

# William Cawthorn, Ph.D

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## RESEARCH SUMMARY

My research addresses the interplay between metabolism, immunological function and skeletal health in the context of both fundamental biology and chronic diseases. To do so I combine preclinical animal models, human clinical studies and data science approaches using the UK Biobank. Methods include the development of new biomedical imaging techniques and artificial intelligence to open new avenues for population-level studies. My key research interests are as follows:

### A) Bone marrow adipose tissue (BMAT):

My overarching research goal is to determine the function of BMAT and its impact on human health. BMAT comprises >10% of total adipose mass in lean, healthy humans, and further increases in diverse clinical contexts. In striking contrast to white adipose tissue (WAT) and brown adipose tissue (BAT), BMAT accumulates during caloric restriction (CR), a condition that promotes healthy ageing by preventing and treating chronic diseases. Thus, altered BMAT formation and/or function might impact numerous human diseases. However, the physiological and pathological functions of BMAT were previously almost completely unknown.

In 2015 I was awarded an MRC Career Development Award to investigate the metabolic and endocrine functions of BMAT. One barrier to understanding BMAT formation and function has been the inability to measure BMAT on a population-level. To address this, in 2019 I was awarded an MRC Research Grant to develop new deep-learning methods for high-throughput, automated analysis of BMAT in the UK Biobank imaging study. My key achievements are as follows:

1. Discovered that, during states of caloric restriction (CR), BMAT is a key source of adiponectin, a hormone implicated with improved cardiometabolic health ([Cawthorn \*et al\*, Cell Metabolism 2014](#)).
2. Identified glucocorticoids as drivers of BMAT accumulation during CR ([Cawthorn \*et al\*, Endocrinology 2016](#) and [Lovdel \*et al\*, Journal of Endocrinology 2024](#)), highlighting mechanisms through which nutritional status regulates BMAT formation.
3. Developed new biomedical imaging methods to investigate BMAT function *in vivo*, both preclinically and in humans. This research, which has yielded new research datasets ([GSE138690](#)) and software code ([ROCPePixel](#)), revealed that BMAT has high basal glucose uptake and is metabolically distinct from WAT and BAT; thus, BMAT represents a third major, distinct adipose tissue subtype ([Suchacki \*et al\*, Nature Communications 2020](#)).
4. Developed deep learning to automate BMAT analysis from MRI data in the UK Biobank ([Morris \*et al\*, Computational and Structural Biotechnology Journal 2024](#)).

Moreover, in 2017 I worked as key member of an international, multidisciplinary team of researchers to cofound The International Bone Marrow Adiposity Society (BMAS; <http://bma-society.org/>), of which I served as inaugural Secretary (2017-2023) and interim President (2022-2023). I edited the [first special issue on BMAT](#) for *Frontiers in Endocrinology*; lead the BMAS Nomenclature Working Group, with corresponding authorship on our first BMAS position paper ([Bravenboer \*et al\*, Frontiers in Endocrinology 2020](#)); and serve on of the BMAS Biobanking Working Group, co-authoring biobanking guidelines for BMAT research ([Lucas \*et al\*, Frontiers in Endocrinology 2021](#)).

*Since 2015 my BMAT research has contributed to 26 peer-reviewed publications, 34 invited seminars, >30 conference abstracts, 3 PhD theses and 1 book chapter.*

### B) Adiponectin function in caloric restriction

My finding that BMAT is a key source of adiponectin raises a key question: what is adiponectin's function during CR? Thus, **another of my major research interests is to elucidate adiponectin's contribution to the metabolic and immunological benefits of CR.** I have pursued this goal through preclinical studies in adiponectin knockout (KO) mice, and through Mendelian Randomisation using the UK Biobank. This has revealed that, unexpectedly, adiponectin KO *enhances* the metabolic benefits of CR ([Sulston PhD Thesis](#)) and alters CR's immunological effects ([Mattiucci PhD thesis](#)). Moreover,

Mendelian Randomisation revealed that decreased circulating adiponectin may influence immunological function in humans, including the risk of adverse COVID-19 outcomes (*unpublished studies in progress*).

