SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

**Murray Grossman, MD, EdD**
*Professor of Neurology*
*Professor of Neurology in Psychiatry*
*Director, Penn Frontotemporal Degeneration Center*

Dr. Grossman received his M.D. from McGill University and completed his residency at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania where he is now Professor of Neurology. He served as the founding Chair of the Medical and Scientific Advisory Board for the Association for Frontotemporal Degenerations and is a member of the Medical Science Advisory Board for the Delaware Valley Chapter Alzheimer’s Association. Dr. Grossman serves on the editorial boards of several scientific journals. Dr. Grossman is known professionally for his special interest and research contributions related to FTD and other young-onset neurodegenerative diseases. Dr. Grossman also has extensive clinical experience in diagnosis and management for FTD and related conditions. He directs a team of senior researchers and post-doctoral/graduate students in studies related to the diagnosis and treatment of FTDs including; understanding the neural basis of language and social cognition, and applying advanced techniques in neuroimaging and biofluid biomarkers to clinical care.

**H. Branch Coslett, MD**

Dr. Coslett, the William N Kelley Professor of Neurology at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania, is a Behavioral Neurologist with more than 30 years’ experience treating patients with cognitive and behavioral disorders caused by degenerative disorders of the brain, stroke, Traumatic Brain Injury and other causes. His work with degenerative disorders of the brain has focused on problems with vision and understanding of spatial relationships. He has published more than 200 manuscripts and been funded by NIH and private sources for many years.

**Claire E. Day**

Claire Day has been on staff of the Alzheimer’s Association Delaware Valley Chapter since 2001. She is the Senior Vice President and as such, oversees all clinical operations and service delivery throughout the Chapter's 18-county territory. She and her highly trained staff of 22 coordinate and deliver community social services in the form of education, support, advocacy and care management to people with dementia.
and their families, as well as to professional caregivers. In addition, Ms. Day oversees all public policy and e strategy for the Chapter.

Ms. Day is a Clinical Social Worker and received her degree from Bloomsburg University in 1993. Prior to joining the Alzheimer’s Association, she worked in the long-term care field as a patient and family advocate.

Ms. Day has more than seventeen years of experience as a family and professional educator in dementia care, has appeared on numerous television and radio programs throughout the Delaware Valley. She is the author of two forwards to Alzheimer’s caregiver books; Life Lessons from a Baker’s Dozen by Kerry Luksic and Lucy’s Tears by John Rydel. She was a national Presenter at the 2006, 2007 and 2008 Annual Dementia Conferences. In 2012 she assisted with a story on NBC Nightly News with Brian Williams, showcasing support services to caregivers. Today she co-hosts a monthly internet radio program on dementia caregiving. One of her greatest accomplishments was being selected on a National Help Team following Hurricane Katrina, traveling for two weeks to Mississippi to provide hurricane relief to people with dementia and their loved ones. She uses the lessons learned to help improve the quality of life to those she serves.

**Susan L-J Dickinson, MS, CGC**

Susan Dickinson joined The Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration as Executive Director in February 2008. Under her leadership, AFTD has expanded dramatically in scale and impact, from a $400,000 organization with a part-time staff of three, to a $2.8 million organization with 15 full-time staff. During her tenure AFTD has expanded programs to meet and advocate for the needs of FTD families, and invested in specific strategies to advance FTD research and drug development, including a multi-year, $5 million initiative to identify biomarkers for FTD. Susan is a certified genetic counselor with more than 25 years’ experience facilitating communications among lay, scientific and medical communities for the benefit of patients, their families and professionals. She holds an MS in genetic counseling from Arcadia University and a BA in biology and psychology from Swarthmore College.

**Lauren Elman, MD**

Dr. Lauren Elman graduated with a degree in psychology from Cornell University in 1994 and received her M.D. from Cornell University Medical College in 1998. She completed medical internship, neurology residency and neuromuscular fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Elman is now a member of the faculty of the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. Her specialty is neuromuscular diseases and she has a particular interest in treating patients with ALS. She sees
patients at both the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and Pennsylvania Hospital.

