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Dr. David A. Bennett is the Director of the Rush Alzheimer’s Disease Center and the Robert C. Borwell Professor of Neurological Sciences at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago. He is principal of several grants from the NIH, including the Alzheimer’s Disease Core Center, the Religious Orders Study and the Rush Memory and Aging Project. His pioneering analytic prospective clinical-pathologic cohort studies have linked a wide range of multi-level genomic data, experiential, psychological, and medical risk factors to the development of AD and other common chronic conditions of aging. His studies include the investigation of peripheral blood biomarkers, ante- and post-mortem neuroimaging, biomedical devices, neuropathology and neurobiologic indices, as well as deep omics including epigenomics, transcriptomics, proteomics, and metabolomics that are now being used to feed the computational front end of drug discovery pipelines.

Dr. Gordon F. Buchanan is Assistant Professor of Neurology at the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine. Originally from the Chicago suburbs, Dr. Buchanan completed undergraduate studies and MD/PhD training at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign before moving to the Yale School of Medicine where he complete Neurology Residency, a Neuroscience Fellowship, and became Assistant Professor of Neurology. He moved to his current position in January 2015. Clinically, Dr. Buchanan primarily sees patients with epilepsy. His research focuses on basic mechanisms of sleep-wake regulation and epilepsy, with a special focus on understanding sleep-state dependent factors that lead to increased seizure-related mortality.

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