Mentoring + Commitment =





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# The Leadership Alliance National Symposium 20th Anniversary

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# Welcome to the 2015 Leadership Alliance National Symposium



Medeva Ghee Executive Director

Welcome to the 20th Annual Leadership Alliance National Symposium! This conference is quite significant for me as I attended the first national symposium as a graduate student in 1995. While the conference was an invigorating experience then, I continue to be inspired each year, alongside subsequent generations of scholars and researchers whose technological and scholarly advances are poised to address global 21st century challenges.

As I reflect on my participation at the inaugural symposium, I remember fondly the sense of community. We had the opportunity to showcase our research and network with like-minded scholars from across the country. This experience motivated me to continue pursuing excellence within my graduate program, equipped me with a sense of belonging, affirmed my identity as a scientist, despite my cultural background, and most importantly, revealed that I was not alone in my pursuit of a doctoral degree. From that moment on, I knew that the Leadership Alliance community of peers, role models, faculty and administrators was there to ensure my success.

The theme of this 20th anniversary event, *Mentoring* + *Commitment* = *Pathways to Success*, continues the work of the Leadership Alliance that began two decades ago. Our work is far from complete, but we celebrate how far we have come. To date, our mentoring and commitment to developing leaders and role models in all career sectors has resulted in a near doubling of the 350 symposium participants in 1995, to nearly 600 participants today! Our community is growing and thriving! I encourage you to leverage our diverse scholars and to build the professional network that will help you navigate your academic and career pathways to success!

Have a wonderful conference!



Jabbar R. Bennett Chair, Symposium Planning Committee

Greetings and welcome to the 2015 Leadership Alliance National Symposium (LANS)! This year marks the 20th anniversary of the conference and promises to be one of the most impacting and inspiring to date.

The LANS Planning Committee worked diligently over the past year to develop tailored programming which will enhance your personal and professional development, as well as inform your choices about graduate and professional education. Graduate students, Doctoral Scholars, faculty, administrators and other invited guests welcome the opportunity to discuss their trajectories and answer any questions about your own academic and professional interests.

At a time in our country with ever evolving cultural, social and political shifts, rising costs of higher education, and an uncertain job market, The Leadership Alliance remains committed to the training and development of underrepresented students who strive to become tomorrow's leaders and role models in academia, business and the public sector. Realizing this vision requires the dedication and support of several individuals, many of which are present at this year's symposium.

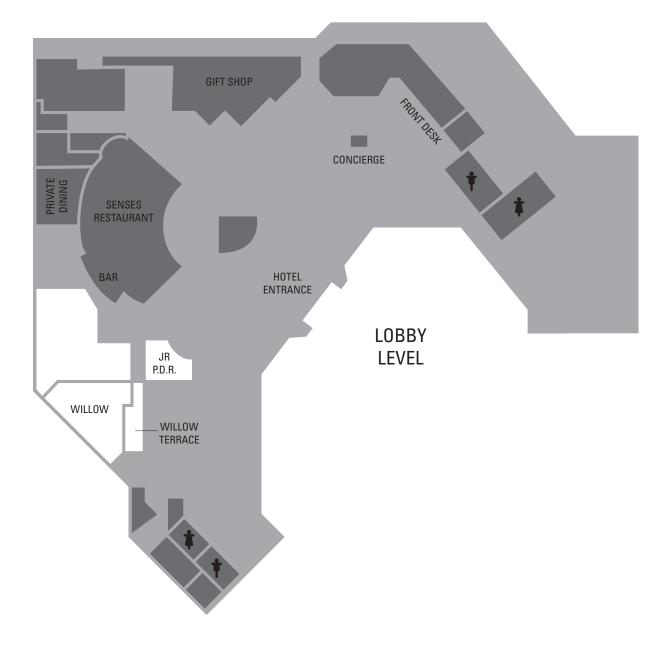
Please take advantage of the formal scheduled events as well as informal opportunities to interact with panelists, faculty, administrators, Doctoral Scholars, graduate students and other guests. It is also very important that you network with each other and take time to share your personal stories and professional aspirations. You may find yourselves training or working together during the next phases of your academic or professional careers so start building these relationships now.

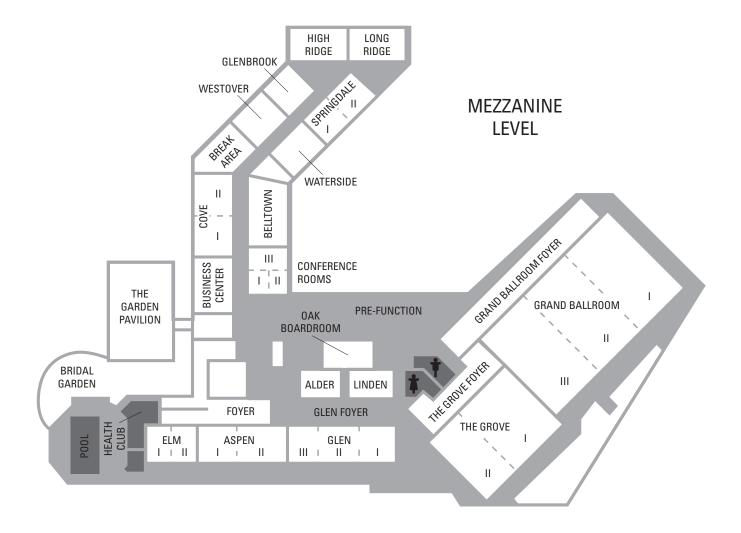
In 2015, just as we declared in 1995, *Mentoring* + *Commitment* = *Pathways to Success*. Embrace the community that surrounds you, be persistent and commit to excellence, and success will surely follow.

Best wishes and make it memorable!

# Mentoring + Commitment= Pathways to Success

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# Symposium At-A-Glance

Time	Undergraduate Sessions (UG)	Graduate Student Sessions (GS)	Doctoral Scholars (DS)	Administrators, Coordinators, Faculty, Guests
	Day 1 - Orientati	on, Networking & Alumni Career Pan	el	
11:00am - 3:00pm		Registration		
11:00am - 3:00pm	PowerPoint Presentation Upload I			
12:00pm - 2:00pm		Lunch		
3:00pm -5:15pm	Funding/Orientation/Networking Sessions by Discipline	Financial Li (1) One Degree, (2) Life Affer C	Many Markets	
5:30pm - 6:30pm	PowerPoint Presentation Upload II	Moderators	Training	Community Meeting Coordinators & Faculty
7:00pm - 9:15pm		Dinner/Welcome/Alum	ni Panel	1
9:30pm - 10:30pm	PowerPoint Presentation Upload III Reception for Administrators, Coordinators, Doctoral Scholars, Faculty, Graduate Students, Guests			
	Day 2 - Stude	nt Presentations & Panel Discussions		
9:00am - 3:00pm		Registration		
7:00am -7:25am	Poster Setup			
7:30 - 9:00am	NOVARTIS presentation Gap Year Scholar Program Post-baccalaureate Research Education Program (PREP) Applied & Basic Bioscience MD-PhD, Engineering & MD-PhD, Engineering & MD-PhD, Engineering &	k ces, Networking I		Getting FYRE Started
015 10.15	(New) What is Digital Humanities Humanities & Social Scien and Why Should I Care?			
9:15am - 10:45am		Student Poster Presen		
11:15am - 12:45pm		Student Oral Presentations Sessio	n I - All Disciplines	
1:00pm - 2:30pm	Roundtable (f Discussions The Gradu	rate School Experience PhD Program) rate School Experience	NOVARTIS presentation: Mentoring Matters	IPERT Enhancing Research Training Beyor the Summer
0:45pm 4:15pm	[ML	D-PhD Program)		
2:45pm - 4:15pm 4:20pm - 4:40pm		Student Oral Presentations Sessio Break/Snack/Professional I		
4:45pm - 6:00pm	Student Oral Prese	ntations Session III - Basic & Applied Bi		ial Sciences
6:00pm - 6:45pm		/Mellon Initiative Cohort/FYRE/IOS Sc		
7:00pm - 9:00pm		Dinner & Keynote Sp	eaker	
9:30pm - 12:00am		Dance Party		
8:00am - 9:45am	Applied & Basic Bioscien Breakfast Panels: Graduate School Application & Interview Process Engineering & Physica Sciences	Individual Develo	oment Plan (IDP)	
10:00am - 11:00am	Leadership Alliance Alum Association Meeting			
10:00am - 11:00am	Graduate Research Fellowship	Undergraduate Seniors, First and Second Year Graduate Students in <i>STEM</i> Graduate Research Fellowship Programs (GRFP)		
10:00am - 11:00am	Humanities & Social Sciences Recruiting Fair			
10:00am - 12:00pm		General Recruiting	Fair	I
11.00 10.00		AAAS Prese Applying for the AAAS Scier		Kote:     Faculty is encouraged to attend the AA
11:00am - 12:00pm		Fellows	hips	presentation

\*Headshots can be taken all day Saturday in Willow, located on the Lobby Level.

# Agenda 2015

# Friday, July 24

11:00am – 5:00pm Leadership Alliance Conference RegistrationMezzanine
11:00am – 3:00pm PowerPoint Upload Session IAlder
<b>12:00pm – 2:00pm</b> Informal Networking Lunch - Everyone Garden Pavilion
Undergraduates: <b>3:00pm – 4:15pm</b> Funding Your Education by Discipline
<b>4:20pm – 5:15pm</b> Orientation/Networking Session by Discipline
Applied & Basic BiosciencesGrand Ballroom I <b>Moderators:</b> Joel Oppenheim, Professor Emeritus, Microbiology, New York University Langone Medical Center; Sheila Thomas, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Assistant Dean of Diversity and Minority Affairs for GSAS and DMS, Harvard University
<ul> <li>Funding Your Education Panel:</li> <li>Joel Oppenheim, Senior Associate Dean for Biomedical Sciences, New York University Langone Medical Center</li> <li>Tiffani Fonseca, Fellowships Programs Coordinator, American Society for Microbiology</li> <li>Sheila Thomas, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Assistant Dean of Diversity and Minority Affairs for GSAS and DMS, Harvard University</li> </ul>
Humanities & Social SciencesGrand Ballroom II <b>Moderators:</b> Travis Boyce, Associate Professor of Africana Studies and Social Science, University of Northern Colorado; Chinonye Nnakwe, Director, Graduate Diversity Initiatives, The University of Chicago
<b>Funding Your Education Panel:</b> <b>Saul Fisher,</b> Executive Director for Grants and Academic Initiatives and Visiting Associate Professor, Mercy College <b>Leislie Godo-Solo,</b> Associate Director, Institute for Recruitment of Teachers <b>Christine O'Brien,</b> Ford Fellowship, National Academy of Sciences
Engineering & Physical SciencesGrand Ballroom III <b>Moderator:</b> Don Brunson, Assistant Dean, Graduate School and Director, Enhancing Diversity in Graduate Education Program, Vanderbilt University; Ruth Schemmer, Assistant Dean for Career Development, Graduate School, Vanderbilt University
<ul> <li>Funding Your Education Panel:</li> <li>Don Brunson, Assistant Dean, Graduate School and Director, Enhancing Diversity in Graduate Education Program, Vanderbilt University</li> <li>Denise Ellis, Sloan Program Director, National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering</li> <li>Sara Xayarath Hernandez, Associate Dean for Inclusion &amp; Student Engagement Graduate School, Cornell University/Institute for Broadening Participation</li> </ul>

3:00pm – 5:15pm (New) Financial Literacy
<b>5:30pm – 6:30pm</b> Leadership Alliance Community MeetingGrove
5:30pm – 6:30pm Moderators' Training
5:30pm – 6:30pm Power Point Upload Session II
$\sim$ Doors open at 6:30pm for dinner $\sim$
<ul> <li>7:00pm – 9:15pm</li> <li>Welcome, Dinner, Alumni Panel</li></ul>
9:30pm – 10:30pm ReceptionGrove I Faculty, Coordinators, Doctoral Scholars, Graduate Students, and Guests
9:30pm – 10:30pm Poster Setup
9:30pm – 10:30pm Power Point Upload Session III

# Saturday, July 25

<b>7:00am – 7:25am</b> Poster Setup Garden	Pavilion
7:30am – 9:00am Getting FYRE Started Discussion Leadership Alliance Coordinators & Faculty <b>Moderator:</b> Medeva Ghee, Executive Director, The Leadership Alliance, Assistant Professor of the Practice Behavioral and Social Sciences, Brown University	Grove e of

**BioMedical Research** 

7:30am - 9:00am	
Undergraduate Breakfasts:	
(New) Post-Baccalaureate Research Education Program (PREP)	
Applied & Basic Biosciences, Engineering, Physical Science, & MD-PhDGrand Ba	allroom I
Moderators: Nancy Schwartz, Professor and Associate Dean, University of Chicago; Arnaldo Diaz, Assista	
for Research Training Programs, University of Pennsylvania; Sheila Thomas, Assistant Professor of Medici	ne,
Assistant Dean of Diversity and Minority Affairs for GSAS and DMS, Harvard University	
(New) What is Digital Humanities and Why Should I Care?	
Humanities & Social Sciences Grand Bal	lroom II
Moderators: Purdom Lindblad, Head of Graduate Programs at Scholars' Lab, University of Virginia; Alex	Gil,
Digital Scholarship Coordinator, Humanities and History Division, Columbia University Libraries	
(New) Gap Year Scholar Program (Novartis Institutes for Biomedical Research)	
Applied & Basic Biosciences, Organic/Synthetic Chemistry, & MD-PhDGrand Ball	room III
Moderator: Anastacia Berzat, Scientific Program Manager, Office of Education, Diversity & Inclusion, No	vartis
Institutes for BioMedical Research	
7:30am – 9:00am	
(New) Big Help for Small Talk	Elm
Graduate Students & Doctoral Scholars Breakfast	•,
Moderator: Ruth Schemmer, Assistant Dean for Career Development, Graduate School, Vanderbilt Unive	ersity
8:30am – 6:00pm	
Professional Headshots	Willow
9:00am – 5:00pm	
Leadership Alliance Conference Registration	ezzanine
9:15am – 10:45am	
Student Poster Presentations	Pavilion
11:15am – 12:45pm	
Student Oral Presentations Session I	
Applied & Basic Biosciences: Elm I, Elm II, Aspen I, Aspen II, Glen I, Glen II, Glen III, Alder	
Humanities & Social Sciences: Belltown, Cove I, Cove II, Waterside, Springdale I, Springdale II	
Engineering & Physical Sciences: Westover, Glenbrook, High Ridge, Long Ridge	
$\sim$ Lunch served 1:00pm. Sessions conducted from 1:30-2:30pm $\sim$	
Concurrent Sessions for Undergraduates	
Roundtable Discussion for Undergraduates Interested in the PhD:Grand Ballroo	m I & II
The Graduate School Experience	лн I & II
Moderator: Karina Evora, M.Ed. Candidate, Peabody College at Vanderbilt University	
Roundtable Discussion for Undergraduates Interested in the MD-PhD:Grand Ball	room III
The Graduate School Experience	
Moderator: Christopher Peete, Mental Health Professional, Youth Villages	
(New) Mentoring Matters	Pavilion
Doctoral Scholars, Administrators, Guests	
Moderators: Anastacia Berzat, Scientific Program Manager, Office of Education, Diversity & Inclusion, N	ovartis
Institutes for BioMedical Research; Amri Johnson, Head of Diversity & Inclusion, Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research	

IPERT: Enhancing Research Training Beyond the Summer			
<ul> <li>2:45pm – 4:15pm</li> <li>Student Oral Presentations Session II</li> <li>Applied &amp; Basic Biosciences: Elm I, Elm II, Aspen I, Aspen II, Glen I, Glen II, Glen III, Alder, High Ridge, Long Ridge</li> <li>Humanities &amp; Social Sciences: Belltown, Cove I, Cove II, Waterside, Springdale I, Springdale II</li> <li>Engineering &amp; Physical Sciences: Westover, Glenbrook</li> </ul>			
∽ Break, 4:20 pm – 4:40 pm ∽			
<ul> <li>4:45pm – 6:00pm</li> <li>Student Oral Presentations Session III</li> <li>Applied &amp; Basic Biosciences: Elm I, Elm II, Aspen I, Aspen II, Glen I, Glen II, Glen III, Alder, Westover, Glenbrook, High Ridge, Long Ridge</li> <li>Humanities &amp; Social Sciences : Belltown, Cove I, Cove II, Waterside, Springdale I, Springdale II</li> </ul>			
<b>4:00pm – 6:00pm</b> Exhibitors Set-up for Recruiting FairGarden Pavilion			
<b>6:00pm – 6:45pm</b> Leadership Alliance Group PhotosLobby			
$\sim$ Doors open at 6:30pm for dinner $\sim$			
7:00pm – 9:00pm Dinner, Keynote Speaker			
9:30pm – 12:00am Dance Grove			

# Sunday, July 26

<b>7:30am – 10:00am</b> Exhibitors Set-up for General Recruiting FairGarden Pavilion
$\sim$ Breakfast served 8:00-8:45am. Sessions conducted from 8:45-9:45am $\sim$
Undergraduate Breakfast and Panels: The Graduate School Application
<ul> <li>Applied &amp; Basic BiosciencesGrand Ballroom I</li> <li>Moderator: Joel Oppenheim, Professor Emeritus, Microbiology, New York University</li> <li>Langone Medical Center</li> <li>Panelists:</li> <li>Joel Oppenheim, Professor Emeritus, Microbiology, New York University Langone</li> <li>Medical Center</li> <li>Medical Center</li> <li>Sheila Thomas, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Assistant Dean of Diversity and Minority Affairs for</li> </ul>
GSAS and DMS, Harvard University Jabbar Bennett, Associate Dean, Graduate School, Division of Biology and Medicine, Brown University

MD-PhD	Grand Ballroom II
Moderator: Brian Sullivan, Executive Director MSTP, MD-PhD Panelists:	
Naoko Tanese, Associate Dean for Biomedical Sciences; Direc Biomedical Sciences, New York University	tor of the Sackler Institute of Graduate
<b>Fred Gorelick,</b> Professor of Medicine (Digestive Diseases) and Yale M.D., Ph.D. Program	of Cell Biology; Deputy Director,
Humanities & Social Sciences Moderator: Geneva Baxter, Associate Dean of Undergraduate	
<b>Panelists:</b> Joseph Brown, Graduate Diversity Recruitment Officer, Stanfo Travis Boyce, Associate Professor of Africana Studies and Soci	
Engineering & Physical Sciences	Aspen
<b>Moderator:</b> Mark Hernandez, Professor in the Department of Engineering, University of Colorado Boulder <b>Panelist:</b>	
<b>Don Brunson,</b> Assistant Dean, Graduate School and Director, Program, Vanderbilt University	Enhancing Diversity in Graduate Education
Mark Hernandez, Professor in the Department of Civil, Envir Engineering, University of Colorado Boulder	onmental, and Architectural
8:00am – 9:45am (New) Individual Development Plan	Flm
Graduate Student & Doctoral Scholar Breakfast <b>Moderator:</b> Nancy Schwartz, Associate Dean for Postdoctoral Affairs an Affairs, University of Chicago	
10:00am – 11:00am Leadership Alliance Alumni Association Meeting	Elm
10:00am – 11:00am Graduate Research Fellowship Programs (GRFP)	Clan
(This session is for seniors, first and second year graduate students - STE.	
<b>Moderator:</b> David Stout, Visiting Researcher, Brown University and Ass & Aerospace Engineering, California State University, Long Beach	
10:00am – 11:00am	
Humanities & Social Sciences Recruiting Fair	Grove I
10:00am – 12:00pm General Recruiting Fair	Garden Pavilion
11:00am – 12:00pm Applying for the AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellowships Moderator: Chloe Poston, AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellow, A	
<b>12:00pm – 1:00pm</b> Fill out surveys, Closing Remarks, Adjournment	Grand Ballroom I & II

# Carlos Castillo-Chavez Keynote Speaker



Carlos Castillo-Chavez is a Regents Professor, Joaquin Bustoz Jr. Professor of Mathematical Biology, and a Distinguished Sustainability Scientist at Arizona State University (ASU). His research program is at the interface of the mathematical and natural and social sciences with emphasis on (i) the role of dynamic social landscapes on disease dispersal; (ii) the role of environmental and social structures on the dynamics of addiction and disease evolution, and (iii) the dynamics of complex systems at the interphase of ecology, epidemiology and the social sciences. Castillo-Chavez or C-C has co-authored over two hundred publications, edited several volumes of research articles,

and co-authored a textbook in Mathematical Biology in 2001 (second edition in 2012). He edited a volume (with Tom Banks) on the use of mathematical models in homeland security published in SIAM's Frontiers in Applied Mathematics Series (2003); co-edited volumes in the Series Contemporary Mathematics entitled "Mathematical Studies on Human Disease Dynamics: Emerging Paradigms and Challenges " (American Mathematical Society, 2006) and Mathematical and Statistical Estimation Approaches in Epidemiology (Springer-Verlag, 2009) highlighting his interests in the applications of mathematics in emerging and re-emerging diseases . C-C is a member of the Santa Fe Institute's external faculty, adjunct professor at Cornell University, and contributor, as a member of the Steering Committee of the "Committee for the Review of the Evaluation Data on the Effectiveness of NSF-Supported and Commercially Generated Mathematics Curriculum Materials," to a 2004 NRC report. The CBMS workshop "Mathematical Epidemiology with Applications" lectures delivered by C. Castillo-Chavez and F. Brauer in 2011 have been published by SIAM in 2013. C-C is the founding director of the Simon A Levin Mathematical, Computational and Modeling Sciences Center and the graduate field in applied mathematics in the life and social sciences or AMLSS at ASU (07-01-2008). The AMLSS PhD degree has graduated 23 students, 8 women and 16 students who are members of underrepresented groups-14 Latinos/as and two African American. C-C is also the Executive Director of the Mathematical and Theoretical Biology Institute or MTBI, established by C-C in 1996, recognized with a Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring in 2011, and The Institute for Strengthening the Understanding of Mathematics and Science or SUMS, recognized with a Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring in 2002. MTBI was also recognized as a "Mathematics Program that Makes a Difference" by the American Mathematical Society in 2007. Castillo-Chavez' efforts resulted in the establishment of the David Blackwell and Richard Tapia Distinguished Lecture Series in 2000 and the co-establishment of the David

Blackwell and Richard Tapia Award two years later with David Eisenbud. C-C spent 18 years at Cornell University (1985-2003) in the department of Biological Statistics and Computational Biology (BSCB) and over his last few years with a joint appointment in Theoretical and Applied Mechanics (TAM). C-C's recognitions include two White House Awards: Presidential Faculty Fellowship Award in 1992 and a Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics and Engineering Mentoring in 1997; the 2002 Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) Distinguished Scientist Award; and the 2003 Richard Tapia Award. C-C is the12th recipient of the 12th American Mathematical Society Distinguished Public Service Award (01-14-2010). In addition, Castillo-Chavez held a Stanislaw M. Ulam Distinguished Scholar position at the Center for Nonlinear Studies (CNLS) in Los Alamos National Laboratory in 2003. He was named honorary professor at Xi'an Jiaotong University in China (2004) and honorary professor at the School of Public Health, East Tennessee State University (2010). He has held a VIV appointments at Institute for Mathematics and its Applications or IMA (1998), a Cátedra Patrimonial, Instituto de Investigaciones en Matemáticas Aplicadas y Sistemas (IIMAS), Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (1998-1999), and visiting professorships at the Isaac Newton Institute for Mathematical Sciences, Cambridge, England (2003), the Harvard School of Public Health (2012) and an Martin Luther King Jr. Professor at MIT (2012-2013); was in residence at the Poincare Institute in the spring of 2013. He has been elected fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics, the American College of Epidemiology and Founding Fellow of the American Mathematical Society (11-01-2012). C-C is the recipient of the 2007 AAAS Mentor award; has had 34 PhD students (including 17 US Latinos and 13 women); has mentored 25 postdoctoral researchers; and comentored over 200 undergraduates in research projects. C-C past committee memberships include: the Arizona Governor's P-20 Council's Mathematics Alignment Team in 2008-09; the advisory boards of the Statistical and Applied Mathematics Sciences Institute (SAMSI), Banff's International Research Station (BIRS), and the National Institute for Mathematical and Biological Synthesis (NIMBioS); co-director of the National Alliance for Doctoral Studies in the Mathematical Sciences Alliance (2010-2012). He has been appointed (2013) Director of STEM Programs for Underrepresented Minorities, ASU, a position that supports STEM synergistic activities that increase access, excellence and impact at the four ASU campuses. He is a member of the National Research Council's Board of Higher Education and Workforce or BHEW (2009-2015); serves in President Obama's Committee on the National Medal of Science (2010-2015). He is the 17th recipient of the SIAM Prize for Distinguished Service to the Profession, which will be awarded in 2015 in Beijing, China.

