Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students

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Networking Meals

Network with your discipline during lunch on Thursday and Friday.

Discipline tables identified by colors. See table below:

Chemistry, Biochemistry, Engineering , Physics & Mathematics (Black) Microbiology & Immunology (Red)

Neuroscience, Physiology, Developmental Biology (White) Cell Biology, Molecular Biology & Computational Biology, Cancer Biology (Blue)

Social and Behavioral Sciences and Public Health (Green)



Welcome

from Avery August



On behalf of the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS), I would like to extend a hearty welcome to Tampa, Florida, and the 2016 meeting. This our 16th year organizing and hosting this conference, and this year has been one of transitions - transitions to new leadership, and to a new funding model. However, I am excited for the future of ABRCMS and extremely proud that ABRCMS continues to set major records.

The theme of our meeting this year, "Diverse Voices, Diverse Science: A Future of Excellence in STEM Research", represents our vision of a future that prominently features all of you as fully engaged participants in a career in STEM research. ABRCMS is extremely proud of the role that we play in preparing underrepresented

students for a career in STEM research. We know that this may be the first scientific meeting for most of the students attending, and we want it to be one of many in the future. We strive to inspire students at this meeting, because they will continue to diversify the biomedical research workforce in ways that represent our society. Only with a diverse scientific workforce can we hope to make strides and advances in issues such as health disparities and personalized medicine that have huge impacts in our communities. Addressing these and other challenges will continue to require breakthroughs and new ways of thinking and approaching problems that facilitate these breakthroughs. And a more diverse workforce, with our current students playing prominent roles, will accomplish this.

With this in mind, we have assembled an outstanding program that will inspire, challenge, and educate. For the students attending, this is an opportunity to show your preparation and training. Step up to the plate, it's your turn! Take advantage of the feast we have prepared for you. For the faculty mentors and advisors, your students are here to shine, and we all encourage and support you in ensuring they make the best of the meeting. For the presenters, we look forward to your exciting science and inspiring words, and for the exhibitors, we look forward to your hearty conversations with students. I encourage you all to network with peers; hear the most cutting edge advances in the biomedical and behavioral sciences, and participate in discussions of some of the most important issues facing minority students as well as professionals in our community.

All that you see during your time here is the result of hard work of planning and preparation by the ABRCMS Steering Committee, the ASM staff, the exhibitors (make sure to visit the booths!), and many volunteers. They have invested their time and efforts planning the scientific program, reading and reviewing abstracts, planning and preparing the location to host your visit, preparing materials, setting up booths, and making sure that everything is just right, so that you can experience what I am sure will be one of the most rewarding meetings of your careers. I would like to thank them all in advance for their hard work in making this meeting a success. Last but certainly not least, we are particularly grateful for the continued support of Division of Training, Workforce Development, and Diversity at the National Institute of General Medical Sciences, NIH, whose funding has continued to make ABRCMS possible.

With my warmest wishes,

Avery August, Ph.D. Chairperson, ABRCMS



Greetings

from NIH





On behalf of the National Institutes of Health's National Institute of General Medical Sciences, we'd like to welcome you to the 2016 Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students. We're very proud to support this meeting, which brings together a community of outstanding students and scientists for stimulating discussions of research, careers, and more.

This meeting is one element of our many activities in the areas of training, workforce development, and diversity. Our programs range from the undergraduate level to the doctorate and beyond, and they include the Maximizing Access to Research Careers, Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement, Initiative for Maximizing Student Development, and Postbaccalaureate Research Education programs. Many of you at this meeting are current or former program participants. Our programs also include institutional and faculty development through the Native American Research Centers for Health, the Support of Competitive Research Programs, as well as the Building Infrastructure Leading to Diversity initiative. Additionally, the National Institutes of Health supports the National Research Mentoring Network to enhance the training and career development of individuals from diverse backgrounds who are pursuing biomedical research careers.

For those of you who are attending as mentors and sponsors, we truly appreciate your dedication and many contributions to your students and our shared goals.

For those of you still in training, we hope that your involvement in this meeting further inspires and motivates you to pursue research careers and leadership roles in biomedical science. During your time here, you will gain important allies for your future: a community of peers who will become your colleagues and friends as well as a network of scientists and mentors who are deeply committed to your success in pursuit of a research doctorate and a biomedical career.

We encourage you to make the most of the meeting and take every advantage of the resources and opportunities it offers to help you prepare for the next stages of your research career. We look forward to seeing your presentations and talking to you over the course of the next few days.

Sincerely,

Jon R. Lorsch, Ph.D.

Director

National Institute of General Medical Sciences

National Institutes of Health

Alison Gammie, Ph.D.

Director

Division of Training, Workforce Development, and Diversity

National Institute of General Medical Sciences

National Institutes of Health



ABRCMS 2016 Plenary Speakers

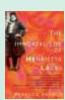
Wednesday, November 9, 2016



8:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Innovations in Research and Discovery While Increasing Diversity

Juan E. Gilbert, Ph.D.
Professor, University of Florida

Friday, November 11, 2016



8:00 a.m – 9:00 a.m. An Update on the NIH- Lacks Family Panel

Jeri-Lacks- Whye, Granddaughter of Henrietta Lacks

David Lacks, Jr., grandson of Henrietta Lacks Dina Paltoo, Ph.D, M.P.H, Office of Science Policy, NIH

Thursday, November 10, 2016



10:45 a.m - 11:45 a.m.

Where Will a Ph.D Take You?

Stefano Bertuzzi, Ph.D.,
M.P.H.

CEO, American Society for
Microbiology



12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Small World Health Protections: Risks and Resilience

(Presented by the American Society for Microbiology) Julie Gerberding, M.D., M.P.H. Executive Vice President, Merck

Saturday, November 12, 2016



12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.

Regenerative Engineering: the
Future of Tissue Regeneration
Cato T. Laurencin, M.D.,
Ph.D.

Professor, University of
Connecticut



1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.
The Other Wes Moore
Wes Moore
New York Times Best-Selling
Author and CEO of BridgeEdU







Using Natural Materials to Address Challenges in Biomedical Research Norma A. Alcantar, Ph.D. Professor, University of South Florida



The Future of Interdisciplinary
Neuroscience Research: New
Directions and Challenges
(Sponsored by MIT Center for Brains, Minds and
Machines)
Carmen Varela. Ph.D.



How Cells Use Chemistry and Physics to Break the Bones that Power Their Movement Enrique M. De La Cruz, Ph.D. Professor, Yale University



Julian Jara-Ettinger, Ph.D.
Postdoctoral fellow, Massachusetts
Institute of Technology

Research Scientist, Massachusetts Institute of Technology



Second Messenger-Dependent Processes in Cyanobacteria: Implications for Biotechnology and Optogenetics Beronda Montgomery, Ph.D.



