

ASHI MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



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How long have you been an ASHI member? One year

When and where was your first ASHI meeting? My first ASHI meeting was the virtual annual meeting in October 2020. It was a special moment due to the pandemic situation. I couldn't participate in-person but it was a great learning opportunity for me, with so many essential theories and practical applications in the lab.

What made you decide to work in HLA? First, it was because of my passion for immunology and hematology during undergraduate courses. It is a fascinating world. Secondly (but not least), my extreme good luck to have been accepted at Dr. Jorge Neumann's lab. He taught me everything I know about immunogenetics. His work, ideas, and leadership inspired me to follow in his footsteps. Today, I feel honored to have worked with Dr. Neumann for the past 15 years, and for being appointed as a director-in-training.

Most rewarding aspect: The most rewarding aspect is knowing that everything we do will have a direct impact on people's quality of life. I believe there is no greater feeling than knowing that my work helps the patients.

Fun fact: I am an ordinary person with a lovely family. I like movies, music, and I enjoy playing my guitar. I like photos too, but I'm a terrible photographer. One of my biggest adventures was an internship I did in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada at the HLA Typing Laboratory Queen Elizabeth II Health Sciences Centre with Dr. Rob Liwski and his team. It was a moment of great learning. No doubt I have improved my lab skills by learning with one of the most brilliant scientists in the world. I came back with many ideas and projects. Also, I got to know a very fun sport called curling, which is now my favorite winter sport.

Dr. Neumann and Dr. Rob Liwski are like my Jedi masters. I am very proud of my work and my colleagues in the lab. I think it is a wonderful place to work. The truth is: I'm a very lucky guy!