# **Oral Presentations by Name**

# Jonuelle Acosta..... 12:30 PM, Elm I Presentation Title: Should I Stay or Should I Go: Screening for Regulators of Mitochondrial Motility Research Mentor: Thomas Schwarz Research Institution: Harvard University, Division of Medical Sciences Home Institution: Purdue University Co-Authors: Thomas Schwarz and Stephen Raiker, Harvard Medical School BB Philip Adejumo..... 11:15 AM, Glen II Presentation Title: Application of Pattern-Mixture Models for Missing Data in Longitudinal Studies Research Mentor: Donald Hedeker Research Institution: University of Chicago Home Institution: University of Maryland,

Baltimore County

Co-Authors: Donald Hedeker, University of Chicago AB

### Ruka Aderogba ...... 4:45 PM, Aspen II

Presentation Title: Screening for Genetic Suppressors of a C. elegans Model of ALS
Research Mentor: Anne C. Hart
Research Institution: Brown University
Home Institution: Hunter College
Co-Authors: Anne C. Hart, Melissa Walsh and Animesh Mahapatra, Brown University
BB

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Research Institution: University of Chicago Home Institution: Brooklyn College CUNY Co-Authors: Carole Ober and Emma Thompson,

University of Chicago

BB

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Co-Authors: Jihan Osborne and George Daley, Harvard Medical School

#### AB

- Jackson Allen...... 5:30 PM, Glen I Presentation Title: Modeling Secondary AML Through
  - In vitro Characterizations of Combined IDH and JAK-STAT Activation Mutations Research Mentor: Sophie McKenney

Research Institution: Weill Cornell Medical College

- Home Institution: Harvard University
- Co-Authors: Anna Sophia McKenney and Ross Levine, Weill Cornell Medical College

#### AB

# Ouma Amadou ..... 11:45 AM, Belltown

Presentation Title: Constructing (Black) Girlhood: Assimilation, Americanization, or Ambivalence Research Mentor: Judith Miller Research Institution: New York University Home Institution: Iowa State University Co-Authors: Judith Miller, New York University HU

# **Presentation Categories Key**

- AB Applied Biosciences, Molecular Processes and Genetics, Biochemistry
- BB Basic Biosciences, Human Biology & Disease, Public Health, Biomedical Engineering
- EN Engineering, Mechanical, Electrical & Materials Engineering
- ES Earth Science, Environment Sciences, Geosciences, Marine Sciences
- HU Humanities, Literature, Language Arts, History, Media
- PE Policy & Ethics, Policy & Legislation, Ethics, Philosophy & Reasoning
- PS Physical Science, Chemistry, Math, Physics, Computer Sciences, Computer Engineering
- SS Social Science, Sociology, Economics, Psychology, and Behavior Sciences

Roy Anderson ......11:15 AM, Westover Presentation Title: Analyzing the Mechanical Properties of Three Polymer Based Vascular Grafts Research Mentor: Wei Tan Research Institution: University of Colorado Boulder Home Institution: University of Maryland, Baltimore County Co-Authors: Wei Tan, University of Colorado Boulder EN

Felipe Anguiano.....12:00 PM, Elm II

Presentation Title: Suppressor Analysis of Cold Sensitive Mutations in the ATPase Prp43p Research Mentor: Jonathan Staley Research Institution: University of Chicago Home Institution: Heritage University Co-Authors: Jonathan P. Staley and Klaus H. Nielsen, University of Chicago BB

Kiana Annunziata...... 12:30 PM, Aspen II
Presentation Title: Roles of Ubiquitination and Deubiquitination in the Regulation of the DNA Damage Recognition Factor XPC
Research Mentor: Feng Gong
Research Institution: University of Miami
Home Institution: Chaminade University of Honolulu
Co-Authors: Feng Gong, University of Miami
BB

Diana Aponte Colon..... 12:15 PM, Glen III

Presentation Title: Role of Epigenetic Proteins in Maintaining Programs of Endothelial Cell Gene Expression Under Basal Conditions

Research Mentor: Jorge Plutzky

BB

Research Institution: Harvard University, Division of Medical Sciences

Home Institution: UPR-Rio Piedras

Co-Authors: Jorge Plutzky and Hong Wang, Harvard Medical School

Presentation Title: Counting Gonadotropin-Releasing Hormone Neurons in the Brains of Different Mouse Strains Research Mentor: Pei-San Tsai Research Institution: University of Colorado Boulder Home Institution: Arizona State University Co-Authors: Scott Kavanaugh, Samantha Bonelli and

Pei-San Tsai, University of Colorado Boulder BB

Rebecca Arteaga......11:15 AM, Elm I Presentation Title: Understanding the Amino Acid Requirements of a Simple Transmembrane Oncoprotein Research Mentor: Daniel DiMaio Research Institution: Yale University Home Institution: Columbia University Co-Authors: Erin Heim and Dan DiMaio, Yale University BB

Valeria Aucapina...... 11:45 AM, Glenbrook Presentation Title: Growth of Nanorod Arrays with Controlled Geometries Research Mentor: Chinedum Osuji Research Institution: Yale University Home Institution: City College of New York Co-Authors: Chinedum O. Osuji, Manesh Gopinadhan and Youngwoo Choo, Yale University Oluwatomiwa Awobayiku ......4:45 PM, Aspen I Presentation Title: The Role of Focal Adhesion Kinase (FAK) in Pancreatic Cancer Research Mentor: Ravi Salgia Research Institution: University of Chicago Home Institution: Indiana University-Bloomington Co-Authors: Rajani Kanteti and Ravi Salgia, University of Chicago AB

### Marcos Ayala Rivera ..... 12:00 PM, Glen I

Presentation Title: Characterizing the Molecular Mechanisms of Diabetes by Using CRISPRs/CAS9 Research Mentor: Fabian Cardenas Research Institution: University of Pennsylvania Home Institution: UPR-Rio Piedras Co-Authors: Fabian Cardenas and Paul Gadue, University of Pennsylvania BB

#### Nicolas Balbi ..... 5:15 PM, Glen I

Presentation Title: Ultrasound Molecular Imaging for the Quantification of Endothelial Cell Receptor Expression During Tumor Angiogenesis Research Mentor: Nicolas Balbi

Research Institution: New York University Sackler Institute

Home Institution: Rutgers University

- Co-Authors: Daniel Turnbull, Orlando Aristizabal and Kerryanne Winters, New York University Sackler Institute
- BB

Gabriela Barrios..... 11:15 AM, Cove I Presentation Title: Varying Narratives: Traumatic Memory and Subversion in Nellie Campobello's *Cartucho* Research Mentor: Karen Benezra Research Institution: Columbia University Home Institution: Rice University Co-Authors: Karen Benezra, Columbia University HU

Tim Barry5:00 PM, Elm II
Presentation Title: Novel Suppressor Inhibits
G-protein Coupled Receptor Signaling in
Serotonergic Neurons
Research Mentor: Niels Ringstad
Research Institution: New York University
Sackler Institute
Home Institution: University of North Carolina
Chapel Hill
Co-Authors: Niels Ringstad, New York University
Sackler Institute
BB
Hannah Basta4:45 PM, Waterside

Presentation Title: Julia's Nuptials: Free, Freed, and Slave Marriage in Late Fifth-Century Roman Law Research Mentor: Campbell Grey Research Institution: University of Pennsylvania Arts & Sciences Home Institution: Georgia State University Co-Authors: Campbell Grey, University of Pennsylvania HU

Victor Bayona...... 5:00 PM, Glen III Presentation Title: Mediation of Chemoresistance by ALOX5 in Acute Myeloid Leukemia Research Mentor: Alec Stranahan Research Institution: Weill Cornell Medical College Home Institution: Kettering College of Medical Arts Co-Authors: Alec Stranahan, Weill Cornell Medical College; Christopher Park, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center AB

# Pineal Bekere......11:45 AM, Aspen II Presentation Title: The Role of K63-Linked Ubiquitination in Telomere Cohesion Research Mentor: Susan Smith Research Institution: New York University Sackler Institute Home Institution: Millersville University Co-Authors: Susan Smith and Ekta Tripathi, New York University Sackler Institute BB

Clair Beltran......4:45 PM, Cove I Presentation Title: Fields of Difference: Differences in Usage and Perception of Urban Park Spaces Research Mentor: Van Tran Research Institution: Columbia University Home Institution: Middlebury College Co-Authors: Van Tran, Devon Wade and Brittany Fox, Columbia University SS

# Itza Beltran..... 12:00 PM, Glenbrook

Presentation Title: The Effect of Vacuum Level and Water Charge on the Performance of Ultra-Thin Thermal Ground Planes Research Mentor: Ronggui Yang Research Institution: University of Colorado Boulder Home Institution: University of Central Florida Co-Authors: Ronggui Yang and Shanshan Xu, University of Colorado Boulder

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#### Amanda Bennett ......5:15 PM, Waterside

Presentation Title: Body Politics: Examining African American Social Invisibility Through Slave Burial Grounds and the Pre-Texts Reading Program
Research Mentor: Doris Sommer
Research Institution: Harvard University
Home Institution: University of Alabama-Tuscaloosa
Co-Authors: Doris Sommer and Lisa Crossman, Harvard University

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# Carla Bezjian..... 12:15 PM, Westover

Presentation Title: Synthesis and Study of Bipyridal Troger's Base Complexes Research Mentor: Jeffrey Winkler Research Institution: University of Pennsylvania Home Institution: CSU Los Angeles Co-Authors: Jeffrey Winkler, Jake Nagy and Katherine Crocker, University of Pennsylvania

- Presentation Title: Anticancer Activity of Novel DCLK1 Inhibitors in Neuroblastoma Cells Research Mentor: Rani George Research Institution: Harvard University, Division of Medical Sciences Home Institution: Philander Smith College Co-Authors: Nathan Moore and Rani George, Harvard Medical School AB
- Ann Brasacchio ...... 12:15 PM, Glenbrook Presentation Title: Suzuki-Miyaura Cross-Coupling

of Aryl Sulfamates with Aryl Boronic Acids using Nickel Catalysts Research Mentor: Nilay Hazari

- Research Institution: Yale University
- Home Institution: Wheaton College
- Co-Authors: Nilay Hazari and Megan Mohadjer Beromi, Yale University

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- Evan Brooks ...... 11:15 AM, Alder Presentation Title: Characterization of Tissue Mineralization Defects in Fin Rays of Zebrafish Mutants Research Mentor: Pamela Yelick Research Institution: Tufts University Graduate BioMedical Sciences Home Institution: North Carolina State University Co-Authors: John Lyons, Melissa LaBonty and Pamela Yelick, Tufts University School of Graduate Biomedical Sciences
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# Rachel Brown ...... 4:00 PM, Long Ridge Presentation Title: Examining the Role of p300 in Endotoxin Tolerance in Monocytes Research Mentor: Kathleen Sullivan Research Institution: University of Pennsylvania Home Institution: Morehead State University Co-Authors: Kelly Maurer and Kathleen Sullivan, University of Pennsylvania

# Nikaela Bryan..... 4:45 PM, Glen I

Presentation Title: Fluorinated Bromothymol Blue: A Cerenkov-Absorbing Molecular Probe for In-Vitro pH Measurement of Tumor Microenvironment
Research Mentor: Edward Delikatny
Research Institution: University of Pennsylvania
Home Institution: University of Maryland,

Baltimore County

Co-Authors: Edward Delikatny, Alejandro Arroyo and Alexander Kachur, University of Pennsylvania AB

David Bunn ......5:30 PM, Aspen I Presentation Title: Nucleoside Analogues Activated by Adenosine Kinase for the Treatment of Primary Effusion Lymphoma and Multiple Myeloma Research Mentor: Ethel Cesarman Research Institution: Weill Cornell Medical College Home Institution: SUNY at Albany Co-Authors: Jouliana Sadek and Ethel Cesarman, Weill Cornell Medical College AB

Lindsey Burgess ......11:30 AM, Cove II Presentation Title: The Effects of Neo-Colonialism on Late 20th Century Drug Trafficking in Nigeria Research Mentor: Keisha-Khan Perry Research Institution: Brown University Home Institution: Spelman College Co-Authors: Keisha-Khan Perry, Brown University HU

Stephany Caicedo...... 2:45 PM, Alder
Presentation Title: Understanding the Interaction Between Anthrax Lethal Factor and MAP Kinase Kinase Substrates
Research Mentor: Ben Turk
Research Institution: Yale University
Home Institution: Rutgers University
Co-Authors: Allison Goldberg and Ben Turk, Yale University

Presentation Title: Chondrogenesis Deficiency in

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Research Institution: University of Pennsylvania

Home Institution: Rider University

Co-Authors: Megan Kissig and Patrick Seale, University of Pennsylvania

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Gabriela Canales ......11:30 AM, Glen I Presentation Title: En'Cas'ing the Stress: Engineering a Human Cell Line Knockout of Heat Shock Response Coordinator Genes Using CRISPR Cas9 System Research Mentor: Evgeny Nudler

Research Institution: New York University Sackler Institute Home Institution: University of Maryland, Baltimore County

Co-Authors: Bibhusita Pani and Evgeny Nudler, New York University Sackler Institute

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Stephanie Capsuto	•••••	5:00 PM,	Westover
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Presentation Title: The role of Cav 1.3 L-type Ca2+ Channels in Cocaine-Induced Activation of CREB. CaMKIIg Translocation to the Nucleus to Activate CREB

Research Mentor: Stephanie Capsuto

Research Institution: Weill Cornell Medical College Home Institution: Smith College

Co-Authors: Arlene Martinez-Rivera and Anjali Rajadhyaksha, Weill Cornell Graduate School BB

#### Edgar Carlo ......3:00 PM, Elm II

Presentation Title: Endothelial Cell Barrier Lost by Angiopoietin 2 Levels in Indirect Acute Lung Injury Induced by Sepsis and Hemorrhage in Lung, Kidney and Liver Tissues
Research Mentor: Joanne Lomas Neria
Research Institution: Brown University
Home Institution: UPR-Mayaguez
Co-Authors: Joanne Lomas-Neira and Yaping Chen, Brown University

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### Olivia Carpenter ...... 11:30 AM, Cove I Presentation Title: (Re-)Examining Literacies: Native Authors of Early American Literature Research Mentor: James Egan Research Institution: Brown University Home Institution: University of New Mexico Co-Authors: Jim Egan, Brown University HU

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Research Institution: New York University Sackler Institute

Home Institution: Florida Atlantic University Co-Authors: Ian Mohr and Jessica Linderman, New York University Sackler Institute

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#### Ashley Chontos ......11:45 AM, Long Ridge

Presentation Title: Simulations of Detectability of Extrasolar Planets for Future Space Mission WFIRST Research Mentor: Bruce Macintosh Research Institution: Stanford University Home Institution: SUNY at Albany Co-Authors: Bruce Macintosh, Stanford University PS

Erlyana Clarke.....2:45 PM, Elm II

Presentation Title: Interleukin-25-Activated Innate Lymphoid Cells in Sepsis Research Mentor: Alfred Ayala Research Institution: Brown University Home Institution: Brooklyn College CUNY Co-Authors: Alfred Ayala and Tristen Chun, Brown University

#### Alexis Clavijo ...... 11:30 AM, Glenbrook Presentation Title: Development of Nanosphere Lithography for Nanomagnetism Research Mentor: Sunxiang Huang Research Institution: University of Miami Home Institution: Rutgers University Co-Authors: Sunxiang Huang, University of Miami PS

Courtney Cooper ......2:45 PM, Cove I Presentation Title:: The Power of Social Class in Relationship Outlook Research Mentor: Hazel Rose Markus Research Institution: Stanford University Home Institution: Hampton University

Co-Authors: Hazel Rose Markus and Rebecca Carey, Stanford University

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Luis Cortina ...... 3:15 PM, Elm I

Presentation Title: Fatty Acid Oxidation Regulates Metabolic Adaptation to Low Glucose in Primary Human T-Cells

Research Mentor: James Riley

Research Institution: University of Pennsylvania

Home Institution: Johns Hopkins University

Co-Authors: James Riley and Christopher Ecker, University of Pennsylvania

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#### Juliana Cruz Martínez ...... 4:45 PM, Springdale I

Presentation Title: Allophones in the Parallel Shift of /uw/ and /ow/ in the Philadelphia Dialect
Research Mentor: Meredith Tamminga
Research Institution: University of Pennsylvania Arts & Sciences
Home Institution: UPR-Rio Piedras
Co-Authors: Meredith Tamminga, University of Pennsylvania
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# Shemiah Curry.....5:15 PM, Cove I

Presentation Title: School Choice in Gentrifying Neighborhoods Research Mentor: Dr. Micere Keels Research Institution: University of Chicago Home Institution: Bennett College Co-Authors: Micere Keels, University of Chicago SS

Kiana Dash ......4:00 PM, Waterside Presentation Title: Effect of Emotional State on Self Control in the Presence of Appetetive Cues Research Mentor: BJ Casey Research Institution: Weill Cornell Medical College Home Institution: Hampton University Co-Authors: Michael Dreyfuss and BJ Casey, Weill Cornell Medical College SS

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Presentation Title: The Relationship Between Sleep Disturbances and Emotion Dysregulation in Self-Harm Behavior
Research Mentor: Regina Miranda
Research Institution: Hunter College
Home Institution: Xavier University of Louisiana
Co-Authors: Regina Miranda, Hunter College
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Presentation Title: The Effects of miR-138 on Nicotine Consumption and Preference Research Mentor: Marissa Ehringer Research Institution: University of Colorado Boulder Home Institution: Regis College Co-Authors: Marissa Ehringer and Matthew Powers,

University of Colorado Boulder BB

Cesar Dominguez ...... 5:00 PM, Aspen II Presentation Title: Novel PPAR-Agonist Treatment of an Experimental Model of Sporadic Alzheimer's Disease Research Mentor: Suzanne de la Monte Research Institution: Brown University Home Institution: Williams College Co-Authors: Suzanne de la Monte, Chetram Deochand and Lelia Noble, Brown University

# Patrick Donegan ...... 3:15 PM, Glen III

Presentation Title: The Role of Smooth Muscle Cell Mineralocorticoid Receptor in Cardiac Aging and Atrial Fibrillation

Research Mentor: Iris Jaffe

Research Institution: Tufts University Graduate BioMedical Sciences

Home Institution: University of Notre Dame

Co-Authors: Jennifer DuPont and Iris Jaffe, Tufts

University School of Graduate Biomedical Sciences BB

#### Julie Dorland ...... 4:45 PM, Glen III

Presentation Title: Radiation Modulates Inflammation and Immunity in Aged Trp53 Null Mammary Carcinogenesis

Research Mentor: Mary Helen Barcellos-Hoff

Research Institution: New York University

Home Institution: University of Texas at Austin Co-Authors: Mary Helen Barcellos-Hoff, Haoxu

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Comfort Effi ......11:45 AM, Glen III Presentation Title: YY1 Deletion Controls Condensin, Cohesin, and PcG DNA Recruitment, But Not Their Expression Levels Research Mentor: Michael Atchison Research Institution: University of Pennsylvania Home Institution: Cheyney University of Pennsylvania Co-Authors: Michael Atchison and Arindam Basu, University of Pennsylvania 

#### Linda Egbosiuba ...... 3:45 PM, Glenbrook

Presentation Title: Determination of GCH1 Copy Number Variation in Field Samples from Nigeria Research Mentor: Uchechi Ukaegbu Research Institution: Weill Cornell Graduate School Home Institution: University of Georgia Co-Authors: Uchechi Ukaegbu and Kirk Deitsch, Weill Cornell Graduate School AB

#### Hailey Egido-Betancourt...... 3:30 PM, Belltown

Presentation Title: Neuroimaging and Negative Valence Conditioned Inhibition Studies of the Habenula Research Mentor: Randall O'Reilly Research Institution: University of Colorado Boulder Home Institution: University of West Florida Co-Authors: Randall O'Reilly and Jessica Mollick,

University of Colorado Boulder

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#### Brandon Enriquez ..... 11:45 AM, Waterside

Presentation Title: Who Should Help Underprepared Students? The Effects of Limiting Remediation to Two-Year Colleges

Research Mentor: Bridget Long

Research Institution: Harvard University

Home Institution: University of Maryland,

Baltimore County

Co-Authors: Bridget Terry Long, Harvard University SS

Melissa Espinosa .....2:45 PM, Springdale II

Presentation Title: What Influences Public Opinion on Immigrants and Immigration Policies?
Research Mentor: Robert Shapiro
Research Institution: Columbia University
Home Institution: Saint Edward's University
Co-Authors: Robert Y. Shapiro, Columbia University 

# Kelcee Everette ..... 5:15 PM, Alder

Presentation Title: Uncovering Heterogeneity in the Motility of Breast Cancer Cells
Research Mentor: Pei-Hsun Wu
Research Institution: Johns Hopkins University
Home Institution: Harvard University
Co-Authors: Pei-Hsun Wu, Johns Hopkins University
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### Matthew Fairchild......11:45 AM, Cove II Presentation Title: Civil War and Reconstruction Historiography: A Shift in Perspective Research Mentor: Tera Hunter Research Institution: Princeton University Home Institution: Rutgers University Co-Authors: Tera Hunter, Princeton University

Porfirio Fernandez......12:30 PM, Elm II
Presentation Title: Characterization of miRNA Expression Profile Modified by a- Conotoxin in Chronic Constriction Injury Rat Model
Research Mentor: Jacqueline Sagen
Research Institution: University of Miami
Home Institution: John Jay College of Criminal Justice CUNY
Co-Authors: P. Chen, S. Jergova and J. Sagen, University of Miami

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Aerielle Ferreira ...... 3:15 PM, Belltown Presentation Title: The Role of Prison Based Substance Abuse Treatment Programs in Preventing Post-Incarceration Substance Use Research Mentor: Emily Wang Research Institution: Yale University Home Institution: Chaminade University of Honolulu Co-Authors: Jenerius Aminawung and Emily Wang, Yale University SS

#### Keishla Figueroa Colón ...... 3:45 PM, Alder

Presentation Title: Micro RNA-93 Targets IRF9 to Regulate Macrophage Polarization

Research Mentor: Brian Annex

Research Institution: University of Virginia, School of Medicine

Home Institution: UPR-Cayey

Co-Authors: Brian Annex, John Lye and Vijay Ganta, University of Virginia, School of Medicine BB

#### Cassandra Flores-Montano ...... 5:45 PM, Belltown

Presentation Title: Esta Cafe: Brown Berets, Gender, and the State Research Mentor: Marìa Josefina Saldaòa-Portillo Research Institution: New York University Home Institution: Wellesley College Co-Authors: Marìa Josefina Saldaòa-Portillo, New York University HU

#### Kelly Fogelson ......11:15 AM, Glen III

Presentation Title: The Role of Potential LXR Associated Factors Identified by Mass Spectrometry on LXR Mediated Gene Transcription

Research Mentor: Michael Garabedian

Research Institution: New York University Sackler Institute

Home Institution: University of Minnesota-Twin Cities Co-Authors: Elina Shrestha, Sarah Leone and Michael

Garabedian, New York University Sackler Institute

Celia Ford ...... 3:30 PM, Cove II

Presentation Title: Status Judgments as a Function of the Interaction Between Facial Dominance and Social Context

Research Mentor: Jasmin Cloutier

Research Institution: University of Chicago

Home Institution: Brown University

- Co-Authors: Jasmin Cloutier and Tianyi Li, University of Chicago
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#### Philip Frasse ...... 3:30 PM, Aspen II

Presentation Title: GlpQ- and Pce-Dependent Interactions Between Streptococcus pneumoniae and Haemophilus influenzae

Research Mentor: Jeffrey Weiser Research Institution: New York University

Sackler Institute

Home Institution: Rice University

Co-Authors: Tonia Zangari and Jeffrey Weiser, New York University Sackler Institute BB

Jenna Freund ...... 5:45 PM, Glenbrook

Presentation Title: Elucidating Rab7 and Actomyosin Interactions in Schwann Cell Development and Myelination
Research Mentor: Carmen Melendez
Research Institution: Hunter College
Home Institution: Rowan University
Co-Authors: Carmen Melendez and Christopher Eyermann, Hunter College
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Rolando Garza ..... 12:15 PM, Elm I

Presentation Title: Phosphatidylinositol Phosphate Facilitates the TIPE:Pleckstrin Homology-Domain Protein-Protein Interaction Research Mentor: Youhai Chen

Research Institution: University of Pennsylvania

Home Institution: University of Texas at San Antonio

Co-Authors: Youhai Chen, Terry Cathopoulis and Derek Johnson, University of Pennsylvania BB

Isaiah Gibson ......5:30 PM, Waterside

Presentation Title: Just(us) and the Black Church: A Case Study of Social Justice in Harlem's St. Luke AME Church Research Mentor: Josef Sorett

Research Institution: Columbia University

Home Institution: Dickinson College

Co-Authors: Josef Sorett, Van Tran and Devon Wade, Columbia University

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#### Nayib Gloria ..... 5:15 PM, Westover

Presentation Title: Electrophysiological Responses to Decreased Contrast Sensitivity and Different Pattern Reversal Rates Research Mentor: Jorge Bohorquez

Research Institution: University of Miami

Home Institution: Duke University of

Co-Authors: Jorge Bohorquez, University of Miami AB

# Jeremy Glover...... 5:30 PM, Belltown

Presentation Title: Blurred Understandings and Interpretations: A Queer Reading of Two Women in Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*Research Mentor: Patricia Dailey
Research Institution: Columbia University
Home Institution: Bates College
Co-Authors: Patricia Dailey, Columbia University

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Katherine Gonzalez ...... 3:45 PM, Elm I Presentation Title: The Effect of RAGE in the Immune Response to High Fat Feeding Research Mentor: Ann Marie Schmidt Research Institution: New York University Sackler Institute Home Institution: Florida Atlantic University

Co-Authors: Evelyn Litwinoff and Ann Marie Schmidt, New York University Sackler Institute BB

#### Wisberty Gordian Velez ......5:45 PM, Elm II

Presentation Title: In vitro Synaptogenesis in Micro-Tissue Engineered Neural Networks Research Mentor: D. Kacy Cullen Research Institution: University of Pennsylvania Home Institution: UPR-Mayaguez Co-Authors: D. Kacy Cullen, Dmitriy Petrov and Kritika Katiyar, University of Pennsylvania AB

# Hamilton Green ...... 3:45 PM, Glen I

Presentation Title: Understanding the Role of the Metabolite Sensors YpdAB and YehUT in Uropathogenic Escherichia coli Adherence and Biofilm Formation

Research Mentor: Allison Eberly

Research Institution: Vanderbilt University

Home Institution: Dillard University

Co-Authors: Allison Eberly, Vanderbilt University; Stefan Behr, Ludwig-Maximillian University; Maria Hadjifrangiskou, Vanderbilt University; Kirsten Jung, Ludwig-Maximilians University

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#### Ahmad Greene-Hayes.....5:15 PM, Springdale II

Presentation Title: Black Women's and Men's Legacies and Activism: Legal Discourse and Literary Interventions Against Sexual Violence, 1990-Present Research Mentor: Celia Naylor

Research Institution: Columbia University Home Institution: Williams College Co-Authors: Celia Naylor, Columbia University

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 Patrick Griffin ...... 12:00 PM, Aspen II
 Presentation Title: ZBTB24: A Novel Protein Linking Pericentromeric Heterochromatinization to Centromeric Instability
 Research Mentor: Mamta Tahilizni
 Research Institution: New York University Sackler Institute
 Home Institution: University of Georgia
 Co-Authors: Mamta Tahiliani and Amir Moarefi, New York University Sackler Institute
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#### Anthony Guerrero ...... 4:00 PM, High Ridge

Presentation Title: Paclitaxel Effect on Nuclear Envelope Morphology in Different Ovarian Cancer Cell Lines

Research Mentor: Xiang-Xi Xu

Research Institution: University of Miami

Home Institution: Connecticut College

Co-Authors: Xiang-Xi Xu, Elizabeth R. Smith and Toni Yeasky, University of Miami

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# Sara Haile ...... 12:15 PM, Aspen II Presentation Title: The Mystery Proteins of SCCmec Type V Research Mentor: Phoebe Rice Research Institution: University of Chicago Home Institution: UC Santa Cruz Co-Authors: Phoebe A. Rice, University of Chicago BB

