1 Optical Observations of Thermoelectric Effects of Self-Heated Nanocrystalline Silicon Microwires A10

**Niaz Khan\***, Gokhan Bakan, Ali Gokirmak, Helena Silva  
University of Connecticut

A2 Implementation and Analysis of Passive Online Schemes for Rogue Access Point Detection in Ethernet Networks A11

**Oscar A. Perez\***, Bing Wang  
University of Connecticut

## A3 Materials Science

Electrical Properties of Methyl Based Hybrid Melting Gels A12

**Louis Gambino\***, Andrei Jitianu, Lisa C. Klein  
Rutgers University

A4

## Mechanical Engineering

A5 Mathematical Modeling and Characterization of Coiling Perimodiolar Cochlear Electrode Arrays A13

**Mei Yi Cheung\***, Jian Zhang, Nabil Simaan  
Columbia University

A6

Pressure Distribution and Forefoot Geometry in Ballet Pointe Shoes A14

**Antonia Zaferious\***, D.M. Wooton  
Cooper Union

A7

Redistribution of Muscle Mitochondria Associated With Vertebrate Neuromuscular Synaptogenesis A15

**Mohammad Gilani\***, Joav Prives  
State University of New York (SUNY) - Stony Brook

## Psychology & Neuroscience

A8

Elucidating the Toll Like Receptor Signaling Pathways of the Immune Response in Monocytes A16

**Jennifer Deluty\***, Jeremy Seto, Stuart Sealton  
Mt. Sinai School of Medicine

A9

Humans Mimicking Animals: Implications for Species-Specific Vocalization Processing in Human Cortex A17

**William J. Talkington**, Kristina Rapuano\*, Chris Frum, James W. Lewis  
Pennsylvania State University

# Poster Session II

## Biochemistry

Elucidating the Interaction of LPA with Model Membranes

**Evan Minzter, Rivkah Rogawski\***  
Stern College for Women

B1

## Biology

Anti-Predator and Social Monitoring Functions in Blue Monkeys

**Kaitlyn M. Gaynor\*, Marina Cords**  
Columbia University

B2

Evaluating Nest Protectors for Turtle Conservation: Unintended Consequences for the *Malaclemys terrapin hatchli*

**Shahriar Rahman\***  
City University of New York (CUNY) - Brooklyn College

B3

## Biomedical Engineering

Phase-Change Oscillations and Pulse Generation in Silicon Microwaves

**Adam Cywar\*, Gokhan Bakan, Helena Silva, Ali Gokirmak**  
University of Connecticut

B4

## Chemical Engineering

Synthesis of Hydroxyapatite Coatings on Calcite: Developing a Coating to Protect Marble from Damage in Acid Rain

**Jeffrey I. Campbell\*, Sonia Naidu, George W. Scherer**  
Princeton University

B5

Targeting Nanoparticles to Macrophages Infected with Tuberculosis

**Lila Cheung\***  
Princeton University

B6

## Chemistry

Size-Controlled Growth of Selenium Nanoparticles on Self-Assembled Kinetin Nanostructures and Their Application

**Stacey N. Barnaby\*, Ipsita A. Banerjee**  
Fordham University

B7

Abscisic Acid Based Hydrogels as Drug Delivery Vectors

**Evan M. Smoak\*, Stephen H. Frayne, Karl R. Fath, Ipsita A. Banerjee**  
Fordham University

B8

## Medicine & Health Services

Gadolinium-Loaded Micelles as Intravascular Contrast Agent for Micro-Magnetic Resonance Angiography

**Lindsay K. Hill\*, Karen C. Briley-Saebo, Moustafa Doudai, Asad Baig, Susan Pun, Brian J. Nieman, Daniel H. Turnbull**  
New York University (NYU)

B9

SB-T-1214 Dramatically Downregulates Stem Cell-Related Gene Expression Profiles in Metastatic Colon Cancer Cell

**Yan Leyfman\*, Yuan Wang, Iwao Ojima, Galina I. Botchkina**  
State University of New York (SUNY) - Stony Brook

B10

## Physics

Imbibition of Gases Between Silica and Graphene

**Kate E. Noa\*, Milton W. Cole, Angela D. Lueking**  
Pennsylvania State University

B11

Performance of Different Jet Clustering Algorithms in Reconstructing Hadronic Tops