***Since 2015 my adiponectin research has contributed to 28 invited seminars, >12 conference abstracts, and 2 PhD theses.***

### **C) Sex differences in the effects of caloric restriction**

My BMAT and adiponectin research has identified age-dependent sex differences in the CR response, with young females resisting many of CR's health benefits. For example, in male mice CR decreases fat mass, improves glucose tolerance and suppresses haematopoiesis, whereas females resist these effects. These differences no longer occur in aged mice, in which CR elicits similar metabolic benefits in both sexes. Notably, my research has revealed similar age-dependent sex differences during CR in humans. These findings are reported in our [2023 eLife paper](#) and available as open datasets (University of Edinburgh [DataShare](#), and [GSE230402](#)).

To further investigate the basis and extent of these sex differences I have been awarded three research grants (one as PI, two as Co-Investigator), including an MRC Research Grant (2025-2027) to investigate sex differences in weight loss in humans. ***Since 2015 this research has contributed to 6 peer-reviewed publications, 26 invited seminars, 3 PhD theses, and >18 abstracts at local, national and international meetings. They are the basis for three ongoing interdisciplinary collaborations.***

Finally, I am a strong advocate for open research and research integrity, including representing the University of Edinburgh as an Open Science Ambassador for the League of European Research Universities (LERU), and as the University's representative for the UK Reproducibility Network (UKRN). Through these roles I have contributed to [position papers](#) and [online resources](#) relevant to research openness and integrity and co-authored the LERU Position Paper "[Next Generation Metrics for Scientific and Scholarly Research in Europe](#)", published in April 2024.

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## **ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**

- 08/2022-present **Senior Lecturer** (Associate Professor), **Centre for Cardiovascular Science (CVS), University of Edinburgh**
- 06/2020-07/2022 **Lecturer** (Assistant Professor), **Centre for Cardiovascular Science (CVS), University of Edinburgh**
- 01/2015-05/2020 **Chancellor's Fellow, CVS, University of Edinburgh**

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## **EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

- 2009-2014 **University of Michigan, USA.** Postdoctoral training, Department of Molecular and Integrative Physiology. Mentor: Prof. Ormond MacDougald
- 2000-2008 **Clare College, University of Cambridge**
- 2004-2008 PhD research on "*The Molecular Mechanisms of Anti-Adipogenesis by Tumour Necrosis Factor-alpha*" in the Department of Clinical Biochemistry and Institute of Metabolic Science.  
Research Supervisor: Dr. Jaswinder Sethi
- 2000-2004 BA Hons and MSci Hons (First Class) in Natural Sciences (Biochemistry)
- 1995-2000 **Bedford School**
- 2000 A-levels Chemistry (A) Biology (A) Mathematics (A)
- 1998 GCSEs 6 at grade A\*, 4 at grade A

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## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- 2015- **Principal Investigator, CVS, University of Edinburgh**  
PI for studies investigating BMAT, including the causes and consequences of BMAT expansion during caloric restriction (CR), the impact of BMAT on metabolic homeostasis, characterisation of BMAT from human donors, and population-level studies of BMAT using machine learning in the UK Biobank. Other key lines of research include investigating sex differences and the role of adiponectin in the metabolic, cardiovascular and immunological effects of CR and ageing.
- 2009-2014 **Department of Molecular and Integrative Physiology, University of Michigan**  
Postdoctoral research into: (1) The effects of Wnt signalling on mesenchymal stem cell fate, mature adipocyte biology, whole-organism metabolism and energy homeostasis; (2) Identifying novel regulators of adipogenesis and adipocyte biology; (3) Adipose tissue-derived stem cells; and (4) Functional analysis of BMAT.
- 2004-2008 **Department of Clinical Biochemistry and Institute of Metabolic Science, University of Cambridge**  
PhD investigating effects of tumour necrosis factor-alpha (TNF- $\alpha$ ) on adipose tissue in the context of diseases such as obesity and type 2 diabetes. Identified a novel pathway of TNF- $\alpha$ -induced inhibition of adipocyte differentiation, involving the transcriptional regulators  $\beta$ -catenin and TCF7L2. Also investigated mechanisms linking inflammation to the pathogenesis of insulin resistance; modulation of Wnt signalling in adipose tissue during obesity; and dysregulation of mature adipocyte function by TNF- $\alpha$ .
- 2003 **Department of Biochemistry, University of Cambridge**  
Eight-week project in Dr. Peter Leadlay's lab involving the engineering of enzymes (PPTases) for synthesis of antibiotics. Work involved protein purification, molecular biology and a bioinformatics investigation of PPTase genes in several bacterial species, leading to acknowledgement in a subsequent publication.
- 2002 **Department of Physiology, University of Cambridge**  
Awarded a grant from the Durham Fund to work for 8-weeks in Dr. Bill Colledge's lab, using molecular biology and cell culture as a basis for generating transgenic mice with a targeted mutation in the *Ryr2* gene (Ryanodine receptor 2).
- 1999 **Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Philadelphia, USA**  
Organized a summer placement in Medical Genetics Department. Practical work involved gene testing, karyotyping and generating familial cancer histories. Aided data collection and attended meetings for discussion of cancer research.

