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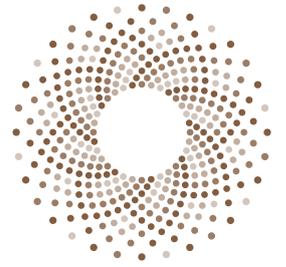
Global dialogue on psychosocial research in dementia: Agenda and participants

**The dementia landscape
project**

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Logistics and agenda



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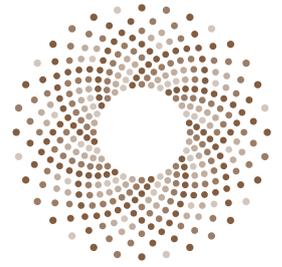
Virtual meeting

06:00 PDT San Francisco
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Section	Speaker(s)
Welcome	Lenny Shallcross
Opening remarks	Professor Anthea Innes
Opening presentations	Chaired by Professor Huali Wang Professor Mary Mittelman Professor Perla Werner Professor Bob Woods Hilary Doxford
Group conversation	Introduced and moderated by Professor Anthea Innes
Closing perspectives	Professor Huali Wang
Closing thanks	Lenny Shallcross

Co-chairs



Professor Anthea Innes

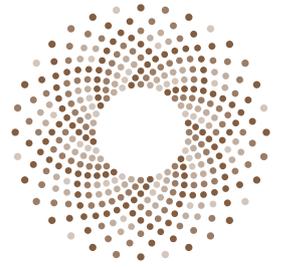
Anthea Innes is a social scientist who has specialised in dementia for around 25 years. She became the University of Salford's first Professor of Dementia in June 2016 and also took on the role of the Coles-Medlock Director of the Salford Institute for Dementia. The Institute brings together innovative research across the University to find ways of helping people live well with the condition. She worked at the University of Bradford as a Research Project Officer with the Bradford Dementia Group, where she also completed her PhD. She then worked as a Research Fellow and then a Senior Lecturer at the University of Stirling where she introduced the first worldwide postgraduate online programme in Dementia Studies. In 2011, she became a Professor at Bournemouth University where she launched and directed the Bournemouth University Dementia Institute (BUDI). Anthea is a renowned leader in rural dementia care research and has led numerous public engagement and dementia awareness projects.



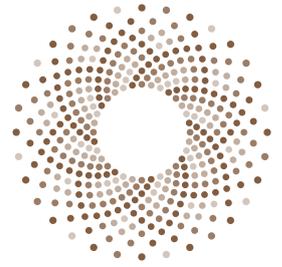
Professor Huali Wang

Dr Huali Wang is Professor and the Chair for Clinical Research, Director of the Dementia Care and Research Center, and Associate Director of Beijing Dementia Key Lab, Peking University Institute of Mental Health. She established the first dementia caregiver support group in China in 2000. Now she directs a training program for community doctors and service providers, and a train-the-trainer program for dementia caregivers support in China. She published five books on dementia care, including *Smart Caregivers*, *China Memory Clinic Guideline and Practice Manual on Psychological Support for Older Adults*. The care model has been partly adopted by WHO West Pacific Regional Office to develop the toolkit for community-based dementia care in low- and middle-income countries. Dr Wang is leading the National Platform on Clinical Dataset and Biobank of Major Mental Disorders. In regard to biomarker research of Alzheimer's Disease, she found that ApoE4 allele potentially modulates the hippocampal connectivity and the brain functional connectome.

Huali also serves leading position in national and international mental health research and service advocacy, including Secretary of International Psychogeriatric Association, Vice President of Chinese Society of Geriatric Psychiatry (founding member), Executive Vice President of Alzheimer's Disease Chinese (member of ADI), and WHO Global Dementia Observatory Focal Point for China. Dr Wang obtained Bachelor of Medicine from Beijing Medical University in 1994, and MD/PhD from Peking University in 2001. She has also attended Harvard Medical School (2002, 2012), the University of California, Irvine (2002-2005), and Duke University (2013).



Speakers



Professor Mary Mittelman

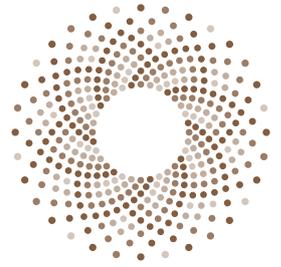
Mary S. Mittelman is research professor of Psychiatry and Rehabilitative Medicine at NYU School of Medicine and the director of the NYU Family Support Program, which was launched in 2016 with funding from New York State to provide comprehensive services to family caregivers of people with dementia. Trained in psychiatric epidemiology, she has been developing and evaluating psychosocial interventions for people with cognitive impairment and their family members for more than three decades. Dr. Mittelman was Principal Investigator of a randomized controlled trial of the NYU Caregiver Intervention (NYUCI), funded for 20 years by the National Institutes of Health. The study demonstrated that the NYUCI, a program that includes individual and family counseling, can improve the well-being of family caregivers and thereby help them to postpone nursing home placement of their relatives with dementia, with a major impact on social and medical care costs. Since then, Dr. Mittelman has participated in numerous replications of the original randomized controlled trial, and in community translations of the NYUCI.



Professor Perla Werner

Professor Perla Werner is a Full Professor at the University of Haifa in Israel. She has contributed to the expansion of knowledge in the area of psychosocial aspects of dementia and has pioneered the study of stigma in the area of Alzheimer's disease, its conceptualization, assessment and correlates. Prof. Werner has published over 300 papers and has received numerous grants from prestigious competitive sources such as the National Institute of Aging, the German-Israeli Foundation, the Israeli Science Foundation, and Alzheimer's Association. Prof. Werner is a Fellow of the Gerontological Society of America, serves as an Associate Editor in *Stigma and Health* and in the board of editors of other leading journals such as the *International Journal of Psychiatric Gerontology*, *Journal of Alzheimer's Disease*, and *Clinical Interventions in Aging*. She served as the Dean of the Faculty of Social Welfare and Health Sciences and as the Vice Rector of the University of Haifa.