# Amelia Hallworth ..... 12:00 PM, Elm I

Presentation Title: Characterizing Forkhead Binding Specificity

Research Mentor: Amelia Hallworth

Research Institution: Harvard University, Division of Medical Sciences

Home Institution: University of Maryland, Baltimore County

Co-Authors: Martha Bulyk and Julia Rogers, Harvard Medical School

### Brandon Hart ..... 2:45 PM, High Ridge

Presentation Title: The Effects of EphB2 and EphrinB2 Knockouts with CRISPR/Cas9 in Spermatogonial Stem Cell Maintenance Research Mentor: Marco Scandel Research Institution: Weill Cornell Medical College Home Institution: Southern Nazerene University

- Co-Authors: Marco Seandel, Weill Cornell
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#### Malik Hayes..... 12:15 PM, Long Ridge

Presentation Title: Efforts Towards Maximum Performance Distributed Computation with Limited Power Budgets Research Mentor: Henry Hoffmann Research Institution: University of Chicago Home Institution: Claflin University Co-Authors: Henry Hoffmann, University of Chicago PS

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Home Institution: Jacobs University Bremen Co-Authors: Aldo Pourchet, Aram Modrek and Angus Wilson, New York University Sackler Institute AB

#### Jessica Heppler ......3:30 PM, Springdale II

Presentation Title: Assessing the Value of Justice in Plato Research Mentor: Russell Jones Research Institution: Harvard University Home Institution: SUNY College at Geneseo Co-Authors: Russell Jones, Harvard University PE 

# Andrea Hernández-Vega ...... 4:00 PM, Cove II

Presentation Title: The Association of Methamphetamine Abuse and Poor Cognitive Flexibility in a Sample of Gay and Bisexual Men
Research Mentor: Jeffrey Parsons
Research Institution: Hunter College
Home Institution: UPR-Ponce
Co-Authors: H. Jonathon Rendina and Jeffrey Parsons, Hunter College
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#### Erin Hollander ..... 5:30 PM, Long Ridge

Presentation Title: Tau Immunotherapy for Alzheimer's Disease: Analyzing the Effects of Single and Multiple Epitope Vaccines on Astrocytes and Microglia Research Mentor: Einar Sigurdsson

- Research Institution: New York University
- Sackler Institute
- Home Institution: University of Georgia
- Co-Authors: Einar Sigurdsson, New York University Sackler Institute

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#### JoVaun Holmes ......5:45 PM, Springdale II

Presentation Title: African Modernism? Gauging the Intersection of Race, Modernist Art Historical Studies, and the Idea of Authenticity
Research Mentor: Cecile Fromont
Research Institution: University of Chicago
Home Institution: Brown University
Co-Authors: Cecile Fromont, University of Chicago
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### Kerwin Holmes Jr .....5:00 PM, Waterside Presentation Title: Popular Ethics: Southern Christians and Slave Theology, 1830-1861 Research Mentor: Alison Booth Research Institution: University of Virginia

Home Institution: Morehouse College Co-Authors: Alison Booth, University of Virginia -**Education Sciences** 

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# Aaron Hudson..... 5:45 PM, Glen I

Presentation Title: An Analysis of the Interaction Between Obesity and Measures Predicting Prostate Cancer-Free Survival

- Research Mentor: Knashawn Morales
- Research Institution: University of Pennsylvania
- Home Institution: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Co-Authors: Knashawn Morales, University
- of Pennsylvania AB

#### Jason Hughes..... 2:45 PM, Westover

Presentation Title: Changes in Metallic Glass Thin Film Microstructures upon Annealing in Supercooled Liquid Region Research Mentor: Yanhui Liu Research Institution: Yale University Home Institution: University of Maryland,

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Co-Authors: Jingbei Liu and Yanhui Liu, Yale University EN

# Felipe Huicochea..... 5:00 PM, Cove II

Presentation Title:: Perceptions of Mexican Restaurants in Yelp Reviews Research Mentor: Tomas Jimenez Research Institution: Stanford University Home Institution: UCLA Co-Authors: Tomas Jimenez and Anna Boch, Stanford University SS

# Joanna Hurtado ..... 12:30 PM, Alder

Presentation Title: Characterization of ER Stress Mediated ARPE Cell Death Triggered by Lipofuscin Bisretinoid A2E Research Mentor: Marcelo Nociari Research Institution: Weill Cornell Graduate School Home Institution: CSU Northridge Co-Authors: Marcelo Nociari, Weill Cornell Graduate School

Oscar Hurtado	5:00 PM, Cove I
Presentation Title: Mission G	Gentrification: Finding
Spatial Meaningfulness	and Cultural Identity in
San Francisco	
Research Mentor: Ann Pelle	grini
Research Institution: New Yo	ork University
Home Institution: Williams	College
Co-Authors: Ann Pellegrini,	New York University
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Shermaine Hutchins	3.30 PM Glenbrook

#### Shermaine Hutchins ...... 3:30 PM, Glenbrook

Presentation Title: Corroborating the Involvement of Polymerace Beta in Non-Homologous End Joining via DNA Basic Local Alignment Search Tool Research Mentor: Sreerupa Ray Research Institution: Yale University Home Institution: Bowling Green State University

Co-Authors: Joann Sweasy, Sreerupa Ray and Alireza Senejani, Yale University

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# Chibuokem Ikwuazom ..... 5:30 PM, Elm I

Presentation Title: SSRIs Upregulate Expression of 5-HT1A Receptor mRNA in the Dentate Gyrus of Major Depression Disorder Patients Research Mentor: Ciara Torres

Research Institution: Columbia University

- Home Institution: SUNY at Albany
- Co-Authors: Maura Boldrini and Cristina Rossino, New York State Psychiatric Institute AB

# Geena Ildefonso .....12:00 PM, Glen II

Presentation Title:: Mathematical Modeling of the NFkB Signaling Pathway Using PySB Research Mentor: Carlos Lopez Research Institution: Vanderbilt University Home Institution: University of Central Florida Co-Authors: Carlos Lopez and Alex Lubbock, Vanderbilt University

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### Arielle Irizarry ......12:00 PM, Cove I Presentation Title:: Disassembling Logic With

Historical Context and Feeling in 20th to 21st Century Literature

Research Mentor: Adrienne Brown

Research Institution: University of Chicago

Home Institution: Hunter College

Co-Authors: Adrienne Brown, University of Chicago HU

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#### Jihane Jadi ..... 5:30 PM, Glenbrook

Presentation Title: Labeling Autophagosomes with Fluorescent Markers to Investigate Autophagy in Neurons of C. Elegans Research Mentor: Sarah Hill Research Institution: Yale University Home Institution: University of North Carolina Chapel Hill

Co-Authors: Sarah Hill and Daniel Colon Ramos, Yale University BB

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Presentation Title: Reflections on Physics: Philosophy, the Limits of Reason, and the Human Perspective Research Mentor: Edward Hall Research Institution: Harvard University Home Institution: Northeastern University Co-Authors: Edward Hall, Harvard University HU

Couger Jaramillo...... 11:30 AM, Elm II Presentation Title: The Ins and Outs of Calreticulin Induction of ECM Research Mentor: Leslie Gold Research Institution: New York University Sackler Institute Home Institution: Harvard University Co-Authors: Leslie Gold, Unnati Pandya and Julien Daubriac, New York University Sackler Institute AB 

# Tiarra Joell..... 5:00 PM, Glen I

Presentation Title: Defining Asthma Pathology Associated with Airway Acidification Through a Molecular Window of the Ovarian Cancer G Protein-Coupled Receptor 1
Research Mentor: Steven An
Research Institution: Johns Hopkins University
Home Institution: Claflin University
Co-Authors: Jessie Huang, Wanqu Zhu and Steven An, Johns Hopkins University

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#### Malikia Johnson ...... 11:30 AM, Waterside Presentation Title: Missing Lives: Diversifying Representations of African-American Women in Elementary Texts Research Mentor: Alison Booth Research Institution: University of Virginia Home Institution: Howard University Co-Authors: Alison Booth, University of Virginia -Education Sciences

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Co-Authors: Daniel Fabrycky, University of Chicago PS

# Shirley Jusino ..... 2:45 PM, Aspen II

Presentation Title: Role of the Human Parainfluenza Virus Type 3 Fusion Machinery in Viral Growth in the Natural Host Research Mentor: Anne Moscona

Research Institution: Weill Cornell Graduate School

Home Institution: UPR-Ponce

Co-Authors: Laura M. Palermo and Anne Moscona, Weill Cornell Graduate School Jasmine Kaur ...... 5:15 PM, Aspen II Presentation Title: Prostaglandin J2 alters Amyloid Precursor Protein (APP) Localization and Trafficking: Relevance to Alzheimers Disease Research Mentor: Maria Figueiredo-Pereira Research Institution: Hunter College Home Institution: University of Indianapolis Co-Authors: Maria Figueiredo-Pereria and Teneka Jean-Louis, Hunter College BB

#### Hebron Kelecha..... 11:15 AM, Elm II

Presentation Title: The Cellular Localization of KRIT1 Research Mentor: David Calderwood Research Institution: Yale University Home Institution: University of Kansas Co-Authors: Kyle Draheim and David Calderwood, Yale University BB

Sarah Keltz ...... 4:45 PM, High Ridge Presentation Title: Colocalization of NMDA Receptor and Prion Protein in Mouse Primary Hippocampal Neurons Research Mentor: Martin Sadowski Research Institution: New York University Home Institution: Harvard University Co-Authors: Martin Sadowski, New York University Sackler Institute AB

Assama Ketegou......3:00 PM, Aspen I

Presentation Title: The Effects of Pediatric SIV Infection on Neurogenesis Research Mentor: Mark Burke Research Institution: Howard University Home Institution: New York University Co-Authors: Mark Burke, Howard University AB

Rody Kingston ...... 5:00 PM, Long Ridge Presentation Title:: The Cellular Mechanisms Underlying the Effects of the Tail Suspension Test Research Mentor: Ana Carneiro Research Institution: Vanderbilt University Home Institution: Morehouse College Co-Authors: Ana Carneiro, Vanderbilt University BB

Jasmine Kirby...... 11:30 AM, Belltown Presentation Title:: Challenging Racist Assumptions of Biological Origins of Violence and the Ethics of Human Experimentation on Marginalized Populations: The UCLA Violence Research Controversy 1972-1974 Research Mentor: Evelynn Hammonds Research Institution: Harvard University Home Institution: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign Co-Authors: Evelynn Hammonds, Harvard University HU

Tiara Lacey ...... 5:45 PM, Long Ridge Presentation Title: CaMKII Alpha Expression Patterns in the Mouse Ventral Tegmental Area Research Mentor: Marina Picciotto Research Institution: Yale University Home Institution: Spelman College Co-Authors: Marina Picciotto and Megan Miller, Yale University AB

Presentation Title: The Iranian Woman in the Chador: Symbolic Representation of Nationhood in the 1970s

Research Mentor: Marwa Elshakry

- Research Institution: Columbia University
- Home Institution: Amherst College

Co-Authors: Marwa Elshakry and Westenley Alcenat, Columbia University

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Lesia Liao...... 5:15 PM, Elm I Presentation Title: Sex Differences in Anxiety-Like Behavior in Response to a Synthetic Cannabinoid Research Mentor: Vanya Quiñones-Jenab Research Institution: Hunter College Home Institution: Swarthmore College Co-Authors: Vanya Quiñones-Jenab, Shirzad Jenab and Helen French, Hunter College

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Susie Lira-Gonzalez ...... 3:15 PM, Westover Presentation Title: Ethnographic Analysis of First-Year Engineering Design Teams and Senior Engineering Design Teams Research Mentor: Mark Rentschler Research Institution: University of Colorado Boulder

Home Institution: Gonzaga University

Co-Authors: Mark Rentschler and Carlye Lauff, University of Colorado Boulder Presentation Title: Investigating the Molecular Pathways of Methamphetamine Impact on Hippocampal-Dependent Spatial Memory Performance Research Mentor: Peter Serrano Research Institution: Hunter College Home Institution: Saint Edward's University Co-Authors: Peter Serrano, Hunter College SS

Mike Lopez...... 12:30 PM, Westover Presentation Title: Fostering Scientific Identity in Underrepresented Minorities Through Informal Science Programs: The Role of PISEC Research Mentor: Noah Finkelstein Research Institution: University of Colorado Boulder Home Institution: UC San Diego Co-Authors: Noah Finkelstein, Kathleen Hinko and Simone Hyater-Adams, University of Colorado Boulder PS

# Chloe Lopez-Lee ..... 5:15 PM, High Ridge

- Presentation Title: The Influence of Estrogen Receptor Alpha on Hippocampal Phosphorylated TrkB Synaptic Plasticity
- Research Mentor: Teresa Milner
- Research Institution: Weill Cornell Graduate School
- Home Institution: Mount Holyoke College
- Co-Authors: Teresa Milner and Sanoara Mazid, Weill Cornell Graduate School

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#### Raymond Lopez-Rios ...... 3:45 PM, Westover

- Presentation Title: Hyperspectral Coherent Diffractive Imaging Using Ptychography Research Mentor: Henry Kapteyn Research Institution: University of Colorado Boulder
- Home Institution: University of Rochester
- Co-Authors: Henry Kapteyn, Margaret Murnane and Dennis Gardner, University of Colorado Boulder PS

# Ana Maldonado ......3:45 PM, Cove I Presentation Title: Intimate Partner Violence: The Effects of Perpetrator Characteristics on Treatment Engagement and Outcome Research Mentor: Christopher Murphy Research Institution: University of Maryland, **Baltimore** County Home Institution: Princeton University Co-Authors: Christopher Murphy, University of Maryland, Baltimore County

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# Syeda Malliha ..... 5:15 PM, Springdale I

Presentation Title: What Factors Influence Public **Opinion on Natural Disasters?** Research Mentor: Robert Shapiro Research Institution: Columbia University Home Institution: Amherst College Co-Authors: Robert Y. Shapiro, Columbia University PE

Elena Malloy...... 3:00 PM, Glenbrook Presentation Title: On the Study of Discriminants and Resultants of Polynomials over Finite Fields Research Mentor: Elena Malloy Research Institution: University of Chicago Home Institution: Yale University Co-Authors: Benson Farb and Claudio Gonzales, University of Chicago; Marcus Morales, Heritage University

Tomaz Manzoni ...... 3:00 PM, Aspen II Presentation Title: Modeling Interactions Between APOBEC3G and HIV Vif Polymorphs In vivo Research Mentor: Susan Ross Research Institution: University of Pennsylvania Home Institution: St. Olaf College Co-Authors: Cristhian Cadena, Spyridon Stavrou and Susan Ross, University of Pennsylvania AB

# Benny Marin-Acevedo...... 4:00 PM, Alder

Presentation Title: Differential Expression of Micro-RNAs in Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Mouse Model Research Mentor: Benny Marin-Acevedo Research Institution: University of Colorado Boulder Home Institution: UPR-Rio Piedras Co-Authors: Leslie Leinwand and Kaylan Haizlip, University of Colorado Boulder AB

### Cynthia Marrero-Ramos ..... 12:15 PM, Cove II

Presentation Title: El Diablito Subternneo: Hidden Knowledge, Public Power, and the Abaku Society in Colonial Cuba Research Mentor: Aisha Khan Research Institution: New York University Home Institution: DePaul University Co-Authors: Aisha Khan, New York University -Arts & Sciences HU

# Amra Marshall ......12:15 PM, Waterside

Presentation Title: Social Support and Educational Attainment: The Pursuit of Academic Achievement in African American Male College Freshman Research Mentor: Micere Keels Research Institution: University of Chicago Home Institution: Bennett College Co-Authors: Micere Keels, University of Chicago SS

#### Victor Martinez..... 11:45 AM, Elm II Presentation Title: Examining the Sub-Cellular Localization of the Ajuba Protein in Human Cells Research Mentor: Diego Loayza

Research Institution: Hunter College

Home Institution: UPR-Mayaguez

Co-Authors: Diego Loayza, Hunter College BB

Matheus Martins12:30 PM, Aspen I
Presentation Title: Engineering a Selective DNA
Sequestration Platform for Biomolecular
Nanotechnology
Research Mentor: William Shih
Research Institution: Harvard University, Division of
Medical Sciences
Home Institution: University of Texas at Austin
Co-Authors: Elisha Krieg and William Shih, Harvard
Medical School
AB

 Stephanie Matos ....... 11:15 AM, Waterside
 Presentation Title: Cultures of Ethics in Engineeringfor-Development (EfD) and Design-for-Development (DfD) University-Based Programs
 Research Mentor: Shawhin Roudbari
 Research Institution: University of Colorado Boulder
 Home Institution: University of Central Florida
 Co-Authors: Shawhin Roudbari, University of Colorado Boulder

Monique McClain ...... 11:15 AM, Glenbrook Presentation Title: Lagrangian Coherent Structures in High-Speed Premixed Turbulent Reacting Flows Research Mentor: Peter Hamlington Research Institution: University of Colorado Boulder Home Institution: UC San Diego Co-Authors: Peter Hamlington and Clarissa Briner, University of Colorado Boulder EN

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#### Grace McKenzie-Smith .....11:30 AM, Aspen II

Presentation Title: Antigen Development for Human and Mouse CENP-A and CENP-C Research Mentor: Benjamin Black Research Institution: University of Pennsylvania Home Institution: Bowdoin College Co-Authors: Samantha J. Falk, Lucie Y. Guo and Ben E. Black, University of Pennsylvania BB

# Christopher Mendoza......3:00 PM, Waterside

Presentation Title: First Impressions: A Prosodic Analysis of Interactional Style and Social Perception Research Mentor: Renèe Blake Research Institution: New York University Home Institution: Macalester College Co-Authors: Renèe Blake, New York University -Arts & Sciences HU

Michael Menefee ...... 5:15 PM, Cove II Presentation Title: Criminal Records, Race, and the Search for Work Research Mentor: Devah Pager Research Institution: Harvard University Home Institution: Southern Oregon University Co-Authors: Devah Pager, Harvard University SS

Arnaldo Mercado-Perez ......4:00 PM, Glen II

Presentation Title: Metabolic Flux Analysis of Obesity-Associated Inflammation Research Mentor: Jose Aleman Research Institution: Weill Cornell Graduate School Home Institution: Johns Hopkins University Co-Authors: Max Schechter, Jose Aleman and Jan Breslow, Weill Cornell Graduate School BB Grace Milburn......5:45 PM, Glen II Presentation Title:: Investigating the Role of CXCR4 in T-Cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia Research Mentor: Susan Schwab Research Institution: New York University Sackler Institute Home Institution: Saint Louis University Co-Authors: Susan Schwab and Lauren Pitt, New York

University Sackler Institute BB

#### Jared Mitchell ......11:15 AM, Long Ridge

Presentation Title:: Sharpening the Image of the Universe Research Mentor: Suzanne Staggs Research Institution: Princeton University Home Institution: Morehouse College Co-Authors: Suzanne Staggs and Steve Choi, Princeton University

PS

#### Victoria Mogollon Montagne.....5:45 PM, Cove I

Presentation Title: Preparing for the Show: Ideologies of Children's Development at Two New York City Community Music Programs
Research Mentor: Aaron Fox
Research Institution: Columbia University
Home Institution: University of Denver
Co-Authors: Aaron A. Fox, Columbia University
HU

David Molina ......3:15 PM, Glen II Presentation Title: Area-level Determinants of Blood Pressure Across the Life Course Research Mentor: Eric Loucks Research Institution: Brown University Home Institution: University of Rhode Island Co-Authors: Eric Loucks and Marcia Pescador Jimenez, Brown University AB

Salvador Montes.....11:45 AM, Westover Presentation Title: Measuring Dynamic Instability of Microtubules Research Mentor: Meredith Betterton Research Institution: University of Colorado Boulder Home Institution: CSU Stanislaus Co-Authors: Meredith Betterton and Zachery Gargeley, University of Colorado Boulder PS

Anna Morales 11:45 AM, Alder
Presentation Title: The Molecular Effects of In
utero Nicotine Exposure on C57BL/6 Mice
and Their Progeny
Research Mentor: Jerry Stitzel
Research Institution: University of Colorado Boulder
Home Institution: University of Texas at Dallas
Co-Authors: Jerry Stitzel and Heidi O'Neill, University of Colorado Boulder
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#### Cheswayo Mphanza ..... 12:30 PM, Belltown Presentation Title: Tha Block Is Hot: Gwendolyn

Brooks' Black Aesthetic Research Mentor: Farah Griffin Research Institution: Columbia University Home Institution: Middlebury College Co-Authors: Farah Griffin, Columbia University HU

Maria Navarro	5:00 PM, Elm I	
Presentation Title: Striatal Gene Expression Changes		
Associated with Sex-Specific Behavioral Deficits in		
Mouse Models of Autism		
Research Mentor: Ted Abel		
Research Institution: University of Pe	nnsylvania	
Home Institution: University of Mian	ni	
Co-Authors: Nicola Grissom, Shaila Berlas and		
Ted Abel, University of Pennsylv	ania	
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#### Natasha Navejar ..... 11:30 AM, Alder

Presentation Title: A Kinematic Analysis of Reaching in the Naturally Foraging Common Marmoset (Callithrix jacchus)

Research Mentor: Nicholas Hatsopoulos

Research Institution: University of Chicago

Home Institution: Tulane University Co-Authors: Nicholas Hatsopoulos and Jeffrey Walker,

University of Chicago AB

#### Libere Ndacayisaba.....11:45 AM, Glen I

Presentation Title: Exploring miRNA Silencing Mechanisms Using Machine Learning Algorithms to Discover Biologically-Relevant Pathway Nodes
Research Mentor: Yuan Wang
Research Institution: Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research
Home Institution: Syracuse University
Co-Authors: Yuan Wang, Novartis Institutes for Biomedical Research
AB

Binh Nguyen ......2:45 PM, Glen II Presentation Title: Studying the Localization and Dynamics of Adherens Junction Proteins in Epithelial Cells Under Force Research Mentor: William Razzell Research Institution: Weill Cornell Medical College Home Institution: Lehman College CUNY Co-Authors: William Razzell and Jennifer Zallen, Weill Cornell Medical College Ron Nwumeh ......5:15 PM, Glen II Presentation Title: The Role of TERT Promotor Mutations in Oncogenesis Research Mentor: Thomas Cech Research Institution: University of Colorado Boulder Home Institution: Washington University in St. Louis Co-Authors: Tom Cech and Josh Stern, University of Colorado Boulder BB

Juliana Nzongo......3:30 PM, Elm II

Presentation Title: Genetic Screen of Novel Vibrio Cholerae Factors Involved in Biofilm Dispersal During Infection Research Mentor: Jun Zhu

Research Institution: University of Pennsylvania

Home Institution: San Francisco State University

Co-Authors: Jun (Jay) Zhu and Amanda Hay, University of Pennsylvania

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# Prisca Obi ...... 3:15 PM, Glen I

Presentation Title: Characterization of Murine Model of Osteogenesis Imperfecta Type VII in CRTAP Deficient Male Mice

Research Mentor: Adele Boskey

Research Institution: Weill Cornell Medical College

Home Institution: Harvard University

Co-Authors: Lyudmila Lukashova, Lyudmila Spevak and Adele Boskey, Hospital for Special Surgery BB

#### Trini Ochoa ..... 4:00 PM, Aspen II

Presentation Title: Revisiting Classical Definitions of Hemagglutinin Antigenic Sites Using Different H1N1 Strains

Research Mentor: Scott Hensley

- Research Institution: University of Pennsylvania
- Home Institution: University of Texas at El Paso

Co-Authors: Scott E. Hensley, Susanne L. Linderman and Seth J. Zost, University of Pennsylvania Victoria Ochoa ......4:45 PM, Springdale II Presentation Title: Latinos and the Media Research Mentor: Gary Segura Research Institution: Stanford University Home Institution: Saint Edward's University Co-Authors: Gary Segura, Stanford University PE

#### Nnaemeka Ofodire ...... 3:15 PM, Springdale I

Presentation Title: Challenges for Renewable Energy Implementation in Sub-Saharan Africa Research Mentor: Amaney Jamal Research Institution: Princeton University Home Institution: UC Berkeley Co-Authors: Amaney Jamal, Princeton University SS

# Adaeze Okoli ..... 12:15 PM, Belltown

Presentation Title: Migration in the Rainbow Nation: A Look at Internal Migration in South Africa 20 Years Post-Apartheid
Research Mentor: Michael White
Research Institution: Brown University
Home Institution: Ohio State University
Co-Authors: Michael White, Brown University
SS

Chimdiya Onwukwe ......4:45 PM, Elm II Presentation Title: Exploring Nicotine Induced Aversion in Projections from the Interpenduncular Nucleus to the Dorsal Raphe Nucleus Research Mentor: Daniel Mcgehee Research Institution: University of Chicago Home Institution: University of Maryland, Baltimore County Co-Authors: Daniel Mcgehee, Shannon Wolfman and Daniel Gill, University of Chicago BB

Michael Onyszczak ......11:45 AM, High Ridge
Presentation Title: A Schrodinger-Poisson Solver for Oxide Interfaces
Research Mentor: Sohrab Ismail-Beigi
Research Institution: Yale University
Home Institution: Iowa State University
Co-Authors: Sohrab Ismail-Beigi, Yale University
PS Presentation Title: From Stereotype Threat to Violence:

The Focus on Police & Demonstrators During a "Perfect Storm" Research Mentor: James Sidanius

- Research Institution: Harvard University
- Home Institution: DePaul University
- Co-Authors: James Sidanius and Sa-Kiera Hudson,

Harvard University

SS

#### Andria Palmer..... 12:30 PM, Long Ridge

Presentation Title: Radiation Modeling in GEO and Jupiter Radiation Environments Research Mentor: Fran Bagenal Research Institution: University of Colorado Boulder

Home Institution: University of West Florida Co-Authors: Timothy Cassidy and Fran Bagenal, University of Colorado Boulder

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Thibaut Pardo ...... 4:45 PM, Westover

Presentation Title: Behavioral Effects of a Novel Kappa Opioid Receptor Antagonist, LY2444296 Research Mentor: Caroline Browne Research Institution: University of Pennsylvania Home Institution: UPR-Rio Piedras

