

Check In | Breakfast 8:30 am **Grand Ballrooms Prefuction**

Scientific Session 1

9:00 am Welcome

Grand Ballroom 3

Gregory Graf, PhD
Associate Director
Saha Cardiovascular Research Center

9:05 am Rapid Fire Presentations Ezekiel Rozmus

Graduate Student

Delisle Lab

College of Medicine

University of Kentucky

Determining the functional significance of KCNH2 variants of uncertain significance identified in a large patient biobank

Velmurugan Gopal Viswanathan, PhD

Staff
Hubbard Lab
College of Medicine
University of Kentucky
LRP1 knockout cells are more resilient to oxidative stress
induced mitochondrial dysfunction
and cellular damage: implications for neurovascular
dysfunction in traumatic brain injury



Rapid Fire Presentations, continued

Samantha Xu, MPH

Graduate Student
Shen Lab
Michael E. DeBakey Department of Surgery
Baylor College of Medicine
Mitochondrial metabolism dynamics in sporadic aortic
aneurysms and acute dissections

Mikala Zelows

Graduate Student
Graf and Helsley Labs
College of Pharmacy
University of Kentucky
Carnitine palmitoyltransferase 1a
modulates sexually dimorphic nafld

Daniëlle Coenen, PhD

Post Doc Whiteheart Lab College of Medicine University of Kentucky Platelet secretion in wound healing: the essence of appropriate endocytosis, biogenesis, and delayed release of α-granules



9:40 am Assistant Professor Showcase Sponsored by the Cardiovascular RPA Meredith Duncan, PhD
Biostatistics
College of Public Health
Using secondary data analysis to decrease

Cardiovascular health disparities

Robin Shoemaker, PhD

Dietetics and Human Nutrition College of Agriculture, Food and Environment Serum profiles of the renin angiotensin aldosterone system (raas) in healthy and hypertensive pregnancies

Congqing Wu, PhD

Saha Cardiovascular Research Center
Department of Surgery
College of Medicine
Extracellular histones trigger disseminated
intravascular coagulation by lytic cell death

10:20 am Gill Award for Outstanding Contributions to Cardiovascular Research Kathryn Moore, PhD

Jean and David Blechman Professor of Cardiology
Professor, Department of Cell Biology
New York University
Cardiovascular disease: impact beyond the heart

10:55 am 90 Second Poster Pitch



Break

Poster Session A

11:30 am Poster Judging All odd posters presented to judges with a 10-minute time limit

11:40 am Poster Presentations

Lunch

12:30 pm Lunchtime Speaker

Break 1:25pm

Scientific Session 2

1:40 pm Trainee Presentations

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Grand Ballrooms 1

Matt Devalaraja, DVM, PhD
University of Kentucky Alumnus
Founder, CEO
Nipuna Therapeutics
Entrepreneurism in science: a multidisciplinary effort
to translate from bench to bedside

Grand Ballroom 3

Tyler W. Benson, PhD
Post Doc
Owens Lab
Heart, Lung and Vascular Disease Institute
University of Cincinnati
Glycoprotein VI Platelet Receptor Blockade
Attenuates Progression of Established
Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms in Murine Models



1:40 pm Trainee Presentations, continued

JungHee Kang, MPH, PhD
Post Doc
Moser Lab (IRCH Heart Program)
College of Nursing
University of Kentucky
Health literacy moderates the impact of a
cardiovascular disease risk reduction
intervention on diet quality among informal
rural caregivers of people with chronic illnesses

2:10 pm Early Career Gill Award

Scott Cameron, MD, PhD
Section Head, Vascular Medicine
Cleveland Clinic
Thrombo-olfaction: curing arterial aneurysms
through platelet olfactory receptors.

2:45 pm 90 Second Poster Pitch

Break 3:05

Poster Session B

Grand Ballrooms 2

3:20 pm Poster JudgingAll even posters presented to judges with a 10-minute time limit.

3:30pm Poster Presentations



Scientific Session 3

4:20 pm Alumni Speaker

Networking Reception 5:00 pm

Dinner and Awards Ceremony 6:00 pm

Grand Ballroom 3

Moriel Vandsburger, PhD
Associate Professor
Timothy and Karen Guertin Chair in
Bioengineering
University of California at Berkeley

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