

UPMC Hillman Cancer Center 35th Annual Scientific Retreat Agenda  
September 26-27, 2023  
The Assembly Building

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

**\*\*All events take place in the Auditorium unless otherwise noted\*\***

- 9:00 am - 10:00 am **Check-in / Main Entrance Lobby**  
**Poster Set-up / First Floor Atrium**  
**All posters must be set up by 9:00 am**  
All posters must be removed by 6:30 pm
- 10:00 am - 11:00 am **Welcome and Director's Overview**  
**Robert L. Ferris, MD, PhD**  
Director, UPMC Hillman Cancer Center / Hillman Professor of Oncology / Associate Vice Chancellor for Cancer Research / Professor of Otolaryngology, Immunology and Radiation Oncology
- 11:05 am - 12:40 am **Cell Therapies, Leveraging Immunotherapy, Personalized Medicine**
- 11:05 am - 11:25am **Udai Kammula, MD, FACS**, Associate Professor, Department of Surgery, Division of Surgical Oncology
- 11:25 am - 11:45 am **Sawa Ito, MD, PhD**, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Department of Medicine, Division of Hematology and Oncology
- 11:45 am - 12:05 pm **Jason Lohmueller, PhD**, Assistant Professor, Department of Surgery, Division of Surgical Oncology
- 12:05 pm - 12:25 pm **Tullia Bruno, PhD**, Assistant Professor, Department of Immunology
- 12:25 pm - 12:32 pm **Housaiyin Li**, Graduate Student, Department of Microbiology & Molecular Genetics (Ferris Lab)
- 12:32 pm - 12:39 pm **Makani Venkata Krishna Kanth, PhD**, Postdoctoral Associate (Joglekar Lab)
- 12:40 pm - 1:45 pm **Lunch / Atrium**
- 12:40 pm - 1:45 pm **Poster Session I (numbers 1-49) and Poster Judging**  
**Note:** All **Session I** poster presenters should be at their posters during this session  
**All posters must be removed by 6:30 pm**
- 1:45 pm - 2:00 pm **Emerging Scholar and Mentor Awards Presentation**
- 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm **Ronald B. Herberman, MD Lectureship**  
**Designing effective T cell therapy for solid tumors**  
**George Coukos, MD, PhD**  
Professor  
Director, Department of Oncology, Lausanne University Hospital & University of Lausanne  
Chief, Service of Immuno-Oncology, Lausanne University Hospital  
Director, Lausanne Branch, Ludwig Institute for Cancer Research
- 3:05 pm - 4:40 pm **Disparities and Inequities in Cancer Research, Treatment, and Access to Care**
- 3:05 pm - 3:20 pm **Monica Baskin, PhD**, Professor of Medicine, Division of Hematology/Oncology
- 3:20 pm - 3:35 pm **Lindsay Sabik, PhD**, Associate Professor of Health Policy & Management, School of Public Health
- 3:35 pm - 3:50 pm **Margaret Rosenzweig, PhD**, Professor of Medicine, Distinguished Service Professor of Nursing
- 3:50 pm - 4:05 pm **Yvette Conley, PhD, FAAN**, Distinguished Service Professor of Nursing, Professor of Human Genetics
- 4:05 pm - 4:12 pm **Youngmin Kwon**, PhD Candidate in Health Services Research and Policy, School of Public Health
- 4:12 pm - 4:20 pm **Carolyn Harris, PhD, RN**, Postdoctoral Scholar, School of Nursing, Dept of Health Promotion and Development
- 4:20 pm - 4:40 pm **Panel Discussion**  
**Panelists:** Monica Baskin, PhD; Yvette Conley, PhD, FAAN; Margaret Rosenzweig, PhD; Lindsay Sabik, PhD
- 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm **Reception (hors d'oeuvres, wine/beer)**

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#### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