Co-Authors: Irwin Lucki and Caroline Browne, University of Pennsylvania

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Daymond Parrilla ...... 3:00 PM, Alder Presentation Title: Monitoring Plk4 Kinase Activity in Living Cells Research Mentor: Andrew Holland Research Institution: Johns Hopkins University Home Institution: University of South Carolina Co-Authors: Andrew Holland, Johns Hopkins University BB Kajal Patel...... 3:00 PM, Elm I Presentation Title: Investigating the Contribution of FIS

to Stress Response and Virulence in Yersinia Research Mentor: Joan Mecsas

Research Institution: Tufts University Graduate BioMedical Sciences

Home Institution: Clemson University

Co-Authors: Joan Mecsas and Erin Green, Tufts

University School of Graduate Biomedical Sciences BB

#### Andrea Penman-Lomeli ..... 11:15 AM, Belltown

Presentation Title: Bodies that Work: Citizenship and the Rendering of Chicana/o Identity in Tomas Rivera's "y no se lo trago la tierra" Research Mentor: Joseph Slaughter Research Institution: Columbia University Home Institution: Middlebury College Co-Authors: Joseph Slaughter, Columbia University HU

### Swathi Penumutchu ...... 3:00 PM, Long Ridge

Presentation Title: Impact of Antibiotics on Horizontal Gene Transfer in Vibrio cholerae Research Mentor: Peter Belenky Research Institution: Brown University Home Institution: University of Maryland, Baltimore County Co-Authors: Peter Belenky and Benjamin

Korry, Brown University

of Pennsylvania

Jonatan Perez..... 12:00 PM, Cove II

Presentation Title: Closing the Door: LULAC and the Exclusion of Mexican Immigrants in San Antonio, Texas During the Great Depression
Research Mentor: Ana Minian
Research Institution: Stanford University
Home Institution: Brown University
Co-Authors: Monica Martinez and Ana Minian,

Stanford University HU Ricardo Perez Dulzaides ...... 12:30 PM, Glen III

Presentation Title: TET Enzyme Variants as Tools to Understand Cytosine Epigenetic Modifications Research Mentor: Rahul Kohli Research Institution: University of Pennsylvania Home Institution: Florida International University Co-Authors: Monica Yun Liu and Rahul Kohli, University of Pennsylvania

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### Christopher Persaud ......5:00 PM, Springdale II

Presentation Title: Social Science Research, Media Response, and Moral Judgment: Content Analysis of News Articles on the "LaCour Scandal"
Research Mentor: Michële Lamont Research Institution: Harvard University
Home Institution: Temple University
Co-Authors: Michële Lamont, Harvard University
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Michael Pineda..... 11:45 AM, Glen II Presentation Title: Geospatial Characterization Of Distinct Metagenomic Landscapes Research Mentor: Christopher Mason Research Institution: Weill Cornell Medical College Home Institution: Arizona State University Co-Authors: Christopher Mason, Weill Cornell Medical College BB

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Mariyah Pressley ...... 2:45 PM, Long Ridge
Presentation Title: Antibacterial Effects of Substrate Composition
Research Mentor: Themis Kyriakides
Research Institution: Yale University
Home Institution: North Carolina A&T State University
Co-Authors: Jagannath Padmanabhan, Bettina Cheung and Themis Kyriakides, Yale University
AB

### Amanda Ramdular ...... 3:00 PM, Westover

Presentation Title: Diversity Oriented Synthesis of a Novel Benzannulated Spiroketal Screening Library Research Mentor: Derek Tan
Research Institution: Weill Cornell Graduate School
Home Institution: Hunter College
Co-Authors: Corinne Foley, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center; Derek Tan, Weill Cornell Graduate School
PS

### Blanca Ramirez ...... 3:45 PM, Cove II

Presentation Title: Is Adolescent Intimate Partner Violence a Learned Behavior? Insights from the Fragile Families Study Research Mentor: Marta Tienda Research Institution: Princeton University Home Institution: CSU Fullerton Co-Authors: Marta Tienda, Princeton University SS

Tara Ramirez......11:45 AM, Elm I Presentation Title: Expression Screening of TRP Channels for Structural and Biochemical Studies Research Mentor: Alexander Sobolevsky Research Institution: Columbia University Home Institution: UPR-Rio Piedras Co-Authors: Alexander Sobolevsky and Kei Saotome, Columbia University BB

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Presentation Title: Surveillance, Policing, and the

Politics of Space in Superman Comic Books Research Mentor: Alison Booth Research Institution: University of Virginia Home Institution: Howard University Co-Authors: Alison Booth, University of Virginia -Education Sciences

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### Remington Rimple...... 4:00 PM, Glen III

Presentation Title: Evaluating the Efficacy of Silk Sponge Patches for In Vivo Repair of the Heart Following Myocardial Infarction Using Immunohistochemistry Research Mentor: Lauren Black III Research Institution: Tufts University Home Institution: CSU San Marcos Co-Authors: Whitney L. Stoppel, Kelly E. Sullivan and Lauren D. Black III, Tufts University AB

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Presentation Title: Probing the Role of Adipocyte mTORC2 in Whole-Body Metabolism and Cold-Induced Thermogenesis Research Mentor: Joseph Baur Research Institution: University of Pennsylvania Home Institution: Messiah College Co-Authors: Cassie Tran and Joseph Baur, University of Pennsylvania AB

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### Mario Rodriguez...... 5:45 PM, Westover Presentation Title: Morphological and Behavioral Examination of Olfaction Recovery After Irritant Exposure in Mice Research Mentor: Weihong Lin Research Institution: University of Maryland, Baltimore County Home Institution: University of Miami Co-Authors: Weihong Lin, Kayla Lemons and David

Dunston, University of Maryland, Baltimore County BB

### Krystal Roggerson .....4:00 PM, Aspen I

Presentation Title: Investigating the Effects of Hepatitis C Virus-induced Exosomes on T Cells
Research Mentor: Drew Cobb
Research Institution: University of Virginia School of Medicine
Home Institution: Hampton University
Co-Authors: Young S. Hahn and Drew Cobb, University of Virginia, School of Medicine

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## Debanjan Roychoudhury ...... 4:45 PM, Cove II

Presentation Title: All Eyez on Me: Surveillance and Policing in West Harlem's Neighborhood of Hamilton Heights
Research Mentor: Van Tran
Research Institution: Columbia University
Home Institution: Middlebury College
Co-Authors: Van Tran, Brittany Fox and Devon Wade, Columbia University
SS

### Amorette Sanchez-Valdenegro ...11:30 AM, Glen III

Presentation Title: Modeling the Distribution of ChIP Pol II Along a Gene
Research Mentor: Robin Dowell
Research Institution: University of Colorado Boulder
Home Institution: Regis College
Co-Authors: Robin Dowell and Joey Azofeifa, University of Colorado Boulder Madelene Santizo...... 5:30 PM, Cove II Presentation Title: Eres lo que Comes: Ethnic Restaurants and the (Re)production of Cultural Identities in Upper Manhattan Research Mentor: Madelene Santizo Research Institution: Columbia University Home Institution: Bates College Co-Authors: Van Tran, Devon Wade and Brittany Fox, Columbia University SS

### Ololade Sanusi ...... 4:00 PM, Glen I

Presentation Title: Study of Novel and Ultra Rare Arrhythmogenic Gene Variants in Sudden Unexplained Deaths
Research Mentor: Yingying Tang
Research Institution: New York University Sackler Institute
Home Institution: Rutgers University
Co-Authors: Yingying Tang and Ying Lin, New York University Sackler Institute
BB

### Alina Scott..... 2:45 PM, Springdale I

Presentation Title: Research Toward a Comparison of Cherokee and Wampanoag Women's Antiremoval Petitioning Research Mentor: Daniel Carpenter Research Institution: Harvard University Home Institution: Southern Nazerene University Co-Authors: Daniel Carpenter and Nicole Topich, Harvard University HU

### Courtney Scott ...... 4:00 PM, Springdale I

Presentation Title: Plant Species Composition on Recent Landslides on the Front Range of Colorado: Relationship Between Soil Status and Plant Characteristics
Research Mentor: Tim Seastedt
Research Institution: University of Colorado Boulder
Home Institution: University of Colorado Boulder

Co-Authors: Tim Seastedt, University of Colorado Boulder

### Julian Segert ..... 5:15 PM, Glenbrook

Presentation Title: Determination of the Downstream Ras Effector Pathway in C. elegans Neuroblast Delamination

Research Mentor: Meera Sundaram

Research Institution: University of Pennsylvania

Home Institution: Swarthmore College

Co-Authors: Meera Sundaram, University of Pennsylvania

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### Jaqueline Serrano...... 3:15 PM, High Ridge

Presentation Title: Using Human Embryonic Stem Cells to Recapitulate Skin Development Research Mentor: Alessia Deglincerti Research Institution: Weill Cornell Medical College Home Institution: Williams College Co-Authors: Ali H. Brivanlou and Alessia Deglincerti, Weill Cornell Medical College BB

Sarah Seto..... 11:15 AM, Aspen I Presentation Title: Nucleolar Response and DNA Damage after Exportin-1 Inhibition Research Mentor: James Orth Research Institution: University of Colorado Boulder Home Institution: Johns Hopkins University Co-Authors: James Orth and Russell Burke, University of Colorado Boulder BB

Rahul Sharma.....12:00 PM, Aspen I Presentation Title: Characterizing Novel Interactors of the Sin3B Complex and Their Roles in Transformation Research Mentor: Gregory David Research Institution: New York University Sackler Institute Home Institution: Johns Hopkins University Co-Authors: Gregory David and Anthony Bainor, New York University Sackler Institute BB

Lilybeth Shields.....2:45 PM, Waterside Presentation Title: The Gaming Effect: Why the Members of the Puerto Rican Gaming Community Acquire English More Easily Than Their Peers Research Mentor: Allison Booth Research Institution: University of Virginia Home Institution: UPR-Humacao Co-Authors: Alison Booth, University of Virginia -**Education Sciences** 

Abigail Shilvock ...... 12:00 PM, Glen III Presentation Title: Examining the Mechanism of ADAR1 Mediated ISG Regulation Research Mentor: Hachung Chung Research Institution: Weill Cornell Medical College Home Institution: Cornell University Co-Authors: Hachung Chung and Charles Rice, Weill Cornell Medical College BB Akinola Sogunro..... 2:45 PM, Elm I Presentation Title: Dendritic Cell Migration Within the Spleen Regulates the Induction of Red Blood Cell Alloimmunization Research Mentor: Stephanie Eisenbarth

Research Institution: Yale University

Home Institution: Johns Hopkins University

Co-Authors: Samuele Calabro and Stephanie Eisenbarth, Yale University

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Isaiah Speight ..... 12:00 PM, Westover Presentation Title: Chemoenzymatic Synthesis of Functionalized Galactooligosaccharides. Research Mentor: Steven Townsend Research Institution: Vanderbilt University Home Institution: Norfolk State University Co-Authors: Steven Townsend and Dorothy Ackerman, Vanderbilt University PS

### Phillip Stephens ......5:45 PM, Aspen I Presentation Title: Does Chemotherapy-induced

Peripheral Neuropathy Affect Different Sensory Neuron Subtypes?

Research Mentor: Rosalind Segal

Research Institution: Harvard University, Division of Medical Sciences

Home Institution: Morehouse College

Co-Authors: Rosalind Segal and Sarah Pease, Harvard Medical School AB

Tamrin Stewart ......4:00 PM, Cove I

Presentation Title: Black President, Continued Black Suffering: Predicting African-American Political Behavior in the Post-Obama Era Research Mentor: Omar McRoberts

Research Institution: University of Chicago

Home Institution: UC Berkeley

Co-Authors: Omar McRoberts, University of Chicago PE

Cesar Suarez...... 3:30 PM, Long Ridge Presentation Title: Testing the Efficacy of a Self-Assembling, Epitope-Based Vaccine That Was Designed to Reduce Systematic Chronic Inflammation Research Mentor: Joel Collier Research Institution: University of Chicago Home Institution: University of Maryland, **Baltimore County** Co-Authors: Joel Collier, Carolina Mora Solano and Jacqueline Handley, University of Chicago AB

Cassandra Sunga..... 12:30 PM, Glen I Presentation Title: Determining the Basis of UV Crosslinking Between Lin28 and let-7 miRNA Research Mentor: Elizabeth Ransey Research Institution: Harvard University Home Institution: Boston University Co-Authors: Elizabeth Ransey and Piotr Sliz, Harvard Medical School BB

Canessa Swanson ......11:15 AM, Aspen II Presentation Title: Characterization of linc-RNA Gas5 Binding Affinity to Glucocorticoid Receptor Through Mutagenesis Research Mentor: Nicholas Parsonnet Research Institution: University of Colorado Boulder Home Institution: Jackson State University Co-Authors: Deborah Wuttke and Nicholas Parsonnet, University of Colorado Boulder BB

Huong Tang.....12:15 PM, Glen II Presentation Title: Mass Spectrometric Analysis of De novo Assembled Transcriptomes Research Mentor: Avantika Dhabaria Research Institution: Weill Cornell Graduate School Home Institution: UMass Boston Co-Authors: Avantika Dhabaria, Anton Henssen and Alex Kentsis, Weill Cornell Graduate School BB

Kelly Tellez ..... 5:45 PM, Aspen II Presentation Title: Restoration of Neuropeptide Y Signaling in Mice Overexpressing Amyloid Precursor Protein Research Mentor: Makoto Ishii Research Institution: Weill Cornell Medical College Home Institution: Williams College Co-Authors: Makoto Ishii, Weill Cornell Medical College

Monica Thapaliya...... 3:15 PM, Long Ridge Presentation Title: Role of Vitamin A Metabolism in Antimicrobial Response in Intestinal Paneth Cell Research Mentor: Shipra Vaishnava Research Institution: Brown University Home Institution: Claflin University Co-Authors: Shipra Vaishnava and Mayara Grizotte-Lake, Brown University BB Chrystal Thomas......12:30 PM, Glen II Presentation Title: Shooting Blanks: Optimizing Mass

Spectrometery Metabolomics Methods via Analysis of Injection Blank Effects Research Mentor: Aalim Weljie Research Institution: University of Pennsylvania Home Institution: Carnegie Mellon University Co-Authors: Aalim Weljie, Saikumari Krishnaiah and Seth Rhoades, University of Pennsylvania AB

### Andrew Thompson ...... 3:45 PM, Aspen II

Presentation Title: Identification of Cellular Factors That Restrict ChiKV Replication Research Mentor: David Levy Research Institution: New York University Home Institution: Colgate University Co-Authors: David Levy and Alissa Pham, New York University Sackler Institute BB

Jamal Thorne ...... 3:15 PM, Cove II

Presentation Title: The Effects of Phrasing, Visualization, and Spatial Ability on Bayesian Reasoning Research Mentor: Remco Chang Research Institution: Tufts University Home Institution: Morehouse College

Co-Authors: Remco Chang and Alvitta Ottley, **Tufts University** 

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Daniel Tirado ..... 12:00 PM, Alder

Presentation Title: Diurnal CORT Circulation Influences Conditioned Fear Extinction Learning

and Fear Renewal Research Mentor: Robert Spencer

Research Institution: University of Colorado Boulder

- Home Institution: University of Miami
- Co-Authors: Robert Spencer and Elizabeth Woodruff, University of Colorado Boulder
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Paulina Toro Isaza...... 3:45 PM, Springdale I Presentation Title: Subnational Variation of Federal and Local State Capacity in Colombia Research Mentor: Miguel Centeno Research Institution: Princeton University Home Institution: Hunter College Co-Authors: Miguel Centeno, Princeton University SS

Priscilla Torres ...... 12:00 PM, High Ridge Presentation Title: Single Atom Catalyst for Solar

Fuel Production Research Mentor: Andrew Peterson Research Institution: Brown University Home Institution: Saint Edward's University Co-Authors: Andrew Peterson, Yin-Jia Zhang and Seokki Kim, Brown University PS

Jasmine Towns ...... 5:15 PM, Long Ridge Presentation Title: Investigating Neuronal and Microglial Characteristics on Platinum Bulk Metallic Glasses Research Mentor: Themis Kyriakides Research Institution: Yale University Home Institution: North Carolina A&T State University Co-Authors: Ayomiposi Loye and Themis Kyriakides, Yale University AB

Sam Trejo...... 12:30 PM, Cove II Presentation Title: Foreign Aid, Fire-Arms, and Civil War Research Mentor: Kristopher Ramsay Research Institution: Princeton University Home Institution: University of Texas at Austin

Co-Authors: Kristopher Ramsay, Princeton University SS

Julie Trolle 12:15 PM, Glen I
Presentation Title: Generating a CRISPRi System to
Study the Function of lncRNAs in AML
Research Mentor: Iannis Aifantis
Research Institution: New York University
Sackler Institute
Home Institution: Jacobs University Bremen
Co-Authors: Hsuan-Ting Huang and Iannis Aifantis,
New York University Sackler Institute
BB

Rachael Turner.....11:30 AM, Westover

Presentation Title: Synthesis of a Seco-ring C Derivative of Stepholidine as a Potential Dopamine D3 Receptor Antagonist Research Mentor: Wayne W. Harding Research Institution: Hunter College Home Institution: SUNY Binghamton Co-Authors: Satish Gadhiya, Nirav Kapadia and Wayne W. Harding, Hunter College PS

Rasaan Turner.....5:30 PM, Springdale II

Presentation Title: Millennial Musings: The Influence of Racial/Ethnic Identity on Music Consumption Behaviors Among the "Millennial" Generation
Research Mentor: Kiri Miller
Research Institution: Brown University
Home Institution: Tougaloo College
Co-Authors: Kiri Miller, Brown University
SS

Jonathan Ueki..... 12:30 PM, High Ridge

Presentation Title: Characterizing the Force Between Z3 Strings

Research Mentor: Mark Alford

Research Institution: Washington University in St. Louis Home Institution: Harvey Mudd College

Co-Authors: Mark Alford, Andreas Windisch and Kumar Mallavarapu, Washington University in St. Louis PS

Hector Vargas-Acevedo ....... 3:45 PM, Long Ridge Presentation Title: Role of agr Quorum Sensing Gene in the Induction of Staphylococcal Resistance to Antimicrobial Agents Research Mentor: Bo Shopsin Research Institution: New York University Sackler Institute Home Institution: UPR-Mayaguez Co-Authors: Bo Shopsin, Krishan Kumar and Yi Li, New York University Sackler Institute AB Marilyn Vasquez ...... 3:15 PM, Aspen II

Presentation Title: Identifying Genetic Regulators of the

LukAB Toxin in Staphylococcus Aureus Research Mentor: Victor Torres Research Institution: New York University Sackler Institute

Home Institution: Yale University

Co-Authors: Victor Torres, Divya Balasubramanian and Elizabeth Ohneck, New York University Sackler Institute

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Anthony Velázquez..... 3:00 PM, Springdale I

Presentation Title: The Faces of Puerto Rico: Public Perception of Phenotype and Experienced Identity Research Mentor: Alison Booth Research Institution: University of Virginia Home Institution: UPR-Rio Piedras Co-Authors: Alison Booth, University of Virginia -**BioMedical Sciences** 

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Donte' Verrill-Huffman...... 5:30 PM, High Ridge

Presentation Title: Nonluminance-Mediated Changes in Pupil Diameter and its Relationship with Synchronized Neural Firing Research Mentor: Joshua Gold Research Institution: University of Pennsylvania Home Institution: Morehouse College Co-Authors: Joshua Gold, University of Pennsylvania BB

Ashley Viera-Ortiz......5:30 PM, Aspen II Presentation Title:: Biochemical and Molecular Analysis of Subcellular Fractions of ALS/FTD Brains Research Mentor: Edward Lee Research Institution: University of Pennsylvania Home Institution: UPR-Mayaguez Co-Authors: Edward Lee and Elaine Liu, University of Pennsylvania AB

Camila Villasante..... 11:45 AM, Aspen I Presentation Title: Sequence Preference of the Human DNA Transposase PGBD5 Research Mentor: Alex Kentsis Research Institution: Weill Cornell Medical College Home Institution: Johns Hopkins University Co-Authors: Alex Kentsis, Anton Henssen and Eileen Jiang, Weill Cornell Medical College BB

Andres Villegas ..... 5:45 PM, Elm I Presentation Title: Role of a Cell Cycle Regulator in Subcortical Parvalbumin Interneurons: Implication for Schizophrenia Research Mentor: Holly Moore Research Institution: Columbia University Home Institution: Rutgers University Co-Authors: Holly Moore, Columbia University AB

Zaire Wade ..... 12:00 PM, Long Ridge Presentation Title: The Energy Saving Potential of Reduced Accuracy Computation On Mobile Systems Research Mentor: Henry Hoffmann Research Institution: University of Chicago Home Institution: Norfolk State University Co-Authors: Henry Hoffman, University of Chicago PS

Samantha Walker..... 12:30 PM, Glenbrook Presentation Title: Cryogenic Testing for BICEP3 Research Mentor: Chao-Lin Kuo Research Institution: Stanford University Home Institution: Fordham University Co-Authors: Chao-Lin Kuo, Keith L. Thompson and Val Monticue, Stanford University PS

Maurice Whalen, Jr. ..... 3:45 PM, Glen III Presentation Title: Does the Arterial Natriuretic Peptide Attenuate Agonist-Induced Pulmonary Edema Through Natriuretic Peptide Receptor-C? Research Mentor: Elizabeth Harrington Research Institution: Brown University Home Institution: Tougaloo College Co-Authors: Huetran Duong, Randy Alsabe and Elizabeth Harrington, Brown University

Domain Mutations Implicated in Kidney Renal Clear Cell Carcinoma Research Mentor: Minkui Luo Research Institution: Weill Cornell Medical College Home Institution: Hampton University Co-Authors: Minkui Luo, Shi Chen and Kanshik Kapilashrami, Weill Cornell Medical College

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Elyce Williams...... 2:45 PM, Belltown Presentation Title: The Effects of Unconscious Awareness on Size-Depth Visual Illusions Research Mentor: Joo-Hyun Song Research Institution: Brown University Home Institution: Hunter College Co-Authors: Christine Gamble and Joo-Hyun Song, Brown University SS

Heidi Williams ...... 5:00 PM, Springdale I Presentation Title: Scaling Up Social Belonging Interventions Research Mentor: Gregory Walton Research Institution: Stanford University Home Institution: Indiana University-Bloomington Co-Authors: Shannon Brady and Gregory Walton, Stanford University SS

Jermaine Wilson ..... 2:45 PM, Glen III Presentation Title: Fabricate Patient-Specific Left Atrial Appendage (LAA) from a Silicone Elastomer 3D Research Mentor: Bobak Mosadegh Research Institution: Weill Cornell Graduate School Home Institution: Medgar Evers College CUNY Co-Authors: Bobak Mosadegh, Guanglei Xiong and James K. Min, Weill Cornell Graduate School AB

James Wondra 4:00 PM, Elm I
Presentation Title:: Determining the Role of LXR Alpha/
Beta in Newly Recruited Macrophages During
Atherosclerosis Regression
Research Mentor: Edward Fisher
Research Institution: New York University
Sackler Institute
Home Institution: CSU Northridge
Co-Authors: Edward Fisher and Karishma Rahman,
New York University Sackler Institute
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Saidah Wright 4.45 DM Elm I

Co-Authors: Steven Siegel, Duncan Sinclair and Rob Featherstone, University of Pennsylvania AB

### Chih Ching Wu ......11:15 AM, Glen I Presentation Title: CRISPR Knockout Tandem Gene Pairs in Arabidopsis Research Mentor: Alison DeLong Research Institution: Brown University Home Institution: San Jose State University Co-Authors: Alison DeLong, Brown University BB

Stephanie Wyche...... 3:30 PM, Westover Presentation Title: Size Dependence of Critical Heating and Cooling Rates in Bulk Metallic Glass Nano-rods Research Mentor: Corey O'Hern Research Institution: Yale University Home Institution: Claffin University Co-Authors: Corey O'Hern and Minglei Wang, Yale University EN

Habib Zahir ...... 5:00 PM, Glenbrook Presentation Title: The Role of Ubiquitin Inclusions in Post-Ischemic Brain Tissue/Neurons Research Mentor: Karin Hochrainer Research Institution: Weill Cornell Graduate School Home Institution: Hunter College Co-Authors: Karin Hochrainer, Weill Cornell Graduate School BB

# Alyssa Zannella .....12:15 PM, Cove I

Presentation Title: Poverty in U.S. Fiction Research Mentor: William Gleason Research Institution: Princeton University Home Institution: University of Michigan-Ann Arbor Co-Authors: William Gleason, Princeton University HU

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Factors in Replication of DNA Viruses

Research Mentor: Matthew Weitzman

Research Institution: University of Pennsylvania

Home Institution: CSU San Marcos

Co-Authors: Matthew Weitzman and Emigdio Reyes, University of Pennsylvania

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BB = Basic Biosciences AB = Applied Biosciences

EN = Engineering PE = Policy & Ethics PS = Physical Science ES = Earth Science SS = Social Science HU = Humanities

11:15 AM	AB	Philip Adejumo	Application of Pattern-Mixture Models for Missing Data in Longitudinal Studies	Glen II
11:15 AM	EN	Roy Anderson	Analyzing the Mechanical Properties of Three Polymer Based Vascular Grafts	Westover
11:15 AM	BB	Rebecca Arteaga	Understanding the Amino Acid Requirements of a Simple Transmembrane Oncoprotein	Elm I
11:15 AM	HU	Gabriela Barrios	Varying Narratives: Traumatic Memory and Subversion in Nellie Campobello's <i>Cartucho</i>	Cove I
11:15 AM	BB	Evan Brooks	Characterization of Tissue Mineralization Defects in Fin Rays of Zebrafish Mutants	Alder
11:15 AM	BB	Kelly Fogelson	The Role of Potential LXR Associated Factors Identified by Mass Spectrometry on LXR Mediated Gene Transcription	Glen III
11:15 AM	BB	Hebron Kelecha	The Cellular Localization of KRIT1	Elm II
11:15 AM	HU	Brittanie Lewis	The Iranian Woman in the Chador: Symbolic Representation of Nationhood in the 1970s	Cove II
11:15 AM	SS	Stephanie Matos	Cultures of Ethics in Engineering-for-Development (EfD) and Design-for-Development (DfD) University-Based Programs	Waterside
11:15 AM	EN	Monique McClain	Lagrangian Coherent Structures in High-Speed Premixed Turbulent Reacting Flows	Glenbrook
11:15 AM	PS	Jared Mitchell	Sharpening the Image of the Universe	Long Ridge
11:15 AM	EN	Jessica Murdzek	Atomically Flat BaSnO3 Surface as a Novel Substrate for Epitaxial Films Growth	High Ridge
11:15 AM	HU	Andrea Penman-Lomeli	Bodies that Work: Citizenship and the Rendering of Chicana/o Identity in Tomas Rivera's "y no se lo trago la tierra"	Belltown
11:15 AM	BB	Sarah Seto	Nucleolar Response and DNA Damage after Exportin-1 Inhibition	Aspen I
11:15 AM	BB	Canessa Swanson	Characterization of linc-RNA Gas5 Binding Affinity to Glucocorticoid Receptor Through Mutagenesis	Aspen II
11:15 AM	BB	Chih Ching Wu	CRISPR Knockout Tandem Gene Pairs in Arabidopsis	Glen I
11:30 AM	HU	Lindsey Burgess	The Effects of Neo-Colonialism on Late 20th Century Drug Trafficking in Nigeria	Cove II
11:30 AM	BB	Gabriela Canales	En'Cas'ing the Stress: Engineering a Human Cell Line Knockout of Heat Shock Response Coordinator Genes Using CRISPR Cas9 System	Glen I
11:30 AM	HU	Olivia Carpenter	(Re-)Examining Literacies: Native Authors of Early American Literature	Cove I
11:30 AM	PS	Alexis Clavijo	Development of Nanosphere Lithography for Nanomagnetism	Glenbrook

