



BLACK IN IMMUNO NEWSLETTER

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OUR MISSION

Black in Immuno is a platform created by a collective of Black immunologists and allies aimed at amplifying, celebrating and supporting Black people in immunology. Through our annual Black In Immuno Week and longer-term platform we aim to:

1. Showcase and amplify the scientific contributions of Black immunologists.
2. Encourage connections among Black researchers and science professionals in immunology and related fields.
3. Create a supportive and inclusive community for Black scientists around the world.
4. Connect Black students and professionals with resources and job opportunities in immunology and related fields.

Our community is dedicated to creating an inclusive environment for everyone, regardless of race, ethnicity, nationality, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, and/or disability.



BOARD MESSAGE

Throughout 2021-22 we have continued to provide a platform for Black researchers, students and professionals through multiple events. This has been made possible by our dedicated volunteers, our sponsors and our many supporters in the wider immunology community. In the upcoming year we plan on creating more opportunities to hear from you, the community, to understand where we are best placed to support equity in our field.

As we head into our third year, we are also focusing on building sustainable working practices and resources for the organization. We have elected two new Board members, Eduardo Rojas and Susanna Elledge who have contributed considerably with their work on Black In Immuno Week and community engagement. We are also looking for Board members with expertise in finance and organization development to help support our long-term vision.

**Interested in joining our Board?
Fill out this [interest form](#)**

A WORD FROM OUR VOLUNTEERS

Over the last year we have been lucky to welcome some incredible new individuals to the Black In Immuno team. At its core, Black In Immuno is a collective of passionate people coming together for racial equity, and our work would not exist without the dedication each volunteer brings. Check out what some of our volunteers have to say about being part of this community.

Volunteering with Black In Immuno has been such an amazing experience! Not only do I get to work with the community to have important conversations and share experiences, but I get to do so with amazing Black immunologists from all over the world. I love being able to collaborate, learn from and share joy with other Black scientists.

- Dominique Brown



I've volunteered with Black in Immuno for a little over a year in different capacities, from helping to establish relationships with sponsors to managing email communications within our Black In Immuno community. Among the things I've valued most is making friends with amazing fellow scientists across the world, just through the power of social media.

- Dr. Shayla Shorter



When you tackle complex issues like racial inequity, it's easy to feel overwhelmed, but working with Black In Immuno has been an incredibly rewarding experience. It has shown me that the power to make change truly lies in community. I have also learnt so much about building an organisation from scratch, and it's given me the confidence to bring big ideas to life.

- Dr. Madina Wane



OUR INITIATIVES: BLACK IN IMMUNO WEEK 2021

We hosted our second Black In Immuno Week to amplify, connect, and support Black immunologists the week of November 14-20, 2021. The week contained live-streamed panels and scientific talks, networking events, wellness events, and multiple social media campaigns to showcase the breadth of scientific achievement, advocacy, and journeys of Black immunologists across the world.

Last year, our theme of “From Bench to Bedside” not only highlighted scientists’ basic and translational immunology work, but also centered on the biomedical community’s relationship with patients and the wider public.

Our event, like our organization, saw global engagement with registrants and social media participants from five of the seven continents: North America, Europe, Africa, South America, and Asia. Over 400 individuals participated in our live-streamed programming, and our recordings of the events now have over 600 views.

Hosting Black In Immuno Week on a new platform, Hopin, also enabled registrants to make direct connections with one another and will facilitate even more networking in our future events.

Over 400
participants



Participants from
five continents!



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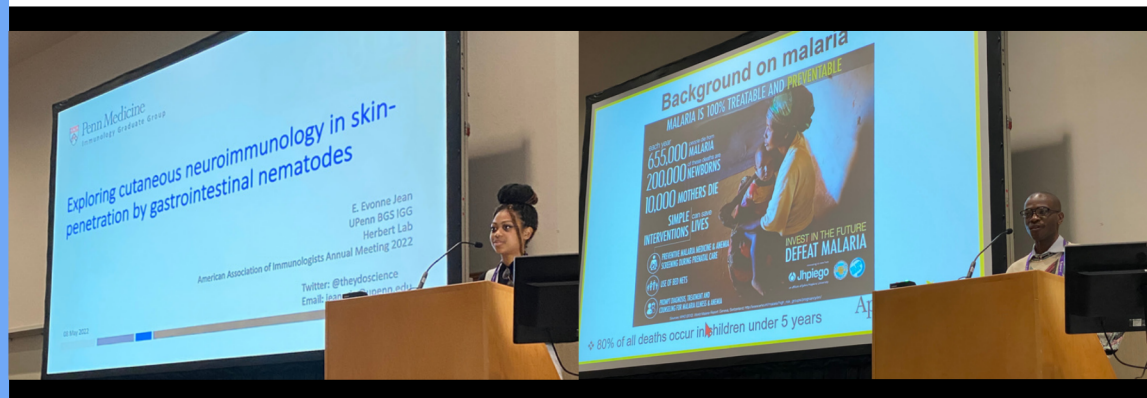
Check out our [website](#) for job, fellowship, and conference opportunities for Black immunologists. Make sure to [get in touch](#) if you have an opportunity to share.

