

## MMI 291 Seminar Series

Current Theme: Interdisciplinary Research  
Spring Quarter 2025 – CRN 47397

**Friday Seminar at 12:10-1 p.m.**

**Genome and Biomedical Sciences Facility, Room 1005**

### “Why is ExoT so Essential to *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* Pathogenesis”

#### Research Bio

Shafikhani is a Professor and Director of Microbiome Research at the University of California, Davis. As a cellular microbiologist, Shafikhani leads research projects focusing on host/pathogen interaction, normal and chronic wound healing, development of immunomodulator-based therapeutics to control wound and surgical site infections, and cancer biology and therapeutics.

#### Publications

Mohamed F. Mohamed, Kajal Gupta, Josef W. Goldufsky, Ruchi Roy, Lauren T. Callaghan, Dawn M. Wetzel, Timothy M. Kuzel, Jochen Reiser and **Sasha H. Shafikhani**. “CrkII/Abl phosphorylation cascade is critical for NLR4 inflammasome activity and is blocked by *Pseudomonas* ExoT”. *Nature Communications*. 2022 Mar 11. 13(1):1295. doi: 10.1038/s41467-022-28967-5. PMID: 35277504. PMCID: PMC8917168.

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Ruchi Roy, Janet Zayas, Mohamed F. Mohamed, Mohammad Bayat, Timothy M. Kuzel, Jochen Reiser and **Sasha H. Shafikhani**. “IL-10 Dysregulation underlies Global Chemokine Insufficiency, Delayed Macrophage Response, and Impaired Healing in Diabetic Wound”. *Journal of Investigative Dermatology*. 2022 Mar. 142(3 Pt A):692-704.e14. doi: 10.1016/j.jid.2021.08.428. Epub 2021 Sep 10. PMID: 34517005. PMCID: PMC8860852.

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**In-person presentation**

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We hope to see you there!