

ECR FORUM

ANGMA Conference 2022

Nov 3 | 3:30PM | Prince
Alfred Hotel, Carlton



Program of Events

3:30PM: Doors Open

3:30PM-3:45PM: Mingle/ Network with refreshments

3:45PM-3:50PM: Opening

3:50PM-4:40PM: Speed mentoring with mentors.

4:40PM: Formal proceedings close

We invite you all to move to the public lecture at the conclusion of this event.






Mentor Profiles

Susan Northfield



 @SuzeNorth

Susan finished her PhD in Medicinal & Peptide Chemistry from Monash University in 2012, then moved to The University of Queensland for her first postdoctoral job.

In 2014 she started her next postdoc role at The University of Melbourne, becoming a lab-head in 2017. In late 2019 she started to move away from an academic career, working part-time as a Manager for an ARC Training Centre.

And in 2022, Susan started her current full-time role as Research Manager for the School of Biomedical Sciences at The University of Melbourne. She is also an active member of the Royal Australian Chemical Institute.


Jess Biesiekierski

Jess is a Registered Nutritionist and Senior Lecturer with Monash University. Her research explores the effects of diet in disorders of gut-brain interaction.

Jess has experience in conducting randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled, human dietary trials, and using different techniques to understand underlying mechanisms and effects of nutrients on gut-brain signalling, digestive physiology and induction of gut symptoms.

Jess completed her PhD with the Gastroenterology Department at Monash University, then completed a 4.5 year post-doctorate with KU Leuven in Belgium, and now supervises a number of research students and trials, including large industry funded projects.




 @jrbiesiekierski



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 @sim_scientist

Simona Carbone

Simona Carbone is an Australian Research Council DECRA Fellow at the Monash Institute of Pharmaceutical Sciences. She is a co-director of the Integrated Neurogenic Mechanisms Laboratory. She is an active research scientist. Her research identifies new ways to modulate the actions of the ENS. This target identification and validation aims to assist drug discovery programs for various gastrointestinal motility disorders. Simona collaborates with academics, clinicians and industry professionals. She values learning and EQ development for great scientific leadership. She created The Lead Candidate podcast to share her conversations with CEOs, executive/non-executive directors, clinicians and basic scientists.

Misel Tranjanovska

Dr Misel Tranjanovska is a post-doctoral researcher at the Murdoch Children's Research Institute. Her work involves the coordination of projects within the Colorectal and Pelvic Reconstruction Service at The Royal Children's Hospital. She also holds an honorary appointment with the Department of Paediatrics at the University of Melbourne and is actively involved in supervision of graduate research students.

Her primary research focus includes the health and wellbeing of very young children, supporting families of children with chronic illness, quality improvement, and bridging the gap between research and practice.





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 @pr4deep

Pradeep Rajasekhar

Pradeep completed his PhD in Drug Discovery Biology at Monash University, where he gained solid foundations in wetlab research, neurogastroenterology and microscopy. He enjoyed the microscopy and image analysis aspect of his project, and developed an open-source software, Gut Analysis Toolbox during his postdoc. Currently, Pradeep works as a Bioimage Analyst at the microscopy facility in WEHI, where he gets to be a part of multiple research projects, develop analysis pipelines & advise researchers on getting the most out of their data. He also gets to work with cool microscopes & develop custom research software to process complex biological data.

Charlotte Clark

Charlotte is a senior lecturer in the Department of Anatomy and Physiology. Initially she followed a traditional path from Bachelor of Science to Honours to Masters and completed a PhD at The Queensland Brain Institute, The University of Queensland.


While she enjoyed aspects of lab-based research, her real passion was for science education. So she shifted her focus to teaching specialisation and has held teaching positions at The University of Oxford, Imperial College London and now The University of Melbourne. To strengthen her skills as an educator she completed a Postgraduate Diploma of University Learning and Teaching.





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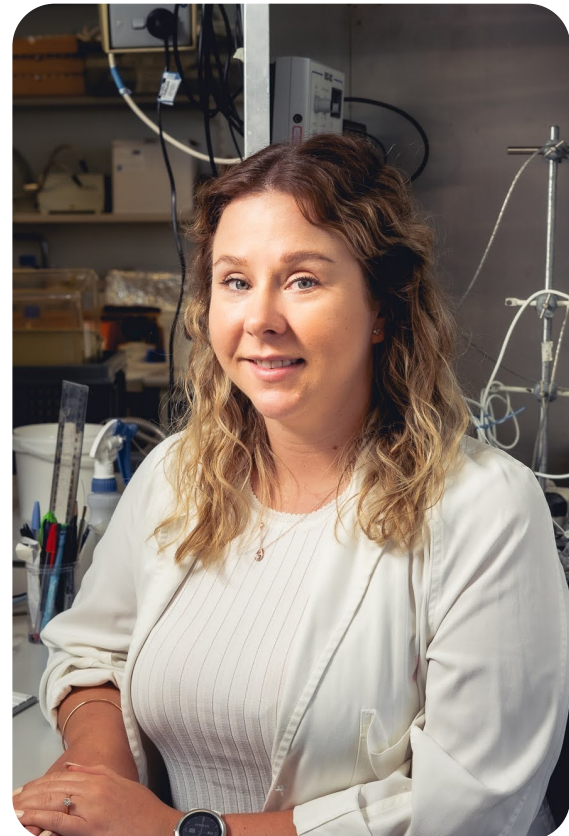
 @alyce_martin

Alyce Martin

Dr Alyce Martin completed her PhD in 2018 in the College of Medicine and Public Health and Flinders Health at Flinders University, and is now an ARC DECRA Fellow and head of the A Martin Gut Lab at Flinders. Her research portfolio is centred around characterising the functional biology of hormone producing enteroendocrine cells in the gut, with a particular interest in serotonin producing cells. She is using her specialist skills in gut endocrinology to examine how serotonin cells sense the unique environment of the gut, including dietary nutrients and bacteria, and how this impacts fundamental physiological processes such as gut function, metabolism, fat storage and gut-brain signalling.

Lauren Keightley

After 8 years of working as a Research Assistant in a gut lab, Lauren made the switch to industry. She had spent years at a lab bench conducting experiments and helping write papers, now she am traveling across the country, getting paid to meet interesting people and gets to see first hand what amazing research is happening across Australia.





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Rachel McQuade

Dr McQuade is an ECR at the University of Melbourne. She obtained her PhD in 2017 and has since been awarded an NHMRC Ideas Grant (2019), NHMRC Emerging Leader Fellowship (2020) and several philanthropic grants which have allowed her to establish an independent research program in the Department of Anatomy & Physiology, University of Melbourne. Alongside Dr Shanti Diwakarla, she now co-leads the Gut-Axis Injury and Repair Laboratory, a research group interested in harnessing the intestinal barrier to alleviate gut dysfunction and systemic pathology in a wide range of diseases including PD, multiple systems atrophy, cystic fibrosis and obesity.

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