Professor Bob Woods

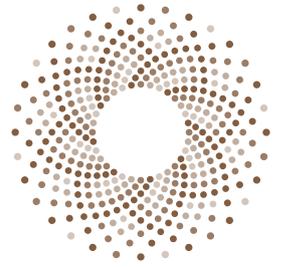
Bob Woods is Emeritus Professor of Clinical Psychology of Older People, Dementia Services Development Centre Wales, Bangor University, UK. He has been a practitioner and researcher in the dementia care field in the UK for over 40 years. He trained and worked initially as a clinical psychologist in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, subsequently combining extensive clinical work with older people with academic appointments at the Institute of Psychiatry, London and University College London. From 1996 to his retirement in 2017, he was Professor of Clinical Psychology of Older People at Bangor University, Wales where he was Director of the Dementia Services Development Centre Wales. His research has involved the systematic development of evidence-based psychosocial interventions for people with dementia and their care-givers, including cognitive stimulation, reminiscence and life review and cognitive rehabilitation. His publications include practical manuals for family carers and care-workers as well as text-books and over 240 peer reviewed journal papers.



Hilary Doxford

Hilary Doxford is a former Vice Chair European Working Group of People with Dementia, Ambassador Alzheimer's Society speaking nationally and internationally as a person with dementia. She was diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's disease at the age of 53. Hilary Doxford also volunteers for the Alzheimer's Society in England as part of their research network and user involvement programme; is a champion for "Join Dementia Research;" and is a member of Dementia Alliance International. She is a founder member of the UK Three Nations Dementia Working Group, established in 2017 to advocate for people with dementia and to collaborate with professionals working in the field.



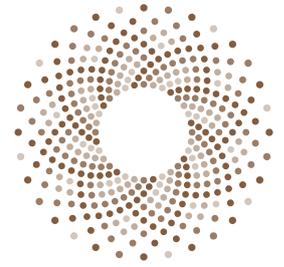


Lenny Shallcross

Lenny Shallcross is executive director at the World Dementia Council. Prior to that he was Head of Community Engagement leading programmes across the UK to establish Dementia Friendly Communities. This includes the Dementia Friends programme which is the biggest health social movement campaign delivered by 10,000 volunteers that have recruited 2 million individuals through a community, digital and corporate offer. Before working for Alzheimer's Society he worked in the UK government as a political adviser at the Department for Culture, Media and Sport and the Department of Health, as well as working in Parliament and for the Labour Party.



Discussion participants



Antonio Ancidoni

Ph.D. student at the Sapienza University of Rome

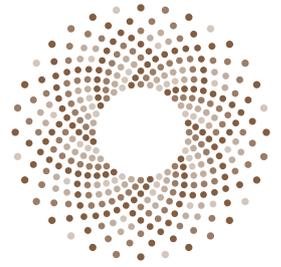
I am Antonio Ancidoni, a Ph.D. student at the Sapienza University of Rome, currently working at the Italian Institute of Health in the Centre for Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. I joined the Centre in 2020 as a Ph.D. student, in the Italian dementia observatory led by Doctor Nicola Vanacore. Currently my research interests focus on the epidemiology of neurodegenerative disorders, in particular dementia and Alzheimer's disease. I am currently involved in the INTERCEPTOR project, funded by the Italian Agency of Medicines (AIFA) and the Italian Ministry of Health, aiming at the identification of predictive biomarkers of conversion from Mild cognitive impairment to Alzheimer's disease. I was born in Rome, Italy, where I attended my master studies. I graduated in Chemical and Pharmaceuticals technology at Sapienza University of Rome.



Professor Arlene Astell

Professor in Neurodegenerative Disease in the department of Psychology at the University of Reading

Arlene Astell is Director of the Dementia Aging and Technology Engagement lab at University Health Network, Toronto and Professor of Neurocognitive Disorders at the University of Reading, UK. With over twenty years' experience co-designing and evaluating interventions to support people to live as well as possible with dementia, Arlene is currently engaged in multiple national and international projects examining and implementing technologies. She has authored more than 240 peer-reviewed publications plus contributions to professional and practice journals. As Chair of the Alzheimer's Association Technology Professional Interest Area, she guest edited the Special Issue of Dementia and Geriatric Cognitive Disorders entitled "Technology and Dementia: The Future is Now", and her most recent book: "Using Technology in Dementia Care: A Guide to Technology Solutions for Everyday Living" is published by Jessica Kingsley Publishers.



Paola Barbarino

CEO, Alzheimer's
Disease International.

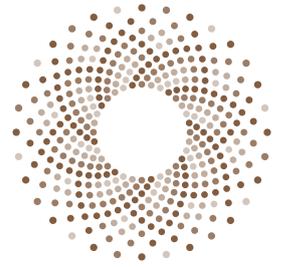
Paola is the CEO of Alzheimer's Disease International. She is a Board Member of the World Dementia Council, a Trustee of The Postal Museum and of Lauderdale House. Prior to ADI, she was CEO of LIFE and occupied senior positions with Cass Business School, Tate, British Library and IIED. Previously she was a Non-Executive Director of the Non-Communicable Disease Alliance (NCDA), a Trustee of Shelter, the UK housing/homelessness charity, and of MLA London. She holds a degree cum laude in Classics from Federico II Napoli University, an MA in Field and Analytical Techniques in Archaeology and an MA in Library and Information Science both from University College London.