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<p><b>8:00 am - 8:25 am</b>    <b>Check-in / Main Entrance Lobby</b></p> <p><b>8:00 am - 8:25 am</b>    <b>Continental Breakfast / Atrium</b>  <b>Poster Set-up / First Floor Atrium</b>  <b>All posters must be set up by 8:00 am</b>  <b>All posters must be removed by 1:30 pm</b></p> <p><b>8:25 am - 10:00 am</b>    <b>Survivorship, Underrepresented Age Group AYA, Genetic Considerations</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>8:25 am - 8:40 am</i> <b>Jessica Daley, MD</b>, Instructor, Division of Hematology/Oncology, Department of Pediatrics</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>8:40 am - 8:55 am</i> <b>Amy Bassi Jutca, MSN, CRNP</b>, Certified Registered Nurse Practitioner, Pediatric Hematology/Oncology  <b>Kyle Orwig, PhD</b>, Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>8:55 am - 9:10 am</i> <b>Annie Im, MD</b>, Associate Professor of Medicine, Division of Hematology/Oncology  <b>Colleen Matthews, MD</b>, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Pediatric Hematology/Oncology</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>9:15 am - 10:00 am</i> <b>AYA Panel Discussion</b>  <b>Moderator:</b> Kelly Bailey, MD, PhD  <b>Panelists:</b> Melissa Burgess, MD; Jessie Daley, MD; Kathleen Dorritie, MD; and our patient advocate Stephanie Samolovitch (YAsurvivors.org)</p> <p><b>10:00 am - 10:20 am</b>    <b>BREAK</b></p> <p><b>10:20 am - 12:00 pm</b>    <b>Minnow Tank Presentations</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>10:20 am - 10:40 am</i> <b>Rachel Brazee, PhD, RN</b>, Postdoctoral Fellow (Mentors: Dr. Rosenzweig and Dr. Lee)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>10:40 am - 11:00 am</i> <b>Tingting Duan, PhD</b>, Postdoctoral Fellow (Rich Lab)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>11:00 am - 11:20 am</i> <b>Micah K. Harris, MD</b>, PGY-1 UPMC Otolaryngology (Mentor: Dr. Zevallos)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>11:20 am - 11:40am</i> <b>Ashlyn Rickard, PhD</b>, Postdoctoral Fellow (Mowery Lab)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>11:40 am - 12:00pm</i> <b>Mary Melissa Roland, PhD</b>, Postdoctoral Associate (Joglekar Lab)</p> <p><b>12:00 pm - 1:00 pm</b>    <b>Lunch / Atrium</b></p> <p><b>12:00 pm - 1:00 pm</b>    <b>Poster Session II (numbers 50-98) and Poster Judging</b>  <b>Note:</b> All <b>Session II</b> poster presenters should be at their posters during this session  <b>All posters must be removed by 1:30 pm</b></p> <p><b>1:00 pm - 1:10 pm</b>    <b>Minnow Tank Award Announcement</b></p>	<p><b>1:10 pm - 2:10 pm</b>    <b>Maryann Donovan, PhD, MPH Lectureship</b>  <b><u>Following the Question</u></b>  <b>Christine Kasper, PhD, RN, FAAN, FASCM</b>  Dean and Professor  University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing</p> <p><b>2:15 pm - 3:50 pm</b>    <b>Early detection and Leveraging Different Technological Platforms, AI/Machine Learning</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>2:15 pm - 2:35 pm</i> <b>Yufei Huang, PhD</b>, Professor of Medicine, Division of Hematology/Oncology</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>2:35 pm - 2:55 pm</i> <b>Yang Liu, MD, PhD</b>, Professor, Departments of Medicine and Bioengineering</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>2:55 pm - 3:15 pm</i> <b>Adrian Lee, PhD</b>, Professor, Department of Pharmacology &amp; Chemical Biology and Human Genetics</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>3:15 pm - 3:35 pm</i> <b>Jianhua Xing, PhD</b>, Professor, Department of Computational &amp; Systems Biology</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>3:35 pm - 3:42 pm</i> <b>Geyon Garcia</b>, MD/PhD Candidate (Coffman Lab)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>3:42 pm - 3:49 pm</i> <b>Dante Poe</b>, CMU-Pitt Program in Computational Biology PhD Student (Stallaert Lab)</p> <p><b>3:50 pm - 4:05 pm</b>    <b>BREAK</b></p> <p><b>4:10 pm - 5:15 pm</b>    <b>Translational Success Stories</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>4:10 pm - 4:18 pm</i> <b>Hassane Zarour, MD</b>, Professor of Medicine, Department of Immunology</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>4:18 pm - 4:30 pm</i> <b>Marlies Meisel, PhD</b>, Assistant Professor, Department of Immunology</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>4:30 pm - 4:42 pm</i> <b>Diwakar Davar, MD</b>, Associate Professor, Division of Hematology/Oncology</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>4:42 pm - 4:54 pm</i> <b>Abby Overacre, PhD</b>, Assistant Professor, Dept of Immunology</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>4:54 pm - 5:04 pm</i> <b>Khvaramze Shaverdashvili, MD, PhD</b>, PGY-5, Division of Hematology/Oncology Fellow (Mentor: Dr. Zarour)</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><i>5:05 pm - 5:15 pm</i> <b>Panel Discussion</b>  <b>Panelists:</b> Diwakar Davar, MD; Marlies Meisel, PhD; Abby Overacre, PhD; Hassane Zarour, MD;</p> <p><b>5:15 pm - 6:15 pm</b>    <b>Poster Session III (numbers 99-146) and Poster Judging</b>  <b>Note:</b> All <b>Session III</b> poster presenters should be at their posters during this session  <b>All posters must be removed by 7:00 pm</b></p> <p><b>5:15 pm - 7:00 pm</b>    <b>Reception (hors d'oeuvres, wine/beer)</b>  <b>Poster Awards Presentation</b></p>
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