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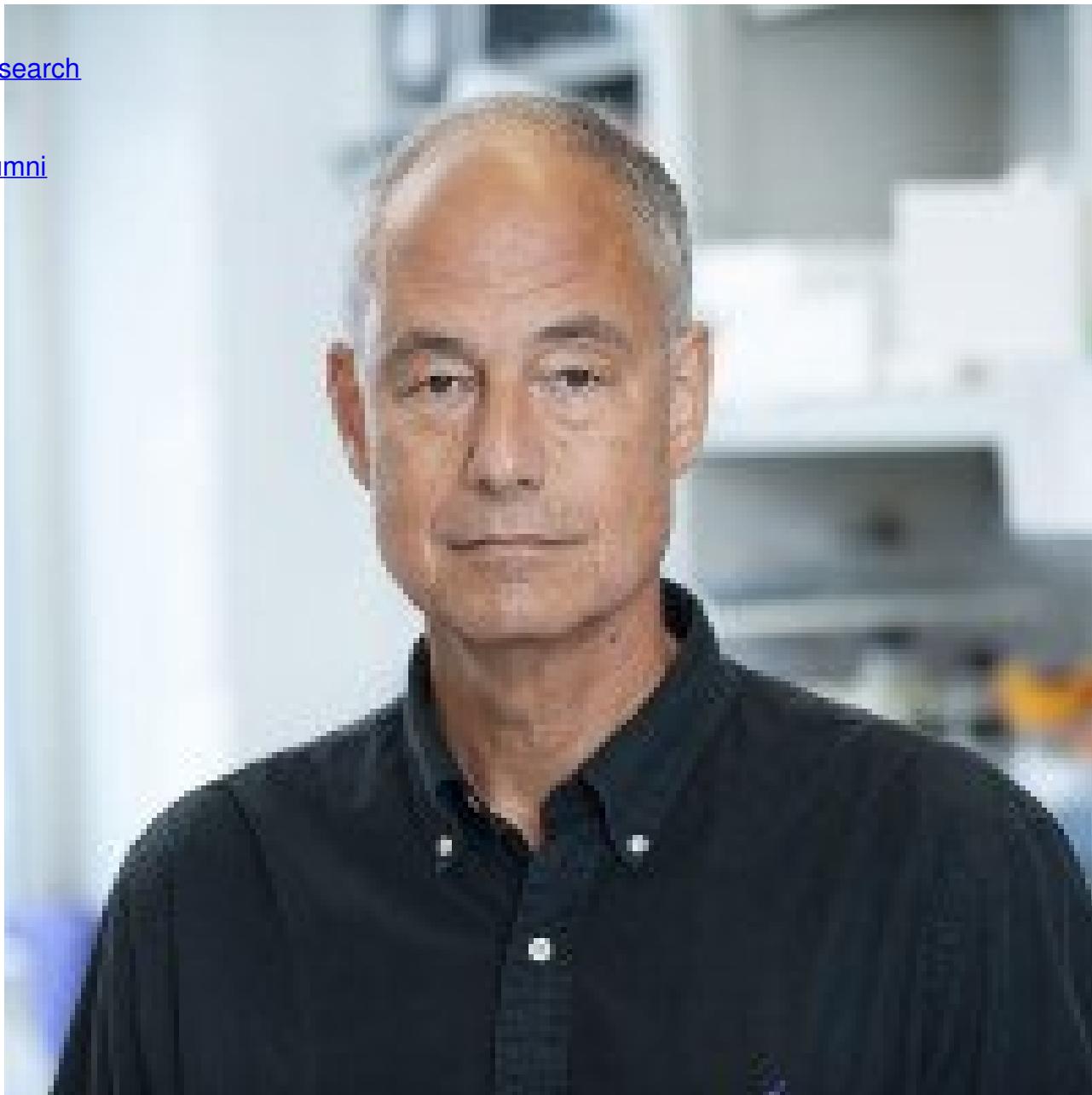
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Stewart Shuman, MD, PhD

Simon H. Rifkind Chair

American Cancer Society Research Professor; Professor

The goal of my research is to understand the mechanisms and structures of enzymes that perform and regulate essential nucleic acid transactions. My research integrates diverse experimental approaches (including virology, biochemistry, structural biology, and genetics) and applies them to model systems ranging from viruses to bacteria to fungi to mammalian cells. An explicit aim is to identify novel enzymatic targets for treatment of human diseases.

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Research Projects

- [RNA ligases and RNA repair](#)
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- [Deciphering the RNA Polymerase II CTD Code](#)



Publications Highlights

Schwer, B., Bitton, D.A., Sanchez, A.M., Bähler, J., and Shuman, S. (2014) Individual letters of the RNA polymerase II CTD code govern distinct gene expression programs in fission yeast. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* 111, 4185-4190.