Professor Sandra Black

Professor of Medicine
(Neurology) at
Sunnybrook HSC,
UToronto

Sandra E Black, O.C., O.Ont., Hon.DSc.,MD, FRCP(C), FRSC, FANA, FAHA, FAAN is a Professor of Medicine (Neurology) at Sunnybrook HSC, UToronto. An internationally known cognitive neurologist, she has actively engaged in stroke and dementia trials for 30 years. Inaugural Director, Toronto Dementia Research Alliance (2012-20) , she has directed Sunnybrook's Hurvitz Brain Sciences Research Program (2006-) and became Scientific Director, Dr. Sandra Black Centre for Brain Resilience and Recovery (2020-), funded for \$10M by anonymous donation. Her research career bridges dementia and stroke, using standardized neuroimaging, genetic, clinical and cognitive measures to elucidate brain-behavior relationships, with recent focus on Alzheimer/Small Vessel Disease interactions. Publications: 709 papers (70 invited) (Google HI 120; >67,000 citations). Recognitions include: Dean's UofT Lifetime Achievement Award, U of Waterloo Honorary Doctorate, Lifetime Achievement Award, AAN's Society of Cognitive and Behavioural Neurology, Appointment as Member, Order of Ontario (2012) and Officer, Order of Canada (201) citing contributions to Alzheimer's disease, stroke and vascular dementia.



Professor Dawn Brooker

Director of the Association for Dementia Studies at Worcester University

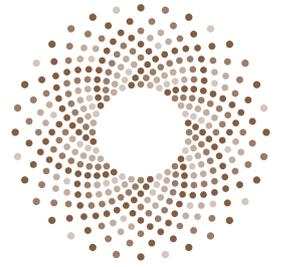
Professor Dawn Brooker is the Director of the Association for Dementia Studies at Worcester University, where she leads a team dedicated to dementia care research. Originally qualified as a clinical psychologist, she enjoys working at the interface between the experience of those living with dementia, care practice and research to ensure authentic knowledge exchange. Dawn has demonstrated both academic and clinical achievement and leadership in the field of dementia studies and is internationally recognised for scholarship in practice development of person-centred care. In 2021 New Year's Honours she was made MBE for services to those affected by dementia.



Professor Rabih Chattat

Professor of Clinical Psychology, University of Bologne

After high School Licence in Lebanon , he obtained his degree in medicine and Surgery at the University of Bologna in 1989 and than postgraduate in Clinical psychology at the same University in 1992. Between 1992 and 1996 he complete his PhD in Clinical Psychology. In 2001 he become a senior researcher in research methodology for psychological science and from 2005 Associate professor of Clinical Psychology. The main interest is in the area of Gerontological Psychology and particulary in Clinical Psychology of old age. In this area he is collaborating on a regional, national and European level, with other experts, in projects regarding the cognitive impairment (mainly dementia) with specific attention toward psychosocial interventions with persons with dementia, with their families and carer and with care organizations. On this level he is involved not only in the development of clinical trial and field trial aimed to assess the efficacy and efficiency of psychosocial interventions in dementia but also to allows its diffusion and application in the daily practice of the care of persons of dementia. Another main interest is regarding interventions with caregivers of person with dementia using a gerarchic model from informations to support getting needs of persons interested. Since 2008, member of the Board of the InterDem network (a European panel of experts) and member of many national and international societies regarding aging and psychology.



**Professor
Sheung-Tak
Cheng**

Professor, The
Education University
of Hong Kong

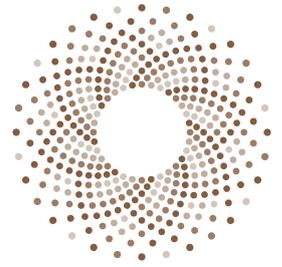
Sheung-Tak Cheng is an internationally recognized authority in the field of gerontology in general and dementia care in particular. He has published over 160 articles and several high-level policy reports. He is an Emeritus Member and Issue Matter Specialist of the Global Council on Brain Health, and formerly an expert consultant to the United Nations Programme on Ageing. He is elected Fellow of the American Psychological Association (APA), the Association for Psychological Science, and the Gerontological Society of America. He was awarded the Outstanding International Psychologist Award and the Henry David Mentoring Award by APA's Division 52 in 2007 and 2015 respectively, and was honored in 2008 with the Certificate of Appreciation for Contributions as a Humanitarian Worker jointly presented by APA's Division 48 and Psychologists for Social Responsibility.



Dr Lucia Crivelli

Head of
Neuropsychology at
FLENI, Buenos Aires,
Argentina

Dr. Crivelli graduated with honors from the University of Buenos Aires and completed her Ph.D. in Neuropsychology, focusing her dissertation on Neuropsychological predictors of driving abilities of subjects with early dementia. She currently serves as Head of Neuropsychology at Fleni, Buenos Aires, Argentina. Her research interests include early detection and neuropsychological biomarkers of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, and prevention of cognitive decline and dementia. By applying her efforts to the prevention of dementia across Latin America, her work has focused on LatAm fingers, the first multi-domain lifestyle intervention across Latin America where she is a member of the Executive Committee and a Principal Investigator of the Argentine branch. Her work has been crucial for designing the project and the congregation of the more prestigious centers and leaders from Latin America.



Professor Vanina Dal Bello Haas

Professor, School of Rehabilitation Science, McMaster University

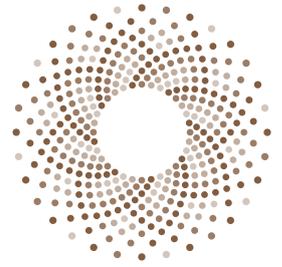
Vanina Dal Bello-Haas, PT, PhD, Professor, School of Rehabilitation Science, McMaster University (Hamilton, Ontario, Canada) is a physiotherapist, educator and researcher. Vanina has over 30 years of clinical experience working with older adults with cognitive and neurological impairments, and people living with neurodegenerative diseases, such as dementia and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. Vanina is a member of several research teams exploring primary health care practices for people with dementia living in rural and remote settings and quality of living and dying for people with advanced dementia and their caregivers. Rehabilitation (latin root "rehabilitare" - to provide again with means), and "active living" (healthy, optimal, productive living) frame Vanina's research activities, which focus on maximizing function, health and wellness, and quality of life irrespective of disease state and across the care continuum.