11:30 AM	BB	Lester Dela Cruz	Defining a Non-coding RNA Transcriptome: Applying Hidden Markov Model (HMM) to Define the Non-coding Areas of a Genome	Glen II
11:30 AM	EN	Tyler Dunbar	Carbon Dioxide Conversion Using Reduced Graphene Oxide as a Support for Single-atom Metal Catalysts	High Ridge
11:30 AM	AB	Couger Jaramillo	The Ins and Outs of Calreticulin Induction of ECM	Elm II
11:30 AM	SS	Malikia Johnson	Missing Lives: Diversifying Representations of African-American Women in Elementary Texts	Waterside
11:30 AM	PS	Ayanna Jones	Dynamics of Habitable Planets in the Triple-Star System Alpha Centauri	Long Ridge
11:30 AM	HU	Jasmine Kirby	Challenging Racist Assumptions of Biological Origins of Violence and the Ethics of Human Experimentation on Marginalized Populations: The UCLA Violence Research Controversy 1972-1974	Belltown
11:30 AM	BB	Grace McKenzie-Smith	Antigen Development for Human and Mouse CENP-A and CENP-C	Aspen II
11:30 AM	AB	Natasha Navejar	A Kinematic Analysis of Reaching in the Naturally Foraging Common Marmoset (Callithrix jacchus)	Alder
11:30 AM	BB	Gerardo Reyes Chavez	Logistics of the Vitellogenin and Yolk Proteins in the Sea Star, Patiria miniata	Elm I
11:30 AM	BB	Amorette Sanchez-Valdenegro	Modeling the Distribution of ChIP Pol II Along a Gene	Glen III
11:30 AM	PS	Rachael Turner	Synthesis of a Seco-ring C Derivative of Stepholidine as a Potential Dopamine D3 Receptor Antagonist	Westover
11:30 AM	AB	Cipriano Zuluaga	Determining the Role of Nucleolar Factors in Replication of DNA Viruses	Aspen I
11:45 AM	HU	Ouma Amadou	Constructing (Black) Girlhood: Assimilation, Americanization, or Ambivalence	Belltown
11:45 AM	EN	Valeria Aucapina	Growth of Nanorod Arrays with Controlled Geometries	Glenbrook
11:45 AM	BB	Pineal Bekere	The Role of K63-Linked Ubiquitination in Telomere Cohesion	Aspen II
11:45 AM	PS	Ashley Chontos	Simulations of Detectability of Extrasolar Planets for Future Space Mission WFIRST	Long Ridge
11:45 AM	BB	Comfort Effi	YY1 Deletion Controls Condensin, Cohesin, and PcG DNA Recruitment, But Not Their Expression Levels	Glen III
11:45 AM	SS	Brandon Enriquez	Who Should Help Underprepared Students? The Effects of Limiting Remediation to Two-Year Colleges	Waterside
11:45 AM	HU	Matthew Fairchild	Civil War and Reconstruction Historiography: A Shift in Perspective	Cove II
11:45 AM	BB	Victor Martinez	Examining the Sub-Cellular Localization of the Ajuba Protein in Human Cells	Elm II
11:45 AM	PS	Salvador Montes	Measuring Dynamic Instability of Microtubules	Westover

12:00 PM	HU	Thuy Tran	The Vietnam/American War: Representation of the Enemy in Literature	Belltown
12:00 PM	PS	Priscilla Torres	Single Atom Catalyst for Solar Fuel Production	High Ridge
12:00 PM	BB	Daniel Tirado	Diurnal CORT Circulation Influences Conditioned Fear Extinction Learning and Fear Renewal	Alder
12:00 PM	PS	Isaiah Speight	Chemoenzymatic Synthesis of Functionalized Galactooligosaccharides.	Westover
12:00 PM	BB	Abigail Shilvock	Examining the Mechanism of ADAR1 Mediated ISG Regulation	Glen III
12:00 PM	BB	Rahul Sharma	Characterizing Novel Interactors of the Sin3B Complex and Their Roles in Transformation	Aspen I
12:00 PM	HU	Jonatan Perez	Closing the Door: LULAC and the Exclusion of Mexican Immigrants in San Antonio, Texas During the Great Depression	Cove II
12:00 PM	SS	Tianjian Lai	What Counts as Bullying?: Ethnic and Gender Differences in Adolescents' Interpretations of Peer Victimization	Waterside
12:00 PM	HU	Arielle Irizarry	Disassembling Logic With Historical Context and Feeling in 20th to 21st Century Literature	Cove I
12:00 PM	AB	Geena Ildefonso	Mathematical Modeling of the NF-kB Signaling Pathway Using PySB	Glen II
12:00 PM	BB	Amelia Hallworth	Characterizing Forkhead Binding Specificity	Elm I
12:00 PM	BB	Patrick Griffin	ZBTB24: A Novel Protein Linking Pericentromeric Heterochromatinization to Centromeric Instability	Aspen II
12:00 PM	EN	Itza Beltran	The Effect of Vacuum Level and Water Charge on the Performance of Ultra-Thin Thermal Ground Planes	Glenbrook
12:00 PM	BB	Marcos Ayala Rivera	Characterizing the Molecular Mechanisms of Diabetes by Using CRISPRs/CAS9	Glen I
12:00 PM	BB	Felipe Anguiano	Suppressor Analysis of Cold Sensitive Mutations in the ATPase Prp43p	Elm II
11:45 AM	BB	Camila Villasante	Sequence Preference of the Human DNA Transposase PGBD5	Aspen I
11:45 AM	HU	Joel Rhone	Surveillance, Policing, and the Politics of Space in Superman Comic Books	Cove I
11:45 AM	BB	Tara Ramirez	Expression Screening of TRP Channels for Structural and Biochemical Studies	Elm I
11:45 AM	DD	Michael Filleda	Geospatial Characterization Of Distinct Metagenomic Landscapes	Gieli II
11:45 AM	PS BB	Michael Onyszczak Michael Pineda	A Schrodinger-Poisson Solver for Oxide Interfaces	High Ridge Glen II
11:45 AM	AB	Libere Ndacayisaba	Exploring miRNA Silencing Mechanisms Using Machine Learning Algorithms to Discover Biologically-Relevant Pathway Nodes	Glen I
1:45 AM	BB	Anna Morales	The Molecular Effects of In Utero Nicotine Exposure on C57BL/6 Mice and Their Progeny	Alder

12:00 PM	PS	Zaire Wade	The Energy Saving Potential of Reduced Accuracy Computation On Mobile Systems	Long Ridge
12:15 PM	BB	Diana Aponte Colon	Role of Epigenetic Proteins in Maintaining Programs of Endothelial Cell Gene Expression Under Basal Conditions	Glen III
12:15 PM	PS	Carla Bezjian	Synthesis and Study of Bipyridal Troger's Base Complexes	Westover
12:15 PM	BB	Noah Bloch	Regulation of RAG2 Protein in Response to DNA Damage	Aspen I
12:15 PM	PS	Ann Brasacchio	Suzuki-Miyaura Cross-Coupling of Aryl Sulfamates with Aryl Boronic Acids using Nickel Catalysts	Glenbrook
12:15 PM	BB	Alissa DiMasi	The Effects of miR-138 on Nicotine Consumption and Preference	Elm II
12:15 PM	BB	Rolando Garza	Phosphatidylinositol Phosphate Facilitates the TIPE:Pleckstrin Homology-Domain Protein-Protein Interaction	Elm I
12:15 PM	BB	Sara Haile	The Mystery Proteins of SCCmec Type V	Aspen II
12:15 PM	PS	Malik Hayes	Efforts Towards Maximum Performance Distributed Computation with Limited Power Budgets	Long Ridge
12:15 PM	HU	Cynthia Marrero-Ramos	El Diablito Subternneo: Hidden Knowledge, Public Power, and the Abaku Society in Colonial Cuba	Cove II
12:15 PM	SS	Amra Marshall	Social Support and Educational Attainment: The Pursuit of Academic Achievement in African American Male College Freshman	Waterside
12:15 PM	SS	Adaeze Okoli	Migration in the Rainbow Nation: A Look at Internal Migration in South Africa 20 Years Post-Apartheid	Belltown
12:15 PM	EN	Alberto Ortiz	Synthesis of a Superlattice and LaNiO3 and Effect of Oxygen Annealing	High Ridge
12:15 PM	BB	Daniel Perez	Analyzing the Effects of Parental Dietary Stressors on Embryonic Development in C. Elegans	Alder
12:15 PM	BB	Huong Tang	Mass Spectrometric Analysis of De novo Assembled Transcriptomes	Glen II
12:15 PM	BB	Julie Trolle	Generating a CRISPRi System to Study the Function of lncRNAs in AML	Glen I
12:15 PM	HU	Alyssa Zannella	Poverty in U.S. Fiction	Cove I
12:30 PM	BB	Jonuelle Acosta	Should I Stay or Should I Go: Screening for Regulators of Mitochondrial Motility	Elm I
12:30 PM	BB	Kiana Annunziata	Roles of Ubiquitination and Deubiquitination in the Regulation of the DNA Damage Recognition Factor XPC	Aspen II
12:30 PM	BB	Porfirio Fernandez	Characterization of miRNA Expression Profile Modified by a- Conotoxin in Chronic Constriction Injury Rat Model	Elm II
12:30 PM	BB	Joanna Hurtado	Characterization of ER Stress Mediated ARPE Cell Death Triggered by Lipofuscin Bisretinoid A2E	Alder

12:30 PM	PS	Mike Lopez	Fostering Scientific Identity in Underrepresented Minorities Through Informal Science Programs: The Role of PISEC	Westover
12:30 PM	AB	Matheus Martins	Engineering a Selective DNA Sequestration Platform for Biomolecular Nanotechnology	Aspen I
12:30 PM	HU	Nasib McIntosh	Some Vaster, Mightier Thing: Representations of Intimacy in Afrofuturist Literature	Cove I
12:30 PM	HU	Cheswayo Mphanza	Tha Block Is Hot: Gwendolyn Brooks' Black Aesthetic	Belltown
12:30 PM	PS	Andria Palmer	Radiation Modeling in GEO and Jupiter Radiation Environments	Long Ridge
12:30 PM	BB	Ricardo Perez Dulzaides	TET Enzyme Variants as Tools to Understand Cytosine Epigenetic Modifications	Glen III
12:30 PM	BB	Cassandra Sunga	Determining the Basis of UV Crosslinking Between Lin28 and let-7 miRNA	Glen I
12:30 PM	AB	Chrystal Thomas	Shooting Blanks: Optimizing Mass Spectrometery Metabolomics Methods via Analysis of Injection Blank Effects	Glen II
12:30 PM	SS	Sam Trejo	Foreign Aid, Fire-Arms, and Civil War	Cove II
12:30 PM	PS	Jonathan Ueki	Characterizing the Force Between Z3 Strings	High Ridge
12:30 PM	SS	Erik Ugalde	Common Core: The New Labyrinth	Waterside
12:30 PM	PS	Samantha Walker	Cryogenic Testing for BICEP3	Glenbrook
2:45 PM	AB	Ezekiel Bello	Entry Coreceptor use by SIV from Mustached Monkey, the Ancestor of HIV-1	Aspen I
2:45 PM	BB	Stephany Caicedo	Understanding the Interaction Between Anthrax Lethal Factor and MAP Kinase Kinase Substrates	Alder
2:45 PM	AB	Erlyana Clarke	Interleukin-25-Activated Innate Lymphoid Cells in Sepsis	Elm II
2:45 PM	SS	Courtney Cooper	The Power of Social Class in Relationship Outlook	Cove I
2:45 PM	SS	Beverlin Del Rosario	The Relationship Between Sleep Disturbances and Emotion Dysregulation in Self-Harm Behavior	Cove II
2:45 PM	PE	Melissa Espinosa	What Influences Public Opinion on Immigrants and Immigration Policies?	Springdale II
2:45 PM	AB	Brandon Hart	The Effects of EphB2 and EphrinB2 Knockouts with CRISPR/Cas9 in Spermatogonial Stem Cell Maintenance	High Ridge
2:45 PM	EN	Jason Hughes	Changes in Metallic Glass Thin Film Microstructures upon Annealing in Supercooled Liquid Region	Westover
2:45 PM	AB	Mauricio Isaac	The Role of Lipid Phosphatase SHIP In Skeletal Development	Glen I
2:45 PM	AB	Shirley Jusino	Role of the Human Parainfluenza Virus Type 3 Fusion Machinery in Viral Growth in the Natural Host	Aspen II
2:45 PM	EN	Armand Ngassam	Treatment of Water with Modified MFI Zeolites and UV Radiation	Glenbrook

2:45 PM	BB	Binh Nguyen	Studying the Localization and Dynamics of Adherens Junction Proteins in Epithelial Cells Under Force	Glen II
2:45 PM	AB	Mariyah Pressley	Antibacterial Effects of Substrate Composition	Long Ridge
2:45 PM	HU	Alina Scott	Research Toward a Comparison of Cherokee and Wampanoag Women's Antiremoval Petitioning	Springdale I
2:45 PM	HU	Lilybeth Shields	The Gaming Effect: Why the Members of the Puerto Rican Gaming Community Acquire English More Easily Than Their Peers	Waterside
2:45 PM	BB	Akinola Sogunro	Dendritic Cell Migration Within the Spleen Regulates the Induction of Red Blood Cell Alloimmunization	Elm I
2:45 PM	SS	Elyce Williams	The Effects of Unconscious Awareness on Size-Depth Visual Illusions	Belltown
2:45 PM	AB	Jermaine Wilson	Fabricate Patient-Specific Left Atrial Appendage (LAA) from a Silicone Elastomer 3D	Glen III
3:00 PM	AB	Kemi Akinnola	Generation of Lin28 Human Embryonic Stem Cell Reporter Line Using CRISPR Technique	High Ridge
3:00 PM	BB	Sierra Atwater	Influence of Substrate Stiffness on Cardiomyocyte Behavior	Glen III
3:00 PM	AB	Giovanni Calixte	Chondrogenesis Deficiency in Matrilin-1 Knock-out Mice	Glen I
3:00 PM	AB	Edgar Carlo	Endothelial Cell Barrier Lost by Angiopoietin 2 Levels in Indirect Acute Lung Injury Induced by Sepsis and Hemorrhage in Lung, Kidney and Liver Tissues	Elm II
3:00 PM	SS	Aja Evans	Learning and Transfer of Sequential Task Control Policies	Cove II
3:00 PM	HU	Mahmoud Jalloh	Reflections on Physics: Philosophy, the Limits of Reason, and the Human Perspective	Springdale I
3:00 PM	AB	Assama Ketegou	The Effects of Pediatric SIV Infection on Neurogenesis	Aspen I
3:00 PM	SS	Anthony Longoria	Investigating the molecular Pathways of Methamphetamine Impact on Hippocampal- Dependent Spatial Memory Performance	Belltown
3:00 PM	PS	Elena Malloy	On the Study of Discriminants and Resultants of Polynomials over Finite Fields	Glenbrook
3:00 PM	AB	Tomaz Manzoni	Modeling Interactions Between APOBEC3G and HIV Vif Polymorphs In Vivo	Aspen II
3:00 PM	HU	Christopher Mendoza	First Impressions: A Prosodic Analysis of Interactional Style and Social Perception	Waterside
3:00 PM	BB	Daymond Parrilla	Monitoring Plk4 Kinase Activity in Living Cells	Alder
3:00 PM	BB	Kajal Patel	Investigating the Contribution of FIS to Stress Response and Virulence in Yersinia	Elm I
3:00 PM	BB	Swathi Penumutchu	Impact of Antibiotics on Horizontal Gene Transfer in Vibrio cholerae	Long Ridge

3:00 PM	PS	Amanda Ramdular	Diversity Oriented Synthesis of a Novel Benzannulated Spiroketal Screening Library	Westover
3:00 PM	AB	Laura Ritenour	Probing the Role of Adipocyte mTORC2 in Whole- Body Metabolism and Cold-Induced Thermogenesis	Glen II
3:00 PM	PE	Adrienne Scott	American Perceptions of Welfare Policy and the Welfare Queen: An Analysis of Generosity Before and After the Great Recession	Cove I
3:00 PM	SS	Anthony Velázquez	The Faces of Puerto Rico: Public Perception of Phenotype and Experienced Identity	Springdale I
3:15 PM	BB	Chiamaka Ani	The Role of Stat6 in Altering the Microbiota During Helminth Infection	Elm II
3:15 PM	AB	Ambar Cajigas Hernandez	SIV Infection of Pigtail Macaque Monocytes-Derived Macrophages Induces Heme Oxygenase-1 Expression	Aspen I
3:15 PM	AB	Luis Cortina	Fatty Acid Oxidation Regulates Metabolic Adaptation to Low Glucose in Primary Human T-Cells	Elm I
3:15 PM	BB	Patrick Donegan	The Role of Smooth Muscle Cell Mineralocorticoid Receptor in Cardiac Aging and Atrial Fibrillation	Glen III
3:15 PM	SS	Aerielle Ferreira	The Role of Prison Based Substance Abuse Treatment Programs in Preventing Post-Incarceration Substance Use	Belltown
3:15 PM	BB	Andrew Hart	Molecular Dissection of the Complement-like Pathway in Anopheles Mosquitoes	Alder
3:15 PM	PS	Yauheniya Lahoda	Augmenting the Edge Connectivity of Planar Straight Line Graphs to Two	Glenbrook
3:15 PM	EN	Susie Lira-Gonzalez	Ethnographic Analysis of First-Year Engineering Design Teams and Senior Engineering Design Teams	Westover
3:15 PM	AB	David Molina	Area-level Determinants of Blood Pressure Across the Life Course	Glen II
3:15 PM	BB	Prisca Obi	Characterization of Murine Model of Osteogenesis Imperfecta Type VII in CRTAP Deficient Male Mice	Glen I
3:15 PM	SS	Nnaemeka Ofodire	Challenges for Renewable Energy Implementation in Sub-Saharan Africa	Springdale I
3:15 PM	SS	Jeremy Pagan	From Stereotype Threat to Violence: The Focus on Police & Demonstrators During a "Perfect Storm"	Cove I
3:15 PM	SS	Ariel Rosario	Examining the Effects of Divided Attention on Memory Retrieval After Different Learning Approaches	Waterside
3:15 PM	BB	Jaqueline Serrano	Using Human Embryonic Stem Cells to Recapitulate Skin Development	High Ridge
3:15 PM	BB	Monica Thapaliya	Role of Vitamin A Metabolism in Antimicrobial Response in Intestinal Paneth Cell	Long Ridge
3:15 PM	SS	Jamal Thorne	The Effects of Phrasing, Visualization, and Spatial Ability on Bayesian Reasoning	Cove II
3:15 PM	BB	Marilyn Vasquez	Identifying Genetic Regulators of the LukAB Toxin in Staphylococcus Aureus	Aspen II

3:15 PM	PE	Alexander White	Agree to Disagree: Achieving Productive Moral Discussion in the Face of Controversy	Springdale II
3:30 PM	BB	Gabrielle Akcelik	qPCR Validation of Asthma-Associated Genes Differentially Expressed in Airway Smooth Muscle Cells in Response to IL-13 and IL-17	Glen III
3:30 PM	SS	Andrea Baltazar	Personality and Demographic Characteristics of Dropouts in a Longitudinal Study	Cove I
3:30 PM	AB	Evelyn Campbell	The Influence of Interferon Stimulated Genes Ifi44 and Ifi27l2a on the Thermogenic Capacity of Brown Adipocytes	Glen I
3:30 PM	AB	Lauren Caton	Predictors of Weight Loss Magnitude in Johns Hopkins Weight Management Center Patients	Glen II
3:30 PM	AB	Emmanuella Egbonim	Optimization of PCR for Oxalobacter Formigenes Group 2	Alder
3:30 PM	SS	Hailey Egido-Betancourt	Neuroimaging and Negative Valence Conditioned Inhibition Studies of the Habenula	Belltown
3:30 PM	SS	Celia Ford	Status Judgments as a Function of the Interaction Between Facial Dominance and Social Context	Cove II
3:30 PM	BB	Philip Frasse	GlpQ- and Pce-Dependent Interactions Between Streptococcus pneumoniae and Haemophilus influenzae	Aspen II
3:30 PM	AB	Andrea Guzman	Synthesis and Characterization of Thermally Sensitive Liposomes for Targeted Drug Delivery	Elm I
3:30 PM	AB	Julia Heinze	Models for Herpes Simplex Virus Infection Using Human Embryonic Stem Cell Derived Neurons	Aspen I
3:30 PM	PE	Jessica Heppler	Assessing the Value of Justice in Plato	Springdale II
3:30 PM	BB	Shermaine Hutchins	Corroborating the Involvement of Polymerace Beta in Non-Homologous End Joining via DNA Basic Local Alignment Search Tool	Glenbrook
3:30 PM	PE	Aleena Khan	American Public Opinion of the United States' Standpoint on the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict	Springdale I
3:30 PM	SS	Sarah Master	Trauma-Related Symptoms and Reduced Gray Matter Volume in the Ventral Anterior Cingulate Cortex	Waterside
3:30 PM	BB	Juliana Nzongo	Genetic Screen of Novel Vibrio Cholerae Factors Involved in Biofilm Dispersal During Infection	Elm II
3:30 PM	BB	Rebecca Plessel	Identifying Self-Renewal Factors That Maintain Stem Cells in Drosophila Testes	High Ridge
3:30 PM	AB	Cesar Suarez	Testing the Efficacy of a Self-Assembling, Epitope- Based Vaccine That Was Designed to Reduce Systematic Chronic Inflammation	Long Ridge
3:30 PM	EN	Stephanie Wyche	Size Dependence of Critical Heating and Cooling Rates in Bulk Metallic Glass Nano-rods	Westover
3:45 PM	BB	Kiara Berrios	eNOS-derived Nitric Oxide Regulates Lipid Metabolites in Restricted Diet	Glen II

3:45 PM	BB	Camilla Castro	Characterizing the Role of Herpes Simplex Virus Type 1 Protein Kinase Us3 in Regulating mRNA Translation	Aspen I
3:45 PM	SS	Kelvin De Leon	Ascending and Descending Alcohol Effects in Healthy Volunteers	Waterside
3:45 PM	AB	Linda Egbosiuba	Determination of GCH1 Copy Number Variation in Field Samples from Nigeria	Glenbrook
3:45 PM	BB	Keishla Figueroa Colón	Micro RNA-93 Targets IRF9 to Regulate Macrophage Polarization	Alder
3:45 PM	BB	Katherine Gonzalez	The Effect of RAGE in the Immune Response to High Fat Feeding	Elm I
3:45 PM	BB	Hamilton Green	Understanding the Role of the Metabolite Sensors YpdAB and YehUT in Uropathogenic Escherichia coli Adherence and Biofilm Formation	Glen I
3:45 PM	BB	Mateo Hernandez	Intracellular Vesicular Interactions During Salmonella Infection	Elm II
3:45 PM	BB	Ehiremen Iyoha	The Role of SDF1B in the Development of the Hypobronchial Artery in Zebrafish	High Ridge
3:45 PM	PS	Raymond Lopez-Rios	Hyperspectral Coherent Diffractive Imaging Using Ptychography	Westover
3:45 PM	SS	Ana Maldonado	Intimate Partner Violence: The Effects of Perpetrator Characteristics on Treatment Engagement and Outcome	Cove I
3:45 PM	SS	Blanca Ramirez	Is Adolescent Intimate Partner Violence a Learned Behavior? Insights from the Fragile Families Study	Cove II
3:45 PM	BB	Andrew Thompson	Identification of Cellular Factors That Restrict ChiKV Replication	Aspen II
3:45 PM	SS	Paulina Toro Isaza	Subnational Variation of Federal and Local State Capacity in Colombia	Springdale I
3:45 PM	AB	Hector Vargas-Acevedo	Role of agr Quorum Sensing Gene in the Induction of Staphylococcal Resistance to Antimicrobial Agents	Long Ridge
3:45 PM	AB	Maurice Whalen, Jr.	Does the Arterial Natriuretic Peptide Attenuate Agonist-Induced Pulmonary Edema Through Natriuretic Peptide Receptor-C?	Glen III
3:45 PM	SS	Nadira Yusif	Interference Effect on Visuomotor Rotational Adaptation and Recall	Belltown
4:00 PM	AB	Rachel Brown	Examining the Role of p300 in Endotoxin Tolerance in Monocytes	Long Ridge
4:00 PM	SS	Kiana Dash	Effect of Emotional State on Self Control in the Presence of Appetetive Cues	Waterside
4:00 PM	ES	Luis Duarte	Common Air Pollutants Impact Surface Proteins of Airborne Fungi and Pollens	Westover
4:00 PM	AB	Anthony Guerrero	Paclitaxel Effect on Nuclear Envelope Morphology in Different Ovarian Cancer Cell Lines	High Ridge