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## RESEARCH FUNDING

- 2025-2027 - Research Grant, Medical Research Council (*Co-Investigator*)
- 2023 - Small Research Grant, The Royal Society of Edinburgh
- 2019 - Research Grant, Institutional Strategic Support Fund (ISSF), Wellcome Trust
- 2019-2024 - Research Grant, Medical Research Council (*PI*)
- 2018 - Research Incentive Grant, Carnegie Trust  
- Practical Skills Grant, The Society for Endocrinology
- 2016 - Research Grant, Institutional Strategic Support Fund (ISSF), Wellcome Trust  
- Bioinformatics Grant, BHF Centre of Research Excellence
- 2015-2020 - Chancellor's Fellowship, University of Edinburgh
- 2015-2022 - Career Development Award, Medical Research Council
- 2015 - Marie Curie Fellowship, European Commission (*declined in favour of Medical Research Council Career Development Award*)
- 2012 - Lilly Innovation Fellowship Award, Eli Lilly  
- Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award for Individual Postdoctoral Fellows, National Institutes of Health (*offer declined for Eli Lilly Fellowship*)
- 2009-2012 - Research Fellowship, Royal Commission for the Exhibition of 1851 (UK)

- 2004-2007 - Research Studentship, Medical Research Council (UK)  
2002 - Grant from the Durham Fund, King's College, University of Cambridge
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## HONOURS AND AWARDS

- 2022 - Open Research Award, University of Edinburgh  
2016-2017 - Head of College Award, University of Edinburgh  
2013 - Outstanding Abstract Award for ENDO 2013 conference, Endocrine Society  
2012-2013 - Elected President of the Postdoctoral Society of the Department of Molecular and Integrative Physiology, University of Michigan  
2010 - FEBS Letters' 'Most Cited Paper of 2008-2010' Award (*currently >700 citations*)  
2008 - FEBS Letters' 'Most Cited Paper of 2008' Award  
2007 - Best Presentation, Rank Prize Funds Mini-Symposium on Adiposity  
- Arthritis National Research Foundation Travel Award to attend the 11<sup>th</sup> International TNF Superfamily Conference at Asilomar, California  
2006 - Prize for Best Presentation, 2006 Clinical School Graduate Symposium  
- Grant from the Chibnall Travel Fund, Clare College, University of Cambridge  
2004 - Chibnall Prize for Biochemistry, Clare College, University of Cambridge  
2002 - Foundation Scholarship, Clare College, University of Cambridge  
2001 - One-Year Scholarship, Clare College, University of Cambridge  
1996-2000 - Four Gold Awards, UK Mathematical Challenge  
- Silver Medals, UK Biology and Chemistry Olympiads  
- Talalay Science Prize, Bedford School
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## OTHER POSITIONS AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- 2022-2023 Interim President, International Bone Marrow Adiposity Society (BMAS)  
2021- Open Science Ambassador for the University of Edinburgh (representing the University for LERU, the League of European Research Universities)  
2021- University of Edinburgh representative for the UK Reproducibility Network  
2021- Member, CVS Teaching Committee  
2021- Member, CVS Student Experience Committee  
2021- Member, Association for the Study of Obesity (ASO) – Scotland Committee  
2020-2021 Member of the University of Edinburgh Working Group on Research Metrics  
2020- Member, International Society for Bone Morphometry  
2019-2021 Member, American Society for Bone and Mineral Research  
2018-2023 Editorial Board Member, Diabetes  
2017-2023 Secretary and founding member, International Bone Marrow Adiposity Society (BMAS)  
2016-2017 Editor, *Frontiers in Endocrinology* special issue on Bone marrow adipose tissue  
2016- Member, Bone Research Society (UK)  
2015- Member, CVS Public Engagement Committee. Co-coordinator of CVS Twitter account (@EdinUniCVS) and @EdinUniMetabol for public outreach and communication.  
2015- Review Editor, *Frontiers in Endocrinology* and *Frontiers in Genetics*  
2015- Member, The Society for Endocrinology  
2015-2019 Member, CVS Seminars Committee and Communications and Social Committee.  
2015-2017 Coordinator, CVS weekly student and postdoc seminar series.  
2012-2014 Member, The American Physiological Society  
2012-2014 Member, The Endocrine Society (USA)