Professor Rose-Marie Dröes

Professor of psychosocial care for people with dementia at the department of Psychiatry of Amsterdam University Medical Centers

Rose-Marie Dröes (PhD) is professor of psychosocial care for people with dementia at the department of Psychiatry of Amsterdam University Medical Centers, location VUMC in Amsterdam, and partner of the Alzheimer Center VUmc. Her research focuses on the development, evaluation and implementation of psychosocial interventions that aim to help people with dementia and carers adjust to living with dementia and improve their quality of life. She was chair and board member of the Amsterdam Center on Aging of VUmc/VU (2005-2018), leader of the INTERDEM taskforce Social health in Dementia (2014-2019), board member of the Quality Advisory committee of the Dutch Care Institute (ZIN)(2012-2016) and president of the MEETINGDEM Network. She published more than 300 papers and books and was project leader of many (inter)national and European research projects. In 2018 she was named Officer in the order of Orange Nassau because of the great national and international societal impact of her scientific work.



Dr Sam Fazio

Senior Director of Quality Care and Psychosocial Research at the Alzheimer's Association

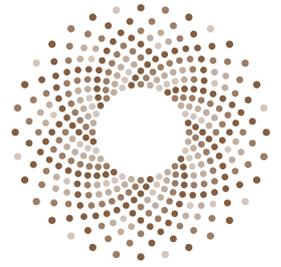
Sam Fazio, Ph.D., is Senior Director of Quality Care and Psychosocial Research at the Alzheimer's Association. Dr. Fazio has worked for the national headquarters of the Alzheimer's Association since 1994 in a variety of areas, including Education and Training, Program Services and Medical and Scientific Relations. He currently works in the Program Services area where he oversees quality care standards and social/behavioral research initiatives. Dr. Fazio received his doctorate in developmental psychology from Loyola University Chicago. Prior to working for the Alzheimer's Association, Dr. Fazio worked for Rush Presbyterian St. Luke's Medical Center at the Alzheimer's Family Care Center, an adult day center specifically designed for people with dementia. He has worked in the field of aging since 1987 and has a broad range of experience, including research, leadership and management, working with older adults and families, and direct care. Dr. Fazio has presented both nationally and internationally as well as published many journal articles and book chapters. Dr. Fazio is the author of *The Enduring Self in People with Alzheimer's: Getting to the Heart of Individualized Care* and the co-author of the book *Rethinking Alzheimer's Care*.



Professor Manuel Franco-Martin

Head of the Psychiatric Department of the University Rio Hortega Hospital

Manuel Franco-Martin currently is the Head of the Psychiatric Department of the University Rio Hortega Hospital (Valladolid-Spain) and Head of Psychiatric Department of the Complejo Asistencial De Zamora. Associate Professor of the Salamanca University. Director of the Psychosciences research group of the Biomedicine Research Instituto of Salamanca. Manuel does research in Cognitive Psychology, Community Psychology and Health Psychology. Their current project is 'INDUCT: Interdisciplinary network for dementia using current technology.



Professor Laura Gitlin

Distinguished professor and dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions at Drexel University

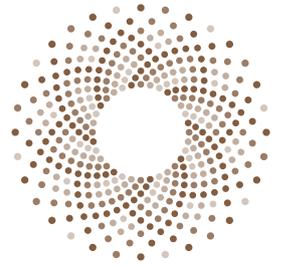
Laura N. Gitlin, PhD, an applied research sociologist, is distinguished professor and dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions at Drexel University. She is also the inaugural executive director of its AgeWell Collaboratory which oversees Drexel's AgeFriendly University international designation and partners with over 80 community-based organizations serving race and ethnically diverse communities and older adults. Gitlin is nationally and internationally recognized as an intervention scientist and developing, evaluating and implementing novel home and community-based interventions that improve quality of life for older adults and family caregivers. She applies a social ecological and health equity lens and person/family-directed and centered-approach to understand, intervene and support individuals within their environmental contexts. Her interventions have resulted in improved physical, psychosocial outcomes and health care savings. She is a well-funded researcher with continuous research and training grant funding from federal agencies and private foundations for over 35 years. She has received numerous awards for her interventions.



Dr Dianne Gove

Director of Projects, Alzheimer Europe

Dr Dianne Gove has been working for Alzheimer Europe since 1996, with a short break between 2001 and 2004. After completing an Honours Degree in Psychology, she obtained MAs in Education and Psychoanalysis and then trained as an analytical Gestalt therapist. In 2013, she was awarded a PhD from the University of Bradford for her research exploring GPs' perceptions of dementia and how these relate to stigma and timely diagnosis. Each year, Dianne chairs AE's ethics working group, which this year is focusing on ethical issues related to sex, gender and sexuality.



Professor Nancy Hodgson

Claire M. Fagin
Leadership
Professor and Chair
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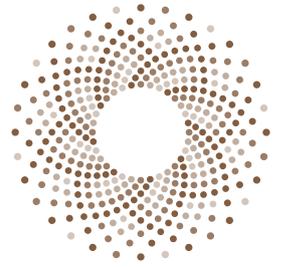
Dr. Nancy Hodgson, is the Claire M. Fagin Leadership Professor and Chair of Biobehavioral health Science at the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing. An internationally recognized nurse scientist, she is a leading gerontologist with a strong program of research focused on incorporating evidence-based findings into geriatric nursing practice to conquer challenges in dementia care such as promoting dignity, minimizing symptoms, honoring peoples' preferences for care at the end of life and advancing palliative dementia care. Her research has been published in high-impact, peer-reviewed journals, and she is co-author of *Better Living with Dementia: Implications for Individuals, Families, Communities and Societies* (Elsevier), based on a MOOC with over 80,000 participants worldwide. She is a fellow of the American Academy of Nursing and the Gerontological Society of America.



