

The USC-Buck Nathan Shock Center of Excellence in Research in the Biology of Aging

Town Hall

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Research Development Core – Julie Andersen/Kelvin Davies

Cell Senescence and Beyond Core – Judy Campisi/Birgit Schilling

Genomic Translation Across Species Core – Em Arpawong/Eileen Crimmins

Application Process/Funding – Tara Riley

Q&A




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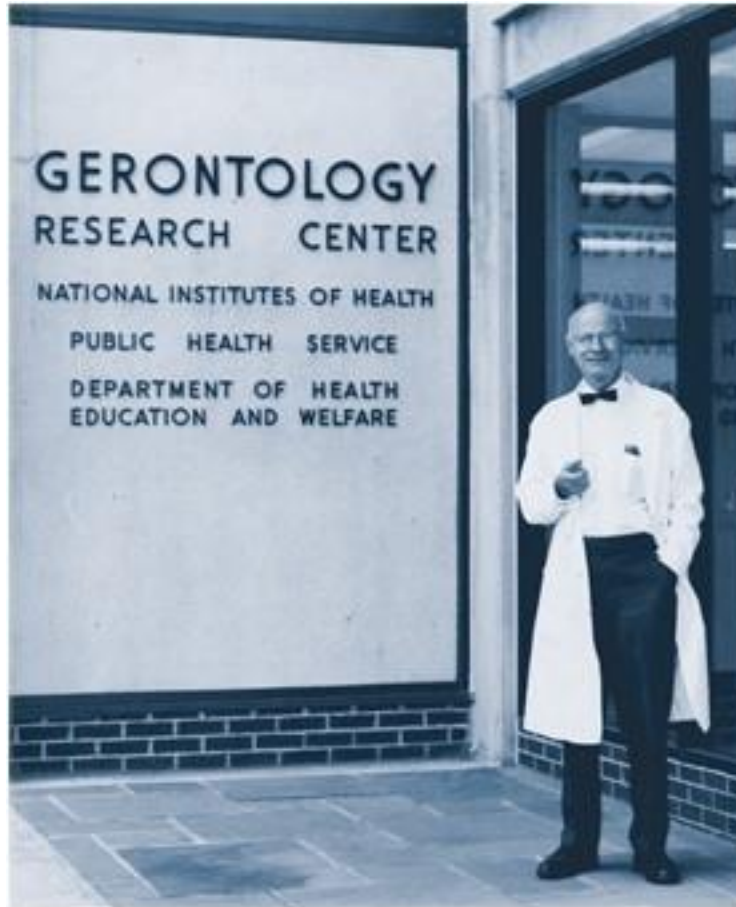


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Nathan Shock Centers of Excellence in the Basic Biology of Aging



Nathan W. Shock (1906–1989) was known as the "father of [gerontology](#)" and head of the Gerontology Research Center of the [National Institutes of Health](#) for nearly 35 years - until 1976. He then became scientist emeritus at the center.

He was one of the first scientists to foresee the importance of using longitudinal methods to study human aging. He clocked the rate at which different organs of the body age and showed that different individuals age at different rates.

He was the author of more than 300 journal articles and books, and detailed his research in *Scientific American* 206:100-10, 1962.

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What do the Nathan Shock Centers do?

