



ARIES: Aging Researchers In Early Stages

A working group within the Boston Pepper Center



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Goal: Build a community of junior investigators engaged in aging research in Boston



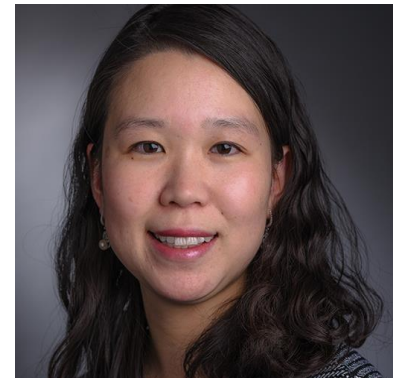
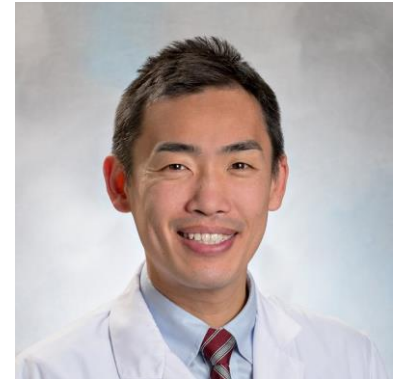
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Building our community



Boston University



Harvard:

Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center

Brigham & Women's Hospital

Massachusetts General Hospital



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Tufts



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Our Mission

- To bring together early stage investigators engaged in aging research across Boston to promote *cross-disciplinary clinical and translational research*
- With a focus on the *application of aging principles* to improve clinical outcomes



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Collaborative Activities

1. Specific Aims review
2. Full grant review
 - K award and K-R transition
3. Peer mentorship – at each review a junior member is selected to serve as a reviewer

Coming soon: paper swap and writing group



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January 2018-May 2019

2018

- 6 Members
- 5 aims/grants reviewed
- 5 grants awarded: GEMSSTAR, Beeson, K23 x2, VA CDA-2

2019

- 21 Members
- 3 aims/grants reviewed, 3 more planned
- Invited speaker: Dr. Tom Gill, Yale University

2020

- Engage rising junior researchers
- Review at least 6 grants/aims
- Begin paper writing/swap group



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We could not have done this alone

Thank you!

<http://pepper.bwh.harvard.edu/aries/>

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