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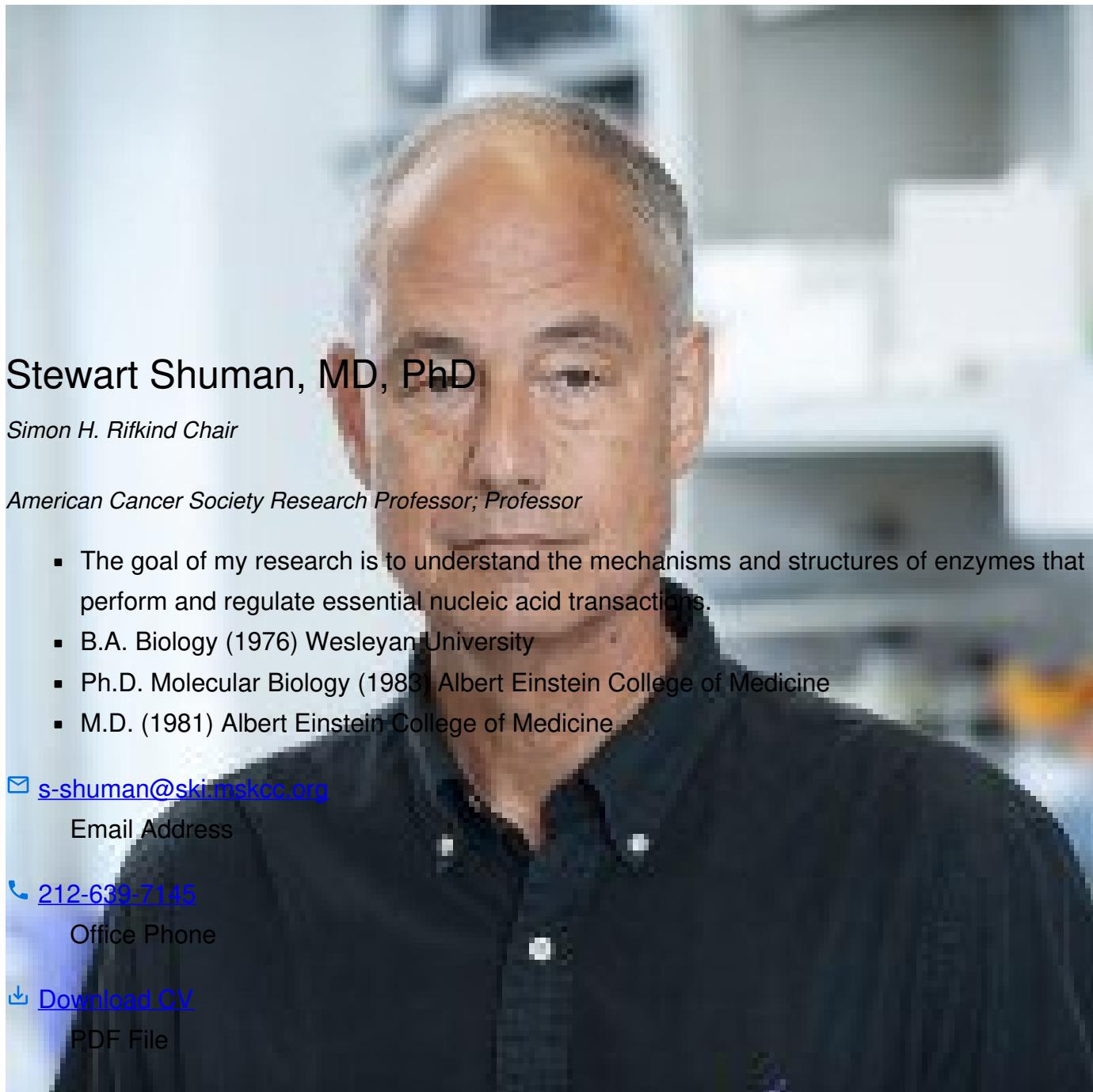
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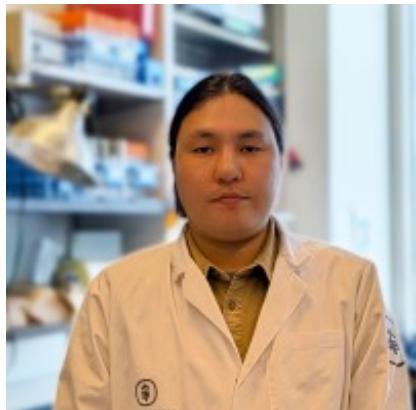


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Achievements

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- Fellow of the American Academy of

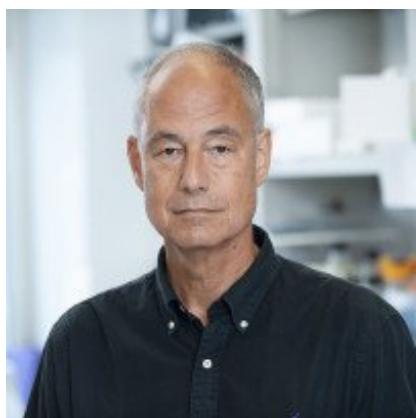
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- American Cancer Society Research Professor (2005 -)
- American Society for Virology, Wolfgang Joklik Lectureship (2004)

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