Professor Juanita Hoe

Professor of Dementia
Care at University of
West London

Juanita Hoe is Professor of Dementia Care at University of West London. She is a mental health nurse by background and clinically her nursing career focused on older person's mental health care, and she has worked within inpatient, day hospital, community and acute hospital settings. Juanita has also worked as an Admiral Nurse (dementia nurse specialist) supporting people with dementia and their families. Her research experience builds upon her clinical expertise and focuses on building an evidence-base to improve health services and disseminating this knowledge into practice to deliver high quality patient care. This includes co-designing psychosocial interventions with service users and family carers for crisis management, needs assessment, peer support, reducing agitation, facilitating early diagnosis in dementia and strategies to support family carers. Juanita is also the lead for postgraduate education at the Geller Institute of Ageing and Memory and is involved in the teaching and supervision of postgraduate and doctoral students.



Professor Brian Lawlor

Professor of old age psychiatry at Trinity College Dublin, and deputy executive director of the Global Brain Health Institute

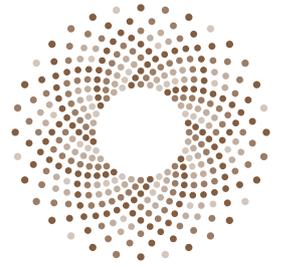
Brian Lawlor is a professor of old age psychiatry at Trinity College Dublin, and deputy executive director of the Global Brain Health Institute. He is a geriatric psychiatrist with an interest in dementia, late-life depression, loneliness and brain health. Brian has worked for over 30 years on developing services and delivering care to people with dementia. His research interests range from early detection and prevention to evaluating new treatments for dementia. Brian also works with different stakeholders, agencies and research groups to understand the determinants of caregiver burden, particularly the impact of loneliness and behavioural and psychological symptoms, with the aim of developing strategies and policies to improve the wellbeing and quality of life of informal caregivers of people with dementia.



Professor Allison Lindauer

Assistant professor at OHSU's Layton Aging and Alzheimer's Disease Research Center

Dr. Lindauer is a nationally-certified gerontological nurse practitioner and scientist. As an assistant professor at OHSU's Layton Aging and Alzheimer's Disease Research Center, she cares for persons with dementia and their caregivers. With over 20 years' experience in aging care, Dr. Lindauer conducts research on dementia caregiving and telehealth. As the leader of Outreach, Recruitment and Enrollment at the Layton Center, Dr. Lindauer oversees community-based activities and study recruitment. She is a preceptor and mentor for students in health-related studies.



Dr Flavia Lombardo

Researcher,
epidemiologist,
biostatistician,
working at the Italian
National Institute of
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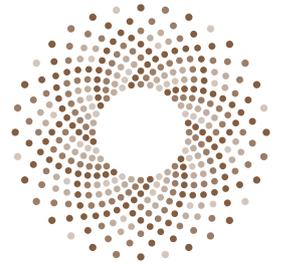
Flavia Lombardo, researcher, epidemiologist, biostatistician, working at the Italian National Institute of Health, EMA expert in biostatistics. In the last years, my activity was focused mainly on neurodegenerative diseases: clinical trials, epidemiology of dementia, validation of algorithms to identify dementia in the general population.



Professor Lee-Fay Low

Professor in Ageing
and Health, NHMRC
Boosting Dementia
Research Leadership
Development Fellow,
University of Sydney

Lee-Fay Low (BSc Psych (Hons), PhD) is Professor in Ageing and Health, NHMRC Boosting Dementia Research Leadership Development Fellow, University of Sydney. She is a registered psychologist with a PhD in psychiatric epidemiology. Prof Low conducts research that she hopes will make a difference in the world. Her main areas of expertise are in rehabilitation and post-diagnostic support for people with dementia, home and residential care for older people, the impact of COVID-19 on people with dementia, stigma and dementia literacy, and people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds. She is particularly interested in developing and evaluating interventions to improve the quality of life of older people. She has methodological skills in population studies, systematic reviews, clustered randomised trials, instrument development and evaluation, and translation of research into practice."



Professor Esme Moniz-Cook

Professor in Psychology Ageing & Dementia, University of Hull

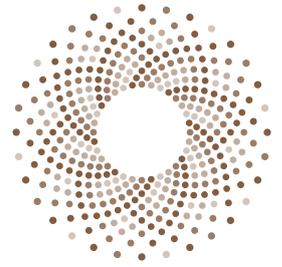
Working with older people with dementia and families since 1987, Professor Esme Moniz-Cook has pioneered psychosocial approaches across the dementia trajectory. She is passionate about improving the quality of dementia care through research that translates into practice. Esme's European-funded award, 'Early Detection and Psychosocial Rehabilitation to Maintain Quality of Life in Dementia' (1997), founded INTERDEM, an international applied-research network, which publishes widely on psychosocial approaches to dementia. She led 'Challenge Demcare: Management of Challenging Behaviour in Dementia (2007-2017)' and has co-investigated twelve other dementia studies, totaling just under £ 17 million, since 2006."



Dr Yoshiki Niimi

Specially appointed lecturer, University of Tokyo

Special appointed lecturer, Unit for early and exploratory clinical development, University of Tokyo. Dr Niimi participates in the Japanese TRC-PAD (J-TRC) and the DIAN-Japan as a site PI at Tokyo university. He had worked at the Ministry of Health, Labour, and Welfare Japan as a senior specialist for dementia from 2012 till 2015. During that period, the G8 Dementia Summit and serial legacy events were held. He played a pivotal role in promoting the Global Dementia Legacy Event Japan and formulating the Japanese national dementia plan or 'New orange plan'. By utilizing this experience, he serves as the Vice-chair of the Social problem committee of the Japan Society for dementia research.



