



# KY-TN ASM BRANCH FALL MEETING

**November 5-6, 2021**

*Virtual conference hosted by the  
University of Kentucky (via Zoom)*

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## PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

### Friday, November 5, 2021 (6:00 – 9:30 pm)

**Keynote: ASM Distinguished Speaker – Kimberlee Musser, Ph.D.** (Wadsworth Center, NY State Dept of Health) “Legionnaire’s Disease Investigation”

**Graduate Student 3MT Competition**

**Social Gathering/Networking**

### Saturday, November 6, 2021 (9:00 am – 5:00 pm)

#### **Session 1 – Microbial pathogens**

**Natalia Korotkova, Ph.D.** (University of Kentucky)

**Elaine Frawley, Ph.D.** (Rhodes College)

Short talks selected from submitted abstracts

#### **Session 2 – Microbiomes**

**Benjamin Parker, Ph.D.** (University of Tennessee-Knoxville)

**Ashfaquul Alam, Ph.D.** (University of Kentucky)

Short talks selected from submitted abstracts

**Lunch Break**

**Keynote: ASM Distinguished Speaker – Kristin Parent, Ph.D.** (Michigan State University)  
“Structure & evolution of *Shigella* phages”

**Undergraduate 3MT competition**

#### **Session 3 – Environmental microbiology and ecology**

**Natalie Christian, Ph.D.** (University of Louisville)

**Shawn Brown, Ph.D.** (University of Memphis)

Short talks selected from submitted abstracts

**Announcement of student prizes for the 3MT competition**

**Branch Business Meeting including updates from ASM Student Chapters**

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