**Paul L. Feldman, Esquire**
Paul L. Feldman is a founding partner of the law firm of Feldman and Feldman, which has served individuals and their families since 1988 in a wide range of matters involving Estate Planning, with an Emphasis on Planning for the Elderly and Disabled. He received his law degree in 1984 as well as a Masters of Business Administration in 1979 and a Masters of Laws in Taxation in 1987, all from Temple University. He previously chaired an ad hoc committee on guardianship practice in Philadelphia County and served on the National Board of the Alzheimer’s Association where he was the vice-chair of the Task Force on Affiliation.

**David Irwin, MD**
Dr. Irwin is an assistant professor at the Penn Frontotemporal Degeneration Center. He received his MD from Drexel University College of Medicine in Philadelphia where he completed his residency and chief residency training in Neurology as well. Dr. Irwin completed a clinical and research fellowship at the Penn FTDC and in the Center for Neurodegenerative Disease Research at Penn. Dr. Irwin’s research is focused on understanding the associations of genetics with underlying neuropathology and clinical symptoms of frontotemporal dementia and related disorders.

**M. Kathryn Jedrziewski, PhD**
Dr. Jedrziewski received her PhD from the University of Pennsylvania in 1991 and has worked in gerontology and geriatrics for over thirty years. Currently, she serves as the Deputy Director of the Institute on Aging (IOA) at the University of Pennsylvania, as well as the Deputy Director for Administration for the University of Pennsylvania Alzheimer’s Disease Center and the Penn Udall Center for Parkinson’s Research. In addition, Dr. Jedrziewski conducts research in the area of healthy brain aging. Prior to becoming IOA Deputy Director, Dr. Jedrziewski planned and directed Penn Partners in Healthy Living (PPHL), spent many years as a senior-level research Project Manager at Penn, and worked directly with Philadelphia older adults at the Philadelphia Center for Older People (now Philadelphia Senior Center). She continues to provide training to direct service workers through Philadelphia’s Area Agency on Aging, the Philadelphia Corporation for Aging.

**Corey McMillan, PhD**
Dr. Corey McMillan is a Research Assistant Professor of Neurology at the University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine and a member of the Neuroscience Graduate Group and Institute for Translational Medicine and Therapeutics at the
University of Pennsylvania. Dr. McMillan holds a bachelor's degree in Psychology and Cognitive Neuroscience from Temple University, a master's of science in Psycholinguistics from the University of Edinburgh, and a Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of Edinburgh. Dr. McMillan's research focuses on identifying biological markers of neurodegenerative diseases like frontotemporal lobar degeneration, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Alzheimer's disease, and Parkinson's disease. His research uses a combination of neuroimaging, genetics, and biofluids in an effort to improve early diagnosis by predicting which protein is causing a disease in patients. Dr. McMillan's biomarker research leverages sophisticated bioinformatic and statistical approaches to integrate multiple data sources in effort to identify precision medicine approaches for treating individual patients. Ultimately Dr. McMillan intends to integrate cognitive and biological tests to develop powerful methods for identifying patients for entry into clinical trials and for measuring the efficacy of drug treatments in the context of clinical trials.

**Lauren Massimo, PhD, CRNP**

Lauren Massimo is a graduate of the PhD program in Nursing at the University of Pennsylvania and a Post-doctoral fellow at The Pennsylvania State University College of Nursing and the University of Pennsylvania Frontotemporal Degeneration Center. Dr. Massimo holds a bachelor's degree in Nursing from The Pennsylvania State University and master's degree as an Adult and Gerontology Nurse Practitioner from the University of Pennsylvania.