The "Real" Martians: STEMid in HERA Patrice O. Yarbough, Ph.D. Senior Scientist, KBRwyle



If Electronic Cigarettes (E-Cigs) are Your Pleasure, Beware of Adverse Neurobiological Changes: A Case Study in Mice

Professor, Michigan State University



LaShelle Spencer, MSScientist, Craig Technologies



Judith Zelikoff, Ph.D.
Professor, NYU School of Medicine
HeLa Cells and the Future of

(Sponsored by the Society of Toxicology)

Biomedical Science
(Sponsored by the American Association for the Advancement of Science)

Erez Aiden, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor, Baylor College of Medicine



Takiyah Sirmons, Ph.D. Research Scientist, Leidos



Andrew Adey, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor, Oregon Health
& Science University



Superbugs in Sewage: Anti Microbial Resistance in the Environment

(Presented by the American Society for Microbiology)





Epidemiologic Studies of Alzheimer's Diseas in African Americans Lisa Barnes, Ph.D. Rush University Medical Center



Building a Successful Program of Cancer Health Disparities Research: It takes a Village (Sponsored by Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute)

Clement K. Gwede, Ph.D., M.P.H., R.N. Associate Member, Moffitt Cancer Center & Research Institute





Wednesday, November 9, 2016

12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Registration Open

Professional Development Session

2:00 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Graduate Student Life: Perspectives of Graduate Students

(Recommended for undergraduate, community college, postbac, masters students)

Moderator

Nicquet Blake, Ph.D., University of Texas Health Science Center, San Antonio

2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 24 & 25

Professional Development Session

Do You Play Fair? A Workshop about Bias in Academia

(Recommended for graduate students, postdoctoral scientists, faculty, program directors, and exhibitors)

Speakers

Christine Pribbenow, Ph.D., University of Wisconsin–Madison, Madison, WI

Percy Brown, Ph.D., University of Wisconsin-

Madison, Madison, WI Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 10 2:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Concurrent Professional Development Session (2 session options)

Session 1

Entering Mentoring: Research Mentor Training for Faculty Working with Undergraduates

(Recommended for faculty)

Speakers

Kelly Diggs-Andrews, Ph.D., American Society for Microbiology, Washington, DC

Harlan Jones, Ph.D., University of North Texas Health Science Center, Fort Worth, TX

Sonia Zarate, Ph.D., University of San Diego, San Diego CA

Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 5 & 6

Session 2

Imagining and Defining the Grant that will fund your Postdoc

(Recommended for graduate students and postdoctoral scientists)

Speaker

Victoria McGovern, Ph.D., Burroughs Wellcome Fund, Research Triangle Park, NC

Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 11



3:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Exhibit Setup

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Concurrent Professional Development Sessions (2 session options)

Session 1

Presentation Techniques: How to Make Effective Poster and Oral Presentations

Speaker

Shelley Payne, Ph.D., University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX

Location: Conv. Ctr Ballroom A

Session 2

Building Your Brand Starts NOW

(Recommended for all attendees)

Speaker

Marquita M. Qualls, Ph.D., Entropia Consulting, Nashville, TN

Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 20 & 21

4:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

Professional Development Session

Session 1

Wrap It Up! How To Present Your Work in 5 Minutes or Less

(Recommended for all presenters)

Speaker

Sherri-Gae Scott, Ph.D., FASEB, Bethesda, MD Location: Conv. Ctr Ballroom A

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Concurrent Professional Development Sessions

(3 session options)

Session 1

Networking in Your Scientific Discipline (Specific Disciplines below)

(Recommended for all attendees)

Microbiology

Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 24 & 25

Cell Biology

Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 16

Social & Behavioral Sciences
 Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 5 & 6

Immunology

Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 11

 Biochemistry & Chemistry Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 15

- Neuroscience Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 18
- Developmental Biology & Genetics

Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 19

- Physiology Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 23
- Engineering, Physics & Mathematics
 Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 22
- Plant Biology Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 12
- Molecular & Computational Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 13
- Public Health Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 7 & 8

Session Leaders

To Be Determined

Session 2

State of the ASM-NSF Leaders Inspiring Networks and Knowledge (LINK) Program

(Recommended for faculty and program administrators)

Speakers

Lubna Abu-Niaaj, Ph.D., Central State University Wilberforce, OH

Kelly Diggs-Andrews, Ph.D., American Society for MIcrobiology

Olga Steinberg-Neifach, Ph.D., Hostos Community College, CUNY, Bronx, NY

Location: Embassy Suites- Skyway 2

Session 3

Bringing Mentees and Mentors Together in a National Mentoring Network

(Recommended for all attendees)

Speaker

Jamboor Vishwanatha, Ph.D., University of North Texas Health Science Center, Fort Worth, TX

Location: Embassy Suites- Skyway 1

6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Dinner

Location: Conv. Ctr West Hall

7:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Conference Overview

John Fitzgerald Gates, Ph.D., University of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA



Program

Opening Remarks

Avery August, Ph.D., Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine, Ithaca, NY

Conference Welcome

Stefano Bertuzzi, Ph.D., M.P.H., American Society for Microbiology, Washington, DC

Alison Gammie, Ph.D., National Institute of General Medical Sciences, NIH, Bethesda, MD

8:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Opening Keynote Address

Innovations in Research and Discovery While Increasing Diversity

Speaker

Juan E. Gilbert, Ph.D., University of Florida, Gainesville. FL

Location: Conv. Ctr West Hall

8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

PREP Scholars Meeting (By Invitation Only)
Location: Embassy Suites- Skyway 2

Thursday, November 10, 2016

7:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Registration Open

7:00 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.

Microbial Sciences Student and Postdoc Meet and Greet Breakfast with ASM Leadership (By Invitation)

(Sponsored by the American Society for Microbiology)

Location: Embassy Suites- Bayside Ballroom 1 & 2

8:00 a.m. — 12:00 p.m. Exhibit Setup

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Concurrent Professional Development Sessions (3 session options)

Session 1

Orientation for Community College, Undergraduates, and Postbaccalaureate Students

(Mandatory for community college, undergraduates, and postbaccalaureate students)

Location: Conv. Ctr. Ballroom B&C

Networking as a Required Life Skill and Professionalism as a Necessary Attribute for Students

Speaker

Howard G. Adams, Ph.D., H.G. Adams and Associates, Norfolk, VA

Program Overview and Making the Most of ABRCMS

Speaker

Sandra Murray, Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

Conference Announcements

Speaker

Irene Hulede, American Society for Microbiology, Washington, DC

Session 2

Judges Meeting (Specific Disciplines below)

(Mandatory for all student presentation judges)

- Biochemistry & Chemistry
 Location: Conv. Ctr 18 & 19
- Cell & Developmental Biology Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 15 & 16
- Social and Behavioral Sciences, Public Health & Physiology Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 20 & 21
- Engineering, Physics & Mathematics, Cancer Biology Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 24 & 25
- Immunology & Microbiology
 Location: Conv. Ctr. Rm 13 & 14
- Molecular & Computational Biology,
 Neuroscience Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 22 & 23



Enhancing Professional Skills for Scientists: Beyond the Bench

(Recommended for graduate students, postdoctoral scientists, and junior faculty)

Speaker

Emily Harms, Ph.D., Rockefeller University, New York, NY

9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Concurrent Professional Development Sessions (6 session options)

Session 1

Picking the Perfect Ph.D. Program for You/Why Choose a School with a T32

(Recommended for undergraduates interested in the Ph.D. track)

Speakers

Sharon Milgram, Ph.D., Office of Intramural Training & Education, NIH, Bethesda, MD

Additional Speakers To Be Determined

Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 22 & 23

Session 2

M.D.-Ph.D. - Is It Right for Me?

(Recommended for undergraduates interested in the M.D.-Ph.D. track)

Speakers

Juanita Merchant, M.D., Ph.D., University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

Robin Lorenz, M.D., Ph.D., University of Alabama at Birmingham. Birmingham. AL

Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 24 & 25

Session 3

Graduate Opportunities in Public and Global Health Research

(Recommended for undergraduate juniors and seniors)

Speaker

Prasad Kuduvalli, Ph.D., American Society for Microbiology

Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 15 & 16

Session 4

Community College Students: Tips for Transitioning to a Four-Year Institution

(Mandatory for community college students)

Speaker

Nidhi Gadura, Ph.D., Queensborough Community College, CUNY, Bayside, NY

Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 20 & 21

Session 5

NIH Grants Management Workshop

(Recommended for program directors and faculty)

Speakers

Speakers Lori Burge, B.S., National Institute of General Medical

Sciences, Bethesda, MD Justin Rosenzweig, M.P.A., National Institute of

General Medical Sciences, Bethesda, MD Susan South, M.P.A., MSW, National Institute of General Medical Sciences Bethesda, MD

Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 13 & 14

Session 6

Getting Published: Advice for Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Scientists

(Recommended for graduate students, postdoctoral scientists, and early-career scientists)

Speaker

Victor DiRita, Ph.D., Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 18 & 19

10:45 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. PLENARY SESSION

Where Will a Ph.D. Take You?

