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organized by the

**Saha Aortic Center**

Saturday, September 27, 2025

Healthy Kentucky Research Building

Room 150

**8:00 Breakfast**

**8:30 Session 1 – Moving the Landing Zone Forward**

*Moderator - Eleftherios Xenos, MD and David Minion, MD*

8:30 **James Black III, MD**

Chief

Vascular Surgery and Endovascular Therapy

Johns Hopkins University

*The Tragedies of Life are Largely Arterial*

9:00 **Michael Fischbein, MD**

Thelma and Henry Doelger Professor of Cardiovascular Surgery

Director of Thoracic Aortic Surgery

Department of Cardiothoracic Surgery

Stanford University

*4th Industrial Revolution and Aneurysm Research: Moving the Landing Zone Forward*

9:30 **David Minion, MD**

Professor of Surgery

Program Director, Vascular Surgery Fellowship

University of Kentucky

*Evaluating Aortic Neck Anatomy and Planning Repair Using the Point of Reference Aortic Classification System*

**10:00 Break**

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**10:20 Session 2 - Predictions of Dissection Behavior (Imaging, Biomechanics, Hemodynamics)**

*Moderator – Vince Sorrell, MD and Mary Sheppard, MD*

**10:20 Jessica Wagenseil, DSc**

Professor

Mechanical Engineering and Materials Science

Center of Regenerative Medicine

Washington University in St. Louis

*Biomechanics predictors of progression and outcomes in mouse models of aortic aneurysms*

**10:50 Nicholas Burris, MD**

David A. Bluemke Professor of Radiology

Director of Aortic Imaging

University of Wisconsin-Madison

*Coupling Hemodynamics with Morphologic Remodeling in Aortic Dissection: A Quantitative Imaging Approach*

**11:20 Sherene Shalhub, MD, MPH**

Professor and Head, Vascular Surgery

Co-Director, Heart and Vascular Service Line

Oregon Health and Science University

*Reframing Aortic Disease Through the Aortic & Arterial Vulnerability Spectrum (AAVS)*

**11:50 Recognition of the Saha Aortic Center Awards**

**Lisa Cassis, PhD**

Award for Research

**Anthony Sertich, MD**

Award for Education

**Preeti Ramachandran, MD**

Award for Clinical Care

**12:00 Lunch**

**12:45 Poster Session**

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**1:30 Early Career Presentations**

*Moderator – Alan Daugherty, PhD, DSc*

**Fahad Alkhalafan, MD**  
Postdoctoral Fellow  
Cleveland Clinic

**William Schwartzman**  
Medical Student  
Ohio State University

**Tyler Benson, PhD**  
Postdoctoral Fellow  
University of Cincinnati

**1:45 Session 3 - Remodeling of the False Lumen**

*Moderator – Eric Endean, MD and Sam Tyagi, MD*

**1:45 Mark Farber, MD**

Chief, Division of Vascular Surgery  
Program Director, Vascular Surgery Fellowship  
Professor, Surgery  
University of North Carolina  
*What have we learned from FB-EVAR for chronic dissections*

**2:15 Scott Cameron, MD, PhD**

Section Head, Vascular Medicine  
Department of Cardiovascular Medicine  
Cleveland Clinic

**2:45 Closing Remarks**

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