Dr. Massimo's research focuses on identifying the cognitive and neural basis for neuropsychiatric symptoms in neurodegenerative disease. Over her decade-long career as a nurse practitioner in cognitive neurology, she has enjoyed the opportunity to work with and support many patients with neurodegenerative disease and their families. She has received numerous grants and awards including the John A. Hartford Foundation Building Academic Geriatric Nursing Capacity pre-doctoral fellowship. She is currently funded by the National Institute of Nursing Research for her work on apathy in Frontotemporal degeneration.

**Lisa Radin & Gary Radin**

Lisa Radin and her son, Gary Radin, provided complete care for their husband and father Neil Radin over a four-year period after he was diagnosed with frontotemporal degeneration (FTD). Based on their firsthand experience with this devastating and terminal illness, they compiled a collection of expert articles on FTD and dementia and published the book *What If It’s Not Alzheimer’s? A Caregivers Guide to Dementia*, now in its third edition. In 1998, following Neil's death, they founded the Neil L. Radin Caregivers Relief Foundation to help support caregivers. In 1999 they were involved in
planning the first Multidisciplinary Conference on Pick’s Disease and Frontotemporal Dementia in Philadelphia. In 2000, Lisa also helped organize the Frontotemporal Dementia and Pick’s Disease Criteria Conference at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, Maryland. In 2003, she became a founding member of the Association for Frontotemporal Degeneration and is currently a special-events consultant for the Alzheimer’s Association Delaware Valley chapter. Gary and Lisa continue to support fundraising efforts for these organizations, speak about their experience as caregiver’s and are both facilitators for support groups serving those in need.

**Jamie Reilly, PhD**  
Jamie Reilly is an Associate Professor and Interim Chair of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at Temple University. He is a clinically licensed speech-language pathologist who completed his doctoral and postdoctoral training in cognitive neuroscience at Temple University and the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Reilly’s research addresses the organization of human semantic memory and its disruption, repair, and maintenance in Frontotemporal Degeneration and Alzheimer’s Disease.

**Dianna K.H. Wheaton, MS, PhD, CHES**  
Dr. Wheaton joined the field of FTD research as Director of the FTD Disorders Registry in January, 2016. She obtained her MS degree in Biology (Genetic Counseling) from the University of North Texas; and her PhD in Health Studies (Community/Population Health) from the Texas Woman’s University. Dianna has more than 20 years of clinical science research experience and is the former Director of the Southwest Eye Registry where she conducted genetic studies to identify disease-causing genes, identified potential patients for clinical trials, and provided genetic counseling to patients and at-risk family members.

**Beth McCarty Wood, MS, LCGC**  
Beth McCarty Wood is the senior genetic counselor for the newly established Penn Telegenetics Program. She began her career in the genetics of neurodegenerative diseases in 2003, working in the Center for Neurodegenerative Disease Research at the University of Pennsylvania. Beth continues to works with the FTD center on issues related to the genetic contributions of FTD. As a genetic counselor, Beth speaks with patients and families about questions and concerns related to the genetics of FTD and other neurodegenerative conditions. Along with her experience working in FTD genetic research, Beth has also worked on local and national studies for Alzheimer disease, Parkinson Disease, and Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis. She is also involved in educating fellow genetic counselors about neurodegenerative diseases through authoring book chapters and lecturing via online education seminars. She received a
BA in Biology from the University of Delaware and a MS in Genetic Counseling from the University of Pittsburgh. She is board certified in genetic counseling by the American Board of Genetic Counseling and licensed by the states of Pennsylvania, Delaware, and California.

Anna Yung, BSN, RN

Anna Yung joined the Penn FTD Center in 2015 as a Clinical Research Nurse Coordinator. She received her BA in Nursing from Samuel Merritt University in California and a BA in Psychology from the University of California, Berkeley.

Anna has previous research experience in Pediatrics at the Stanford University School of Medicine. She also completed her capstone senior nursing rotation at Stanford Hospital. Her recent personal family experience with stroke and dementia has sparked her interest in the neurobiology of dementia and nursing techniques to support patients and their caregivers.