(Recommeded for all students)

Speaker

Stefano Bertuzzi, Ph.D., M.P.H., American Society for Microbiology, Washington, DC

Location: Conv. Ctr Ballroom B & C



Program

How We Learn ... and How We Don't

(Recommended for all non students)

Speaker

Robert A. Duke, Ph.D., University of Texas at Austin, Austin. TX

Location: Conv. Ctr Ballroom A

12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. Networking Lunch

Location: Conv. Ctr West Hall

12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. PLENARY SESSION

Regenerative Engineering: The Future of Tissue Regeneration

Speaker

Cato T. Laurencin, M.D., Ph.D., UConn Health, Farmington, CT

Location: Conv. Ctr West Hall

1:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Exhibits Open

2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. POSTER SESSION 1 (A)

3:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. POSTER SESSION 2 (B)

5:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

Oral Presentation Sessions (Specific Disciplines below)

- Biochemistry Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 13
- Biochemistry & Chemistry Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 14
- Chemistry Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 15
- Neuroscience Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 16
- Physiology Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 18
- Social/Behavioral Sciences & Public Health
 Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 19 & 20
- Cell Biology Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 21
- Engineering, Physics & Mathematics
 Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 22 & 23
- Microbiology Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 24 & 25

(See presenter listing on page 19-26)

7:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.

Dinner

Location: Conv. Ctr West Hall

8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Concurrent Professional Development Sessions (4 session options)

Session 1

Gateway to the Future: Career Paths in the Biomedical Sciences, STEM Disciplines, and Behavioral Sciences – Conversations with Scientists

(Recommended for undergraduate, postbaccalaureate, and graduate students)

Moderator

Maisha Jones, Ph.D., Procter & Gamble

Location: Embassy Suites - Bayside Ballroom 1 & 2

Session 2

NIGMS Program Director Discussions

- PREP Programs Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 15
- IMSD Programs Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 21
- T32 Programs Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 16
- RISE Programs Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 18
- Bridges Programs Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 25
- IRACDA Programs Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 24
- MARC Programs Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 19
- F30/F31 Programs Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 20
- BUILD/NRMN/CEC Programs
 Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 22

Session 3

Job Search Strategies: Effective Interviewing Skills, and Negotiating the Job Offer

(Recommended for senior graduate students, postdoctoral scientists, and junior faculty)

Speaker

Andrew Green Ph.D, University of California, Berkelev, CA

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Location: Embassy Suites – Skyway 1



High-Caliber Research at Non Research Institutions: Models of Effective Undergraduate Research Programs

(Recommended for faculty and program administrators)

Speakers

Alvin Holder, Ph.D., Old Dominion University, Norfolk VA

Patrick Martin, Ph.D., North Carolina A&T State University, Greensboro, NC.

Location: Embassy Suites - Skyway 2

Friday, November 11, 2016

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

TWD-PDO Steering Committee Meeting (By Invitation Only)

*Breakfast will not be provided Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 11

7:00 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.

Microbial Sciences Faculty Meet and Greet Breakfast with ASM Leadership (By Invitation)

(Sponsored by the American Society for Microbiology)

Location: Embassy Suites - Skyway 1

7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Registration Open

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. PLENARY SESSION

An Update on the NIH-Lacks Family Partnership

Speakers

Jeri Lacks-Whye, granddaughter of Henrietta Lacks David Lacks, Jr., grandson of Henrietta Lacks Dina Paltoo, Ph.D., M.P.H., Office of Science Policy, NIH, Bethesda, MD

Location: Conv. Ctr Ballroom B & C

9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Concurrent Scientific Sessions (10 session options)

Session 1

HeLa Cells and the Future of Biomedical Science

(Sponsored by the American Association for the Advancement of Science)

Speakers

Erez Aiden, Ph.D., Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX

Andrew Adey, Ph.D., Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, OR

Location: Conv. Ctr Ballroom A

Session 2

If Electronic Cigarettes (E-Cigs) are Your Pleasure, Beware of Adverse Neurobiological Changes: A Case Study in Mice

(Sponsored by the Society for Toxicology)

Speaker

Judith Zelikoff, Ph.D., New York University School of Medicine, New York, NY

Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 13 & 14

Session 3

The Future of Interdisciplinary Neuroscience Research: New Directions and Challenges

(Sponsored by the Center for Brains, Minds and Machines - McGovern Institute for Brain Research at MIT)

Speakers

Carmen Varela, Ph.D., Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

Julian Jara-Ettinger, Ph.D., Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA

Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 22 & 23

Session 4

How Cells Use Chemistry and Physics to Break the Bones That Power Their Movement

Speaker

Enrique M. De La Cruz, Ph.D., Yale University, New Haven, CT

Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 20 & 21



Second Messenger-Dependent Processes in Cyanobacteria: Implications for Biotechnology and Optogenetics

Speaker

Beronda Montgomery, Ph.D., Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 18 & 19

Session 6

Using Natural Materials to Address Challenges in Biomedical Research

Speaker

Norma A. Alcantar, Ph.D., University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 15 & 16

Session 7

The "Real" Martians: STEMid in HERA

Speakers

Patrice Yarbough, Ph.D., Universities Space Research Association, Houston, TX

Takiyah Sirmons, Ph.D., Johnson Space Center, Houston, TX

LaShelle Spencer, M.S., Kennedy Space Center, Merritt Island. FL

Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 5 & 6

Session 8

Superbugs in Sewage: Antimicrobial Resistance in the Environment

(Sponsored by the American Society for Microbiology)

Speaker

Valerie Harwood, Ph.D., University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

Location: Conv. Ctr Ballroom D

Session 9

Building a Successful Program of Cancer Health Disparities Research: It takes a Village

(Sponsored by the Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute)

Speaker

Clement K. Gwede, Ph.D., M.P.H., R.N., Moffitt Cancer Center and Research Institute, Tampa, FL

Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 24 & 25

Session 10

Epidemiologic Studies of Alzheimer's Disease in African Americans

Speaker

Lisa Barnes, Ph.D., Rush University Medical Center, Chicago, IL

10:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Exhibits Open

Location: Conv. Ctr East & Central Hall

10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. POSTER SESSION 3 (C)

Location: Conv. Ctr East & Central Hall

12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Networking Lunch

Location: Conv. Ctr West Exhibit Hall

12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. PLENARY SESSION

Small World Health Protection: Risks and Resilience

(Presented by the American Society for Microbiology)
Speaker

Julie Gerberding, M.D., M.P.H., Merck, Kenilworth, NJ Location: Conv. Ctr West Hall

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Concurrent Professional Development Sessions (7 session options)

Session 1

Effective Personal Statement for Getting into Highly Competitive Graduate Schools and Summer Programs

(Recommended for undergraduate, postbaccalaureate, and master's students)

Speakers

Joel Oppenheim, Ph.D., New York University, New York, NY

Victoria Freedman, Ph.D., Albert Einstein University, New York, NY

Location: Conv. Ctr Ballroom A



Tell Your Science as a Story

(Recommended for all attendees)

Speakers

Geoff Hunt, Ph.D., American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Rockville, MD

Rajendrani Mukhopadhyay, Ph.D., American Society for Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, Rockville, MD

Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 20 & 21

Session 3

Navigating Mentoring Relationships: Discovering Essential Skills for Mentees

(Recommended for undergraduates, postbaccalaureates, graduates, and postdoctoral scientists)