- 2012-2013 President, Postdoctoral Society of the University of Michigan Department of Molecular & Integrative Physiology
- 2006-2009 Member, The Association for the Study of Obesity
- 2006-2009 Member, The Biochemical Society
- 2005-2007 Graduate Student Representative, Faculty Graduate Committee of the University of Cambridge School of Clinical Medicine
- 2000-2001 Student Representative, Part IA Natural Sciences courses

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## MANUSCRIPT AND GRANT REVIEWS

Invited grant reviewer for *BBSRC*, *The British Heart Foundation (BHF)*, *The MOVE Research Institute (VU Amsterdam)* and *The Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO)*.  
 Publons profile: <https://publons.com/researcher/1208135/william-p-cawthorn/>

Manuscript reviewer for journals including *eLife*, *Diabetes*, *Science*, *Nat Med*, *J Clin Invest*, *Cell Metabolism*, *Cell Stem Cell*, *PNAS*; *J Biol Chem*, *Am J Physiol Endo Metab*, *Diabetologia*, *Mol Metab*, *Br J Pharmacol*, and *PLoS ONE*. Co-reviewer (with O. MacDougald) for *Cell*, *Dev Cell*, *J Clin Invest*, *Genes Dev*, *Mol Cell Biol*, *Obesity*, *Int J Obesity*, and other journals.

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## TEACHING, SUPERVISION AND MENTORING

- Postdocs & technicians*      University of Edinburgh: Member of CVS Teaching Committee (2021-). Main supervisor for two MRC-funded postdoctoral researchers (2015-2020 and 2019-2023), one postdoc funded by a JSPS Fellowship (Japanese Society for the Promotion of Science) (2021-) and one visiting postdoctoral researcher (2017). Co-supervisor for one technician (2020-2022) and mentor to three postdoctoral researchers (2015-present). University of Michigan: Supervisor for one research technician (2009-2013).
- Postgraduate students*      University of Edinburgh: Main supervisor for five PhD students (2015-2019, 2016-2020, 2018-2022, 2022- and 2023-), one Neuroscience MSc student (2020) and 9 MScR students (2015-2023). Second supervisor for four further PhD students (2017-2020; 2021-present, 2022-present, 2023-present). Supervised ECAT student during lab project (2017). Lecturer for MScR in Cardiovascular Science (2016-present). University of Michigan: Co-supervisor for one PhD student PhD (2009-2013) and three students doing 1st-year PhD rotations (2010-2013). External thesis examiner for 9 PhD students (4 UK, 2 Australia, 1 France, 1 Switzerland, 1 South Africa and 1 USA), including serving as thesis committee member (France).
- Undergraduate students*      University of Edinburgh: Main supervisor for 11 final-year students during their 12-week Honours Projects (2016-2024); three students pursuing summer research projects (2015-2017); and a visiting Erasmus+ Trainee student (2017). Lecturer for BSc Honours in Endocrinology (since 2017) and BSc Applied Pharmacology (since 2023). University of Michigan: Main supervisor for six undergraduates during work-study programmes or 10-week summer studentships (2009-2014). Lecturer for my department's Summer Undergraduate Fellowship Program (2009, 2012). University of Cambridge: Main supervisor for one undergraduate during their 8-week summer studentship (2006).
- Other training*      • “*Managing Translational Research Projects*”, delivered by Edinburgh Innovations (2022).  
 • “*Developing your Teaching Philosophy*”, delivered by the University of Michigan Center for Research on Learning and Teaching (2013).  
 • “*Supervising Researchers: Effective Techniques for Success*”, delivered by the University of Edinburgh Institute for Academic Development (2015).

