

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

12:30pm – 1:30pm

Early Career Forum Lunch (*Presidents 1&2*)

1:30pm-2:30pm

Considerations for Careers Outside of Academia (*Biddle*)

In this Q&A session, trainees will meet professionals in diverse roles outside the traditional academic career path including Candler Paige, PhD, CEO of a pain therapeutic company (Doloromics), Mariana Nelson, PhD, Scientific Director of Neuroscience (AbbVie), Sarah Woller, PhD, Scientific Project Manager (NIH Division of Translational Research), and Stephani Sutherland, Science Journalist and Communications Director (A2CPS), and hear how they each navigated their career path. Trainees will have time to learn about different career options for advanced degree holders and ask panelists their questions related to career discovery, interviews, and advice.

Specific Aim: the good, the bad, and the ugly (*Forest A/B*)

Individuals considering academic careers are encouraged to attend “Specific Aim: the good, the bad, and the ugly”. During the first half of this session, Drs. Tonya Palermo, Cheryl Stucky, and DP Mohapatra will share tips for writing effective specific aims pages across a diverse range of grant mechanisms. During the second half of the session, audience members will be invited to ask panelists questions about grant writing. Participants can submit questions ahead of time or anonymously during the session.

2:30pm-3:30pm

How to manage your time at different career stages?

These sessions include informal conversations about time management and work-life balance with other researchers. There are 3 separate sessions for graduate students, postdoctoral fellows, and early faculty members. Using the link below sign-up for one of the three available rooms.

Graduate Student (*Forest A/B*)

Postdoc (*Matlock*)

Faculty/Early Career Professionals (*Biddle*)

3:30pm-4:30pm

Small Group Mentoring Round Tables (*Presidents 1 & 2*)

A small group mentoring session. This session will allow attendees to meet and interact with other senior investigators (mentors). Each session will include one mentor and up to 10 mentees. Attendees will choose two topics (about 25-30 minutes each).

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4:30pm – 6:30pm

Reception (*All attendees are welcome!*)

6:30pm

Duke Chapel Tour and Organ Demonstration (*Free for all attendees*)