Speakers

Steve Lee, Ph.D., University of California-Davis, Davis, CA

Sherilynn Black, Ph.D., Duke University, Durham, NC Terrance Mayes, Ed.D., Stanford University School of Medicine, Stanford, CA

Michael L. Penn, Jr., M.D., Ph.D., Gladstone Institutes, San Francisco. CA

Location: Conv. Ctr 22 & 23

Session 4

Goal Setting and Time Management

(Recommended for all attendees)

Speaker

Sandra Murray, Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 24 & 25

Session 5

Small World Initiative™: Building Scientists One Class at a Time

(Recommended for faculty)

Speaker

Mary Miller, Ed.D., M.S., Baton Rouge Community College, Baton Rouge, LA

Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 18 & 19

Session 6

TWD-PDO Meeting (organized by NIGMS Program Director Association)

Moderator

Barry Komisaruk, Ph.D., Rutgers University, Newark, NI

Location: Conv. Ctr Ballroom D

Session 7

Leveraging Wikipedia to Improve Science Communication Skills

(Recommended for graduate students, postdoctoral scientists, and faculty)

Speakers

Katherine Lontok, Ph.D., American Society for Microbiology, Washington, DC Julie Wolf, Ph.D., American Society for Microbiology, Washington, DC

Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 15 & 16

3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Exhibits Open

Location: Conv. Ctr East & Central Hall

3:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. POSTER SESSION 4 (D)

4:45 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. POSTER SESSION 5 (E)

6:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

Concurrent Professional Development Sessions (5 session options)

Session 1

Confessions of Admission Officials: What We Look at, and for, in Graduate School Applications

(Recommended for undergraduate and master's-level students)

Speakers

Gustavo Arrizabalaga, Ph.D., Indiana University, Indianapolis, IN



Program

Robert Binder, Ph.D., University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

Colleen Gabauer, Ph.D., Purdue University, West Lafayette, IN

Tara Hobson-Prater, M.A., Indiana University, Indianapolis. IN

Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 20 & 21

Session 2

Financing Your Graduate Education

(Recommended for undergraduate and master's-level students)

Speakers

Keisha John, Ph.D., University of Virginia, Charlottesville. VA

Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 22 & 23

Session 3

Strategies for Taking Standardized Admissions Tests: Preparing for the GRE and MCAT Exams

(Recommended for undergraduate and postbaccaluareate students)

Speakers

Gayle Slaughter, Ph.D., Baylor School of Medicine, Houston, TX

Saundra Oyewole, Ph.D., Trinity University, Washington, DC

Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 24 & 25

Session 4

Tips for Applying to a Postbaccalaureate Program

(Recommended for students considering postbaccalaureate training)

Speakers

Sharon L. Milgram, Ph.D., Office of Intramural Training & Education, NIH, Bethesda, MD Additional Speaker To Be Determined

Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 18 & 19

Session 5

Being a Proactive Mentee: Taking Control of Your Research Experience

(Recommended for undergraduate, postbaccalaureate, and graduate students)

Speakers

Giovanna Guerrero-Medina, Ph.D., Yale University, New Haven, CT

Marco Bonnette-Matiz, M.Sc., Yale University, New Haven, CT

Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 15 & 16

Session 6

Postdoc Fundamentals: Selecting a Training Experience to Match Your Career Goals

(Recommended for graduate students and postdoctoral scientists)

Speakers

Sibby Anderson-Thompkins, Ph.D., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC

Edward Krug, Ph.D., Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC

Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 13 & 14

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Reception for Speakers, Exhibitors, Judges and Program Directors

Location: Tampa Marriott Waterside, Florida Ballroom

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

GlaxoSmithKline Mixer

(Sponsored by GlaxoSmithKline)

Location: Embassy Suites - Bayside Ballroom 1

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Scientist Networking Mixer

Location: Embassy Suites - Skyway Ballroom 1 &2

7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

LGBTQ Mixer

Location: Embassy Suites – Bayside Ballroom 2



Saturday, November 12, 2016

7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Registration Open

8:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

Oral Presentation Sessions
(See disciplines below)

Neuroscience Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 13 & 14 Social/Behavioral Sciences & Public Health

Location: Conv. Ctr 15 & 16

Developmental & Biology Genetics

Location: Conv. Ctr 18

Cell & Developmental Biology

Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 19

Molecular & Cancer Biology

Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 20

Microbiology & Immunology

Location Conv. Ctr Rm 21& 24

Chemistry

Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 22

Engineering, Physics & Mathematics

Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 23

Microbiology

Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 25

(See presenter listing on page 19-26)

9:15 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Exhibit Hall Open

Location: Conv. Ctr East & Central Hall

9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Poster Session 6 (F)

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Poster Session 7 (G)

12:30 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Location: Conv. Ctr. West Exhibit Hall

1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Exhibit Takedown 1:15 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Closing Keynote Address

The Other Wes Moore

Speaker

Wes Moore, M.S., New York Times Best Selling Author Location: Conv. Ctr. West Exhibit Hall

2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Concurrent Professional Development Sessions (3 session options)

Session 1

ABRCMS Professional Skills Cafe

(Recommended for undergraduate students, graduate students, and postdoctoral scientists)

Topics include:

- Community College Student Resources
- Finishing Your Dissertation
- How to be Successful in a Summer Internship Program
- Your Individual Development Plan
- · LinkedIn for Networking
- Networking
- Picking Your Thesis Lab
- Resume or CV
- Studying Tips for Tests (MCAT & GRE)
- Balancing Our Academic and Personal Lives
- · Writing Teaching Statements
- Interviewing for M.D/Ph.D Programs
- Finding Mentors and Being Mentored Effectively

Session Moderator

Beronda Montgomery, Ph.D., Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

Location: Embassy Suites - Bayside Ballroom 1 & 2

Session 2

Implementing Do You Play Fair? A Workshop About Bias in Academia

(Recommended for faculty, program directors, and exhibitors)

Speakers

Christine Pribbenow, Ph.D., University of Wisconsin–Madison, Madison, WI

Molly Carnes, M.D., M.S., University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, Madison, WI Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 10



Program

Session 3

ABRCMS Wikipedia Year of Science Edit-a-thon

(Recommended for all attendees)

Speakers

Katherine Lontok, Ph.D., American Society for Microbiology, Washington, DC

Julie Wolf, Ph.D., American Society for Microbiology, Washington, DC

Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 19

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

ASM-LINK Debriefing

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Concurrent Professional Development Sessions (2 session options)

Session 1

Surviving, Striving, and Thriving, in Your Postdoc and Beyond!

(Recommended for graduate students and postdoctoral scientists)

Speakers

Claudia Aguado Loi, Ph.D., University of South Florida, Tampa, FL

Olukemi Akintewe, Ph.D., Boston University Medical Center. Boston. MA

Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 20

Session 2

Blogging, Tweeting, & Writing to Promote Your Career and Diversify Science

(Recommended for all attendees)

Speakers

Danielle Lee, Ph.D.

Stephani Page, Ph.D., University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, NC

Location: Conv. Ctr Rm 21

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

FREE TIME! FREE TIME! FREE TIME!

7:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Banquet and Awards Ceremony

Conference Wrap-up

John Fitzgerald Gates, Ph.D., Univeristy of Virginia, Charlottesville, VA

Student Presentation Awards Ceremony

Concluding Remarks

Avery August, Ph.D., Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine, Ithaca, NY

Location: Conv. Ctr. West Exhibit Hall

10:00 p.m. - 2:00 a.m.