**David Krohn, Cristina Popa\*, Liantao Wang**  
Princeton University

B12

## Psychology & Neuroscience

Experiences and Challenges of Women Combining Academic Careers and Motherhood

**Danielle L. Auriemma\*, Tovah P. Klein**  
Barnard College

B13

Subcortical Localization of Ectopic Cell Cycle Events in Five Alzheimer's Mouse Models

**Luming Li\*, Timmy Cheung\*, Jianmin Chen, Karl Herrup**  
Rutgers University

B14

## Graduate Students

Using Continuum Robots for Contact Detection and Estimation of Contact Location

**Andrea Bajo\*, Nabil Simaan**  
Columbia University, Mechanical Engineering

B15

Validation and Benchmarking of Computational Fluid Dynamic Simulations for Wind Building Response

**Francesca Ceccarini\*, Rene B. Testa**  
Columbia University, Civil Engineering

B16

High Frequency Plateau Responses Recorded in Gerbil Auditory Nerve Tuning Curves

**Stanley Huang\*, Wei Dong, Elizabeth Olson**  
Columbia University, Biomedical Engineering

B17

Design of Steerable Electrode Arrays and Optimal Insertion Path Planning for Robot-Assisted Cochlear Implant Surgery

**Jian Zhang\*, J. Thomas Roland Jr., Spiros Manolidis, Nabil Simaan**  
Columbia University, Mechanical Engineering

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## Keynote Speakers Biographies

### Dr. Henry Hess

11:00 p.m.



Born and educated in Germany, Henry Hess received a M.S. and Ph.D. in Experimental Physics. His undergraduate research focused on the hydrodynamics of penguins, his Masters thesis on nanoscale refrigerators, and his PhD thesis on filming chemical reactions. For the past decade Dr. Hess has studied the engineering applications of molecular motors while holding faculty appointments at the University of Washington, the University of Florida, and since 2009 Columbia University. Among other honors, he was recognized with the Distinguished Mentor Award of the UF/HHMI “Science for Life” undergraduate research program.

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### Dr. Ramon Parsons

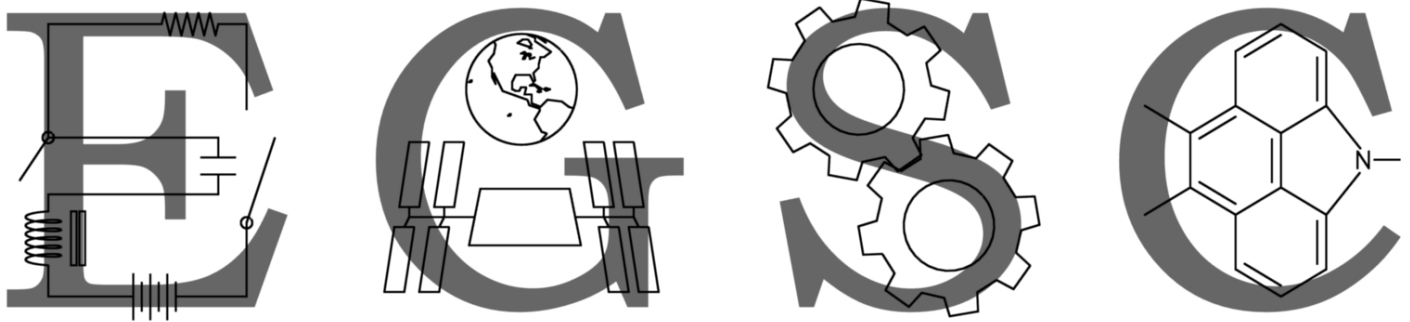
1:30 p.m.



Ramon Parsons graduated from Columbia College in 1983 with a major in History and a concentration in Pre-Medicine. He later graduated from the MD-PhD program at Stony Brook in 1992 and completed a postdoctoral fellowship in Molecular Oncology at Johns Hopkins University in 1995. Dr. Parsons joined the faculty of the Departments of Pathology and Medicine at the College of Physicians & Surgeons of Columbia University in 1995 and was one of the founding members of the Institute for Cancer Genetics in 1999. Dr. Parsons is currently Avon Foundation Professor of Pathology & Cell Biology & Medicine in the Institute for Cancer Genetics and Herbert Irving Cancer Center. He is interested in understanding the signaling pathways that cause cancer.

