2021 Retreat Program

Thursday, October 7

9:30 – 1:00 pm  Registration – Glessner Foyer (main level)

All Presentations – West Ballrooms (2nd floor)

10:00 – 10:05 am  Welcome and Introduction  
Mark Shlomchik, MD, PhD  
UPMC Endowed and Distinguished Professor  
Chair, Dept. of Immunology

10:05 – 10:35 am  Partha Sarathi Biswas, MVsc, PhD  
Associate Professor, Department of Medicine, Div. of Rheumatology  
“Fueling our First Responders”

10:40 – 10:55 am  Postdoc Speaker 1  
Name TBD  
Talk Title

11:00 – 11:05 am  Introduction of New Students

11:10 – 1:10 pm  Poster Session (odd numbered abstracts)  
Allegheny and Shenandoah Meeting Rooms (main level)

1:15 – 1:55 pm  Lunch – Glessner (main level)

2:00 – 2:30 pm  Greg M. Delgoffe, PhD  
Associate Professor, Department of Immunology  
“Overcoming Metabolic Exhaustion to Improve Cancer Immunotherapy

2:35 – 3:05 pm  Melissa Kane, PhD  
Assistant Professor, Dept of Pediatrics  
“Intrinsic Cellular Defenses Against Retroviral Infection”

3:10 – 3:25 pm  Grad Student Speaker 1  
Name TBD  
Talk Title

3:30 – 4:15 pm  Meet the Keynote  
(West Ballrooms)

4:00 – 6:00 pm  Room Check-in (main level front lobby)  
Free time to enjoy Oglebay facilities and interact with colleagues

6:00 – 7:15 pm  Dinner – West Spa Patio (level 5 entrance)  
(In the event of inclement weather – Glessner)
7:30 – 8:30 pm  **Keynote Speaker**  
Ronald N. Germain, MD, PhD  
NIH Distinguished Investigator; Chief, Laboratory of Immune System Biology; Chief, Lymphocyte Biology Section, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Institutes of Health  
“How Advanced Imaging Methods are Enabling Development of a Spatially-Resolved, Systems-Level Understanding of Immunity”

8:45 – 9:45 pm  **Social - Glessner (main level)**

10:00 - midnight  “Fire Pit/Pool” Social - Indoor Pool/Lawn Fire Pit (2nd floor)

**Friday, October 8**

7:30 – 8:25 am  **Breakfast – Glessner (main level)**  
Check-out by 11:00 am

8:30 – 9:00 am  Penny Morel, MD  
Professor, Dept. of Immunology  
“TCR Signal Strength Regulates Th cell Differentiation: RNA Processing Matters!”

9:05 – 9:35 am  Alok Joglekar, PhD  
Assistant Professor, Dept. of Immunology  
“T cell Antigen Discovery for Understanding and Engineering Immunity”

9:40 – 9:55 am  **Grad Student Speaker 2**  
Name TBD  
Talk Title

10:00 – 12:00 pm  **Poster Session (even numbered abstracts)**  
Allegheny and Shenandoah Meeting Rooms (main level)

12:00 – 12:45 pm  **Lunch – Glessner (main level)**

12:50 – 1:05 pm  **Group Photograph – front entrance drop-off area**

1:10 – 1:25 pm  **Postdoc Student Speaker 2**  
Name TBD  
Talk Title

1:30 – 2:00 pm  **Lawrence Kane, PhD**  
Professor and Vice Chair for Education, Dept. of Immunology  
“Activation and Differentiation of Effector and Regulatory T cells”

2:05 – 2:30 pm  **Closing Comments/Poster Award Presentation and Photos**  
William Klimstra

2:30 pm  Departure at your convenience.
A special thank you to the retreat committee:

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Lawrence Andrews, PhD – Staff Scientist, Vignali Lab
Hridesh Banerjee, PhD – Postdoctoral Associate, Kane Lab
Partha Biswas, PhD
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Radha Gopal, PhD – Sr. Research Scientist, Alcorn Lab
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