Closing Social Invite and Dance (All Are Invited)

Location: Tampa Marriott Waterside Hotel & Marina





Poster Presentations by Scientific Discipline (Sessions A-F)				
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Oral Session 1: Biochemistry RM 13 Thursday, November 10, 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

O-001

Investigating the Secondary Structure of Noncanonical DNA Implicated in Cancer Deondre Jordan, Swarthmore College Discipline: Biochemistry: Biochemistry

O-002

Mechanism of Bacterial Toxin's Entry to Mammalian Cells

María T. Morales, University of Puerto Rico at Cayey Discipline: Biochemistry: Biomolecules

O-004

Exploring the Metabolome of a Yeast Model for Parkinson's Disease Keitaris J. Goldston, Claflin University Discipline: Biochemistry: Metabolism

O - 005

Probing Intramolecular Interactions in the HIV-1 5'-Leader Dimeric Conformation Hannah Carter, University of Maryland: Baltimore County

Discipline: Biochemistry: Structural Biology

Oral Session 1: Biochemistry and Chemistry RM 14 Thursday, November 10, 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

O-006

The Role of Specific tRNAs in Regulating Matrix and Plasma Membrane Binding for Initiation of HIV-1 Virion Assembly

Amalia Rivera Oven, University of Maryland Baltimore County

Discipline: Biochemistry: Structural Biology

0-007

The m⁶A RNA Methylation Reader YTHDF2 is Regulated by m⁶A Methylation of Its Own Transcript

Cary Mundell, University of North Carolina at Pembroke

Discipline: Biochemistry: Structural Biology

0-008

Explosively Sweet Robert C. Neblett, II, Howard University Discipline: Chemistry: Analytical Chemistry

O-009

Active-State CB1 Receptor Model Used as a Synthetic Cannabinoid Probe Maria Muhammad, Tougaloo College Discipline: Chemistry: Analytical Chemistry

0-010

Ultrasensitive Protein Detection in Single Breast Cancer Cells

Michelle C. Pérez-Ayala, University of Puerto Rico at Cayey

Discipline: Chemistry: Analytical Chemistry

Oral Session 1: Chemistry RM 15 Thursday, November 10, 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

O_011

5-Aroyl-1,5-dihydro-4H-pyrazol-4-ones as Mild and Highly Selective Acyl Transfer Reagents for Polyamines and Aminoalcohols

Ranad Humeidi, University of Texas at San Antonio Discipline: Chemistry: Organic Chemistry

0-012

Atmospheric Chemical Reactions of Aerosols with Biogenic Derived Epoxides Diego Cortes, Oberlin College Discipline: Chemistry: Environmental Chemistry

O-013

Synthesis of Engineered Nanoparticles with Tailored Density of Antigenic Proteins Amir A. Hobson, Morehouse College Discipline: Chemistry: Pharmaceutical Chemistry

O-014

Synthesis of N-n-pentyl-3-pyridyl Pyrrolidine Ether Zachary Davenport, Gallaudet University Discipline: Chemistry: Pharmaceutical Chemistry

O-015

The Development and Characterization of Polyelectrolyte Polymer-Peptide Nanoplexes for Antimicrobial Applications

Jamal J. Keyes, Jackson State University
Discipline: Chemistry: Pharmaceutical Chemistry

Oral Session 1: Neuroscience RM 16 Thursday, November 10, 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

0-016

Cell Types Within Layer Six Corticothalamic Neurons



Zulikayida Maimaiti, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Discipline: Neuroscience: Neurobiology

0-017

Sox-17 Transgenic Mice Reveal Functional Suppression of Beta-Catenin in Neuroprotection Kimberly Cruz, Trinity Washington University Discipline: Neuroscience: Neurobiology

O-018

Characterization of Cre-recombinase Enzyme
Expression in Transgenic Mouse Lines used to Target
the Major Neuromodulatory Systems of the Brain
Daniel F. Cardozo Pinto, University of California
Discipline: Neuroscience: Neurobiology

O-019

Hedonic Valence Pathways between the Extended Amygdala and Lateral Hypothalamus Natalia Rodriguez-Sosa, University of Puerto Rico, San Juan

Discipline: Neuroscience: Neurobiology

O-020

Morphological Impact of Pten on Mature Neurons Janai R. Williams, CUNY University of New York: Brooklyn College

Discipline: Neuroscience: Neurobiology

Oral Session 1: Physiology RM 18 Thursday, November 10, 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

O-021

Pro-Inflammatory Stress Leads to Down-Regulation of Stromal Interaction Molecule 1 and Altered Store Operated Ca $^{2+}$ Entry in the Pancreatic β cell Daenique Jengelley, Tuskegee University Discipline: Physiology:Endocrinology

0-022

A Comparative Analysis of Iodinated Contrast Media in a Rabbit Model of Contrast-induced Acute Kidney Injury

Yvette Kayirangwa, Spelman College Discipline: Physiology: Pharmacology

O-023

Cathepsin S Inhibition and Myelin Proteins in Nerve of Diabetic mice

Karen Montoya, University of California, San Diego Discipline: Physiology: Pharmacology

0-024

In Vivo Approach to Uncover Determinants of Volume Displacement of Respiratory Muscles in Dogs

Mary Adeyeye, University at Albany Discipline: Physiology: Physiology

O-025

Thermodynamic Regulation of Cardiovascular Stability in Type 2 Diabetes Lanazha Belfield, Winston-Salem State University Discipline: Physiology: Systems Biology

Oral Session 1: Social and

Behavioral Sciences and Public Health RM 19 Thursday, November 10, 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

O-026 Assessing

the Impact of Maternal Smoking During Pregnancy on Child Development

Karen Go, City University of New York at Queens College

Discipline: Social and Behavioral Sciences and Public Health: Psychology

O-027

Effects of Aspect and Telicity on Sentence Comprehension in Young Adults Michelle N. Indarjit, Montclair State University Discipline: Social and Behavioral Sciences and Public Health: Psychology

O-028

Assessment and Properties of the Trauma Suicide Probability Index - 5 (TSPI-5) Saifa Pirani, University of Texas at San Antonio Discipline: Social and Behavioral Sciences and Public Health: Psychology

0-029

The Prediction of Posttraumatic Stress Symptoms and Quality of Life among Veterans who Served in Iraq and Afghanistan Kha Lor, University of Saint Thomas Discipline: Social and Behavioral Sciences and

Public Health: Psychology

O-030

Many (but Not All) DTI Findings for ASD Disappear With Stringent Motion Matching Seraphina K. Solders, San Diego State University Discipline: Social and Behavioral Sciences and Public Health: Psychology



Student Oral Presenters Listing

Oral Session 1: Social and

Behavioral Sciences and Public Health **RM 20** Thursday, November 10, 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

O-031

Investigating the Marketing Practices of Medical and Recreational Marijuana Dispensary Websites Erin Ferguson, Spelman College Discipline: Social and Behavioral Sciences and Public Health: Public Health and Epidemiology

O-032

Perinatal Stress, Diet and Risk of Wheezing/ Asthma in Offspring of Mexican American Women, Feasibility and Preliminary Results Alondra Rivera, University of Illinois in Chicago Discipline: Social and Behavioral Sciences and Public Health: Public Health and Epidemiology

O-033

Screening of Upper Gastrointestinal Cancers in Patients with Lynch Syndrome

Laura N. Palma, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center

Discipline: Social and Behavioral Sciences and Public Health: Public Health and Epidemiology

Impact of Health Coaching on Contextualization of Care for Underserved Patients with Type 2 Diabetes

George Heredia, Jr., University of California, Irvine Discipline: Social and Behavioral Sciences and Public Health: Public Health and Epidemiology

O-035

Hostility Attitude Affects Prevalent and Incident Diabetes Among Black Adults: The Jackson Heart Study

Tsikata Y. Apenyo, University of Portland Discipline: Social and Behavioral Sciences and Public Health: Public Health and Epidemiology

Oral Session 1: Cell Biology RM 21 Thursday, November 10, 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