**Professor
Deborah
O'Connor**

Professor and co-director of the Centre for Research on Personhood and Dementia (CRPD)

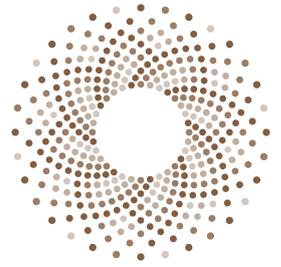
Deborah O'Connor has over 30 years of direct professional Social Work practice working in the field of aging and health care. This includes maintaining a small, ongoing practice providing consultation on complex cases, especially when there are issues related to decision-making capacity and/or abuse, neglect or self-neglect. Deborah is the founding director, and current co-director of the Centre for Research on Personhood and Dementia (CRPD) – an interdisciplinary research centre focused on understanding and supporting people with dementia and their family care partners using a lens that recognizes that the dementia experience is both a biomedical AND a social condition. She is a founding member of the Citizenship and Dementia: International Research Network. She has been a social worker for over 35 years. Her professional and research practice has predominantly focused on issues related to social work practice in the field of aging and she is particularly well-recognized for her work related to dementia, personhood and citizenship. She brings a lens to her work that strives to examine and make explicit the interface between the personal experience and socio-political context.



**Professor Eamon
O'Shea**

Professor of Economics in the School of Business and Economics at the National University of Ireland (NUI) Galway

Eamon O'Shea is a Professor of Economics in the School of Business and Economics at the National University of Ireland (NUI) Galway. He was founder Director of the Irish Centre for Social Gerontology (ICSG) and is currently Director of the Centre for Economic & Social Research on Dementia (CESRD) at NUI Galway. His research interests and publications are focused on the economics of ageing, rural gerontology and dementia. His work has been influential in setting the agenda for reform of services and supports for older people in Ireland. Professor O'Shea is the holder of a national Research Leader Award in Dementia from the Health Research Board. The Award has contributed significantly to the creation of a national research framework to support the implementation of the Irish National Dementia Strategy. He is currently a member of the Monitoring Review Group for the Strategy.



Professor Martin Orrell

Director of the
Institute of Mental
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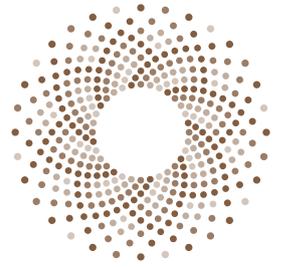
Professor Martin Orrell is Director of the Institute of Mental Health, a partnership between the University of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation. He has led both the INDUCT and DISTINCT European networks on dementia care and technology comprising around 30 PhD students across 8 countries. He led the development and evaluation of Cognitive Stimulation Therapy for dementia which is now widely used in 30+ countries. In 2014 he was elected President of the European Association of Geriatric Psychiatry. He is Editor of the journal *Aging & Mental Health*. He is Chair of the Memory Services National Accreditation Panel (MSNAP) and was a member of the Prime Ministers Challenge on Dementia Research Group.



Professor Alison Phinney

Professor in the School
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Dr. Alison Phinney is a Professor in the School of Nursing at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada. She is also the Co-Director of the Centre for Research on Personhood in Dementia, and is known internationally for her work on dementia, meaningful activity, and aging. She conducts research in partnership with community leaders and people with lived experience to build knowledge and capacity for supporting personhood and social citizenship of older people, especially those living with dementia and their families.



Dr Tim Raemaekers

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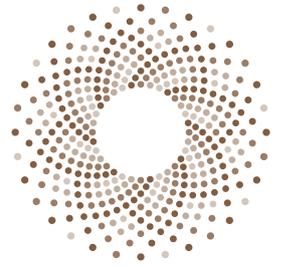
Tim Raemaekers joined DG Research & Innovation at the European Commission in 2019 where he works on policy development in the area of neuroscience. Prior to this, and since 2014, he worked for the European Commission's DG Joint Research Centre in Italy where he supported projects in the areas of biotechnology and medical technology. He particularly worked on a project aimed at developing and improving tools for a coherent, safe and effective management of medical devices in Europe. He was trained as a bioengineer in cell and gene biotechnology and holds a PhD in the Medical Sciences from the University of Leuven (Belgium). His doctoral work on cancer cell biology led to the discovery of an essential gene for cell division. As a postdoc, he studied the cell biology of neuronal synapse formation and degeneration at the VIB Centre for the Biology of Disease (Belgium).



Dr Francisca Rodriguez

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Francisca Rodriguez is head of the research group 'Psychosocial Epidemiology & Public Health' at the German Center for Neurodegenerative Diseases (DZNE) located in Greifswald, Germany. Her research tries to understand how psychosocial factors shape neurobiological processes of cognitive aging and dementia prevalence. This includes how lifestyle factors influence the risk for developing dementia and the speed of cognitive decline and how having dementia affects the perception of everyday life. She obtained a Research Master in Brain and Cognitive Science at the University of Amsterdam, Netherlands, in 2010 and a Ph.D. in Social Medicine and Public Health with focus on dementia from the University of Leipzig, Germany, in 2014. During her postdoc, she stayed at the World Health Organization, Geneva, Switzerland, and the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, USA.



Professor Jane Rylett

Scientific Director of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Institute of Aging

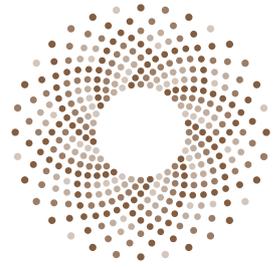
Dr. Rylett is a Distinguished University Professor at the University of Western Ontario, Canada and Scientist in the Translational Neuroscience Group at Robarts Research Institute. She is past-Chair of the Department of Physiology and Pharmacology at the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry and served as an Associate Dean. She is currently the Scientific Director of the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) Institute of Aging. She is a cellular and molecular neurobiologist studying consequences of age-related changes in brain and neurodegenerative diseases. She is recognized internationally for contributions in studies on cholinergic neurobiology and Alzheimer disease. Dr. Rylett has served on Boards of Directors of the Alzheimer Societies of Canada and Ontario, and on taskforces for international endeavours for Alzheimer Disease research. She was also leader of the Canadian Consortium on Neurodegeneration in Aging (CCNA) Theme 1, and appointed as an inaugural College Chair of the CIHR College of Reviewers and held the position of Executive Vice-Chair. She is a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences."