#IMMUNOCHATS




In 2021, we hosted a series of virtual chats to facilitate connection within the community. Participants were able to introduce themselves, their interests, their science and their challenges.

- **Black In Immuno x AAI (May 8 2022):** We co-sponsored the “Neonatal Immunity and Neuroimmunology” session with the Minority Affairs Committee at the annual meeting for the American Association for Immunologists. The session, was chaired by Dr. Michael Opata and Dr. Dionna Williams and included talks by the chairs, Olivia Solomon, Shevon N. Alexander, and E. Evonne Jean. This gave young black trainees and faculty an opportunity to showcase their research. The session was well attended and one of the highlights for the MAC sponsored events at AAI. We were thrilled to see so many Black immunologists and Black in Immuno supporters at the conference!



- **Changemaker Series (April 14 2022):** We have started a new discussion series to spotlight individuals driving change and to stimulate collective learning about advocacy and activism in STEM. Our inaugural event in April featured Dr. Juliet Daniel, Professor and cancer biologist in the Department of Biology, McCaster University. Dr Daniel spoke about her career journey as a Black scientist and her research on breast cancer in Black women. We have more speakers lined up for 2023 and are excited to continue the conversations. **If you are interested in speaking in our series, please [get in touch](#).**

UPCOMING EVENTS: BLACK IN IMMUNO WEEK 2022 NOVEMBER 13-19



BLACK IN IMMUNO WEEK '22

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IMMUNOLOGY WITHOUT BORDERS

November 13 - 19, 2022

amplifying, celebrating and supporting Black voices in **IMMUNOLOGY**

featuring scientific talks, panel discussions, & networking events... Virtual: Hopin

register **SUN - WED:** blackinimm.uno/BIIW2022-part1
THUR - SAT: blackinimm.uno/BIIW2022-part2

SUN Nov. 13
Keynote address
10 AM PST / 01 PM EST / 6 PM GMT
Networking
11 AM PST / 02 PM EST / 7 PM GMT

MON Nov. 14
Basic Immunology
8 AM PST / 11 AM EST / 4 PM GMT
Immunology Crossover
10 AM PST / 01 PM EST / 6 PM GMT

TUE Nov. 15
Immunology Without Borders
8 AM PST / 11 AM EST / 4 PM GMT
Workshop
Branding Yourself as a Scientist
10 AM PST / 01 PM EST / 6 PM GMT
Tips for applying bioinformatics to your research
11 AM PST / 02 PM EST / 7 PM GMT


WED Nov. 16
Immuno Flash Talk
8 AM PST / 11 AM EST / 4 PM GMT
Networking
9 AM PST / 12 PM EST / 5 PM GMT

THUR Nov. 17
Success Stories Video
8 AM PST / 11 AM EST / 4 PM GMT
Networking
9 AM PST / 12 PM EST / 5 PM GMT

FRI Nov. 18
Building Companies in Immunology Panel
9 AM PST / 12 PM EST / 5 PM GMT
Patient Advocacy Panel
10 AM PST / 01 PM EST / 6 PM GMT
Closing Keynote
11 AM PST / 02 PM EST / 7 PM GMT

SAT Nov. 19
Trivia/Party
10 AM PST / 01 PM EST / 6 PM GMT
Networking
11 AM PST / 02 PM EST / 7 PM GMT

BlackInImmuno



This year, our theme “Immunology without Borders” will highlight Black scientists from around the world and showcase the truly global nature of scientific research. We have a diverse program to look forward to featuring scientific talks, workshops, panels, networking sessions, and two keynote lectures. As usual we will also have social media events so participants can connect before, during and after the week.

Sign up for part I and part II to avoid missing out on any of the fun! Please consider providing a voluntary donation to help us continue putting on these events for the community.

UPCOMING EVENTS: IMMUNO FLASH TALK COMPETITION

Black In Immuno is hosting a 3 minute immuno flash talk competition for Black In Immuno Week 2022! Prizes will be given for:

- First place (\$300)
- Second place (\$200)
- Community choice winner determined by social media votes (\$100)

We are inviting Black-identifying students (undergraduate, post-baccalaureate and Master's) and postdocs to participate by recording a video summarizing their immunology-focused research to a non-science audience in **3 minutes or less**.

Winners will be announced during Black In Immuno week on Tuesday, November 15th.

BLACKINIMMUNO PRESENTS

**IMMUNO
FLASH TALK**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH 2022

Use the link below to register & reserve your spot.
Upload your 3 min video by **October 23rd, 2022**

<https://www.blackinimmuno.org/flash-talks>

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