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## IN-TRAC: March 2025 Newsletter

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### IN-TRAC Hour

Thursdays, 12:00pm-1:00pm

**March 6th**

**Texas TB Journal Club\***

Zoom Only

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**March 13th**

**IN-TRAC Forum**

Abhishek Mishra, Ph.D.

***The pathway of autophagy in the epigenetic landscape of  
Mycobacterium-host interactions***

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# IN-TRAC Forum

**Thursday, March 13th from 12-1pm**  
Denney Multipurpose Room & Zoom



Forum led by  
**Abhishek Mishra, Ph.D.**

**Discussion Topic:**  
*The pathway of autophagy in the epigenetic landscape of Mycobacterium-host interactions*

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**March 20th**  
**Texas TB Journal Club\***  
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**MARCH 27th**

Global Health Symposium 2025  
March 27-28, San Antonio Botanical Garden and Virtual  
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Plus... Special IN-TRAC Programming in March:

**IN-TRAC: Meet the Faculty with Dr. William R. Bishai**

**Tuesday, March 4th from 4pm-5pm**  
Denney Multipurpose Room & Zoom

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## IN-TRAC: Meet the Faculty

**Dr. William R. Bishai**

**Tuesday, March 4th from 4pm-5pm**  
Denney Multipurpose Room & Zoom



Dr. Bishai received his MD and PhD degrees from Harvard Medical School. He was a resident at the Brigham and Women's Hospital an infectious diseases fellow at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and a post-doc in the laboratory of Nobel laureate, Dr. Hamilton Smith. He joined the Johns Hopkins faculty in 1994 and is currently a Professor of Medicine in the Dept. of Medicine,

Division of Infectious Diseases and serves as Co-Director for the JHU Center for Tuberculosis Research. From 2010-2013 Dr. Bishai served as the founding Director of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI)-funded KwaZulu-Natal Research Institute for Tuberculosis and HIV (K-RITH) in Durban, South Africa, where he supervised the construction of a research building and recruited seven world-class scientists to its faculty.

Dr. Bishai's interests involve tuberculosis pathogenesis, and animal models of pulmonary infections. His work has led to a second-generation BCG vaccine which is being advanced towards clinical trials. He has authored over 300 papers in peer reviewed journals, and receives grant support from the National Institutes of Health. He has given extensive service on international conference planning committees, study sections, editorial boards, and review panels including 3 years on the WHO Stop TB Partnership Coordinating Board.

Please email any suggested questions for Meet the Faculty to [crush@txbiomed.org](mailto:crush@txbiomed.org) or [ahinojosa@txbiomed.org](mailto:ahinojosa@txbiomed.org)

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## 2025 Pilot Grant Proposals

There are 3 opportunities for Pilot Grant funding

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2025 Small Project Pilot Grant  
2025 Preliminary Data Pilot Grant  
2025 Collaborative Pilot Grant

[Click Here to Submit your NOI \(Notice of Intention\)](#)

Notice of Intention Deadline: **Friday, March 7, 2025, 5pm**

Pilot Grant Submission Deadline: **Friday, April 25, 2025, 5pm**

**The deadline for NOI's is approaching quickly.**

**Please email [crush@txbiomed.org](mailto:crush@txbiomed.org) if you have any questions!**

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## **World Tuberculosis Day is March 24, 2025!**

Please mark your calendar and make plans to attend the  
IN-TRAC World TB Day events!

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# WORLD TUBERCULOSIS DAY

## MARCH 24, 2025

World TB Day is a day to educate the public about the impact of TB here in the United States and around the world. Make plans to join us for one of the World TB Day events below. All events feature IN-TRAC Participants.

### Event Schedule

8:30am- 12:30pm	Heartland TB <i>World TB Day</i> Featuring IN-TRACs Drs. Blanca Restrepo and Lisa Y. Armitige Online Webcast
	World TB Day at the Texas Center for Infectious Disease Texas Center for Infectious Disease 2303 SE Military Dr, San Antonio 78223 In Person Only
12:15pm- 1:15pm	UCSF TRAC presents <i>Early-Stage Investigators: Next Generation of Researchers Tackling TB</i> Featuring IN-TRACs Dr. Anna Allue Guardia Organized by Dr. Christopher Rae In-Person Watch Party with Lunch
4:00pm- 5:00pm	IN-TRAC <i>World TB Day Reception</i> Denney Lobby IN-TRAC Overview and Networking with IN-TRAC core leads and participants, light bites will be served. In Person Only



- **[Register HERE for Heartland TB World TB Day Live Webcast](#)**  
The registration deadline for this program is **Friday, March 21, 2025**
- **[Register HERE for World TB Day at the Texas Center for Infectious Disease](#)**  
The registration deadline for this event is **Friday, March 14, 2025**

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~~Researchers Tackling TB in a Green Water City.~~

**The registration deadline for this program is Monday, March 10, 2025**

- **[RSVP Here for the IN-TRAC World TB Day Reception](#)**

*Participation is FREE for all World Tuberculosis events, but pre-registration for most is mandatory.*

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## **2025 IN-TRAC Clinical Core Trip**

Please take advantage of this upcoming opportunity:

The 2025 IN-TRAC Clinical Core Trip to McAllen, Texas from April 7th-8th.

*See flyer below for full details.*

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# IN-TRAC CLINICAL CORE TRIP

April 7th and 8th, 2025

*Acquire knowledge on the design and execution of field studies that are clinically relevant and logistically feasible.*

## Trainee will be able to...

Define the stage of the Natural History of TB addressed in their research

Identify and manage patients with suspected TB, newly diagnosed TB and close contacts

Determine how protocols for TB control differ between Texas and Mexico

Obtain strategies to manage relevant data related to the field and laboratory process

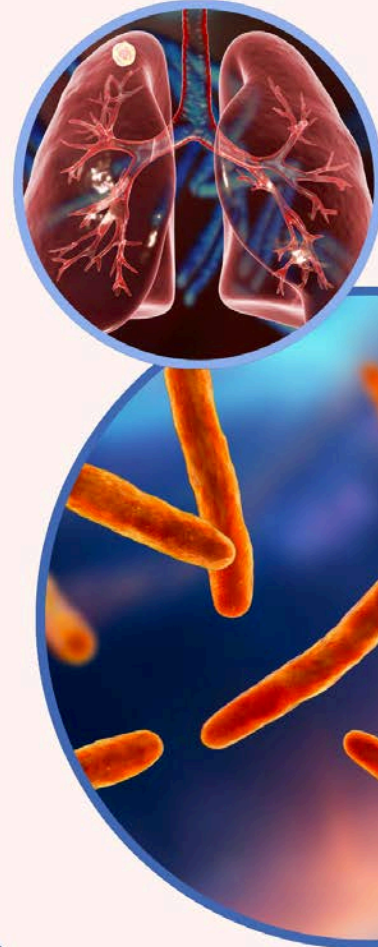
Acquire knowledge on types of study designs currently conducted at the Mexican field site and the ethical considerations for studies conducted at international field sites

Translate their current basic science project to the clinical setting

## Details:

This trip will leave on April 7th from Texas Biomed campus at 7am, include an overnight stay in McAllen, TX and arrive back to Texas Biomed campus on April 8th at 6pm  
Please click the flyer to express interest in this trip.

Travel costs are sponsored by IN-TRAC and either a shared van or carpooling will be used for transportation and rooms will be double occupancy.



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them this email. There are so many exciting opportunities they can be a part of to further their TB research and experience!

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