Professor Joel Sadavoy

Professor of Psychiatry in the Faculty of Medicine and Institute of Medical Sciences and a member of the Neurosciences program at the University of Toronto

Joel Sadavoy is Professor of Psychiatry in the Faculty of Medicine and Institute of Medical Sciences and a member of the Neurosciences program at the University of Toronto. At Sinai Health he is Medical Director of the Reitman Centre for Alzheimer's Support and Training, Medical Director of the provincial Enhancing Care for Ontario Care Partners program and senior clinician scientist in the Lunenfeld-Tannenbaum Research Institute. Previously, he has served as psychiatrist in chief at Mount Sinai Hospital and Baycrest, Head of Geriatric and Neuropsychiatry at CAMH, president of the International psychogeriatric association and founding president of the Canadian Academy of Geriatric Psychiatry. He has over 100 professional publications including 12 books and manuals. His current clinical and research interests are focused on developing scalable methods and programs to train and sustain family caregivers managing dementia at home.



Professor Charles Scerri

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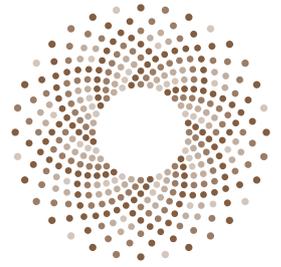
Charles Scerri is a professor of Dementia Studies at the Faculty of Medicine and Surgery, University of Malta. He is the Chairperson of the Malta Dementia Society, Chairperson of the National Dementia Working Group, Vice-Chair of Alzheimer Europe and National Focal Point on Dementia in Malta. He is also a member of the European Union Joint Programme for Neurodegenerative Diseases (JPND) Scientific Advisory Board and Early Detection and Timely Intervention in Dementia Group (INTERDEM). Amongst his latest contributions is the national dementia strategy document Empowering change: A National Strategy for Dementia in the Maltese Islands (2015-2023).



Professor Andrea Maria Slachevsky

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Andrea Slachevsky, neurologist from the University of Chile, PhD in Neuroscience with specialization in Neuropsychology. Pierre et Marie Curie University. She is Associated Professor at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Chile. Director of the Memory and Neuropsychiatric Clinic, Hospital del Salvador and University of Chile. Deputy Director of Center for Geroscience, Brain Health and Metabolism (GERO), a multidisciplinary research center in healthy and pathologic brain ageing. Member of the Governing Board of GBHI.. She funded and is the vice president of the Corporación Profesional de Alzheimer y Otras Demencias (COPRAD, its acronym in Spanish), a non-profit, non-governmental organization devoted to raising public awareness of Alzheimer's disease and other dementia in Chile. She has dedicated her career to improving the medical care of people with dementia and to research and teaching in neuropsychology, neuropsychiatry and dementia disorders. She has been at the forefront of raising public awareness on dementias in Chile. She has been involved in the design and implementation of the Dementia Plan in Chile. Her research encompasses neuropsychology and functionality in dementia and healthy cognitive aging, development of tests to assess executive function-based on serious game, burden and cost of dementia. She has written or co edited four books.



Dr Heather Snyder

Vice president, Medical & Scientific Relations at the Alzheimer's Association

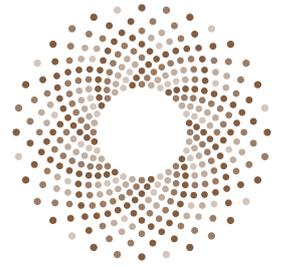
Dr. Snyder is the VP of Medical and Scientific Relations at the Alzheimer's Association. She oversees Association initiatives that accelerate Alzheimer's research and provide opportunities for the global dementia community. She is responsible for the progress the Association has made in Alzheimer's and dementia research funding. She leads the Association's International Research Grant Program, through which the Association funds investigations that advance understanding of Alzheimer's and moves the field toward solutions for the global Alzheimer's crisis. As the world's largest nonprofit funder of Alzheimer's research, the Association is currently investing over \$250 million in more than 700 active best-of-field projects in 39 countries.



Professor Aimee Spector

Professor of Old Age Clinical Psychology, University College London

Aimee Spector is Professor of Old Age Clinical Psychology. She co-developed Cognitive Stimulation Therapy (CST) for her PhD (completed in 2001), now widely implemented across the NHS and globally. Her expertise lies in the global development and evaluation of complex interventions for dementia. This includes currently being PI for 'CST-International' in Brazil, India and Tanzania and holding a UCL-PKU (Peking University) Global Engagement award. She directs the International CST centre at UCL, working with over 34 countries; and supports CST training centres in Hong Kong, the US, Denmark, Norway, Germany and New Zealand. Her research includes the evaluation of a range of interventions for dementia including Cognitive Behavioural Therapy, Compassion Focused Therapy and Mindfulness. She has published over 140 peer-reviewed papers, 4 book chapters and 10 books. She is international lead for University College London's Clinical Psychology doctorate course.



Dr Claudia Suemoto

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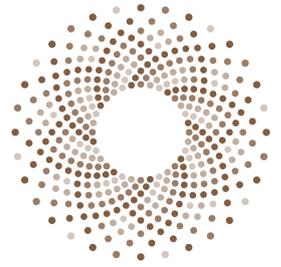
Dr. Suemoto is an Associate Professor of Geriatrics at the University of São Paulo Medical School. She is the coordinator of the Brazilian Biobank for Aging Studies, the largest brain bank in Latin America. Dr. Suemoto is also a researcher of cognitive aging at the Longitudinal Study of Adult Health (ELSA-Brasil), a cohort of 15,105 individuals that have been followed since 2008. Dr. Suemoto has Master and post-doctoral training in Epidemiology at Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health. In 2016, she was one of the laureates with the L'Oréal-UNESCO For Women in Science award for her contribution to Brazilian science. Dr. Suemoto has co-authored 125 manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals.