O-037

Screening for Regulators of Quiescence in the Drosophila Testis Niche Linh K. Pham, Humboldt State University Discipline: 3. Cell Biology: Cell Biology

O - 0.38

SIRT3 Suppresses Glutaminolysis in Breast Cancer Glutaminolysis in Breast Cancer Stacy Mulei, Univeristy of Massachusetts Boston Discipline: 3. Cell Biology: Molecular Imaging

0-039

Using Diffusion Weighted Imaging (DWI) Magnetic Resonance (MR) to Predict the Presence of Breast Cancer at Margins

Anan Kazi, City College of New York Discipline: 3. Cell Biology: Molecular Imaging

O-040

Histological Confirmation of B-cell Lymphoma Infiltration in Multiple Tissues in A Mouse Model Crystal Choi, CUNY Hunter College Discipline: 3. Cell Biology: Molecular Imaging

Oral Session 1: Engineering, **Physics and Mathematics** Thursday, November 10, 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

O-041

Using Eye Movement Measurement and Analysis During a Reading Task to Assess the Effect of mTBI on the

Saccadic System Zoe Villamar, Virginia Commonwealth University Discipline: Engineering, Physics and Mathematics: Bioengineering

Conjugation of Heparin to Decellularized Bone to Enhance PDGF-BB Delivery for Bone Tissue Engineering

Athenia Jones, University of Maryland, College Park Discipline: Engineering, Physics and Mathematics: Bioengineering

0-043

Characterization and Tuning of Xenopus laevis Nucleolar Dynamics using the Cryptochrome 2 (Cry2-olia) Optogenetic System Tiffany Richardson, Princeton University Discipline: Engineering, Physics and Mathematics: **Biophysics**

O-044

4DMRI and Respiratory Motion Assessment for Radiotherapy Planning Svetlana Markova, The City College of New York Discipline: Engineering, Physics and Mathematics: **Biophysics**



O-045

Modeling the Effect of Smart Appliances in Energy Reduction in Residential Homes Using GridLab-D Alicia Marshall, University Of The District Of Columbia

Discipline: Engineering, Physics and Mathematics: Mathematics

Oral Session 1: Engineering, Physics and Mathematics RM 23 Thursday, November 10, 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

O - 0.46

Investigation of Bonding Mechanisms between Glassy Carbon and Polyimide through Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy Kyle D. Logan, San Diego State University Discipline: Engineering, Physics and Mathematics: Material Sciences

0-047

Formulation of pH Responsive Nanoparticles via Flash Nanoprecipitation Raven Smith, Virginia Commonwealth University Discipline: Engineering, Physics and Mathematics: Nanotechnology

O-048

Surface Functionalization of Cellulose Nanocrystals: Synthesis and Cytotoxicity Studies Ambar S. Jimenez, SUNY Plattsburgh Discipline: Engineering, Physics and Mathematics: Nanotechnology

0-049

Polyaniline Nanostructures: New Candidates for Electroresponsive Drug Delivery Systems Nasim Eshragh Nia, University of California San Diego

Discipline: Engineering, Physics and Mathematics: Nanotechnology

O-050

Encasing Pancreatic Islets in Polycaprolactone Scaffold to Preserve Cell Function for Islet Transplantation

Gauree Chendke, University of California Santa Barbara

Discipline: Engineering, Physics and Mathematics: Nanotechnology

Oral Session 1: Microbiology RM 24 Thursday, November 10, 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

O-051

Microbial Communities in Ashe Juniper-Dominated Soils Amy T. Ontai, St. Edward's University Discipline: Microbiology: Environmental Microbiology

O-052

Network and Community Analyses of Fungal Microbiomes at Wild Basin Jacquelyn Turcinovic, St. Edward's University Discipline: Microbiology: Environmental Microbiology

O-053

How do Humans Impact the Microbiome of a Building? Natalie A. Vegas, Mercy College Discipline: Microbiology: Environmental Microbiology

O-054

Investigating the Host-independent and Host-dependent Role of Estradiol on the Female Mouse Gut Microbiota Manjot K. Nagyal, Wellesley College Discipline: Microbiology: Environmental Microbiology

Oral Session 1: Microbiology RM 25 Thursday, November 10, 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

O-055

Identification of Genes Involved in the Mucoid to Nonmucoid Conversion of a Clinical Pseudomonas aeruginosa 2192 Isolate

Brett Colbert, Florida International University Discipline: Microbiology: Microbial Physiology

O-056

Interactions Between Two Human Gut Symbionts Megan D. Smith, University of Nebraska Lincoln Discipline: Microbiology: Microbial Physiology

O-057

Generation of a Novel Strain of Mycobacterium Smegmatis for the Production of The Mycobacterium Tuberculosis Siderophore Mycobactin T Jing Chen, New York University Discipline: Microbiology: Microbial Physiology



Student Oral Presenters Listing

O - 0.58

Peptidoglycan Transmits the Surface Sensing Signal to Induce Swarming in Bacteria

Mahliyah L. Adkins-Threats, Truman State University Discipline: Microbiology: Microbial Physiology

O-059

Internalization and Proliferation of Staphylococcus

Aureus in Osteoblasts

Emily Goering, Washington University in St. Louis Discipline: Microbiology: Microbial Physiology

Oral Session 2: Neuroscience RM 13 Saturday, November 12, 8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

O-061

Elucidating the Role of hlh-3 in the Differentiation of Sexually Dimorphic Neurons in the Nematode C. elegans

Carolina I. Castro, University of Puerto Rico at Mayaguez

Discipline: Neuroscience: Neurobiology

O-062

The Role of Blood-Brain Barrier Disruption and TGF-βR Mediated Albumin Uptake in Age-Related Seizure Vulnerability

Eszter Mihaly, University of California, Berkeley Discipline: Neuroscience: Neuroscience

O - 063

Correlations of Brain Metabolites with Childhood Depressive Symptoms Adrienne Y. Jo, Claremont McKenna College Discipline: Neuroscience: Neuroscience

O-064

The Effect of Chlorpyrifos on Mitochondrial Health in a Striatal Cell Model of Huntington's Disease Sallaymatu Kallon, Oberlin College Discipline: Neuroscience: Neuroscience

O-065

Caveolin-1 Mediated Signaling Highlights Sex Differences in Cocaine Drug Addiction Jessica M. Phan, Pomona College Discipline: Neuroscience: Neuroscience Oral Session 2: Neuroscience RM 14 Saturday, November 12, 8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

O-066

PPARd Agonists Dramatically Improve Preclinical Trial Outcomes In Huntington's Disease: Motor Behavior and Neurodegeneration Martin Arreola, UCSD Discipline: Neuroscience: Neuroscience

O-067

Electric Field Sensors Detect Physiological Changes in Adult Mice with Nerve Injury-Induced Neuropathic Pain

Alejandro J. Lopez, San Jose State University Discipline: Neuroscience: Neuroscience

O-068

Examining Sleep and Core Body Temperature
Parameters Before and After Stress in Male Rodents
Pamela Del Valle, University of Texas at Austin
Discipline: Neuroscience: Neuroscience

0-069

Examination of Estrous Cycle Identification Tools in Female C57BL6/J Mice Jenny Vernet, Regis College Discipline: Neuroscience: Neuroscience

0-070

Assessment of Behavioral Response of Bottlenose Dolphin to Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) of Behavioral Response of Bottlenose Dolphin to Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) Brigid Maloney, Hunter College Discipline: Neuroscience: Psychobiology

Oral Session 2: Social and Behavioral
Sciences and Public Health RM 15
Saturday, November 12, 8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

O-071

Traumatic Stress Exposure During Adolescence Increases Resilience To Fear-based Behaviors During Adulthood

Tatiana Gore, Wayne State University
Discipline: Social and Behavioral Sciences and
Public Health: Psychology



