20th Anniversary Alumni Symposium Program

Friday, December 9, 2022
7:30 – 8:30 am  Registration and Continental Breakfast – Ballroom B (2nd floor)

8:30 – 8:40 am  Welcome and Orientation

8:40 -- 9:10 am  Olivera J. Finn, PhD  
Distinguished Professor, Dept. of Immunology  
*Department of Immunology: The First 10 Years*

9:10 – 9:20 am  Arthur S. Levine, MD  
Executive Director of the Brain Institute

9:20 – 9:30 am  Anantha Shekhar, MD, PhD  
Senior Vice Chancellor for the Health Sciences

**Session I. Moderator: Christine Milcarek, PhD**  
Professor Emerita, Dept. of Immunology

9:30 – 10:00 am  Karen Norris, PhD – Alumni Faculty  
Professor and Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar  
University of Georgia  
*Advancing a Broadly Protective Vaccine for the Prevention of Invasive Fungal Infection*

10:00 – 10:30 am  *Coffee Break*

10:30 – 11:00 am  Pawel Kalinski, MD, PhD – Alumni Faculty  
Jacobs Family Endowed Professor and Chair, Department of Immunology, Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center  
*Dendritic Cells in Cancer Therapy: DC Vaccines and DC-targeting Adjuvants to Eliminate “Cold” Tumors*

11:00 – 11:30 am  Hideho Okada, MD, PhD – Alumni Faculty  
Kathleen M. Plant Distinguished Professor, Depts. of Neurological Surgery and Immunology, University of California, San Francisco  
*Development of Novel Immunotherapy for Malignant Gliomas*

11:30 – 12:00 noon  Julie Magarian-Blander, PhD – Alumni Trainee (grad student)  
Gladys and Roland Harriman Professor, Dept. of Microbiology and Immunology, Weill-Cornell School of Medicine  
*Noncanonical Cross Presentation: A Solution for Immune Evasive Viruses and Cancer*

12:00 – 1:00 pm  *Lunch – Ballroom B (2nd floor), Gold Room (2nd floor), Conference Rooms A & B (3rd floor)*

1:00 – 1:30 pm  Mark Shlomchik, MD, PhD  
UPMC Endowed and Distinguished Professor, Dept. of Immunology  
*Department of Immunology: The Second 10 Years*
Session II. Moderator: Robert Binder, PhD  
Professor, Dept. of Immunology

1:30 – 2:00 pm  
**Russell Salter, PhD – Alumni Faculty**  
Professor, Dept. of Microbiology and Immunology and Associate Dean for Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, University of Louisville School of Medicine  
The Immunology Graduate Program: From Grassroots Efforts to Current Successes

2:00 – 2:30 pm  
**Vanja Lazarevic, PhD – Alumni Trainee (grad student)**  
Senior Investigator, National Institutes of Health, National Cancer Institute  
Transcriptional Regulation of Pathogenic CD4+ T Cells that Mediate Neuroinflammation

2:30 – 3:00 pm  
**Sherrie Divito, MD, PhD – Alumni Trainee (grad student)**  
Assistant Professor, Dept. of Dermatology, Harvard University  
Harnessing Translational Immunology to Combat Drug Hypersensitivity Reactions

3:00 – 3:30 pm  
**Laura Vella, MD, PhD – Alumni Trainee (grad student)**  
Assistant Professor, Dept. of Pediatrics, University of Pennsylvania  
Vaccine Readiness after Cancer Therapy and Transplantation

3:30 – 4:00 pm  
**Coffee Break**

Session III. Moderator: Larry Kane, PhD  
Professor, Dept. of Immunology

4:00 – 4:30 pm  
**Giorgio Raimondi, PhD, MSc – Alumni Trainee (postdoc)**  
Assistant Professor, Dept. of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine  
Targeted Interference with Cytokines Signaling for Immunomodulation

4:30 – 5:00 pm  
**Heather Conti, PhD – Alumni Trainee (postdoc)**  
Associate Professor, Dept. of Biological Sciences, University of Toledo  
Oral megakaryocytes are critical contributors to the immune response during candidiasis

5:00 – 5:30 pm  
**Wei Luo, PhD – Alumni Trainee (postdoc)**  
Assistant professor, Dept. of Microbiology and Immunology, Indiana University  
From germinal center reaction to a universal influenza vaccine

5:30 – 6:00 pm  
**Dario Vignali, PhD**  
Distinguished Professor and Interim Chair, Dept. of Immunology  
Department of Immunology: The Next 10 Years

6:00 – 7:30 pm  
**Reception – Ballroom A (1st floor)**
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