4:00 PM	SS	Andrea Hernández-Vega	The Association of Methamphetamine Abuse and Poor Cognitive Flexibility in a Sample of Gay and Bisexual Men	Cove II
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4:00 PM	AB	Benny Marin-Acevedo	Differential Expression of Micro-RNAs in Hypertrophic Cardiomyopathy Mouse Model	Alder
4:00 PM	BB	Arnaldo Mercado-Perez	Metabolic Flux Analysis of Obesity-Associated Inflammation	Glen II
4:00 PM	AB	Saparja Nag	Synthesis and Characterization of Magnetic Contrast Agent Liposomes for Biomedical Imaging Applications	Glenbrook
4:00 PM	BB	Trini Ochoa	Revisiting Classical Definitions of Hemagglutinin Antigenic Sites Using Different H1N1 Strains	Aspen II
4:00 PM	AB	Remington Rimple	Evaluating the Efficacy of Silk Sponge Patches for In Vivo Repair of the Heart Following Myocardial Infarction Using Immunohistochemistry	Glen III
4:00 PM	BB	Krystal Roggerson	Investigating the Effects of Hepatitis C Virus-induced Exosomes on T Cells	Aspen I
4:00 PM	BB	Ololade Sanusi	Study of Novel and Ultra Rare Arrhythmogenic Gene Variants in Sudden Unexplained Deaths	Glen I
4:00 PM	ES	Courtney Scott	Plant Species Composition on Recent Landslides on the Front Range of Colorado: Relationship Between Soil Status and Plant Characteristics	Springdale I
4:00 PM	PE	Tamrin Stewart	Black President, Continued Black Suffering: Predicting African-American Political Behavior in the Post-Obama Era	Cove I
4:00 PM	BB	James Wondra	Determining the Role of LXR Alpha/Beta in Newly Recruited Macrophages During Atherosclerosis Regression	Elm I
4:45 PM	BB	Ruka Aderogba	Screening for Genetic Suppressors of a C. elegans Model of ALS	Aspen II
4:45 PM	BB	Diana Arroyo	Counting Gonadotropin-Releasing Hormone Neurons in the Brains of Different Mouse Strains	Long Ridge
4:45 PM	AB	Oluwatomiwa Awobayiku	The Role of Focal Adhesion Kinase (FAK) in Pancreatic Cancer	Aspen I
4:45 PM	HU	Hannah Basta	Julia's Nuptials: Free, Freed, and Slave Marriage in Late Fifth-Century Roman Law	Waterside
4:45 PM	SS	Clair Beltran	Fields of Difference: Differences in Usage and Perception of Urban Park Spaces	Cove I
4:45 PM	AB	Nikaela Bryan	Fluorinated Bromothymol Blue: A Cerenkov- Absorbing Molecular Probe for In-Vitro pH Measurement of Tumor Microenvironment	Glen I
4:45 PM	HU	Juliana Cruz Martínez	Allophones in the Parallel Shift of /uw/ and /ow/ in the Philadelphia Dialect	Springdale I

4:45 PM	AB	Julie Dorland	Radiation Modulates Inflammation and Immunity in Aged Trp53 Null Mammary Carcinogenesis	Glen III
4:45 PM	HU	August Jenkins	Content and Context Limitations with University Level International Students: Reader's Gender, Topic Knowledge and Comprehension	Belltown
4:45 PM	AB	Sarah Keltz	Colocalization of NMDA Receptor and Prion Protein in Mouse Primary Hippocampal Neurons	High Ridge
4:45 PM	BB	Lindsey Lopes	Identifying Neuropeptides Regulating C. Elegans Sleep	Glenbrook
4:45 PM	BB	Logan Northcutt	Manipulating Chemokines and TBF-Beta to Enhance Neutrophil Killing and Reduce Metastasis	Alder
4:45 PM	PE	Victoria Ochoa	Latinos and the Media	Springdale II
4:45 PM	BB	Chimdiya Onwukwe	Exploring Nicotine Induced Aversion in Projections from the Interpenduncular Nucleus to the Dorsal Raphe Nucleus	Elm II
4:45 PM	BB	Thibaut Pardo	Behavioral Effects of a Novel Kappa Opioid Receptor Antagonist, LY2444296	Westover
4:45 PM	SS	Debanjan Roychoudhury	All Eyez on Me: Surveillance and Policing in West Harlem's Neighborhood of Hamilton Heights	Cove II
4:45 PM	AB	Saidah Wright	Effects of GABA(B) Agonist Baclofen on Locomotor Activity and Anxiety in a Mouse Model of Fragile X Syndrome	Elm I
4:45 PM	BB	Vladislav Zhitny	The Role of Matrix Metalloproteinase 23 (MMP-23)in T-cell Effector Memory Responses to Melanoma	Glen II
5:00 PM	AB	Denise Aquino	Targeting the Cancer Stem Cell Population in Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma with BET and MEK Inhibitors	Glen II
5:00 PM	BB	Tim Barry	Novel Suppressor Inhibits G-protein Coupled Receptor Signaling in Serotonergic Neurons	Elm II
5:00 PM	AB	Victor Bayona	Mediation of Chemoresistance by ALOX5 in Acute Myeloid Leukemia	Glen III
5:00 PM	BB	Stephanie Capsuto	The Role of Cav 1.3 L-type Ca2+ Channels in Cocaine-induced Activation of CREB. CaMKIIg Translocation to the Nucleus to Activate CREB	Westover
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5:00 PM	HU	Kerwin Holmes Jr.	Popular Ethics: Southern Christians and Slave Theology, 1830-1861	Waterside
5:00 PM	SS	Felipe Huicochea	Perceptions of Mexican Restaurants in Yelp Reviews	Cove II

5:00 PM	HU	Oscar Hurtado	Mission Gentrification: Finding Spatial Meaningfulness and Cultural Identity in San Francisco	Cove I
5:00 PM	AB	Tiarra Joell	Defining Asthma Pathology Associated with Airway Acidification Through a Molecular Window of the Ovarian Cancer G Protein-Coupled Receptor 1	Glen I
5:00 PM	BB	Rody Kingston	The Cellular Mechanisms Underlying the Effects of the Tail Suspension Test	Long Ridge
5:00 PM	AB	Kiara McDaniel	Development of Melanoma 3D-Organoids: A New Preclinical Model for the Understanding and Treatment of Melanoma	Aspen I
5:00 PM	AB	Maria Navarro	Striatal Gene Expression Changes Associated with Sex-Specific Behavioral Deficits in Mouse Models of Autism	Elm I
5:00 PM	SS	Christopher Persaud	Social Science Research, Media Response, and Moral Judgment: Content Analysis of News Articles on the "LaCour Scandal"	Springdale II
5:00 PM	SS	Heidi Williams	Scaling Up Social Belonging Interventions	Springdale I
5:00 PM	BB	Habib Zahir	The Role of Ubiquitin Inclusions in Post-Ischemic Brain Tissue/Neurons	Glenbrook
5:15 PM	BB	Nicolas Balbi	Ultrasound Molecular Imaging for the Quantification of Endothelial Cell Receptor Expression During Tumor Angiogenesis	Glen I
5:15 PM	HU	Amanda Bennett	Body Politics: Examining African American Social Invisibility Through Slave Burial Grounds and the Pre-Texts Reading Program	Waterside
5:15 PM	AB	Patrick Bruck	Development of Neoantigen-Specific Vaccines for Pancreatic Cancer	Aspen I
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5:15 PM	AB	Nayib Gloria	Electrophysiological Responses to Decreased Contrast Sensitivity and Different Pattern Reversal Rates	Westover
5:15 PM	HU	Ahmad Greene-Hayes	Black Women's and Men's Legacies and Activism: Legal Discourse and Literary Interventions Against Sexual Violence, 1990-present	Springdale II
5:15 PM	HU	Tabatha Holley	Black Women Negotiating 'Ratchet' Politics in the Southern U.S.	Belltown
5:15 PM	BB	Jasmine Kaur	Prostaglandin J2 alters Amyloid Precursor Protein (APP) Localization and Trafficking: Relevance to Alzheimers Disease	Aspen II
5:15 PM	BB	Lesia Liao	Sex Differences in Anxiety-Like Behavior in Response to a Synthetic Cannabinoid	Elm I
5:15 PM	BB	Christopher Lites	Effects of Epigallocatechin Gallate on Astrocyte Activation In METH-induced Toxicity	Elm II

5:15 PM	AB	Chloe Lopez-Lee	The Influence of Estrogen Receptor Alpha on Hippocampal Phosphorylated TrkB Synaptic Plasticity	High Ridge
5:15 PM	PE	Syeda Malliha	What Factors Influence Public Opinion on Natural Disasters?	Springdale I
5:15 PM	SS	Michael Menefee	Criminal Records, Race, and the Search for Work	Cove II
5:15 PM	AB	Ari Morgenstern	AMIGO2 is a Novel Therapeutic Target in Melanoma	Glen III
5:15 PM	BB	Ron Nwumeh	The Role of TERT Promotor Mutations in Oncogenesis	Glen II
5:15 PM	BB	Julian Segert	Determination of the Downstream Ras Effector Pathway in C. elegans Neuroblast Delamination	Glenbrook
5:15 PM	AB	Jasmine Towns	Investigating Neuronal and Microglial Characteristics on Platinum Bulk Metallic Glasses	Long Ridge
5:30 PM	AB	Jackson Allen	Modeling Secondary AML Through In vitro Characterizations of Combined IDH and JAK-STAT Activation Mutations	Glen I
5:30 PM	AB	David Bunn	Nucleoside Analogues Activated by Adenosine Kinase for the Treatment of Primary Effusion Lymphoma and Multiple Myeloma	Aspen I
5:30 PM	AB	Kelsey Gallant	Determining the Mechanism of Resistance to Akt Inhibitors in Breast Cancer	Glen III
5:30 PM	SS	Isaiah Gibson	Just(us) and the Black Church: A Case Study of Social Justice in Harlem's St. Luke AME Church	Waterside
5:30 PM	HU	Jeremy Glover	Blurred Understandings and Interpretations: A Queer Reading of Two Women in Chaucer's <i>Canterbury Tales</i>	Belltown
5:30 PM	AB	Erin Hollander	Tau Immunotherapy for Alzheimer's Disease: Analyzing the Effects of Single and Multiple Epitope Vaccines on Astrocytes and Microglia	Long Ridge
5:30 PM	AB	Chibuokem Ikwuazom	SSRIs Upregulate Expression of 5-HT1A Receptor mRNA in the Dentate Gyrus of Major Depression Disorder Patients	Elm I
5:30 PM	BB	Jihane Jadi	Labeling Autophagosomes with Fluorescent Markers to Investigate Autophagy in Neurons of C. Elegans	Glenbrook
5:30 PM	BB	Paige Leary	Clarifying Phenotypes of Glass Target Genes in Drosophila Photoreceptor Differentiation	Westover
5:30 PM	BB	Katherine Lopez	BDNF Prodomain Polymorphism Val66Met Induces Neuronal Changes	Elm II
5:30 PM	HU	Kayla Pinson	The Narrow Path to Justice: Amnesty and Memory in Post Apartheid South Africa	Cove I
5:30 PM	BB	Osvaldo Rivera	Roles of BRCA2 and SLX4 in Replication-Stress- Induced Genomic Break Sites	Alder
5:30 PM	SS	Madelene Santizo	Eres lo que Comes: Ethnic Restaurants and the (Re)production of Cultural Identities in Upper Manhattan	Cove II

5:30 PM	SS	Rasaan Turner	Millennial Musings: The Influence of Racial/Ethnic Identity on Music Consumption Behaviors Among the "Millennial" Generation	Springdale II
5:30 PM	BB	Donte' Verrill-Huffman	Nonluminance-Mediated Changes in Pupil Diameter and its Relationship with Synchronized Neural Firing	High Ridge
5:30 PM	AB	Ashley Viera-Ortiz	Biochemical and Molecular Analysis of Subcellular Fractions of ALS/FTD Brains	Aspen II
5:30 PM	BB	Brandyn White	Characterization of SETD2's Catalytic Domain Mutations Implicated in Kidney Renal Clear Cell Carcinoma	Glen II
5:45 PM	AB	Jeffrey Boakye	Anticancer Activity of Novel DCLK1 Inhibitors in Neuroblastoma Cells	Glen III
5:45 PM	SS	Iliana De Santis	The Expansion of Comida Chatarra: An Analysis on Diet Change in Mexico	Cove II
5:45 PM	HU	Taylor Evans	"We Are Here and We Will Not Be Silenced": Conflict, Resistance, and the Role of Transgender Women of Color during the Gay Liberation Movement, 1969-1974	Waterside
5:45 PM	HU	Cassandra Flores-Montano	Esta Cafe: Brown Berets, Gender, and the State	Belltown
5:45 PM	BB	Jenna Freund	Elucidating Rab7 and Actomyosin Interactions in Schwann Cell Development and Myelination	Glenbrook
5:45 PM	AB	Hector Galvez	Mitochondrial Mass and Function in Breast Cancer: Significance for Cancer Subtyping and Treatment	Alder
5:45 PM	AB	Wisberty Gordian Velez	In vitro Synaptogenesis in Micro-Tissue Engineered Neural Networks	Elm II
5:45 PM	HU	JoVaun Holmes	African Modernism? Gauging the Intersection of Race, Modernist Art Historical Studies, and the Idea of Authenticity	Springdale II
5:45 PM	AB	Aaron Hudson	An Analysis of the Interaction Between Obesity and Measures Predicting Prostate Cancer-Free Survival	Glen I
5:45 PM	AB	Tiara Lacey	CaMKII Alpha Expression Patterns in the Mouse Ventral Tegmental Area	Long Ridge
5:45 PM	BB	Grace Milburn	Investigating the Role of CXCR4 in T-Cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia	Glen II
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5:45 PM	AB	Phillip Stephens	Does Chemotherapy-induced Peripheral Neuropathy Affect Different Sensory Neuron Subtypes?	Aspen I
5:45 PM	AB	Kelly Tellez	Restoration of Neuropeptide Y Signaling in Mice Overexpressing Amyloid Precursor Protein	Aspen II
5:45 PM	AB	Andres Villegas	Role of a Cell Cycle Regulator in Subcortical Parvalbumin Interneurons: Implication for Schizophrenia	Elm I

# **Oral Presentations by Room**

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Evan Brooks	Characterization of Tissue Mineralization Defects in Fin Rays of Zebrafish Mutants	11:15 AM
Natasha Navejar	A Kinematic Analysis of Reaching in the Naturally Foraging Common Marmoset (Callithrix jacchus)	11:30 AM
Anna Morales	The Molecular Effects of In Utero Nicotine Exposure on C57BL/6 Mice and Their Progeny	11:45 AM
Daniel Tirado	Diurnal CORT Circulation Influences Conditioned Fear Extinction Learning and Fear Renewal	12:00 PM
Daniel Perez	Analyzing the Effects of Parental Dietary Stressors on Embryonic Development in C. Elegans	12:15 PM
Joanna Hurtado	Characterization of ER Stress Mediated ARPE Cell Death Triggered by Lipofuscin Bisretinoid A2E	12:30 PM
Stephany Caicedo	Understanding the Interaction Between Anthrax Lethal Factor and MAP Kinase Kinase Substrates	2:45 PM
Daymond Parrilla	Monitoring Plk4 Kinase Activity in Living Cells	3:00 PM
Andrew Hart	Molecular Dissection of the Complement-like Pathway in Anopheles Mosquitoes	3:15 PM
Emmanuella Egbonim	Optimization of PCR for Oxalobacter Formigenes Group 2	3:30 PM
Keishla Figueroa Colón	Micro RNA-93 Targets IRF9 to Regulate Macrophage Polarization	3:45 PM
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# Aspen I, AB/BB

Sarah Seto	Nucleolar Response and DNA Damage after Exportin-1 Inhibition	11:15 AM
Cipriano Zuluaga	Determining the Role of Nucleolar Factors in Replication of DNA Viruses	11:30 AM
Camila Villasante	Sequence Preference of the Human DNA Transposase PGBD5	11:45 AM
Rahul Sharma	Characterizing Novel Interactors of the Sin3B Complex and Their Roles in Transformation	12:00 PM
Noah Bloch	Regulation of RAG2 Protein in Response to DNA Damage	12:15 PM
Matheus Martins	Engineering a Selective DNA Sequestration Platform for Biomolecular Nanotechnology	12:30 PM
Ezekiel Bello	Entry Coreceptor use by SIV from Mustached Monkey, the Ancestor of HIV-1	2:45 PM
Assama Ketegou	The Effects of Pediatric SIV Infection on Neurogenesis	3:00 PM
Ambar Cajigas Hernandez	SIV Infection of Pigtail Macaque Monocytes-Derived Macrophages Induces Heme Oxygenase-1 Expression	3:15 PM
Julia Heinze	Models for Herpes Simplex Virus Infection Using Human Embryonic Stem Cell Derived Neurons	3:30 PM
Camilla Castro	Characterizing the Role of Herpes Simplex Virus Type 1 Protein Kinase Us3 in Regulating mRNA Translation	3:45 PM

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Canessa Swanson	Characterization of linc-RNA Gas5 Binding Affinity to Glucocorticoid Receptor Through Mutagenesis	11:15 AM
Grace McKenzie-Smith	Antigen Development for Human and Mouse CENP-A and CENP-C	11:30 AM
Pineal Bekere	The Role of K63-Linked Ubiquitination in Telomere Cohesion	11:45 AM
Patrick Griffin	ZBTB24: A Novel Protein Linking Pericentromeric Heterochromatinization to Centromeric Instability	12:00 PM
Sara Haile	The Mystery Proteins of SCCmec Type V	12:15 PM
Kiana Annunziata	Roles of Ubiquitination and Deubiquitination in the Regulation of the DNA Damage Recognition Factor XPC	12:30 PM
Shirley Jusino	Role of the Human Parainfluenza Virus type 3 Fusion Machinery in Viral Growth in the Natural Host	2:45 PM
Tomaz Manzoni	Modeling Interactions Between APOBEC3G and HIV Vif Polymorphs In Vivo	3:00 PM
Marilyn Vasquez	Identifying Genetic Regulators of the LukAB Toxin in Staphylococcus Aureus	3:15 PM
Philip Frasse	GlpQ- and Pce-Dependent Interactions Between Streptococcus pneumoniae and Haemophilus influenzae	3:30 PM
Andrew Thompson	Identification of Cellular Factors That Restrict ChiKV Replication	3:45 PM
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# Belltown, HU/PE/SS

Andrea Penman-Lomeli	Bodies that Work: Citizenship and the Rendering of Chicana/o Identity in Tomas Rivera's "y no se lo trago la tierra"	11:15 AM
Jasmine Kirby	Challenging Racist Assumptions of Biological Origins of Violence and the Ethics of Human Experimentation on Marginalized Populations: The UCLA Violence Research Controversy 1972-1974	11:30 AM
Ouma Amadou	Constructing (Black) Girlhood: Assimilation, Americanization, or Ambivalence	11:45 AM
Thuy Tran	The Vietnam/American War: Representation of the Enemy in Literature	12:00 PM

Adaeze Okoli	Migration in the Rainbow Nation: A Look at Internal Migration in South Africa 20 Years Post-Apartheid	12:15 PM
Cheswayo Mphanza	Tha Block Is Hot: Gwendolyn Brooks' Black Aesthetic	12:30 PM
Elyce Williams	The Effects of Unconscious Awareness on Size-Depth Visual Illusions	2:45 PM
Anthony Longoria	Investigating the molecular Pathways of Methamphetamine Impact on Hippocampal- Dependent Spatial Memory Performance	3:00 PM
Aerielle Ferreira	The Role of Prison Based Substance Abuse Treatment Programs in Preventing Post- Incarceration Substance Use	3:15 PM
Hailey Egido-Betancourt	Neuroimaging and Negative Valence Conditioned Inhibition Studies of the Habenula	3:30 PM
Nadira Yusif	Interference Effect on Visuomotor Rotational Adaptation and Recall	3:45 PM
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Gabriela Barrios	Varying Narratives: Traumatic Memory and Subversion in Nellie Campobello's <i>Cartucho</i>	11:15 AM
Olivia Carpenter	(Re-)Examining Literacies: Native Authors of Early American Literature	11:30 AM
Joel Rhone	Surveillance, Policing, and the Politics of Space in Superman Comic Books	11:45 AM
Arielle Irizarry	Disassembling Logic With Historical Context and Feeling in 20th to 21st Century Literature	12:00 PM
Alyssa Zannella	Poverty in U.S. Fiction	12:15 PM
Nasib McIntosh	Some Vaster, Mightier Thing: Representations of Intimacy in Afrofuturist Literature	12:30 PM
Courtney Cooper	The Power of Social Class in Relationship Outlook	2:45 PM
Adrienne Scott	American Perceptions of Welfare Policy and the Welfare Queen: An Analysis of Generosity Before and After the Great Recession	3:00 PM
Jeremy Pagan	From Stereotype Threat To Violence: The Focus On Police & Demonstrators During A "Perfect Storm"	3:15 PM
Andrea Baltazar	Personality and Demographic Characteristics of Dropouts in a Longitudinal Study	3:30 PM
Ana Maldonado	Intimate Partner Violence: The Effects of Perpetrator Characteristics on Treatment Engagement and Outcome	3:45 PM
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Brittanie Lewis	The Iranian Woman in the Chador: Symbolic Representation of Nationhood in the 1970s	11:15 AM	
Lindsey Burgess	The Effects of Neo-Colonialism on Late 20th Century Drug Trafficking in Nigeria	11:30 AM	
Matthew Fairchild	Civil War and Reconstruction Historiography: A Shift in Perspective	11:45 AM	
Jonatan Perez	Closing the Door: LULAC and the Exclusion of Mexican Immigrants in San Antonio, Texas During the Great Depression	12:00 PM	
Cynthia Marrero-Ramos	El Diablito Subternneo: Hidden Knowledge, Public Power, and the Abaku Society in Colonial Cuba	12:15 PM	
Sam Trejo	Foreign Aid, Fire-Arms, and Civil War	12:30 PM	
Beverlin Del Rosario	The Relationship Between Sleep Disturbances and Emotion Dysregulation in Self-Harm Behavior	2:45 PM	
Aja Evans	Learning and Transfer of Sequential Task Control Policies	3:00 PM	
Jamal Thorne	The Effects of Phrasing, Visualization, and Spatial Ability on Bayesian Reasoning	3:15 PM	
Celia Ford	Status Judgments as a Function of the Interaction Between Facial Dominance and Social Context	3:30 PM	
Blanca Ramirez	Is Adolescent Intimate Partner Violence a Learned Behavior? Insights from the Fragile Families Study	3:45 PM	
Andrea Hernández-Vega	The Association of Methamphetamine Abuse and Poor Cognitive Flexibility in a Sample of Gay and Bisexual Men	4:00 PM	
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Rebecca Arteaga	Understanding the Amino Acid Requirements of a Simple Transmembrane	11:15 AM
Rebecca Arteaga	Oncoprotein	11.15 AM
Gerardo Reyes Chavez	Logistics of the Vitellogenin and Yolk Proteins in the Sea Star, Patiria miniata	11:30 AM
Tara Ramirez	Expression Screening of TRP Channels for Structural and Biochemical Studies	11:45 AM
Amelia Hallworth	Characterizing Forkhead Binding Specificity	12:00 PM
Rolando Garza	Phosphatidylinositol Phosphate Facilitates the TIPE:Pleckstrin Homology-Domain Protein-Protein Interaction	12:15 PM
Jonuelle Acosta	Should I Stay or Should I Go: Screening for Regulators of Mitochondrial Motility	12:30 PM
Akinola Sogunro	Dendritic Cell Migration Within the Spleen Regulates the Induction of Red Blood Cell Alloimmunization	2:45 PM
Kajal Patel	Investigating the contribution of FIS to stress response and virulence in Yersinia	3:00 PM
Luis Cortina	Fatty Acid Oxidation Regulates Metabolic Adaptation to Low Glucose in Primary Human T-Cells	3:15 PM
Andrea Guzman	Synthesis and Characterization of Thermally Sensitive Liposomes for Targeted Drug Delivery	3:30 PM
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Couger Jaramillo	The Ins and Outs of Calreticulin Induction of ECM	11:30 AM
Victor Martinez	Examining the Sub-Cellular Localization of the Ajuba Protein in Human Cells	11:45 AM
Felipe Anguiano	Suppressor Analysis of Cold Sensitive Mutations in the ATPase Prp43p	12:00 PM
Alissa DiMasi	The Effects of miR-138 on Nicotine Consumption and Preference	12:15 PM
Porfirio Fernandez	Characterization of miRNA Expression Profile Modified by a- Conotoxin in Chronic Constriction Injury Rat Model	12:30 PM
Erlyana Clarke	Interleukin-25-Activated Innate Lymphoid Cells in Sepsis	2:45 PM
Edgar Carlo	Endothelial Cell Barrier Lost by Angiopoietin 2 Levels in Indirect Acute Lung Injury Induced by Sepsis and Hemorrhage in Lung, Kidney and Liver Tissues	3:00 PM
Chiamaka Ani	The Role of Stat6 in Altering the Microbiota During Helminth Infection	3:15 PM
Juliana Nzongo	Genetic Screen of Novel Vibrio Cholerae Factors Involved in Biofilm Dispersal During Infection	3:30 PM
Mateo Hernandez	Intracellular Vesicular Interactions during Salmonella Infection	3:45 PM
Emily Linton	Analysis of Helicobacter pylori Growth and Protein Secretion under Multiple Culture Conditions	4:00 PM
Chimdiya Onwukwe	Exploring Nicotine Induced Aversion in Projections from the Interpenduncular Nucleus to the Dorsal Raphe Nucleus	4:45 PM
Tim Barry	Novel Suppressor Inhibits G-protein Coupled Receptor Signaling in Serotonergic Neurons	5:00 PM
Christopher Lites	Effects of Epigallocatechin Gallate on Astrocyte Activation In METH-induced Toxicity	5:15 PM
Katherine Lopez	BDNF Prodomain Polymorphism Val66Met Induces Neuronal Changes	5:30 PM
Wisberty Gordian Velez	In vitro Synaptogenesis in Micro-Tissue Engineered Neural Networks	5:45 PM

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Chih Ching Wu	CRISPR Knockout Tandem Gene Pairs in Arabidopsis	11:15 AM
Gabriela Canales	En'Cas'ing the Stress: Engineering a Human Cell Line Knockout of Heat Shock Response Coordinator Genes Using CRISPR Cas9 System	11:30 AM
Libere Ndacayisaba	Exploring miRNA Silencing Mechanisms Using Machine Learning Algorithms to Discover Biologically-Relevant Pathway Nodes	11:45 AM
Marcos Ayala Rivera	Characterizing the Molecular Mechanisms of Diabetes by Using CRISPRs/CAS9	12:00 PM
Julie Trolle	Generating a CRISPRi System to Study the Function of lncRNAs in AML	12:15 PM
Cassandra Sunga	Determining the Basis of UV Crosslinking Between Lin28 and let-7 miRNA	12:30 PM
Mauricio Isaac	The Role of Lipid Phosphatase SHIP In Skeletal Development	2:45 PM