O-072

The Effects of High Definition Transcranial Direct Current Stimulation (HD-tDCS) on Memory and Metamemory by Task Difficulty Sandry M. Garcia, Brooklyn College Discipline: Social and Behavioral Sciences and Public Health: Psychology

O-073

Romantic Attachment and Perception of Partner Motivation for Health Behavior Regulation Natasha Villalobos, University of Texas at San Antonio

Discipline: Social and Behavioral Sciences and Public Health: Psychology

0-074

Sexual Assault among College Students Attending a Historically Black College and University Deshawn Collington, Morgan State University Discipline: Social and Behavioral Sciences and Public Health: Psychology

Oral Session 2: Social and Behavioral
Sciences and Public Health RM 16
Saturday, November 12, 8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

O-075

Investigating the Long-Term Memory Benefits of Cued Recall vs. Recognition Tests Joshua P. Lozano, California State University, Dominguez Hills Discipline: Social and Behavioral Sciences and Public Health: Psychology

O-076

Cumulative Exposure to Interpersonal Violence is Associated with Adolescent Girls' Expectations about Heterosexual Interactions
Lia Lewis, Wayne State University
Discipline: Social and Behavioral Sciences and Public Health: Psychology

O-078

Assessing Readability Levels of Web-Based Patient Education Material on Hereditary Breast Cancer Syndrome

Athalia L. Lopez, University of Massachusetts Boston Discipline: Social and Behavioral Sciences and Public Health: Public Health and Epidemiology

0-079

The Role of Race in the Association between Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) and Student Engagement

Christine M. Egan, University of Minnesota--Twin Cities

Discipline: Social and Behavioral Sciences and Public Health: Public Health and Epidemiology

O-080

The Association of Discrimination and Alcohol Abuse among African American Men

Jakini A. Kauba, North Carolina State University Discipline: Social and Behavioral Sciences and Public Health: Public Health and Epidemiology

Oral Session 2: Developmental
Biology and Genetics RM 18
Saturday, November 12, 8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

O-081

Granulocyte Colony-Stimulating Factor (G-CSF)
Promotes Spermatogenic Regeneration after HighDose Alkylating Chemotherapy

Travis M. Kotzur, University of Texas at San Antonio Discipline: Developmental Biology and Genetics: Developmental Biology

O-082

Role of Histone Acetyltransferases CBP and p300 in Adipogenesis

Leeza M. Santiago Millán, University of Puerto Rico, Humacao

Discipline: Developmental Biology and Genetics: Developmental Biology

O-083

Expression Profile of Novel Candidates in Neural Crest Development

Jacqueline Cely, University of California Riverside Discipline: Developmental Biology and Genetics: Developmental Biology

O-084

Characterizing the Roles of Ezrin and Drebrin-like in Microridge Morphogenesis Ezrin and Drebrin-like in Microridge Morphogenesis

Eric F. Medina, California State University, Dominguez Hills

Discipline: Developmental Biology and Genetics: Developmental Biology



Student Oral Presenters Listing

O-085

Van-Gogh-Like 2, Frizzled, and Knypek Control Distinct Aspects of Polarized Cellular Migration During Neural Convergence

Karndeep Singh, University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC)

Discipline: Developmental Biology and Genetics: Developmental Biology

Oral Session 2: Cell and Developmental Biology RM 19 Saturday, November 12, 8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

0-036

Protein Microarray Analysis of Lysosome Positioning Machinery: Focus on BORC (BLOC-One Related Complex)

Heley M. Ong, Cornell University
Discipline: Cell Biology: Cell Biology

O-086

Quantitative Protein Analysis to Map Inner Kinetochore Assembly

Alex Chan, University of California, Los Angeles Discipline: Developmental Biology and Genetics: Genetics

O-087

Endothelin 3 Compensates for Lack of *alpha*-Melanocyte-Stimulating Hormone Signaling in Melanogenesis

Alexander Durango, Florida International University Discipline: Developmental Biology and Genetics: Genetics

0-090

Methamphetamine Mediated Mitochondrial Dysfunction and Microglial Apoptosis Elizabeth H. Quaye, University at Buffalo Discipline: Cell Biology: Cell Biology

Oral Session 2: Molecular and Cancer Biology RM 20 Saturday, November 12, 8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

0-088

Establishment of the Timing of Metastatic Cell Intravasation in a Mouse Model of Melanoma Raul Torres, Jr., Florida International University Discipline: Cancer Biology: Cancer Biology

0-089

Substrate Stiffness and Cancer-derived Soluble Mediators Contribute to the Activation and Myodifferentiation of Breast Adipose Stem Cells Pascal Sukuru, Virginia Tech Discipline: Cancer Biology: Cancer Biology

Discipline: Cancer biology: Cancer biolog

0-091

Validating Amyloid-Beta (Aβ) Large-Scale Mutational Data Floriane Ngako Kameni, Harvard College Discipline: Molecular and Computational Biology: Genomics

0-092

Noninvasive Imaging Markers for Predicting Malignancy in Pancreatic Cysts Shiana Mainarich, Hunter College Discipline: Molecular and Computational Biology: Bioinformatics

Oral Session 2: Microbiology and Immunology RM 21 Saturday, November 12, 8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

0-093

Studying Human T Cell Behavior In Lymphopenic Environments In Humanized Mice Aditya Misra, Cornell University Discipline: Immunology: Immunology

0-094

Role of Fractalkine Receptor on Retinal Pathology During Experimental Autoimmune Encephalomyelitis Alyssa L. Arriaga, The University of Texas at San Antonio

Discipline: Immunology: Immunology

O-095

Role of OX40L-JAG1 Co-signaling in TCR Independent Treg Expansion Patricia N. Rodríguez-Morales, University of Puerto Rico at Cayey Discipline: Immunology: Immunology

O-112

Chemical and Stress Resistances of Clostridium difficile
Lina M. Jowhar, Emory University

Lina M. Jowhar, Emory University
Discipline: Microbiology: Bacteriology

O-113

Antimicrobial Activity of Tropical Spice Extracts Against Issatchenkia orientalis and Escherichia coli



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Esther Olasoji, University of Florida Discipline: Microbiology: Bacteriology

Oral Session 2: Chemistry RM 22 Saturday, November 12, 8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

O-100

Synthesis and Characterization of Titanium(IV)
Schiff Base Salen Complexes: The Importance of
⁴⁹Ti NMR Spectroscopy for Identifying Titanium(IV)
Species in Solution

Tiffany J. Alfred, Norfolk State University Discipline: Chemistry: Inorganic Chemistry

O-101

Redirecting Resins: Developing a Green Alternative to Today's Most Practical Resin Jadah S. Clarke, James Madison University Discipline: Chemistry: Organic Chemistry

O-102

Synthesis and Testing of ELQ 300 Prodrugs as Novel Single Dose Cure for Malaria Romaric Mukuna, Boise State University Discipline: Chemistry: Organic Chemistry

O-103

Fluorescence Sensing of Duplex DNA Formation by a Chemically Modified Cytidine Analogue Kristine Claudine Teppang, San Diego State University

Discipline: Chemistry: Organic Chemistry

O-104

Synthesis of Stimuli-Response Nanomaterials as Potential Drug-Delivery Agents Jeremey N. Shropshire, Xavier University of Louisiana Discipline: Chemistry: Organic Chemistry

Oral Session 2: Engineering,
Physics and Mathematics RM 23
Saturday, November 12, 8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

O-105

Powering Probes in Deep Space: Validation of Electrochemical Impedance Spectra for Li-CF_x, Li-MnO₂, and Li-CF_x/MnO₂ Cell Chemistries Using Kramers-Kronig Transforms

