



# AllerGen Trainee Symposium



Students and New Professionals Network  
Réseau des étudiants et des jeunes professionnels

May 2-4, 2018 • Fort Garry Hotel, Winnipeg, MB

## Wednesday, May 2, 2018

1:30 - 2:30 PM	REGISTRATION   NETWORKING   REFRESHMENTS PROFESSIONAL HEADSHOTS	GATEWAY/TACHE NORTH MEZZANINE
2:30 - 3:00 PM	WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS Judah Denburg, MD, FRCPC, Scientific Director and CEO, AllerGen NCE Laura Feldman, MPH, ASNPN President; The Hospital for Sick Children	GATEWAY/TACHE
3:00 - 4:45 PM	SPEED NETWORKING Moderator: Kim Wright, Director, Communications and Knowledge Mobilization, AllerGen NCE	LA VERENDRYE
4:45 - 6:30 PM	ALLERGEN TRAINEE "REACH FOR THE TOP" GAME SHOW Moderator: Diana Royce, EdD, Managing Director and COO, AllerGen NCE Host: Mallory Gallant, MSc (c), Queen's University Judges: Allan Becker, MD, FRCPC, The Children's Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba Jennifer Protudjer, PhD, Karolinska Institutet; Department of Pediatrics and Child Health, University of Manitoba	PROVENCHER BALLROOM
6:30 - 8:00 PM	NETWORKING DINNER	GATEWAY/TACHE
8:00 PM	FREE TIME	

## Thursday, May 3, 2018

7:30 - 8:45 AM	BREAKFAST	PROVENCHER BALLROOM
8:45 - 9:25 AM	WORKSHOP: CIHR MOCK GRANT REVIEW Moderator: Jasmine Yang, PhD (c), ASNPN Communications Director; The University of British Columbia Speakers: Allan Becker, MD, FRCPC, The Children's Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba Kevin Coombs, PhD, College of Medicine, University of Manitoba Andrew Halayko, PhD, Department of Physiology and Pathophysiology, University of Manitoba Richard Keijzer, MD, PhD, Children's Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba	LA VERENDRYE
9:25 - 9:40 AM	MOVE TO BREAK-OUT ROOMS REFRESHMENT BREAK	GATEWAY, TACHE, LA VERENDRYE, SALON C NORTH MEZZANINE, SALON C
9:40 AM - 12:00 PM	CONT'D..... CIHR MOCK GRANT REVIEW	GATEWAY, TACHE, LA VERENDRYE, SALON C

ATTENDANCE AT ALL SESSIONS & NETWORKING EVENTS IS MANDATORY FOR TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT ELIGIBILITY.

12:00 - 1:00 PM	LUNCH   NETWORKING	PROVENCHER BALLROOM
1:00 - 2:30 PM	<b>WORKSHOP: EQUITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION</b> Moderator: Mark Tenn, MSc, ASNPN Events Director; Queen's University Speaker: Valerie Williams, CPHR, CCIP, Diversity Consultant, University of Manitoba	LA VERENDRYE
2:30 - 2:45 PM	REFRESHMENT BREAK	NORTH MEZZANINE
2:45 - 4:45 PM	<b>WORKSHOP: INFOGRAPHIC TOOLKIT FOR RESEARCHERS</b> Moderator: Kim Wright, Director, Communications and Knowledge Mobilization, AllerGen NCE Speaker: Julia Krolik, Creative/Research Director, Pixels and Plans	LA VERENDRYE
4:45 - 6:30 PM	FREE TIME	
6:30 - 9:00 PM	<b>MENTORING DINNER</b> Moderator: Diana Royce, EdD, Managing Director & COO, AllerGen NCE	PROVENCHER BALLROOM

