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# Biography of Guest Speaker

## **Dr. Vincent Racaniello**

Professor of Microbiology & Immunology  
Columbia University  
Podcast Host: This Week in Virology  
Presenting: The Gerald M. Scherba Lecture



Vincent Racaniello began his training in virology at Mt.Sinai School of Medicine in New York, earning his Ph.D. in Peter Palese's lab studying influenza viruses. In 1979 he joined the lab of Dr. David Baltimore for his postdoctoral work where he studied poliovirus. He joined the faculty in the Department of Microbiology at Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons in 1982 where he established a laboratory to study the biology of viral infections and train virologists. Understanding that the World Wide Web is a primary scientific tool, Racaniello is one of the co-creators of BioCrowd, a social network designed to bring together scientists of all disciplines. Racaniello's virology blog, and podcasts This Week in Virology, This Week in Parasitism, and This Week in Microbiology, unify science with technology. His blog, podcasts, specialized pages on Influenza 101 and Virology 101, aim to bring microbiology to non-scientists