Giovanni Calixte	Chondrogenesis Deficiency in Matrilin-1 Knock-out Mice	3:00 PM
Prisca Obi	Characterization of Murine Model of Osteogenesis Imperfecta Type VII in CRTAP Deficient Male Mice	3:15 PM
Evelyn Campbell	The Influence of Interferon Stimulated Genes Ifi44 and Ifi27l2a on the Thermogenic Capacity of Brown Adipocytes	3:30 PM
Hamilton Green	Understanding the Role of the Metabolite Sensors YpdAB and YehUT in Uropathogenic Escherichia coli Adherence and Biofilm Formation	3:45 PM
Ololade Sanusi	Study of Novel and Ultra Rare Arrhythmogenic Gene Variants in Sudden Unexplained Deaths	4:00 PM
Nikaela Bryan	Fluorinated Bromothymol Blue: A Cerenkov-Absorbing Molecular Probe for In-Vitro pH Measurement of Tumor Microenvironment	4:45 PM
Tiarra Joell	Defining Asthma Pathology Associated with Airway Acidification Through a Molecular Window of the Ovarian Cancer G Protein-Coupled Receptor 1	5:00 PM
Nicolas Balbi	Ultrasound Molecular Imaging for the Quantification of Endothelial Cell Receptor Expression During Tumor Angiogenesis	5:15 PM
Jackson Allen	Modeling Secondary AML Through In vitro Characterizations of Combined IDH and JAK-STAT Activation Mutations	5:30 PM
Aaron Hudson	An Analysis of the Interaction Between Obesity and Measures Predicting Prostate Cancer-Free Survival	5:45 PM

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Philip Adejumo	Application of Pattern-Mixture Models for Missing Data in Longitudinal Studies	11:15 AM
Lester Dela Cruz	Defining a Non-coding RNA Transcriptome: Applying Hidden Markov Model (HMM) to Define the Non-coding Areas of a Genome	11:30 AM
Michael Pineda	Geospatial Characterization Of Distinct Metagenomic Landscapes	11:45 AM
Geena Ildefonso	Mathematical Modeling of the NF-kB Signaling Pathway Using PySB	12:00 PM
Huong Tang	Mass Spectrometric Analysis of De novo Assembled Transcriptomes	12:15 PM
Chrystal Thomas	Shooting Blanks: Optimizing Mass Spectrometery Metabolomics Methods via Analysis of Injection Blank Effects	12:30 PM
Binh Nguyen	Studying the Localization and Dynamics of Adherens Junction Proteins in Epithelial Cells Under Force	2:45 PM
Laura Ritenour	Probing the Role of Adipocyte mTORC2 in Whole-Body Metabolism and Cold- Induced Thermogenesis	3:00 PM
David Molina	Area-level Determinants of Blood Pressure Across the Life Course	3:15 PM
Lauren Caton	Predictors of Weight Loss Magnitude in Johns Hopkins Weight Management Center Patients	3:30 PM
Kiara Berrios	eNOS-derived Nitric Oxide Regulates Lipid Metabolites in Restricted Diet	3:45 PM
Arnaldo Mercado-Perez	Metabolic Flux Analysis of Obesity-Associated Inflammation	4:00 PM
Vladislav Zhitny	The Role of Matrix Metalloproteinase 23 (MMP-23) in T-cell Effector Memory Responses to Melanoma	4:45 PM
Denise Aquino	Targeting the Cancer Stem Cell Population in Pancreatic Ductal Adenocarcinoma with BET and MEK Inhibitors	5:00 PM
Ron Nwumeh	The Role of TERT Promotor Mutations in Oncogenesis	5:15 PM
Brandyn White	Characterization of SETD2's Catalytic Domain Mutations Implicated in Kidney Renal Clear Cell Carcinoma	5:30 PM
Grace Milburn	Investigating the Role of CXCR4 in T-Cell Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia	5:45 PM

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Kelly Fogelson	The Role of Potential LXR Associated Factors Identified by Mass Spectrometry on LXR Mediated Gene Transcription	11:15 AM
Amorette Sanchez-Valdenegro	Modeling the Distribution of ChIP Pol II Along a Gene	11:30 AM
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Abigail Shilvock	Examining the Mechanism of ADAR1 Mediated ISG Regulation	12:00 PM
Diana Aponte Colon	Role of Epigenetic Proteins in Maintaining Programs of Endothelial Cell Gene Expression Under Basal Conditions	12:15 PM
Ricardo Perez Dulzaides	TET Enzyme Variants as Tools to Understand Cytosine Epigenetic Modifications	12:30 PM
Jermaine Wilson	Fabricate Patient-Specific Left Atrial Appendage (LAA) from a Silicone Elastomer 3D	2:45 PM
Sierra Atwater	Influence of Substrate Stiffness on Cardiomyocyte Behavior	3:00 PM
Patrick Donegan	The Role of Smooth Muscle Cell Mineralocorticoid Receptor in Cardiac Aging and Atrial Fibrillation	3:15 PM
Gabrielle Akcelik	qPCR Validation of Asthma-Associated Genes Differentially Expressed in Airway Smooth Muscle Cells in Response to IL-13 and IL-17	3:30 PM
Maurice Whalen, Jr.	Does the Arterial Natriuretic Peptide Attenuate Agonist-Induced Pulmonary Edema Through Natriuretic Peptide Receptor-C?	3:45 PM
Remington Rimple	Evaluating the Efficacy of Silk Sponge Patches for In Vivo Repair of the Heart Following Myocardial Infarction Using Immunohistochemistry	4:00 PM
Julie Dorland	Radiation Modulates Inflammation and Immunity in Aged Trp53 Null Mammary Carcinogenesis	4:45 PM
Victor Bayona	Mediation of Chemoresistance by ALOX5 in Acute Myeloid Leukemia	5:00 PM
Ari Morgenstern	AMIGO2 is a Novel Therapeutic Target in Melanoma	5:15 PM
Kelsey Gallant	Determining the Mechanism of Resistance to Akt Inhibitors in Breast Cancer	5:30 PM
Jeffrey Boakye	Anticancer Activity of Novel DCLK1 Inhibitors in Neuroblastoma Cells	5:45 PM

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Monique McClain	Lagrangian Coherent Structures in High-Speed Premixed Turbulent Reacting Flows	11:15 AM
Alexis Clavijo	Development of Nanosphere Lithography for Nanomagnetism	11:30 AM
Valeria Aucapina	Growth of Nanorod Arrays with Controlled Geometries	11:45 AM
Itza Beltran	The Effect of Vacuum Level and Water Charge on the Performance of Ultra-Thin Thermal Ground Planes	12:00 PM
Ann Brasacchio	Suzuki-Miyaura Cross-Coupling of Aryl Sulfamates with Aryl Boronic Acids using Nickel Catalysts	12:15 PM
Samantha Walker	Cryogenic Testing for BICEP3	12:30 PM
Armand Ngassam	Treatment of Water with Modified MFI Zeolites and UV Radiation	2:45 PM
Elena Malloy	On the Study of Discriminants and Resultants of Polynomials over Finite Fields	3:00 PM
Yauheniya Lahoda	Augmenting the Edge Connectivity of Planar Straight Line Graphs to Two	3:15 PM

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Shermaine Hutchins	Corroborating the Involvement of Polymerace Beta in Non-Homologous End Joining via DNA Basic Local Alignment Search Tool	3:30 PM
Linda Egbosiuba	Determination of GCH1 Copy Number Variation in Field Samples from Nigeria	3:45 PM

Saparja Nag	Synthesis and Characterization of Magnetic Contrast Agent Liposomes for Biomedical Imaging Applications	4:00 PM
Lindsey Lopes	Identifying Neuropeptides Regulating C. Elegans Sleep	4:45 PM
Habib Zahir	The Role of Ubiquitin Inclusions in Post-Ischemic Brain Tissue/Neurons	5:00 PM
Julian Segert	Determination of the Downstream Ras Effector Pathway in C. elegans Neuroblast Delamination	5:15 PM
Jihane Jadi	Labeling Autophagosomes with Fluorescent Markers to Investigate Autophagy in Neurons of C. Elegans	5:30 PM
Jenna Freund	Elucidating Rab7 and Actomyosin Interactions in Schwann Cell Development and Myelination	5:45 PM

# High Ridge, EN/PS

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Jessica Murdzek	Atomically Flat BaSnO3 Surface as a Novel Substrate for Epitaxial Films Growth	11:15 AM
Tyler Dunbar	Carbon Dioxide Conversion Using Reduced Graphene Oxide as a Support for Single- atom Metal Catalysts	11:30 AM
Michael Onyszczak	A Schrodinger-Poisson Solver for Oxide Interfaces	11:45 AM
Priscilla Torres	Single Atom Catalyst for Solar Fuel Production	12:00 PM
Alberto Ortiz	Synthesis of a Superlattice and LaNiO3 and Effect of Oxygen Annealing	12:15 PM
Jonathan Ueki	Characterizing the Force Between Z3 Strings	12:30 PM

# High Ridge, AB/BB

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Brandon Hart	The Effects of EphB2 and EphrinB2 Knockouts with CRISPR/Cas9 in Spermatogonial2Stem Cell Maintenance	
Kemi Akinnola	Generation of Lin28 Human Embryonic Stem Cell Reporter Line Using CRISPR3:00Technique	
Jaqueline Serrano	Using Human Embryonic Stem Cells to Recapitulate Skin Development	3:15 PM
Rebecca Plessel	Identifying Self-Renewal Factors That Maintain Stem Cells in Drosophila Testes	3:30 PM
Ehiremen Iyoha	The Role of SDF1B in the Development of the Hypobronchial Artery in Zebrafish	3:45 PM
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Jared Mitchell	Sharpening the Image of the Universe 11	
Ayanna Jones	Dynamics of Habitable Planets in the Triple-Star System Alpha Centauri	11:30 AM
Ashley Chontos	Simulations of Detectability of Extrasolar Planets for Future Space Mission WFIRST	11:45 AM
Zaire Wade	The Energy Saving Potential of Reduced Accuracy Computation On Mobile Systems	12:00 PM
Malik Hayes	Efforts Towards Maximum Performance Distributed Computation with Limited Power Budgets	12:15 PM
Andria Palmer	Radiation Modeling in GEO and Jupiter Radiation Environments	12:30 PM

# Long Ridge AB/BB 2:45 pm - 5:45 pm

Mariyah Pressley	Antibacterial Effects of Substrate Composition	2:45 PM
Swathi Penumutchu	Impact of Antibiotics on Horizontal Gene Transfer in Vibrio Cholerae	3:00 PM
Monica Thapaliya	Role of Vitamin A Metabolism in Antimicrobial Response in Intestinal Paneth Cell	3:15 PM
Cesar Suarez	Testing the Efficacy of a Self-Assembling, Epitope-Based Vaccine That Was Designed3to Reduce Systematic Chronic Inflammation	
Hector Vargas-Acevedo	Role of agr Quorum Sensing Gene in the Induction of Staphylococcal Resistance to Antimicrobial Agents	3:45 PM
Rachel Brown	Examining the Role of p300 in Endotoxin Tolerance in Monocytes	4:00 PM
Diana Arroyo	Counting Gonadotropin-Releasing Hormone Neurons in the Brains of Different Mouse Strains	4:45 PM
Rody Kingston	The Cellular Mechanisms Underlying the Effects of the Tail Suspension Test	5:00 PM
Jasmine Towns	Investigating Neuronal and Microglial Characteristics on Platinum Bulk Metallic Glasses	5:15 PM
Erin Hollander	Tau Immunotherapy for Alzheimer's Disease: Analyzing the Effects of Single and Multiple Epitope Vaccines on Astrocytes and Microglia	5:30 PM
Tiara Lacey	CaMKII Alpha Expression Patterns in the Mouse Ventral Tegmental Area	5:45 PM

# Springdale I, ES/HU/PE/SS

Alina Scott	Research Toward a Comparison of Cherokee and Wampanoag Women's Antiremoval Petitioning	2:45 PM
Anthony Velázquez	The Faces of Puerto Rico: Public Perception of Phenotype and Experienced Identity	3:00 PM
Nnaemeka Ofodire	Challenges for Renewable Energy Implementation in Sub-Saharan Africa	3:15 PM
Aleena Khan	American Public Opinion of the United States' Standpoint on the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict	3:30 PM
Paulina Toro Isaza	Subnational Variation of Federal and Local State Capacity in Colombia	3:45 PM
Courtney Scott	Plant Species Composition on Recent Landslides on the Front Range of Colorado: Relationship Between Soil Status and Plant Characteristics	4:00 PM
Juliana Cruz Martínez	Allophones in the Parallel Shift of /uw/ and /ow/ in the Philadelphia Dialect	4:45 PM
Heidi Williams	Scaling Up Social Belonging Interventions	5:00 PM
Syeda Malliha	What Factors Influence Public Opinion on Natural Disasters?	5:15 PM
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# Springdale II HU/PE/SS

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Melissa Espinosa	What Influences Public Opinion on Immigrants and Immigration Policies?	2:45 PM
Mahmoud Jalloh	Reflections on Physics: Philosophy, the Limits of Reason, and the Human Perspective	3:00 PM
Alexander White	Agree to Disagree: Achieving Productive Moral Discussion in the Face of Controversy	3:15 PM
Jessica Heppler	Assessing the Value of Justice in Plato	3:30 PM
Victoria Ochoa	Latinos and the Media	4:45 PM
Christopher Persaud	Social Science Research, Media Response, and Moral Judgment: Content Analysis of News Articles on the "LaCour Scandal"	5:00 PM
Ahmad Greene-Hayes	Black Women's and Men's Legacies and Activism: Legal Discourse and Literary Interventions Against Sexual Violence, 1990-present	5:15 PM
Rasaan Turner	Millennial Musings: The Influence of Racial/Ethnic Identity on Music Consumption Behaviors Among the "Millennial" Generation	5:30 PM
JoVaun Holmes	African Modernism? Gauging the Intersection of Race, Modernist Art Historical Studies, and the Idea of Authenticity	5:45 PM
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Stephanie Matos	Cultures of Ethics in Engineering-for-Development (EfD) and Design-for- Development (DfD) University-Based Programs		
Malikia Johnson	Missing Lives: Diversifying Representations of African-American Women in Elementary Texts		
Brandon Enriquez	Who Should Help Underprepared Students? The Effects of Limiting Remediation to       11         Two-Year Colleges       11		
Tianjian Lai	What Counts as Bullying?: Ethnic and Gender Differences in Adolescents' Interpretations of Peer Victimization		
Amra Marshall	Social Support and Educational Attainment: The Pursuit of Academic Achievement in African American Male College Freshman		
Erik Ugalde	Common Core: The New Labyrinth	12:30 PM	
Lilybeth Shields	The Gaming Effect: Why the Members of the Puerto Rican Gaming Community Acquire English More Easily Than Their Peers		
Christopher Mendoza	First Impressions: A Prosodic Analysis of Interactional Style and Social Perception	3:00 PM	
Ariel Rosario	Examining the Effects of Divided Attention on Memory Retrieval After Different Learning Approaches		
Sarah Master	Trauma-Related Symptoms and Reduced Gray Matter Volume in the Ventral Anterior Cingulate Cortex	3:30 PM	

Kelvin De Leon	Ascending and Descending Alcohol Effects in Healthy Volunteers 3:45 PM	
Kiana Dash	Effect of Emotional State on Self Control in the Presence of Appetetive Cues 4:00 H	
Hannah Basta	Julia's Nuptials: Free, Freed, and Slave Marriage in Late Fifth-Century Roman Law 4:45 P	
Kerwin Holmes Jr.	Popular Ethics: Southern Christians and Slave Theology, 1830-1861	5:00 PM
Amanda Bennett	Body Politics: Examining African American Social Invisibility Through Slave Burial Grounds and the Pre-Texts Reading Program	5:15 PM
Isaiah Gibson	Just(us) and the Black Church: A Case Study of Social Justice in Harlem's St. Luke AME Church	5:30 PM
Taylor Evans	"We Are Here and We Will Not Be Silenced": Conflict, Resistance, and the Role of Transgender Women of Color during the Gay Liberation Movement, 1969-1974	5:45 PM

## Westover EN/PS

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Roy Anderson	Analyzing the Mechanical Properties of Three Polymer Based Vascular Grafts 11:15 AM	
Rachael Turner	Synthesis of a Seco-ring C Derivative of Stepholidine as a Potential Dopamine D3 Receptor Antagonist	11:30 AM
Salvador Montes	Measuring Dynamic Instability of Microtubules	11:45 AM
Isaiah Speight	Chemoenzymatic Synthesis of Functionalized Galactooligosaccharides.	12:00 PM
Carla Bezjian	Synthesis and Study of Bipyridal Troger's Base Complexes	12:15 PM
Mike Lopez	Fostering Scientific Identity in Underrepresented Minorities Through Informal Science Programs: The Role of PISEC	12:30 PM
Jason Hughes	Changes in Metallic Glass Thin Film Microstructures upon Annealing in Supercooled Liquid Region	2:45 PM
Amanda Ramdular	Diversity Oriented Synthesis of a Novel Benzannulated Spiroketal Screening Library	3:00 PM
Susie Lira-Gonzalez	Ethnographic Analysis of First-Year Engineering Design Teams and Senior Engineering Design Teams	3:15 PM
Stephanie Wyche	Size Dependence of Critical Heating and Cooling Rates in Bulk Metallic Glass Nano- rods	3:30 PM
Raymond Lopez-Rios	Hyperspectral Coherent Diffractive Imaging Using Ptychography	3:45 PM
Luis Duarte	Common Air Pollutants Impact Surface Proteins of Airborne Fungi and Pollens	4:00 PM

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Thibaut Pardo	Behavioral Effects of a Novel Kappa Opioid Receptor Antagonist, LY2444296	4:45 PM
Stephanie Capsuto	The Role of Cav 1.3 L-type Ca2+ Channels in Cocaine-induced Activation of CREB. CaMKIIg Translocation to the Nucleus to Activate CREB	5:00 PM
Nayib Gloria	Electrophysiological Responses to Decreased Contrast Sensitivity and Different Pattern Reversal Rates	5:15 PM
Paige Leary	Clarifying Phenotypes of Glass Target Genes in Drosophila Photoreceptor Differentiation	5:30 PM
Mario Rodriguez	Morphological and Behavioral Examination of Olfaction Recovery After Irritant Exposure in Mice	5:45 PM

# Poster Presentations by Name

### Osasumwen Aimiuwu, 3

- Presentation Title: Activational Differences of Orexin Neurons in Binge Eating Prone and Binge Eating Resistant Female Rats Research Mentor: Kimberlei Richardson
- Research Institution: Howard University
- Home Institution: UC Irvine
- Co-Authors: Kimberlei Richardson and Amber Kimble, Howard University; James Brown, Morehouse College

### Jasmine Alexander-Brookings, 66

Presentation Title: Analyzing Adolescent Attachment: The Association Between Peer Attachment and Youth's Relationships with Important Adults Research Mentor: Nancy Deutsch Research Institution: University of Virginia Home Institution: University of Connecticut Co-Authors: Nancy Deutsch, Valerie Futch and Shannon Varga, University of Virginia -Education Sciences

### Adriana Alire, 52

Presentation Title: Effects of DLGAP1 Gene Knockdown via shRNA in Autism Spectrum Disorders Research Mentor: Derek Dykxhoorn Research Institution: University of Miami Home Institution: New Mexico State University Co-Authors: Derek Dykxhoorn, University of Miami

### Christopher Animashaun, 30

Presentation Title: Chemotaxis of Pseudomonas Aeruginosa to Arginine Metabolism-Derived Compounds Research Mentor: Jane E. Hill Research Institution: Dartmouth College Home Institution: University of Maryland, Baltimore County Co-Authors: Theodore Mellors and Jane Hill,

Dartmouth College

### Brennan Boyle, 1

Presentation Title: The Role of ErbB2 and EGFR Kinase on Cardiac Hypertrophy Protein Expression Research Mentor: Kathleen Gabrielson Research Institution: Johns Hopkins University Home Institution: Boston College Co-Authors: Kathleen Gabrielson, Polina Sysa-Shah and Cullen Bray, Johns Hopkins University

### Alaysia Brown, 67

- Presentation Title: I Am Not My Hair: Experiences of Appearance-Related Harassment Within the Black Community
- Research Mentor: Patrick Tolan
- Research Institution: University of Virginia
- Home Institution: University of San Diego
- Co-Authors: Patrick Tolan and Joanna Lee Williams, University of Virginia - Education Sciences

### Amirah Burton, 9

Presentation Title: The Interaction of Pain Sensation, Age, and Weight with Locomotor Performance in Rats Following Thoracic Contusive Spinal Cord Injury
Research Mentor: Jeffrey Datto
Research Institution: University of Miami
Home Institution: North Carolina A&T State University
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### Robert Calco, 42

Presentation Title: Targeting of Arrhythmogenic Ion Channels by MicroRNA-365 Research Mentor: Peng Zhang Research Institution: Brown University Home Institution: Kalamazoo College Co-Authors: Peng Zhang and Nedyalka Valkov, Brown University

### Johnny Castillo, 24

Presentation Title: Tackling EGFR Inhibitor Resistance In Non Small Cell Lung Cancer

- Research Mentor: Feng Cong
- Research Institution: Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research
- Home Institution: Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research
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### Kurt Castro, 6

Presentation Title: Multiplexed Detection of Sexually Transmitted Diseases Based On Rolling Circle Amplification Research Mentor: Jeff Wang Research Institution: Johns Hopkins University Home Institution: George Washington University Co-Authors: Ye Zhang and Jeff Wang, Johns Hopkins University

### Blake Chancellor, 38

Presentation Title: Dissecting the Role of ABIN1 in Programmed Cell Death Research Mentor: Junying Yuan Research Institution: Harvard University, Division of Medical Sciences Home Institution: University of Tulsa Co-Authors: Slawomir A. Dziedzic and Zhenyi Su,

Harvard Medical School; Junying Yuan, Harvard University

### Lauren Christopher, 31

Presentation Title: Associations Between Stature and Foraging Behavior in a Rainforest Hunter-Gatherer Population
Research Mentor: Nathaniel J. Dominy
Research Institution: Dartmouth College
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Co-Authors: Vivek V. Venkataraman, Nathaniel J. Dominy and Kirk M. Endicott, Dartmouth College

### **Genesis** Colon 54

Presentation Title: The Measurement of the Shear Stress-Deformation Behaviors of Sand and Synthetic Lightweight Aggregate Under Monotonic and Cyclic Loadings Research Mentor: Genesis Ortiz Research Institution: Tufts University Home Institution: UPR-Rio Piedras Co-Authors: Chris Swan and Matthew Masi-Phelps,

Tufts University

### Manju Connolly, 69

Presentation Title: Exploring the Role of Perceived Cognitive Load on the Vocabulary Performance of Students With and Without Disabilities in Middle School Science Research Mentor: Michael Kennedy

Research Institution: University of Virginia Home Institution: University of Minnesota-Twin Cities Co-Authors: Michael Kennedy, University of Virginia -Education Sciences

### Ana Defendini, 19

Presentation Title: Measurements of Spinal Motoneuron Excitability through F wave Analysis in Thenar Muscles Impaired by Spinal Cord Injury

Research Mentor: Christine Thomas

Research Institution: University of Miami

- Home Institution: UPR-Rio Piedras
- Co-Authors: Christine K Thomas and Bradley DeForest, University of Miami

### Miranda Delgado, 5

Presentation Title: Effects of Radiation Therapy on Transforming Growth Factor Beta in Breast Cancer Prognosis

Research Mentor: Jennifer Hu

Research Institution: University of Miami

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### Nazia Denese, 65

Presentation Title: A Multimedia-Based Approach to Improving Vocabulary Performance of Middle School Science Students With and Without Disabilities Research Mentor: Michael Kennedy Research Institution: University of Virginia Home Institution: Hunter College Co-Authors: Michael Kennedy, University of Virginia -Education Sciences

### Amanda Dortch, 62

Presentation Title: Effects of Sex Differences and Differing Light Cycles on Physical Activity Levels Research Mentor: Rebecca Burwell Research Institution: Brown University Home Institution: Tougaloo College Co-Authors: Rebecca Burwell, Valerie Estela and Methma Udawatta, Brown University

### **Christine Fisher 29**

Presentation Title: Reactive Oxygen Species and Endothelial Function Research Mentor: Ruhul Abid Research Institution: Brown University Home Institution: College of Staten Island CUNY Co-Authors: Ruhul Abid, Bonnie Colantuono and Karla Reichert, Brown University

### Zanah Francis, 23

Presentation Title: Characterization of Epulopiscium spp. Morphotype B Populations Using Multilocus Sequence Analysis

- Research Mentor: Esther Angert
- Research Institution: Cornell University
- Home Institution: Cornell University
- Co-Authors: Francine Arroyo and Esther Angert, Cornell University

### Karina García Vazquez, 55

Presentation Title: Why "Do Not Touch"? Research Mentor: Lisa Piazza Research Institution: University of South Florida Home Institution: UPR-Rio Piedras Co-Authors: Lisa Piazza, University of South Florida

### Sofia Gasperino, 10

Presentation Title: Role of the Chondroitin Sulfate (CS) Biosynthesis Pathway Enzymes in Axon-Glia Interaction
Research Mentor: Sudheendra Rao
Research Institution: University of Miami
Home Institution: Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
Co-Authors: Sudheendra Rao, University of Miami

### Yohana Ghebrechristos, 7

Presentation Title: Effects of Polybrominated Diphenyl Ether (PBDE)-47 Exposure on DNA Methylation in Mouse Brain
Research Mentor: Wan-yee Tang
Research Institution: Johns Hopkins University
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Co-Authors: Bonnie Yeung, James Limjunyawong and Wan-yee Tang, Johns Hopkins University

### Khari Gilmore, 50

Presentation Title: Studies of V. Cholerae ToxR and ToxS Interactions in Response to Bile Research Mentor: F. Jon Kull Research Institution: Dartmouth College Home Institution: Xavier University of Louisiana Co-Authors: F. Jon Kull and Charles Midgett, Dartmouth College

### Wesley Godfrey, 15

Presentation Title: Use of the Inspirotec as a Novel Sampler for Particulate Matter Research Mentor: Kirsten Koehler Research Institution: Johns Hopkins University Home Institution: University of Texas at Austin Co-Authors: Kirsten Koehler, Johns Hopkins University

### Andrea Gutierrez Arango, 17

Presentation Title: Dramatic Changes in the Mortality and Lifespan Identified by Examination of Genealogical Records for Hanover, New Hampshire Research Mentor: Ruth Craig Research Institution: Dartmouth College Home Institution: UMass Boston Co-Authors: Nancy Wu, Emily Husson and Ruth Craig, Dartmouth College

### Christiann Hill, 20

Presentation Title: Too Young to Be This Old: Regulation of Alternative Splice Sites that Lead to Progeria

Research Institution: Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research

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Presentation Title: Perceiving Visual Cues for the Interpretation of Intact and Scrambled Objects Research Mentor: George Alvarez Research Institution: Harvard University Home Institution: Amherst College Co-Authors: Bria Long and George Alvarez, Harvard University

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Vanessa Toney Bobb MD/PhD is a child, adolescent and adult psychiatrist and a former Leadership Alliance scholar. Dr. Bobb completed an MD,PhD at Brown University in comparative physiology. Following medical school, she completed adult and child psychiatry residencies at New York Presbyterian Hospital, and completed public psychiatry fellowship at Columbia University Medical Center. Currently, Dr. Bobb's clinical and academic interests relate to mechanisms and processes by which biological and psychosocial factors mediate mental health etiology and treatment outcomes in under-served youth and

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Fred Gorelick, M.D. is a Professor of Medicine (Digestive Diseases) and Cell Biology at Yale University School of Medicine and a physician scientist who cares for patients and does research. He went to medical school and did a residency at the University of Missouri in Columbia followed by a GI fellowship at Yale University. Afterward, he trained in research with James D. Jamieson, MD, PhD at Yale and Paul Greengard, PhD at the Rockefeller University. His laboratory studies acute cell and tissue injury using models of pancreatitis and he is specifically interested in identifying pathologic signaling pathways that

can be therapeutically targeted. He also works with Dr. Greengard's group to examine the proteolytic generation of the protein responsible for Alzheimer's disease. Dr. Gorelick has been the Acting Chief of the Digestive Diseases Section, the Digestive Diseases Research Training Program Director and is the Deputy Director of the Yale MD-PhD Program. Dr. Gorelick has also served as the President of the American Pancreatic Association and has chaired grant review committees for the NIH. His laboratory has received support for over 30 years from the NIH NIDDK and NIAAA, from the Veterans Administration, and the State of Connecticut.