Professor Mathew Varghese

Professor of Psychiatry, National Institute of Mental Health & Neuro Sciences, India

Dr Mathew Varghese has been a faculty at the Department of Psychiatry, NIMHANS, Bangalore, India for over 30 years. He was the Head, Department of Psychiatry from 2013 to 2016 and is currently Head, Geriatric Psychiatry Services and the Geriatric Clinic at NIMHANS. Dr Varghese's areas of research are in Geriatric Psychiatry (mainly dementias), Epidemiology and Community Psychiatry, Family interventions and Rehabilitation. He was a founding member of the International 10/66 Dementia Research Group. He co-wrote and edited the Dementia India Report, 2010 and Dementia India, 2020. He was one of the Indian Co-Investigators on the World Mental Health Survey (2006) and was a Principle Investigator on the National Mental Health Survey of India, 2016. Currently he is a collaborator on the Longitudinal Ageing Study of India (LASI). He has over 150 publications in journals, monographs, and books on various cross-cultural aspects of mental health in developing countries. He has had assignments with the National Human Rights Commission and the Ministry of Health, for review of mental health facilities, care, implementation, and monitoring of the National Mental Health Program of India. He is a Board Member of different organisations like the International Neuropsychiatric Association, the World Association for Psychosocial Rehabilitation, Indian Association for Geriatric Mental Health and the Alzheimer and Related Disorders Society of India.



Professor Myrra Vernooij-Dassen

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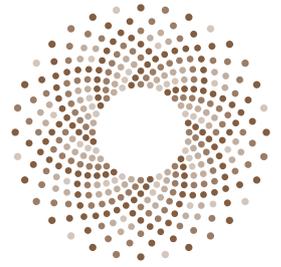
Professor Myrra Vernooij-Dassen has been involved for many years in psychosocial intervention research in dementia. She has been trained as a medical sociologist and was director of the Radboud Alzheimer Centre. She is affiliated to the Scientific Institute of Quality of Healthcare of the Radboud University Medical Center in Nijmegen, the Netherlands and is visiting professor at the Gadjah Mada University in Yogyakarta, Indonesia and Bradford University UK. She is chair of INTERDEM, a pan-European research network on detection and timely INTERvention in DEMentia. She is chairing the IPA webinar series. She is a member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the European Joint Programme Neurodegenerative Diseases (JPND). She is guest editor of a special issue on social health for International Psychogeriatrics. She supervised 32 PhDs. She published more than 250 (inter)national peer reviewed articles. Professor Vernooij-Dassen Myrra received the Dutch royal honor to be promoted to officer in the order of Orange-Nassau. She received the IPA 2016 distinguished service to the field psychogeriatrics award. Her Scopus H-index is 46.



George Vradenburg

Co-Chair,
Davos Alzheimer's
Collaborative

A lawyer by training and practice, but three generations of my family have been struck by Alzheimer's. I have turned to venture philanthropy and activism to fight the disease. In 2010, I launched UsAgainstAlzheimer's in the US; since 2013, I have convened the Global CEO Initiative on Alzheimer's Disease; and in 2021 I began chairing the Davos Alzheimer's Collaborative, an initiative in partnership with the World Economic Forum to prevent and effectively treat Alzheimer's globally.



Dr Elaine Wiersma

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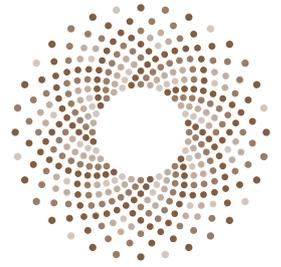
Elaine is the Director of the Centre for Education and Research on Aging & Health and an Associate Professor in the Department of Health Sciences, completing an MA and PhD from the University of Waterloo. Having spent many years working with older adults in practice and research, particularly individuals with dementia, Elaine's research aims to tell people's stories in ways that challenge stereotypes and misconceptions of older people, particularly persons with dementia. Advocacy, inclusion, and rights form the fundamental values underlying her work with people with dementia. Using critical qualitative methodologies, her research spans community and long-term care, exploring aging and dementia care, contexts of rural and northern communities, and quality of life issues.



Dr Gloria Wong

Associate Professor at the Department of Social Work and Social Administration of The University of Hong Kong

Gloria Wong is Associate Professor at the Department of Social Work and Social Administration of The University of Hong Kong. Her research focuses on care innovations for people with dementia. She leads several key evaluation projects on dementia services and policy in Hong Kong, including a pilot programme (Dementia Community Support Scheme) of the Hong Kong SAR Government, which has become routine service reaching over 2,000 families per year, and the 'Tools to Inform Policy: Chinese communities Action in Response to Dementia (TIP-CARD)', a research project aiming to build capacity in planning and implementing equitable and sustainable strategies in dementia for Hong Kong and other Chinese communities. She also works actively in developing and culturally adapting evidence-based non-pharmacological interventions for people with dementia, such as the Chinese Six Art programme and Cognitive Stimulation Therapy; she is currently Director of Training, Cognitive Stimulation Therapy – Hong Kong, International Cognitive Stimulation Therapy Centre.



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Holder of a doctorate in medicine at the University of Algiers (2007 Algeria), I completed a specialization in geriatrics at the University of Medicine of Nice Sophia Antipolis (2013).

My master's thesis in gerontology focused on the management of dementias in Algeria and was the subject of a presentation at the 10th French-speaking congress of geriatrics (Liège 2013) Since I started a Master in drug development at University of Montreal (in progress).

I first worked as an oncology assistant (2008-2009), then emergency doctor (2010-2013), and turned to the pharmaceutical field as coordinator of the drug monitoring unit at the Central Pharmacy of Algiers Hospitals (2010-2015). Currently, I am in the regional public health department, infection prevention and control department, for the management of COVID-19 outbreaks in CHSLDs and private residences for the elderly."

The World Dementia Council (WDC) is an international charity. It consists of senior experts and leaders drawn from research, academia, industry, governments and NGOs in both high-income and low- and middle-income countries, including two leaders with a personal dementia diagnosis. The WDC has an executive team based in London, UK.

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