## Friday, May 4, 2018

7:30 - 9:00 AM	BREAKFAST	GATEWAY/TACHE
9:00 - 10:30 AM	<b>WORKSHOP: PERSONALITY ASSESSMENTS</b> Moderator: Young Woong Kim, PhD, ASNPN Pacific Director; The University of British Columbia Speaker: Heather Erhard, BSW, CMC, Director, Erhard Associates	LA VERENDRYE
10:30 - 10:45 AM	REFRESHMENT BREAK	NORTH MEZZANINE
10:45 AM - 12:15 PM	CONT'D.... PERSONALITY ASSESSMENTS	LA VERENDRYE
12:15 - 12:30 PM	<b>CLOSING REMARKS</b> Laura Feldman, MPH, ASNPN President; The Hospital for Sick Children Loubna Akhabir, PDF, ASNPN Vice-President; McMaster University	LA VERENDRYE
12:30 - 1:30 PM	LUNCH (TAKE-AWAY CONTAINERS AVAILABLE)	GATEWAY/TACHE

# FEATURED SPEAKERS



**Dr. Allan Becker** is Professor and Head of the Section of Allergy and Clinical Immunology in the Department of Pediatrics and Child Health at the University of Manitoba, and a Consultant Allergist at the Children's Hospital of Winnipeg. Dr. Becker is recognized internationally as a leader in pediatric allergy and asthma research, care and education. He was a founding member of the Canadian Network for Asthma Care and led development of a national Certification for Asthma Educators – the first such national certification in the world. Dr. Becker also led development of an Asthma Educator Education Program, *AsthmaTrec*, which is now used across Canada. He was lead author of the first Canadian Pediatric Asthma Guidelines. He is a member of the Scientific Committee of the Global Initiative for Asthma (GINA) and co-author of the online yearly updated GINA Global Strategy for Asthma Management and Prevention. Dr. Becker's primary research interest is the origins of allergy and asthma in early life. He has led two birth cohorts (The Canadian Asthma Primary Prevention Study: CAPPs, and the 1995 Manitoba birth cohort Study of Asthma Genes and the Environment: SAGE) and is co-PI of the CIHR and AllerGen NCE-supported Canadian Healthy Infant Longitudinal Development (CHILD) Study. He serves on several NIH Data Safety and Monitoring Boards for pediatric asthma studies. Dr. Becker has over 250 publications and 13,000 citations.



**Dr. Andrew Halayko** leads a long-standing and internationally recognized research program for asthma pathogenesis using *in-vitro* and animal disease models with multi-omics technologies for pre-clinical studies. He is a Tier 1 Canada Research Chair in Lung Pathobiology and Treatment, and has 221 peer-reviewed publications. He received the 2016 American Thoracic Society Joseph A. Rodarte Award for Scientific Distinction, is a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Health Sciences, and is among the inaugural class of American Thoracic Society Fellows. Dr. Halayko has provided outstanding training and mentorship to over 75 graduate students and postdoctoral fellows, many of whom have established highly successful independent research careers internationally. He is an executive lead for the Canadian Respiratory Research Network, co-lead of the Manitoba Developmental Origins of Chronic Diseases in Children (DEVOTION) Network, and a founding executive leader for the Canadian Registry for Pulmonary Fibrosis. With the Canadian Lung Association (CLA) and Canadian Thoracic Society (CTS), he led development of a National Respiratory Research Strategy. He is a CLA National Board Director and CTS Immediate Past-President, having been only the second PhD to be CTS President. He has also served as an American Thoracic Society Board Director.



**Dr. Kevin Coombs** obtained his PhD degree in Microbiology from the University of Texas at Austin in 1986. After post-doctoral work at Harvard Medical School, he joined the faculty at the University of Manitoba in 1990. He is currently a Professor in the Department of Medical Microbiology and Assistant Dean (Research) for the College of Medicine, with cross-appointments in the Department of Physiology and the Department of Microbiology/Faculty of Science, and is a Research Scientist with the Children's Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba. Dr. Coombs' major research interests are to delineate the protein and nucleic acid interactions in nucleoprotein complexes, using a variety of RNA viruses, particularly influenza virus, Zika virus and reovirus, as models. His lab studies how these interactions change as a result of, and in turn, are modulated by, conformational transitions that occur during macromolecular assembly and disassembly; how these processes can be attenuated by anti-viral compounds, the proteomic alterations induced in host cells by virus infection; and how these processes in viral infections contribute to pathogenesis in the host.