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## PUBLICATIONS, BOOK CHAPTERS, AND POSITION PAPERS

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2. Bosman J, Debackere K, **Cawthorn WP**, Galimberti P, Graffner M, Held L, Hermans K, Killard F, Labastida I, Millar A, Robinson M, Roser K, Sangren T, Svendsen M and Wouters P. Next Generation Metrics for Scientific and Scholarly Research in Europe. *LERU Position Paper*, April 2024.
3. Morris DM, Wang C, Papanastasiou G, Gray CD, Xu W, Sjöström S, Badr S, Paccou J, Semple SIK, MacGillivray T and **Cawthorn WP\***. A novel deep learning method for large-scale analysis of bone marrow adiposity using UK Biobank Dixon MRI data. *Comput Struct Biotechnol J* 2024; **24**:89-104. [doi: 10.1016/j.csbj.2023.12.029](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.csbj.2023.12.029)
4. Suchacki KJ, Thomas BJ, Ikushima YM, Chen KC, Fyfe C, Tavares AAS, Sulston RJ, Lovdel A, Woodward HJ, Han X, Mattiucci D, Brain EJ, Alcaide-Corral CJ, Kobayashi H, Gray GA, Whitfield PD, Stimson RH, Morton NM, Johnstone AM and **Cawthorn WP\***. The effects of caloric restriction on adipose tissue and metabolic health are sex- and age-dependent. *eLife* 2023; **12**:e88080. [doi: 10.7554/eLife.88080](https://doi.org/10.7554/eLife.88080).
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2. **Cawthorn, WP**. Lessons from Open Science across European Universities: policies, practices, and future directions. *Invited speaker for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Edinburgh Open Research Conference, Edinburgh, UK, 29 May 2024.* [https://media.ed.ac.uk/media/1\\_n51wko86](https://media.ed.ac.uk/media/1_n51wko86)

