



Lurie Cancer Center Symposium & Scientific Poster Session

Thursday, June 18, 2026

2:00 p.m - 6:30 p.m.

Robert H Lurie Medical Research Center • 303 E. Superior St., Chicago • Hughes Auditorium

The **18th Annual Lurie Cancer Center Symposium** will feature presentations from graduate students and post-doctoral fellows from our labs. A keynote lecture will be given by Hening Lin, PhD, of the University of Chicago.

The **Scientific Poster Session**, which will take place immediately following the symposium, will feature the work of students and postdoctoral fellows from the laboratories of Lurie Cancer Center members on Northwestern's Evanston and Chicago campuses.

You must register your poster by Friday, June 12.

There is no fee to attend. Refreshments will be served during the poster session.

More information and registration is available at:

cancer.northwestern.edu/symposium

CO-CHAIRS

Lu Wang, PhD

Assistant Professor
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TRAINEE COMMITTEE

Tzu-yi Chia (DGP Graduate Student, Miska Lab)

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2:00 p.m.	Welcome Lu Wang, PhD Assistant Professor, Biochemistry and Molecular Genetics
2:05 p.m.	Subtype-specific Enhancer-hijacking Drives HMGA2 Expression in Uterine Leiomyoma Josiah Wong (PhD Candidate, Yue Lab)
2:30 p.m.	Decoding and Rewiring the Melanoma Tumor Immune Microenvironment Nikita Mehta, PhD (Postdoctoral Scholar, Saleiro Lab)
2:55 p.m.	Cell-Free DNA Fragmentomics as a Novel Biomarker for Diagnosis and Monitoring of Glioblastoma Jocelyn Liang (PhD Candidate, Liu Lab)
3:20 p.m.	Break
3:30 p.m.	KEYNOTE ADDRESS Protein Acylation in Cancer and Inflammation Hening Lin, PhD Professor, University of Chicago
4:20 p.m.	Physical Cartography of the Cell: Immune-cancer Perturbation Maps through Statistical Physics and Machine Learning Ben Kuznets-Speck, PhD (Postdoctoral Researcher, Goyal Lab)
4:45 p.m.	Defining Tumor-Intrinsic Druggable Suppressors of B Cell-Mediated Immunity in Glioblastoma Using In Vivo CRISPR Screening Si Wang, PhD (Postdoctoral Researcher, Lee-Chang Lab)
5:10 p.m.	Closing Remarks Jason Miska, PhD Assistant Professor, Neurological Surgery
5:15 p.m.	Awards Presentation
5:30 p.m.	Reception & Scientific Poster Session
6:30 p.m.	Adjourn