

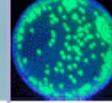
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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



Robert J. Robbins, PhD
VP, Information Technology
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Robert Robbins is Vice President for Information Technology at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle. He was the founding Program Director for Database Activities in the Biological, Behavioral, and Social Sciences at the National Science Foundation. During 1991-1993, Robbins was Director of Informatics of the Genome Data Base, Associate Professor of Medical Informatics, and Adjunct Associate Professor of Computer Science at Johns Hopkins. From 1993-1995, he was Program Director for Bioinformation Infrastructure in the Office of Health and Environmental Research of the U.S. Department of Energy.



Dan Geraghty, PhD
Full Member
CRD, FHCRC

Dan Geraghty is a full faculty member in the Clinical Research Division of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. He received his PhD in Genetics from the University of Minnesota. Prior to coming to the FHCRC, he worked as a postdoc in the Department of Human Genetics at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Geraghty's lab uses high-throughput sequencing and genotyping technologies to address a number of biomedical research questions, such as how the presence of specific alleles at various immune loci confer susceptibility or resistance to a number of diseases, including those resultant from infection, autoimmunity, and transplantation. Recently Dans team has been working to develop an information-appliance approach to managing and analyzing the high volume of data associated with high-throughput genomic instruments.



Sandra Senti, MBA
Executive Director, BSDIS
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Sandra Senti currently serves as Executive Director of the Biological Sciences Division Information Services unit of the University of Chicago. Before going to Chicago she was at Stanford University from 1989 to 2004 where she most recently served as Executive Director for Technology Strategy and Support and as University Security Officer. She has been active in many community efforts to develop and deploy common tools to support academic computing. For example, she co-founded ResNet, an annual conference addressing the provision and support of networking in student residences and she is a CIO Member in the Common Solutions Group (CSG), a group of leading universities dedicated to creating common infrastructure and toolsets.

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J. Robert Beck, MD, PhD
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J. Robert Beck serves as VP for IT and CIO at Fox Chase Cancer Center, where he has responsibility for bioinformatics, clinical computing and administrative information technology. Dr. Beck's graduated from Dartmouth in 1974 with a mathematics major modified with biology. After medical school at Johns Hopkins University, finishing in 1978, and a pathology residency, he took a fellowship in Clinical Decision Making at the New England Medical Center. He has held faculty and administrative positions at Dartmouth Medical School, Oregon Health Sciences University, and Baylor College of Medicine. His major research focus is on decision modeling in medicine, where his work has centered on the development and refinement of methods of outcome assessment. Two products of his early work, the Declining Exponential Approximation of Life Expectancy (DEALE) and the Markov process outcome model, are now standard methods in clinical decision analysis. In the bioinformatics arena Dr. Beck is interested in genetic pathways, and the application of information technology to problems in biological data management.



Peter Covitz, PhD
Director, Bioinformatics Core
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Peter Covitz is currently Director of Bioinformatics Core Infrastructure at the NCI Center for Bioinformatics in Rockville, Maryland. Prior to joining the NCI, Dr. Covitz was Vice President of Professional Services at InforMax, Inc. where he ran the bioinformatics service and support division of the company. Earlier in his career Dr. Covitz worked as a research scientist and manager at Incyte Pharmaceuticals and Molecular Applications Group. Dr. Covitz did his graduate work on transcriptional regulation at Columbia University, and post-doctoral training in genomics and bioinformatics at Stanford University.