3. **Cawthorn, WP.** Open Scholarship policies and practices across European Universities. *Invited speaker for UK Reproducibility Network Webinar, 21 March 2024.* [Doi: 10.17605/OSF.IO/R8D5C](https://doi.org/10.17605/OSF.IO/R8D5C)
4. **Cawthorn, WP.** Bone marrow adipocytes as novel regulators of metabolic homeostasis, immune function, and skeletal health. *Invited speaker for ECTS Webinar, 17 Aug 2023*
5. **Cawthorn, WP.** Improving research culture and integrity through Open Science. *Invited Keynote speaker for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Edinburgh Open Research Conference, Edinburgh, UK, 16 May 2023.* [https://media.ed.ac.uk/media/1\\_jzbo3oe7](https://media.ed.ac.uk/media/1_jzbo3oe7)
6. **Cawthorn, WP.** How Does Bone Marrow Adipose Tissue Impact Human Health? Insights from Deep Learning for Large-scale Analyses in the UK Biobank. *Invited speaker for the European Calcified Tissue Society Annual Meeting (ECTS2023), Liverpool, UK, 14 Apr 2023.*
7. **Cawthorn, WP.** Open Science: a pathway for better science (and happier scientists). *Invited speaker for Research Culture Seminar Series, University of Dundee, 8 Mar 2023.*
8. **Cawthorn, WP.** Open Science: a pathway for better science (and happier scientists). *Invited speaker for DATAETHICS Winter School, Leiden, 23 Jan 2023.*
9. **Cawthorn, WP.** Bone marrow adipose tissue: A novel regulator of metabolic homeostasis, immune function and skeletal health? *Invited speaker for Endocrinology, Diabetes, & Metabolism Research Seminar, Department of Medicine, University of Pittsburgh, 16 Nov 2022.*
10. **Cawthorn, WP.** Bone Marrow Adipose Tissue. *Invited speaker for the 38<sup>th</sup> Congress of the French Society for Endocrinology (SFE Nantes 2022), Nantes, France, 12 Oct 2022.* [doi: 10.1016/j.ando.2022.07.006](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ando.2022.07.006)
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12. **Cawthorn, WP.** How Does Bone Marrow Adipose Tissue Impact Human Health? Insights from Deep Learning for Large-scale Analyses in the UK Biobank. *Invited speaker for Centre for Cardiovascular Science Annual Symposium, Edinburgh, UK, 23 Jun 2022.*
13. **Cawthorn, WP.** Open Research: a path to improving research integrity and culture? *Invited speaker for 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Postgraduate Research Integrity Conference (organised by the University of Dundee), 18 May 2022.*
14. **Cawthorn, WP.** Update on BMA Nomenclature: the importance of speaking a common language. *Invited speaker for the 49<sup>th</sup> European Calcified Tissue Society Congress, Helsinki, Finland, 6-10 May 2022 (talk presented virtually).*
15. **Cawthorn, WP.** Sex and fat and blood and bones: Bone marrow adipose tissue as a novel regulator of immune function, bone biology and metabolic health. *Invited speaker for the Endocrine Grand Rounds meeting, University of California San Francisco, 23 Mar 2022*
16. **Cawthorn, WP.** How Does Bone Marrow Adipose Tissue Impact Human Health? Insights from Deep Learning for Large-scale Analyses in the UK Biobank. *Invited speaker for University of Edinburgh - Danish Diabetes Association Mini-Symposium on Adipose Biology. Copenhagen, Denmark 01 Mar 2022*
17. **Cawthorn, WP.** Research assessment and research culture: an adverse impact? *Invited speaker for University of Edinburgh Research Cultures meeting, 14 Dec 2021*
18. **Cawthorn, WP.** Building and open research culture. *Invited speaker for Edinburgh ReproducibiliTEA meeting, 29 Oct 2021*
19. **Cawthorn, WP.** BMAT and metabolism. *Keynote speaker for the inaugural Summer School of the International Bone Marrow Adiposity Society, 8 Sep 2021*
20. **Cawthorn, WP.** Metabolic and endocrine functions of bone marrow adipose tissue. *Invited speaker for the 28<sup>th</sup> European Congress on Obesity (ECO2021), virtual meeting, 10 May 2021*
21. **Cawthorn, WP.** Adipocytes and Bone. *Invited speaker for the ECTS-GEMSTONE Digital Masterclass (virtual summer school), 24 Jun 2020*

22. **Cawthorn, WP.** Endocrine and metabolic functions of bone marrow adipose tissue. *Invited speaker for the 14<sup>th</sup> Congress of the International Society of Bone Morphometry (ISBM2019), Orlando, Florida, USA, 24 Sep 2019*
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24. **Cawthorn, WP.** Academic success beyond the journal impact factor: a junior PI's view. *Invited speaker for FAIR Science: tricky problems and creative solutions, Edinburgh, UK, 4 Jun 2019.*
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26. **Cawthorn, WP.** Inside out: bone marrow adipose tissue as a novel endocrine organ. *Presented at the Department of Internal Medicine, Erasmus MC, Rotterdam, Netherlands, 8 Nov 2018*
27. **Cawthorn, WP.** Dissecting the metabolic functions of bone marrow adipose tissue using PET-CT. *Invited speaker for the PET is Wonderful Annual Meeting, Edinburgh, UK, 29 Oct 2018.*
28. **Cawthorn, WP.** Bone marrow adipose tissue: Endocrine aspects and impact on metabolic homeostasis. *Invited speaker for the 45<sup>th</sup> European Calcified Tissue Society Congress, Valencia, Spain, 26-29 May 2018.*
29. **Cawthorn, WP.** Bone marrow adipose tissue: starving for attention. *Invited speaker for the 20<sup>th</sup> European Congress of Endocrinology (ECE2018), Barcelona, Spain, 19-22 May 2018.*
30. **Cawthorn, WP.** Why is our bone marrow full of fat? Investigating the formation and function of bone marrow adipose tissue. *Invited speaker for the Second Basic Research in Bone and Cartilage Biology (BBC2) meeting, 5 Oct 2017, Nantes, France.*
31. **Cawthorn, WP.** Bone marrow adipose tissue as a regulator of metabolic and skeletal function. *Invited speaker for the Bone Research Society annual meeting (BRS2017), Bristol, UK, 27 Jun 2017.*
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36. **Cawthorn, WP.** Bone marrow adipose tissue: a novel regulator of metabolic and skeletal health? *Presented at the Roslin Institute Seminar Series, Edinburgh, UK, 21 Sep 2016.*
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38. **Cawthorn WP.** Bone marrow adipose tissue as a source of serum adiponectin: the 'adiponectin paradox' explained? *Presented at Bone Marrow Adiposity 2015 (BMA2015), Lille, France, 28 Aug 2015.*
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40. **Cawthorn WP.** What's the matter with MAT? Bone marrow adipose tissue as a novel regulator of metabolic homeostasis. *Presented at The University of Dundee, Dundee, UK, 20 May 2014.*
41. **Cawthorn WP.** Bone marrow adipose tissue as a regulator of skeletal remodelling and metabolic homeostasis. *Presented at The University of Aberdeen (6 August 2013, Aberdeen, UK) and at The University of Dundee (7 August 2013, Dundee, UK).*