#### Mark Hernandez

University of Colorado Boulder

Mark Hernandez attained all of his degrees from Berkeley's College of Engineering. After a post-doc (also at Berkeley) and several years of professional practice, he joined the University of Colorado faculty in 1996, where he is a Professor of Environmental Engineering. For more than a decade, he served as a Director of the Colorado Diversity Initiative, which coordinates major diversity efforts among science, math, and engineering departments, with a focus on promoting underrepresented students through graduate schools and into the professorate. Dr. Hernandez maintains an active environmental

microbiology research program which focuses on the remediation of polluted air and water. He won the Water Environment Foundation's Canham Award to support technology transfer between the US and England, and was a recipient of a National Science Foundation early CAREER award. Dr. Hernandez maintains a modest consulting practice, serves as an expert witness in the remediation field, and holds US patents for wastewater reclamation; he has over 65 archival publications. Professor Hernandez has personally mentored numerous undergraduates (30), graduates and post-doctoral fellows (15) from student groups that are physically disabled or have otherwise been historically underrepresented in engineering education. His academic protégés now hold tenured faculty positions at Yale, Ohio State, and Cornell University in the US, as well as National Technical Universities in Copenhagen, Shanghai, and Amman.



#### Sara Xayarath Hernández Cornell University

Sara Xayarath Hernández is the Associate Dean for Inclusion & Student Engagement for the Graduate School at Cornell University. In this role, she serves as one of Cornell's five University Diversity Officers and as a core member of the Dean's leadership team, providing vision, leadership, and overall management for Graduate School initiatives and policies related to diversity and inclusion. Hernández directs the Office of Inclusion & Student Engagement (OISE), which leads the Graduate School's efforts to recruit, retain, and support a diverse student body with a particular focus on students from groups

historically underrepresented in graduate education. OISE in partnership with other Graduate School and university partners, leads student engagement and professional development programming that fosters community and develops skills to enhance academic success, improve retention and completion rates, and prepare students to pursue academic and non-academic careers following attainment of their graduate degrees.

Hernández has served as a University Member Representative to the National GEM Consortium since 2009. In 2010, GEM recognized Hernández as the University Member Representative of the Year and in 2013, she became the Standing Chair for the Operations Committee. In her previous role as Director of Diversity Programs in Engineering at Cornell, Hernández served as the Co-PI for Cornell's Alfred P. Sloan Foundation funded UCEM Program and for Cornell's NSF funded Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation and STEM Talent Expansion Programs.

Hernández holds a Bachelor of Arts in Zoology from Ohio Wesleyan University and a Master of Regional Planning from Cornell University.



## J. K. Purdom Lindblad

University of Virginia

As the Head of Graduate Programs in the Scholars' Lab at the University of Virginia Libraries, Purdom Lindblad coordinate our two fellowship programs, the Graduate Fellowship in Digital Humanities and our innovative Praxis Program. In addition, she works with the international Praxis Network, which showcases new models of humanities methods training. Lindblad has a background in Religious Studies, American Studies, and Information Science.



### Renita Miller

Princeton University

Renita Miller is the Director of Studies at Princeton University. Dr. Miller is also working with the graduate school at Princeton, directing the Princeton Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (PSURE) this summer. In her role as director of studies, she is responsible for managing, training and professional development of Princeton faculty academic advisers. She is also responsible for academic programming and advising for freshmen and sophomores. She received her Bachelors in Business Administration from Baylor University and her Masters and Ph.D. from Rice University in Political

Science. Her research focuses on understanding the influence of race and gender in political institutions with a particular focus on political rhetoric, deliberation, and leadership within state legislatures. Prior to Princeton, she taught in the political science department at Texas A&M and Rice University. She was also a research fellow for the Project of Equity, Representation, and Governance at Texas A&M and the Kinder Institute of Urban Research at Rice University. Dr. Miller also has work experience as an education policy consultant and pharmaceutical sales representative and trainer.



### Beth Murphy

Brown University

Beth Murphy currently serves as Assistant Director of Financial Aid at Brown University. In the financial aid industry for over 20 years, she has become a champion for financial literacy after realizing that many children and young adults lack basic foundation and life skills in budgeting, personal finance, and building wealth to help ensure financial success. Beth is one of the founding members of GET YOUR BEARINGS: Brown Financial Literacy program at Brown University and shares her knowledge with a wide variety of audiences to help strengthen her cause. She received her Bachelor of Science degree from

Stonehill College and Master's degree from Simmons College. She is also a Microsoft Certified Professional, and is currently taking classes in interior decorating. With two children in college, Beth enjoys finding free activities to enjoy with her husband and dog in and around Massachusetts.



### Darryl Murray

National Institutes of Health

Dr. Darryl Murray is a native of Birmingham, Alabama. He earned undergraduate degree in Biology and a Masters degree in Microbiology from Alabama State University (ASU). Since leaving ASU, he has spent the last 28 years at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in varying capacities. First as a technician for two years and later as a graduate student, earning his Ph.D. in Biology from the Johns Hopkins University. Subsequently, he trained as a postdoctoral fellow in Laboratory of Genetics at the National Institute on Aging (NIA). Next, he transitioned to administration, becoming the Training Director and

Recruitment Specialist at NIA. Currently, Dr. Murray is the Director of the NIH Undergraduate Scholarship Program in the NIH Office of Intramural Training and Education.



#### **Chinonye Nnakwe**

University of Chicago

Chinonye "Chi-Chi" Nnakwe, Ph.D. is the inaugural Director of Graduate Diversity Initiatives for the Office of the Provost at the University of Chicago. At the university, she collaborates with faculty, students and administrators in all divisions and professional schools to advance the mission of increasing the representation of Ph.D. seeking graduate students from underrepresented populations and advocating for their successful matriculation and degree completion.

Her work includes brokering multi-institutional collaborations with consortium partners, serving as a consultant to faculty in devising recruitment and retention strategies, managing the Leadership Alliance Summer Research Early Identification Program at the University of Chicago and spearheading outreach initiatives to attract talented students to the university. In addition, she pursues interventions that address the disparity of underrepresented groups in higher education with a focus on building competencies for mentoring, addressing bias and promoting cross-cultural interaction. In the fall of 2015, Dr. Nnakwe will pursue a science and technology policy fellowship through the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) at the National Science Foundation (NSF) and will focus on innovation and entrepreneurship through the I-Corps program.

In past roles, Dr. Nnakwe was an Associate Consultant for Campbell Alliance—a leading management consulting company that provides strategy services to pharmaceutical and biotech companies. She obtained her Bachelors of Science in Biochemistry with Distinction in the Curriculum from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and her Ph.D. in Pathology, with a concentration in Cancer Biology and Yeast Genetics from the University of Chicago.



### Christine O'Brien

National Academy of Science

Christine O'Brien, of the Fellowships Office of the Policy and Global Affairs Division of the National Academies, administers fellowship programs and has done so since January 1974. Chris currently provides administrative leadership for the Ford Foundation Fellowship Programs. She has been involved in the administration of numerous fellowship programs, varying in level from predoctoral through postdoctoral and varying by funding source (public and private). Chris works on the Ford Foundation Predoctoral, Dissertation, and Postdoctoral Fellowship Programs . In 2004 and 2008, the Ford Fellowship

administrative team was awarded National Academies' recognition for outstanding performance.

Christine provides leadership for the Fellowship Roundtable, a Fellowships Office activity that convenes fellowship administrators in the DC region and beyond. The Fellowship Roundtable addresses issues of importance to fellowship administrators and those who advise graduate students and fellowship applicants. The Fellowship Roundtable meets biannually. In 2015, the Roundtable participants celebrated its 20 year anniversary.



#### Joel Oppenheim

#### New York University School of Medicine

Presently Dr. Joel D. Oppenheim is Professor Emeritus of Microbiology and also serves as the Diversity Advisor to the Office of Science Research at the NYU School of Medicine. From 1994 -2014 he was the Senior Associate Dean of the Medical Center where he oversaw all PhD and Postdoctoral programs. For the past 24 years he has served (and continues to serve) on the NYU School of Medicine's MD and MD/ PhD Admissions Committees and previously chaired the PhD Admissions (1994-2014). He was the founder and director of the NYU's Summer Undergraduate Research Program (1990-2013) and of the

"What Can You Be With a PhD?" Symposium (1995 – 2013), the largest university based career development program for predoctoral students and postdoctoral fellows in the country. He has served on many national advisory committees (AAMC, NIH, NRC, NSF, ASM, Leadership Alliance, and UNCF/Merck), grant study sections (NCATS, NIAID, NIGMS, NSF, Sloan Foundation, UNCF/Merck), as a reviewer of numerous NRC, NSF and NAS reports involved with graduate education, pipeline issues and the recruitment and retention of underrepresented students to graduate programs. He also has served (serves) on the external advisory boards and program review boards of a number of state and national accrediting agencies, colleges and universities. Dr. Oppenheim has been an invited speaker to over 70 colleges and universities, at the NRC, NSF and NIH as well as at ABRCMS, Leadership Alliance, McNair, SACNAS and UNCF/Merck national meetings, speaking to students and faculty on topics ranging from how to prepare for and apply to graduate and professional schools, to strategies for the recruitment and retention of sciences) Life Time Mentoring Award, one of the nations highest mentoring awards. Dr Oppenheim was also one of the founding members of the Leadership Alliance in 1992.



## Cesar Perez

Food & Drug Administration

Cesar Perez attended the State University of New York at New Paltz in 1998 and obtained his Bachelor degree in biology. In 2008, he obtained his PhD degree in microbiology from the New York University School of Medicine. His research thesis focused on elucidating the mechanisms responsible for manipulating cellular protein synthesis in Human Cytomegalovirus-infected cells.

Also, Cesar served in the United States Army Reserve from 1998-2006 as a Non-Commissioned Officer. In 2003, he was activated and served one year on active duty at Fort Hood, Texas for operation Global War on Terrorism (GWOT).

He currently works in the Abdominal and Surgical Devices Branch, Division of Manufacturing and Quality, Office of Compliance, Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration as a Regulatory Officer. He reviews

domestic enforcement activities, recalls related to device quality and safety and the manufacturing section of premarket approval applications. In addition, he reviews compliance issues associated with sterilization and reprocessing of medical devices.



### **Ruth Schemmer**

Vanderbilt University

Dr. Schemmer initiated career development services for Graduate School students at Vanderbilt 2 years ago. Through individual advising, workshops and web-based resources, Ruth educates PhD and master's level students about all aspects of their job search, preparing them for careers in academia, government, non-profit organizations, or industry/business. As a self-described collector of stories, she places great emphasis on introducing students to the power of networking.

Reflecting a longstanding interest in the public sector and understanding organizational behavior, Ruth's Ph.D. in Sociology, from Texas A&M University, focused on Complex Organizations and Political Sociology. Ruth's own accidental career began 16 years ago as an advisor at the Texas A&M Career Center. At Vanderbilt, she particularly values being supported by the Graduate School with her focus solely on graduate students and making their success a priority.



### Nancy Schwartz

#### University of Chicago

Dr. Nancy Schwartz is Dean for Postdoctoral Affairs and Co-director of the Office of Graduate Affairs, having served as Dean for Graduate and Postdoctoral Affairs in the Division of Biological Sciences for more than 25 years. She has served on several NIH study sections, foundation review boards and editorial boards, the AAMC-GREAT Steering Committee, Chair of both Graduate Deans and Postdoc Leaders groups, and the Founding Advisory Board of the NPA. She is director of the Kennedy Research Center, the NICHD M.D./Ph.D. training Program, HHMI Med into Grad Program, and NIGMS PREP,

IMSD, and NRMN-CAN. She has had continuous NIH R01 research funding, received both a MERIT award and a Mentor of Excellence from NIH, and is Director of an NIH Program Project. Dr. Schwartz's functions and responsibilities in graduate and postdoctoral education and program administration have focused on evolving and complex educational needs of emerging researchers in the life sciences.



#### David Stout

California State University

Dr. David A Stout is an assistant professor in the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering at California State University, Long Beach. He received his B.S. degree in Aerospace Engineering with a minor in Chemistry from California State University, Long Beach in 2010, and a Ph.D. in Biomedical Engineering in 2014. While at Brown, Dr. Stout was a member of the Nanomedicine Laboratories focusing on the development of cardiovascular nano-biomaterials under the direction of Dr. Thomas J. Webster. Under the direction of Dr. Christian Franck, Dr. Stout then developed a system to investigate

the migration forces of human neutrophils in a 3D environment in the Cell- Mechanics Laboratory. Dr. Stout's main research focus is applying engineering techniques to the biomedical world to combat some of the most deadly diseases and infections. His research expertise is in cardiovascular biomaterials, orthopedic biomaterials, nano-medicine, solid mechanics, cell mechanics and migration. Dr. Stout is a recipient of The National Science Foundation (NSF) Graduate Student Fellowship and (twice) Indo-US Science and Technology Forum (IUSSTF) Research Fellowship. He is a member of BMES, Tau Beta Pi, Sigma Xi and SFB.



Naoko Tanese

New York University

Naoko Tanese PhD, Professor of Microbiology, received her PhD in Biochemistry from Columbia University studying the replication of retroviruses with Dr. Stephen Goff, and trained as a postdoctoral fellow at UC Berkeley with Professor Robert Tjian where she performed innovative work on transcriptional regulatory mechanisms. Continuation of this research at NYU as an independent investigator has led to numerous scientific collaborations with faculty studying cancer, developmental biology, virology, neuroscience, and stem cells. Since joining the NYU faculty in 1993, Dr. Tanese was

appointed Co-director of the Medical Scientist Training Program in 2010, and Director of Basic Science Faculty Mentoring in 2013. Through these channels she plays an instrumental role in advancing the careers of many young scientists. Her current research focuses on the molecular basis of Huntington's disease, a devastating inherited neurodegenerative disease. In May 2014, Dr. Tanese was appointed associate dean for Biomedical Sciences and director of the Sackler Institute of Graduate Biomedical Sciences, which oversees NYU School of Medicine's PhD, MD/PhD, and Summer Undergraduate Research Programs. She leads recruitment and retention for all programs to ensure that recruits receive outstanding training throughout their tenure, from coursework and matching with the right faculty mentors to career development.



#### Sheila M. Thomas

#### Harvard Medical School and Harvard University

Sheila Thomas is a faculty member in the Division of Medical Sciences (DMS) PhD Programs and Department of Medicine at Harvard Medical School and Assistant Dean for Diversity and Minority Affairs for the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences (GSAS). Her research interests are in cancer cell signaling; and she is actively involved in teaching and advising students in the DMS PhD programs and sits on the admissions committees for the life science PhD programs as well as the MD/PhD program. As Dean, she oversees diversity efforts for Harvard's 57 PhD programs. She directs the Summer Honors

Undergraduate Research Program (SHURP), Summer Research Opportunities at Harvard (SROH) and the Graduate School's post-baccalaureate program, GSAS Research Scholar Initiative. Dr. Thomas received her BA in Biochemistry and Molecular and Cellular Biology from Northwestern University, her PhD in Molecular Genetics from University of Pennsylvania, and did her post-doctoral training at Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center.



#### Christina Williams-Keeton

#### Vanderbilt University

Dr. Williams-Keeton is the Interdisciplinary Program Coordinator for the Initiative for Maximizing Student Diversity (IMSD) and Co-Director of the Vanderbilt Summer Science Academy (VSSA). IMSD exists to guide and support under-represented minority graduate students to completion of a Ph.D. in biomedical research at Vanderbilt University. As IMSD Program Coordinator, she is responsible for management of program and student related activities, including recruitment and mentoring. The VSSA provides summer research experience to undergraduate students from across the country. As

Co-Director of the VSSA, she is responsible for management of program logistics as well as creation and implementation of program activities. She received her B.S. in Biochemistry at Syracuse University. While working as an environmental chemist for the Syracuse Research Corporation, she decided to pursue her Ph.D. At Vanderbilt University, she earned her Ph.D. in Biochemistry in the laboratory of Dr. Walter Chazin and was a Postdoctoral Fellow in Science Education Administration.

# The Leadership Alliance Executive Office Staff



## Medeva Ghee

Executive Director

Dr. Medeva Ghee, a graduate of North Carolina State University with a bachelor's degree in zoology, earned her M.S. and Ph.D. in microbiology from New York University School of Medicine. Her postdoctoral research was conducted in Paris, France with a team of researchers associated with the National Center for Scientific Research (CNRS), where she employed biochemical and gene therapy technologies to investigate the impact of protein aggregation in Parkinson's disease. In 2005, Dr. Ghee worked with the Clinton Foundation as a Laboratory Systems Specialist for the HIV/AIDS Initiative. In

this capacity, she provided technical assistance and strategic advice on the development of laboratory plans and systems to support national HIV/AIDS prevention care and treatment programs in the Initiative's partner countries in Sub-Saharan Africa. Dr. Ghee joined the Leadership Alliance in 2006 and was appointed the Executive Director of the Leadership Alliance in July 2011. In this capacity, she is responsible for leading the 35 member consortium of institutions and private industry dedicated to increasing the participation of underrepresented students in competitive graduate and doctoral training programs and ultimately developing leaders and role models in academia, the public and private sectors. In addition to her administrative responsibilities, Dr. Ghee is an Assistant Professor of the Practice of Behavioral and Social Sciences at Brown University where she has developed a course that leverages multidisciplinary approaches to support HIV/AIDS care and treatment programs in Sub-Saharan Africa. Actively engaged in research aimed at mentoring and supporting students through critical transitions along the academic pathway, Dr. Ghee has been invited to serve as an external consultant for federal mentoring programs and has given keynote lectures regarding mentoring strategies for graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, faculty members and senior administrators. At Brown, she serves as a mentor for both undergraduates and graduate students. In recognition of her mentoring efforts, Dr. Ghee received the Ruth J. Simmons Award for Leadership by the Samuel M. Nabrit Black Graduate Student Association.



#### **Deborah Collins**

Associate Director

Dr. Deborah Collins received her Ph.D. in educational research and policy analysis from Virginia Tech in 1984. While at Virginia Tech, she was Co-Director of the Vocational Education Evaluation in Virginia program, as well as responsible for the development and funding of two national research projects through the National Center for Research in Vocational Education at UC Berkley/Virginia Tech. As Co-Project Director, her research focused on longitudinal assessment of vocational enrollment patterns and their relationship to academic program achievement and postsecondary enrollments. At the same

time, she co-directed a research project exploring the linkages between educational evaluation utilization and planning in vocational education. Dr. Collins taught research methods courses in both education and sociology, collaborating with colleagues in the sociology department to create and administer Virginia Tech's Center for Survey Research. As Center Co-Director, she worked with researchers and policy analysts across multiple disciplines to pursue and support funded research and regional public policy initiatives. In 1997, she came to Brown University as the Director of Research and Evaluation, leading two cycles of research activities for the Regional Educational Laboratory at Brown University (LAB). During her tenure at The Education Alliance, the Research and Evaluation division annually fielded up to 20 contract and grant initiatives, including multi-year national research awards through NSF, NIH and the U.S. Department of Education.



#### Barbara Kahn

Coordinator for Graduate and Undergraduate Programs

Barbara Kahn is the Coordinator for Graduate and Undergraduate Programs for the Leadership Alliance. In this capacity, she coordinates the combined application process for the 21 undergraduate summer research sites and supervises the Alliance summer research program at Brown University. Prior to her appointment with the Leadership Alliance, Ms. Kahn was part of the professional development team at Brown University's Annenberg Institute for School Reform, a center promoting quality education in urban communities. She came to Brown University from Chaffee & Partners, a public relations and

advertising firm in Providence, R.I. Ms. Kahn holds a B.S. in Education from Boston University.



#### Maria DoVale

#### Coordinator for Professional Development and Networking

Maria DoVale is the Coordinator for Professional Development & Networking for the Leadership Alliance. It is Ms. DoVale's primary responsibility to plan, organize, coordinate and develop sessions that promote networking, mentoring and professional development for undergraduate students, graduate students and our doctoral scholars. As the Ex-Oficio of the Leadership Alliance Symposium Planning Committee, she works alongside colleagues from various member institutions who provide suggestions on different aspects of program planning for the Symposium. Ms. DoVale comes to us with a wealth of

experience in administration, event planning and management augmented with exemplary technical, organizational and customer service skills. Prior to her appointment with the Leadership Alliance, Ms. DoVale worked for 5½ years at the Providence Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau helping to promote the state of Rhode Island as well as the city of Providence as a convention destination. Prior to this appointment, she worked for American Express corporate travel for eight years. Ms. DoVale holds a B.A. in Travel & Tourism Management from Johnson & Wales University.



#### Clara Weishahn

Project Assistant

Clara Weishahn provides administrative support to the Executive Office staff and assists on all Alliance programs, events, and initiatives. She facilitates communication between the Executive Office and member institutions and manages the Alliance's website maintenance and media projects. This autumn will mark her third year with the Leadership Alliance. Previously, Ms. Weishahn was a Legal Assistant in Portland, Oregon and assisted the Human Resources and Capital Campaign departments at Portland Center Stage. Clara is a theatre artist who collaborates with East and West coast companies and artists.

In Rhode Island, she works with the Sandra Feinstein-Gamm Theatre, Strange Attractor Theatre Company, Wilbury Theatre Group, Elemental Theatre Collective, Providence College, and Brown University Opera Productions. She is passionate about the development of new work in theatre and opera and facilitates the Play Salon, informal play readings in Rhode Island living rooms. She organizes social and networking events for women in the West End of Providence. Originally from Alaska, Ms. Weishahn received a B.A. in Theatre from Portland State University in Oregon.



#### **Olivia Mansion**

LANS Project Assistant

Olivia Mansion is the Project Assistant at the Leadership Alliance. In this role, she assists with the preparations and logistics for the Leadership Alliance's national Symposium. Ms. Mansion is passionate about creating platforms for sharing people's personal stories and opening pathways in science for underrepresented minorities. She is a Master's candidate here at Brown University in Cross-Cultural Studies and ESL, and the Cross-Cultural Communications Intern at the Brown University Writing Center where she co-facilitates culture and language workshops alongside the Director of English Language

Learning. In this role, Ms. Mansion co-founded the International Writers' Blog, where in addition to editing and writing, she manages the technology and visual media of the blog. Additionally, Ms. Mansion is a part of the Education and Outreach team of the NASA CubeSat Launch Initiative at Brown University where she co-writes STEM curriculum and teaches astronomy to middle school students in Providence. Ms. Mansion was born and raised in Venezuela, but is in Providence by way of Tampa, Florida where she received her Bachelor's degree at the University of Tampa.

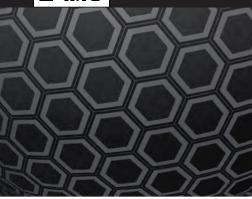
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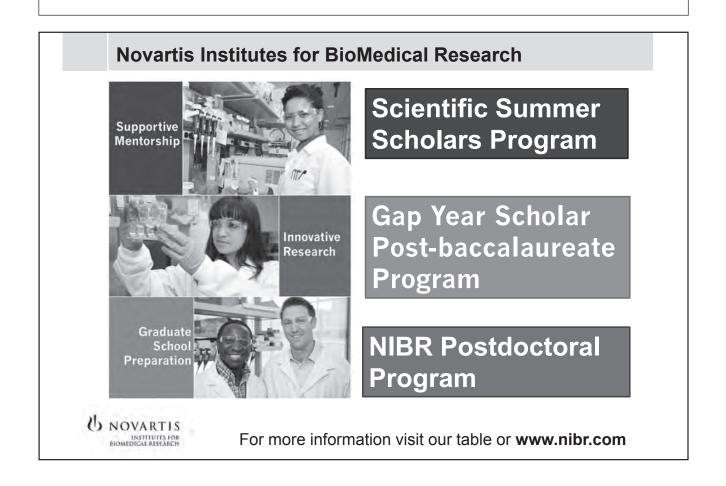
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