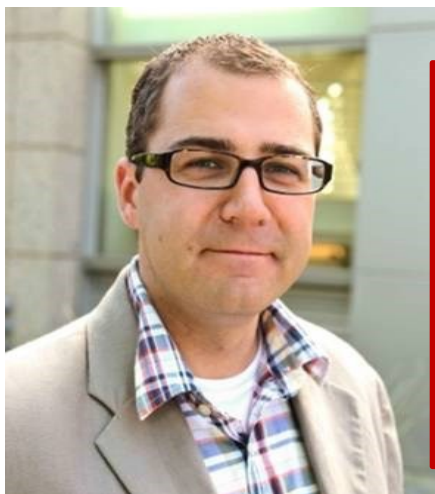


2023 Michael John Page Postdoctoral Fellow Award

The Michael John Page Postdoctoral Fellow Award recognizes a Postdoctoral Fellow who reflects Dr. Page's academic excellence and his passion for life.



Award Ceremony

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

Life Sciences Centre Room 3 (LSC3) & Zoom

Zoom link will be sent

1:00PM - 2:00PM PT

After the presentation, reception to follow in the Life Sciences Centre 4th floor pod



Dr. Melina Messing

Postdoctoral Fellow, 2023 Award Recipient

McNagny Lab, UBC Medical Genetics, School of Biomedical Engineering & CBR

Join Melina as she presents:

"The ins (-ide the lab) and outs (-ide the lab) of a career in Immunology: a path reaching far beyond the four corners of the bench!"

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Dr. Melina Messing **Postdoctoral Fellow, 2023 Award Recipient**

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Imagining the career of an Immunologists typically comprises long hours in the lab, pipetting liquids from one vial to the next and many raised eyebrows at unexpected results that lead to new and exciting avenues of discovery. While these are certainly essential aspects of the life of an Immunologist, the true diversity of this career extends far beyond imagination. From scientific collaboration, communication and outreach to advocacy, mentorship, and leadership – a multifaceted path with unexpected twists and turns that certainly never lacks excitement. In honour of the late Dr. Michael John Page, I am excited to share my own journey along this path. I will present my own research on immune mechanisms driving allergic disease, which, in an unexpected turn of events, led me towards the discovery of immune biomarkers that predict disease outcomes of ICU COVID-19 patients. Importantly, I will also share some of my most valued outside-the-lab experiences as an equity, diversity and inclusion advocate, a mentor and community leader.



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