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43. **Cawthorn WP.** Energy homeostasis and metabolic disease: the many faces of adipocytes. *University of Michigan Pediatric Endocrinology Seminar, Ann Arbor, MI, USA, 22 Jan 2013.*
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### **Posters and other talks**

1. **Cawthorn WP.** How does bone marrow adiposity impact human health? Insights from population-scale analysis in the UK Biobank. *Short talk presented at the 7<sup>th</sup> International Meeting on Bone Marrow Adiposity (BMA2022), 28-30 Sep 2022, Athens, Greece.*
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6. Morris DM, Wang C, Papanastasiou G, Gray C, Semple SIK, MacGillivray T and **Cawthorn WP.** Bone marrow adiposity evaluation using Dixon MRI Fat Fraction with Machine Learning Segmentation in the UK Biobank – Initial Validation. *Presented at the 2021 Annual Meeting of the International Society for Magnetic Resonance in Medicine (ISMRM 2021), 15-20 May 2021 (Virtual Meeting).*
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## ACTIVITIES PROMOTING IMPACT AND ENGAGEMENT

Since 2015 I have led and delivered public engagement activities, both for knowledge exchange and also to facilitate teaching and community building among students and early career researchers. For example, in 2015-2016 I co-organised and delivered the ‘Healthy Heart’ event at the 2016 Edinburgh International Science Festival, including leading a group of postgraduate students and postdoctoral researchers.

In 2019 I began coordinating the development of a public engagement activity entitled “The Many Faces of Fat”, bringing together a team of over 10 postgraduate students, postdocs and PIs. This activity was to be delivered at the 2020 Edinburgh International Science Festival, which was cancelled owing to the pandemic. Therefore, in 2021 I began working with my department’s Impact & Engagement Administrator to relaunch this activity, including leading a group of students and postdocs to deliver it at the 2022 Falkirk Science Festival (May 2022) and the 2023 Edinburgh International Science Festival (April 2023).

Finally, in mid-2021 I worked with public engagement coordinators from the Edinburgh Research Office to devise an activity centred around the COP26 climate conference. Through these efforts I was a co-coordinator and panellist for a UoE public engagement event entitled “*Changing World Conversations:*

*Rethink travel for a healthier future*”, which was livestreamed on the UoE YouTube channel (<https://youtu.be/ERqCY0NR6fo>) on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2021. This channel has over 100,000 followers, thereby providing an opportunity for significant impact and knowledge exchange.

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## **OTHER ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS**

<i>Science</i>	Science policy and communication; open science and research culture; history and philosophy of science; science education; public health policy; social psychology.
<i>Sports</i>	Cycling (road racing & mountain biking – Vice President of Ann Arbor Velo Club, 2012); running; kayaking; rock climbing; snowboarding/skiing; rugby (Captain, Clare College Rugby Club, 2002-2003); darts (Captain, Cambridge University Darts Club, 2002-2003).
<i>Travel</i>	Lived in the United States from 1987-1997 and 2009-2014. Travel destinations include China, New Zealand, Morocco, Chile, Mongolia, Russia and mainland Europe
<i>Other</i>	Reading, cooking, photography, and graphic design. I have no religious affiliation but am a licensed Minister in the USA ( <i>non-denominational</i> ) and have been the Officiant at friends’ weddings.

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