**Dr. Richard Keijzer** received his MD (with honours), PhD (Medicine) and MSc (Molecular Medicine) from ErasmusMC in Rotterdam, Netherlands. Before starting his specialist training, he did a one-year research fellowship at the Lung Biology Program of the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. He received his training in General Surgery at ErasmusMC and did a postdoctoral fellowship in Physiology & Experimental Medicine at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto. He then finished his Pediatric General Surgery training at ErasmusMC-Sophia and completed a Pediatric Endoscopic Surgery Fellowship in the Children's Hospital of Alabama in Birmingham, Alabama. Subsequently, Dr. Keijzer moved to Canada to pursue a career as a Pediatric Surgeon-Scientist at the University of Manitoba and the Children's Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba in Winnipeg. His clinical interest concentrates on minimal invasive Pediatric General Surgery, and his research focuses on congenital anomalies in general, and congenital diaphragmatic hernia (CDH) and abnormal lung development. He has expertise

in the mechanisms of normal and abnormal lung development due to CDH. Currently, Dr. Keijzer's research focuses on delineating the role of microRNAs during normal and abnormal lung development due to CDH. By improving the understanding of the pathogenesis of CDH and its abnormal lung development he aims to develop a prenatal therapeutic intervention to modulate the natural course of the abnormal lung development in babies before they are born. He is the Thorlakson Chair in Surgical Research and the Director of Research and Graduate Chair for the Department of Surgery at the University of Manitoba. Dr. Keijzer was the first Pediatric Surgeon-Scientist funded in the Canadian Child Health Clinician Scientist Program.



As a Human Resources Professional, **Valerie Williams** works in the areas of employment equity, diversity and inclusion. Ms. Williams supports organizational development by promoting a proactive diversity and inclusion strategy. Her portfolio includes raising awareness to faculty and staff by facilitating sessions, researching best practices and supporting equity committees, faculties, units and departments. Ms. Williams holds Chartered Professional Human Resources (CPHR) and Canadian Certified Inclusion Professional (CCIP) designations and has a certificate in Human Resource Management.



**Julia Krolik** is a creative director, entrepreneur, scientist and award-winning artist. Her diverse background enables a rare cross-disciplinary empathy, and she continuously advocates for both art and science through several initiatives. Ms. Krolik is the founder of Art the Science, a non-profit organization dedicated to facilitating artist residencies in scientific research laboratories to foster Canadian science-art culture and to expand scientific knowledge communication to benefit the public. Through her consulting agency Pixels and Plans, Ms. Krolik works with private and public organizations, helping them with outreach, data visualization and knowledge mobilization, often utilizing creative

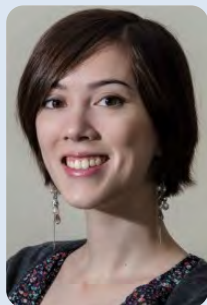
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**Heather Erhard**, BSW, CMC, CPCC, PCC, ROCC, is the founder and Director of Erhard Associates, a management consulting, coaching and training firm dedicated to enhancing individual, team and organizational effectiveness. She brings over 25 years' experience in executive coaching, leadership development, strategic planning, and team building. Ms. Erhard works extensively in the area of Emotional Intelligence and Myers Briggs Personality Types with leaders and teams in a wide variety of organizations. She has taught at the University of Manitoba, the University of Winnipeg and Queen's University. Her passion is coaching individuals and groups to the next level of success. Another passion of Ms. Erhard's is hiking the Camino in France! [www.erhardassociates.com](http://www.erhardassociates.com)



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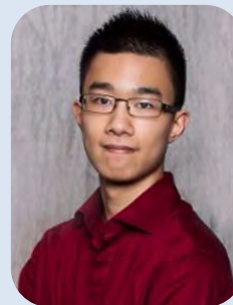
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