Fernando Villafuerte, Hunter College, City University of New York

Discipline: Engineering, Physics and Mathematics: Material Sciences

O-106

A Novel Solution for Powering Our Planet: A Comparative Study of a Novel Titania Sol and a Titania Powder for the Improved Efficiency of Dyesensitized Solar Cells

Lorne S. Joseph, University of the Virgin Islands Discipline: Engineering, Physics and Mathematics: Material Sciences

O-107

2D Doping of Nanomaterials: Investigation of Chemical Environment and Electronic Structure Effects

Nakeshma Cassel, University of the Virgin Islands Discipline: Engineering, Physics and Mathematics: Material Sciences

O-108

3D Aqueous Bioprinting for Scalable, Personalized Tissue Engineering

Anthony Tabet, University of Minnesota
Discipline: Engineering, Physics and Mathematics:
Material Sciences

O-109

Advancements in Hydrogen Storage: A Study of ZIF-8

Daniel Mukasa, Oberlin College
Discipline: Engineering, Physics and Mathematics:
Material Sciences

Oral Session 2: Microbiology and Immunology RM 24 Saturday, November 12, 8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

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Evaluating the Immunogenicity of Embryonic Stem Cell Derived Hepatoblasts (SC-Hep) and Adult Hepatocytes (AD-Hep) in a murine Transplant Model

Danielle W. Dillard, San Jose State University
Discipline: Immunology: Immunology

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Rolando Garza, Jr., University of Texas at San Antonio

Discipline: Immunology: Immunology



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Valeria Flores Malavet, University of Puerto Rico at Ponce

Discipline: Immunology: Immunology

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Identifying Hindgut Microbes in Ctenochaetus striatus and Calotomus spinidens: Comparing Community Composition, Function, and Identifying Genomes Through Metagenomics Cassandra R. Harris, Savannah State University Discipline: Microbiology: Bacteriology

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The Nematode Caenorhabditis elegans Displays a Chemotaxis Behavior to Tuberculosis-Specific Odorants

Joseph Marsili, Northeastern Illinois University Discipline: Microbiology: Bacteriology

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Edward K. Sarfo, City College of New York, New
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Martine Policard, Georgia State University Discipline: Microbiology: Virology

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Community College, Undergraduates and Postbaccalaureates

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 Graduate Student Life: Perspectives of Graduate Students

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

- Presentation Techniques: How to Make Effective Poster and Oral Presentations
- · Building Your Brand Starts Now

4:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.

 Wrap It Up! How To Present Your Work in 5 Minutes or Less

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- Networking in Your Scientific Discipline (All Disciplines)
- Bringing Mentees and Mentors Together in a National Mentoring Network

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8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

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- M.D.-Ph.D. Is It Right for Me?
- Graduate Opportunities in Public and Global Health Research
- Community College Students: Tips for Transitioning to a Four-Year Institution

8:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

 Gateway to the Future: Career Paths in the Biomedical Sciences, STEM Disciplines, and Behavioral Sciences – Conversations with Scientists

Friday, November 11, 2016

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

- Effective Personal Statement for Getting into Highly Competitive Graduate Schools and Summer Programs
- Navigating Mentoring Relationships: Discovering Essential Skills for Mentees
- · Tell Your Science as a Story
- · Goal Setting and Time Management

6:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

- Confessions of Admission Officials: What We Look at, and for, in Graduate School Applications
- Financing Your Graduate Education
- Strategies for Taking Standardized Admissions Tests: Preparing for the GRE and MCAT Exams
- Tips for Applying to a Postbaccalaureate Program
- Being a Proactive Mentee: Taking Control of Your Research Experience

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

- LGBTQ Mixer
- GlaxoSmithKline Mixer

Saturday, November 12, 2016

2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

- ABRCMS Professional Skills Café
- ABRCMS Wikipedia Year of Science Edit-athon

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

 Blogging, Tweeting, & Writing to Promote Your Career and Diversify Science



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 Do You Play Fair? A Workshop about Bias in Academia

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3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

· Building Your Brand Starts Now

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

- Networking in Your Scientific Discipline (All Disciplines)
- Bringing Mentees and Mentors Together in a National Mentoring Network

Thursday, November 10, 2016

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- Gateway to the Future: Career Paths in the Biomedical Sciences, STEM Disciplines, and Behavioral Sciences – Conversations with Scientists

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· How We Learn ... and How We Don't

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 Navigating Mentoring Relationships: Discovering Essential Skills for Mentees

- Leveraging Wikipedia to Improve Science Communication Skills
- · Tell Your Science as a Story

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- Being a Proactive Mentee: Taking Control of Your Research Experience
- Postdoc Fundamentals: Selecting a Training Experience to Match Your Career Goals

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

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- GlaxoSmithKline Mixer

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 Bringing Mentees and Mentors Together in a National Mentoring Network

Thursday, November 10, 2016

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- Orientation for Judges (All 12 Disciplines)
- Enhancing Professional Skills for Scientists: Beyond the Bench

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- NIH Grants Management Workshop
- · How We Learn ... and How We Don't

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- Job Search Strategies: Effective Interviewing Skills and Job Offer Negotiation
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· How We Learn ... and How We Don't

Friday, November 11, 2016

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Small World InitiativeTM: Building Scientists
 One Class at a Time

- Leveraging Wikipedia to Improve Science Communication Skills
- Tell Your Science as a Story

6:15 p.m. - 7:15 p.m.

 Postdoc Fundamentals: Selecting a Training Experience to Match Your Career Goals

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

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7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

- LGBTQ Mixer
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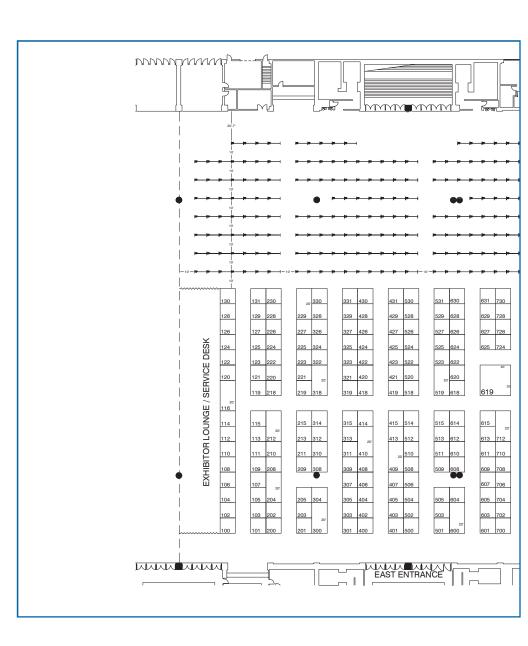
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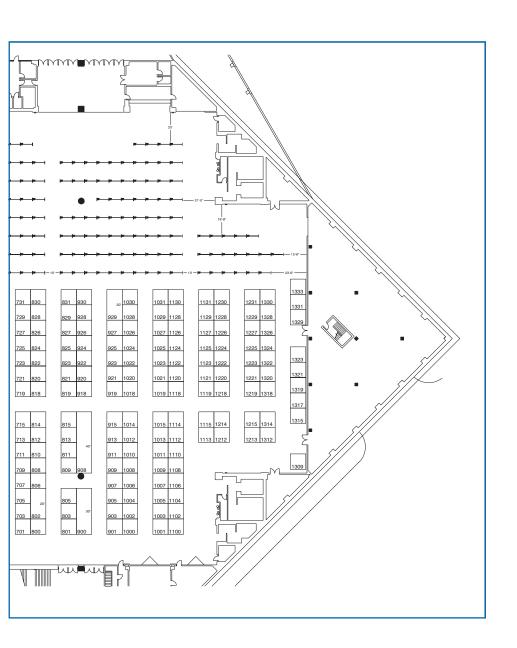
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