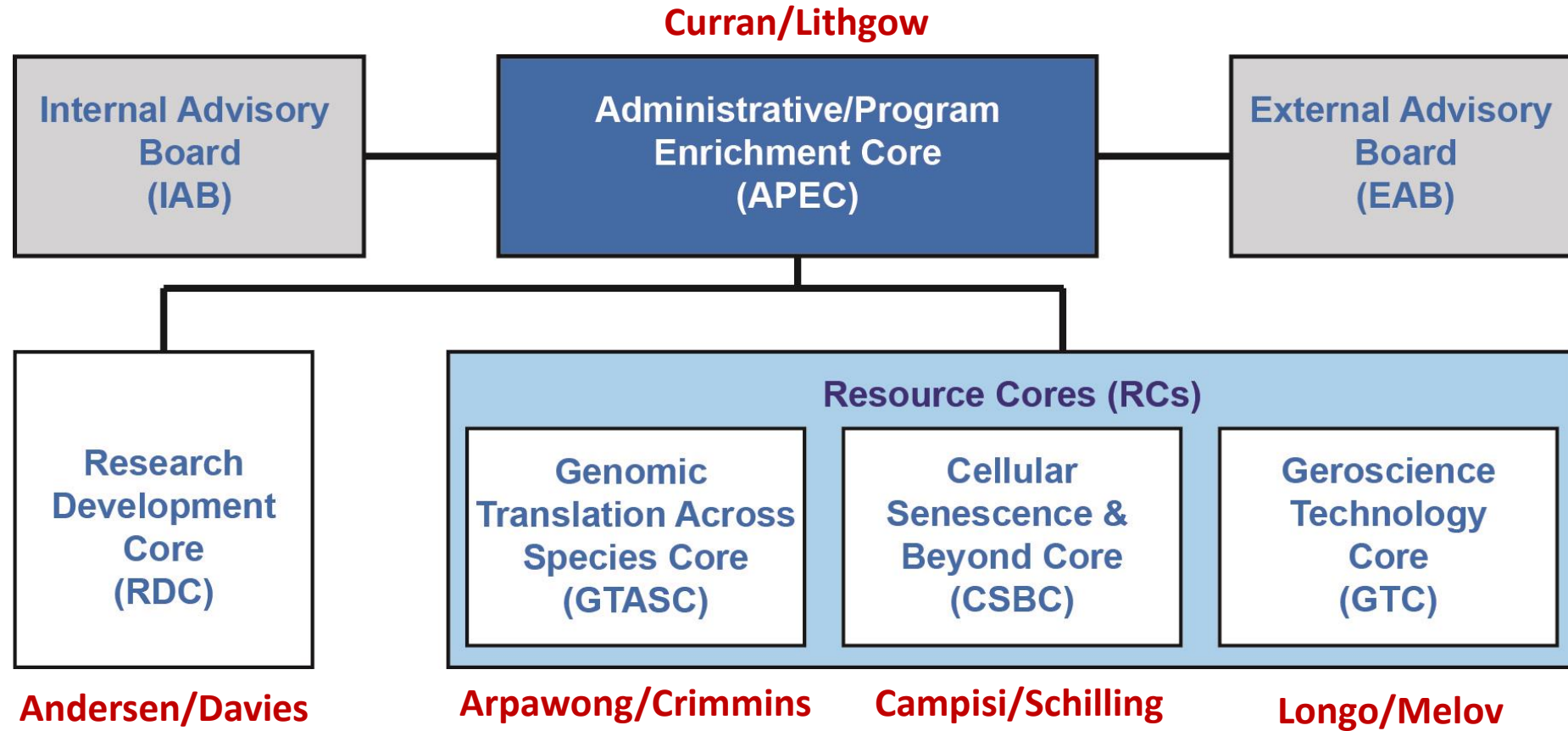
- The Centers provide leadership in the pursuit of basic research into the biology of aging. They do so through a Research Development Core which administers small start-up funds locally, and organizes national annual meetings to highlight specific areas of research.
- In addition, each Nathan Shock Center has several specialized cores that provide services to Shock Center members, as well as for-fee services to the community at large. The cores are different in each Center, depending on the strengths of each Institution.

USC-Buck NSC is greater than the sum of its parts

Co-leaders:

Sean Curran and Gordon Lithgow

Organization



Invigorating the geroscience research community

Engage geroscience experts

Spark innovative geroscience research

Facilitate and foster new geroscience collaborations

Provide access to geroscience technology

Train the next generation of geroscience researchers

Provide geroscience project support

Administrative support

Programmatic

- Tara Riley
- Linda Hall/Gillian Miller

Financial

- Kira Harvath
- Sarah Lines

Communication

- Orli Belman
- Robin Snyder

Geroscience Technology Core

Co-leaders

Valter Longo and Simon Melov

Core Pilots and Vouchers

Mouse Phenotyping Core

Biomarker Core

Mitochondria Core

Bioinformatics Core (NSC-GTASC)

Genomics Core

Multiscale imaging center

AI and data science

Flow cytometry

Metabolomics

Morphology and Imaging

Proteomics (NSC-CSBC)

Single Cell biology

Funding for faculty partnerships

<https://gero.usc.edu/faculty/>

<https://www.buckinstitute.org/research/faculty/>

Single cell RNA seq - 10X genomics

Miniseq – small genome sequencer (invertebrates, mitochondria, etc.)

Model systems: yeast, worm, fly, killifish, mouse, etc.

Focused projects on: mitochondrial peptides, diet, air pollution, multiscale imaging, sexual dimorphism, etc.



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