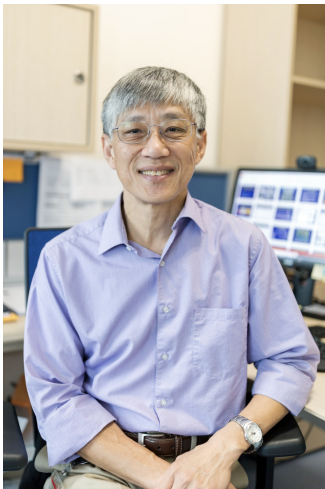


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A Tribute to Dr. Edward Koo



We are deeply saddened by the loss of Dr. Edward Koo, a pioneering neurologist, cherished colleague, and one of the first Beeson Scholars, receiving this prestigious award in 1995 while at Brigham and Women's Hospital at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Koo's groundbreaking work in Alzheimer's disease research, his unwavering mentorship, and his profound dedication to science and community have left an enduring legacy.

This loss hits our Stein family especially close to home, as Dr. Koo was a member of the Stein Institute Scientific Advisory Board for many years and also the husband of our longtime friend and business manager, Nancy Yue. Through Nancy, we saw a portrait of Eddie not only as a brilliant mind, but as a devoted husband and father—someone who lived with integrity, humility, and deep love for his family. His family: Nancy and his two children Jeremy and Allison are in our thoughts and prayers. His warmth, generosity, and courage continue to inspire all who had the privilege of knowing him. He will be greatly missed and fondly remembered.

In a heartfelt letter, Dr. James Brewer reflects on Dr. Koo's extraordinary life, scientific contributions, and the deep personal impact he had on our community.

Dear Faculty and Friends,

It is with a heavy heart that I share the news of the passing of our dear friend and colleague, Edward Koo, who touched so many of our lives and inspired us with his science, his insight, his kindness, his humor, and more recently with his remarkable bravery and positive attitude in the face of health struggles due

to cancer.

Eddie passed peacefully last night surrounded by family after recently entering hospice care.

Eddie made an indelible impact on our department and our Alzheimer's program, and he was a central and beloved figure within the Alzheimer's community nationally and internationally. A proud Amherst grad, Eddie, went on to medical school at Duke and stayed after graduation for some postgraduate training in pathology followed by neurology residency at UCSF. He then trained in neuropathology at Johns Hopkins under Don Price, where he gained complementary skills that would serve him and our center well in his later work and mentorship in the field of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders. He spent early years as faculty at Harvard and Brigham and Women's, where he served as a neurologist and neuropathologist with a primary appointment in Pathology before moving to UC San Diego as an Associate Professor in 1996. He played critical leadership roles in the NIH-funded UCSD ADRC from 1997 onward.

Eddie's work was key in the early characterizations of Amyloid Precursor Protein processing and trafficking, and his research contributed significantly to our understanding of Amyloid beta production, the biology and modulation of gamma-secretase, and the pathways that contribute to cell death and neurodegeneration. He was a renowned mentor and leader within the Beeson Career Development Award program, and he provided dedicated service to many journals and review committees. He led the Alzheimer grant reviews of the Brightfocus Foundation for over a decade, where his oversight of grant review meetings was often paired with his arranging a memorable round of golf with Alzheimer's colleagues at beautiful and challenging courses.

These many facets of his dedication to science, colleagues, mentees, family and friends and his love of life will provide some of the most indelible memories amongst all those we have of Eddie. It's devastating to think of a world without him, but his great impact on the field and on us will endure as a blessing.

In recognition and memory of Eddie, our department, ADRC, and development office have worked together to initiate the establishment of an Endowed Dissertation Award in his name. With this funding, future graduates of our PhD programs, whose outstanding work in Neurosciences is deemed worthy of such an award, will carry forward his name in their CVs and biosketches throughout their careers. If you feel compelled to join us in honoring his memory in this manner, please consider sending a donation to the fund as

described below.

As information is learned about plans for a memorial, we will pass them along in accordance with expressed wishes of the family.

Sincerely,
Jim



Dr. Edward Koo and his family at the Milford Sound, New Zealand

A fund has been set up to ***The Edward Koo Dissertation Award in Neurosciences.***

Please consider donating in support.

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Wednesday is Our Next Public Lecture



A promotional graphic for a public lecture. It features a circular portrait of Dr. Michael J. Wilkinson on the left. To the right, the text 'PUBLIC LECTURE' is in large, bold, gold letters. Below it, the title of the lecture is in blue. The UC San Diego logo and the name of the Center for Healthy Aging are in the top right. At the bottom, there are icons for time, date, and location, along with a large gold abstract shape on the right.

PUBLIC LECTURE

"INTERMITTENT FASTING: A STRATEGY TO PREVENT CARDIOMETABOLIC DISEASES AND PROMOTE HEALTHY AGING"

Michael J. Wilkinson, MD, FACC, FNLA

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Please join us for a lecture with UC San Diego Cardiologist, Dr. Michael J. Wilkinson. Q & A to follow, moderated by Danielle Glorioso.

4pm-5pm Wed, May 14 Zoom

Dr. Michael Wilkinson is a board-certified cardiologist and lipidologist, and directs UC San Diego Health's advanced lipid treatment program, specializing in inherited dyslipidemias like familial hypercholesterolemia and elevated lipoprotein(a). He focuses on preventing atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease through risk management and advanced therapies. As president of the Pacific Lipid Association Chapter and a National Lipid Association board member, Dr. Wilkinson advances lipidology education and research. An associate editor of the *American Journal of Preventive Cardiology*, he publishes extensively and mentors trainees. He completed his MD at Drexel University, residency at the University of Chicago, and fellowship at UC San Diego, where he was chief fellow.

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Spotlight: Dr. Alison Moore, on a walk through the neighborhood with Theo, tail wagging and spirits high

"Walking with my dog, Theo, is one of my daily joys, and as they say "motion is lotion", so daily walking helps keep my joints moving smoothly."

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After nearly a decade of research led by our Executive Director, Danielle K. Glorioso, we are thrilled to announce that our Resilience Intervention is now officially licensed through UC San Diego and available for implementation in community settings. This evidence-based, six-session program is specifically designed to enhance resilience, compassion, and self-compassion in older adults. It has been studied in various community settings across the United States, as well as in England and Israel, with results showing improvements in resilience and self-compassion, along with reductions in perceived stress, depression, and loneliness.

For more information about our intervention, please contact Danielle K. Glorioso at dgloriosso@health.ucsd.edu



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