

## 2018 endMS Summer School Career Panel Biographies



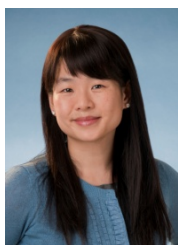
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Raquel holds 2 Ph.Ds. in Sciences from University of Sao Paulo, Brazil and in Public Health from the Aging, Health and Wellbeing program at the University of Waterloo. While working as a post-doctoral at University of Guelph, Raquel volunteered for Alzheimer Society, became passionate for understanding family caregiver needs, and decided to start a second Ph.D. During her second Ph.D., Raquel worked as a research secondee at the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant LHIN and at the Mississauga Halton Local Health Information Network. She is currently working as a senior analyst at Canadian Institute for Health Information where she is still involved in caregiver research.



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Maheen Ceizar is a Research Specialist at the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada, where she oversees the research communication portfolio which includes developing, curating and vetting MS research information and communications materials for the Society's various departments and stakeholders (the public, donors, the research community, etc.). She also provides scientific support for the day-to-day research department operations. Maheen completed her MSc. degree in Neurosciences followed by a Ph.D. in Cellular and Molecular Medicine from the University of Ottawa. Maheen is enthusiastic about making a positive impact on the lives of people affected by neurological disorders. At the MS Society, she gets to contribute to the Society's mission of improving the lives of those living with MS while searching for a cure.



**Dr. Helen Chan**  
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Helen Chan received her PhD in neurochemistry from McGill University and is currently the Director of Research Strategy & Development at the University Health Network (UHN). She leads a 15-member team that is focused on providing scientific and tactical advice on organizational strategy, maximizing UHN's competitive advantage in funding mechanisms, administering funding and enabling research analytics at Canada's largest research hospital.



**Dr. Jen Gommerman**  
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Jen received her Ph.D. (Immunology) at the University of Toronto in 1998. She went on to do a post-doctoral fellowship at Harvard Medical School studying the complement pathway and then joined Biogen Inc. as a Staff Scientist in 2000. During her tenure at Biogen, she became interested

in B cells, Multiple Sclerosis and the TNF superfamily of molecules. After 3 years in Industry, she returned to Academia as an Assistant Professor (Immunology) at the University of Toronto in 2003, and in 2015 was promoted to full Professor. In 2014 she assumed the role of Graduate Coordinator and in this role she spearheaded a new Applied MSc program in Immunology. Jen's basic research continues to focus on how members of the TNF superfamily of molecules regulate immunity and autoimmunity. With respect to translational work, Dr. Gommerman is a co-PI on a collaborative study examining the role of B lymphocytes in Multiple Sclerosis patients, and she is the lead PI on a study examining the effect of global migration on susceptibility to autoimmune disease. Jen has chaired the MS Society of Canada Biomedical grant panel, and is on the program committee for the American Association of Immunologists. In 2013 she co-chaired the 14th International TNF Meeting in Quebec City, Canada. She also serves as a section editor for the *Journal of Immunology*. Currently Jen holds funds from the MS Society of Canada, the Canadian Institutes for Health Research and the Connaught Foundation.



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Ronan completed his BSc at the University of Toronto and went on to complete his MSc in Waterloo, returning to the UofT for his PhD in Medical Science. Upon graduation, he joined a biotech company, Therapure, as a project leader, developing novel monoclonal antibody therapies in anemia and oncology. He subsequently moved on to join Biogen, where for the past three years has been a Medical Science Liaison, supporting scientific and medical inquiries regarding the multiple sclerosis product portfolio, both internally and externally to the company. Ronan has almost completed his sommelier training and resides in Toronto with his family.



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