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### Elsabet Cafe

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### Appletree Market

1225 Amsterdam Avenue,  
Between 120th & 121st St.



# Restaurants in the Area

## On Broadway

*115th to 116th*  
Ollies – Chinese  
Vine – Pan-Asian

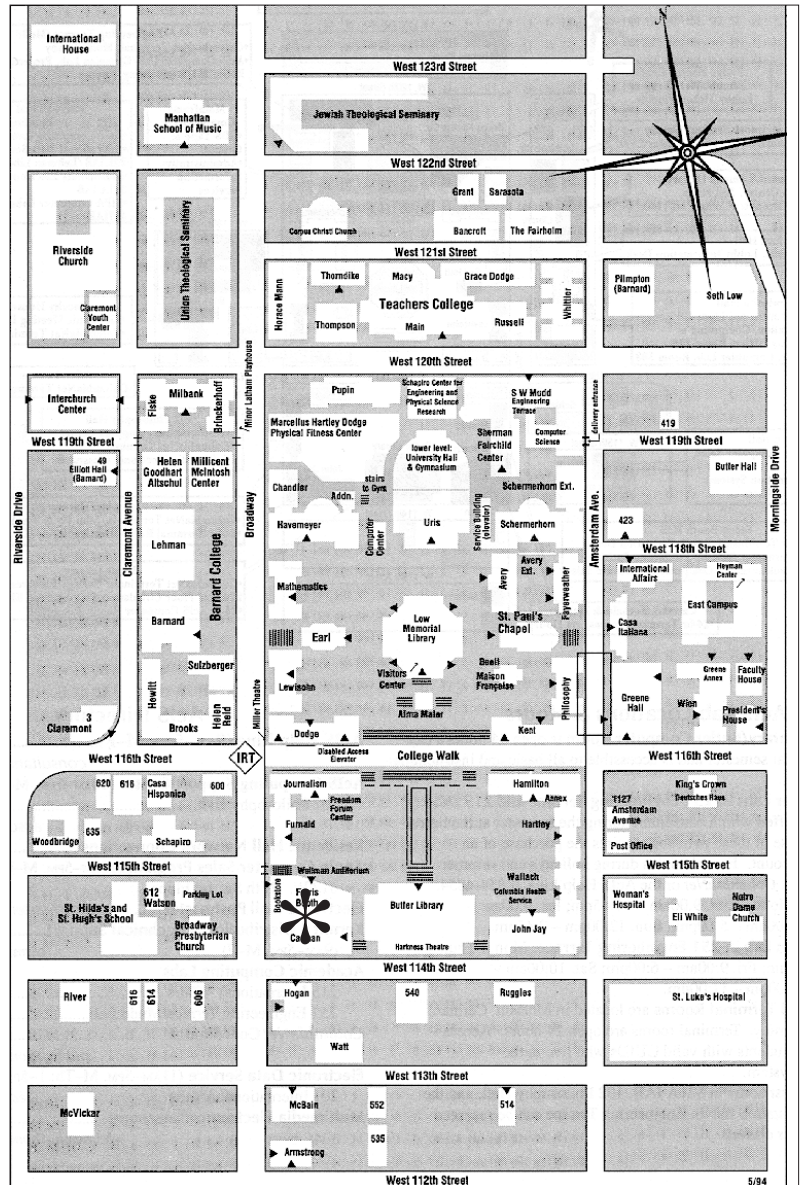
*114th to 115th*  
Sunday Farmer's Market  
Pinnacle – Pizza, Deli  
M2M – Deli, Japanese  
Café Nana – Kosher

*113th to 114th*  
Havana Central – Cuban  
Amir's Falafel – Middle Eastern

*112th to 113th*  
Deluxe – Diner  
Campo – Italian  
Korean Mill – Korean  
Tom's Restaurant – Diner

*111th to 112th*  
Famiglia – Pizza, Italian

*110th to 111th*  
Chipotle – Mexican  
Koronet's – Pizza  
Famiglia – Pizza, Italian



## On Amsterdam

*122nd to 123rd*  
Elsabet Cafe – Ethiopian/American

*121st to 120th*  
Appletree Markey – Grocery  
Ajanta – Indian  
Masawa – Ethiopian

*119th to 120th*  
Subs Conscious – Sandwiches  
Che Bella – Pizza, Italian

*115th to 116th*  
Hamilton Deli – Deli  
Camille's – Italian

*113th to 114th*  
Strokos – Pizza, Deli  
Artopolis – Crepes, Desserts

*110th to 111th*  
Columbia Cottage – Chinese