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Advances in DNA sequencing have radically accelerated our understanding of the genetic basis of human disease. However, the vast majority of genes remain uncharacterized and lack selective small-molecule probes. The functional annotation of these proteins should enrich our knowledge of the biochemical pathways that support human health and disease. To address these problems, we have introduced chemical proteomic technologies that define the functional state of proteins in native biological

systems. Prominent among these methods is activity-based protein profiling (ABPP),

which utilizes chemical probes to map the activity state of large numbers of proteins in parallel. In this lecture, I will describe the application of ABPP to discover and functionally annotate proteins that contribute to human diseases, such as cancer and autoimmunity. I will also discuss the generation and implementation of activity-based platforms for proteome-wide ligand discovery and how the integration of activity-based 'ligandability' maps with emergent human genetic information and phenotypic data can expand the druggable fraction of the human proteome for basic human health research objectives.