



# Genetics & Epigenetics Program Spring Career Symposium

MD Anderson Cancer Center Science Park, Smithville, Texas

April 26, 2019

- 7:30a** Bus departs Houston/BSRB  
**9:30a** Bus arrives Science Park
- 9:00 – 10:00a** **Registration** (Conference Center Lobby)
- 10:00a** **Welcome** (Conference Center Auditorium)  
*Symposium Organizers and Dr. Sharon Dent, Professor & Chair, Department of Epigenetics and Molecular Carcinogenesis; Director, Science Park*
- 10:10 – 11:00a** **SESSION #1: Scientific Perspectives: Academia vs. Industry** (Conference Center Auditorium)  
▪ *Dr. Barbara Czako, Institute Senior Research Scientist, Applied Cancer Science Institute (IACS), MD Anderson*  
▪ *Dr. Taiping Chen, Professor, Department of Epigenetics and Molecular Carcinogenesis, MD Anderson*
- 11:00 – 11:15a** **Break**
- 11:15 – 12:30p** **SESSION #2: Workshops** (Conference Center Auditorium)  
▪ **How to Identify a Career Path:** *Mr. Derek Haseltine, Director, Career Development Center, Baylor College of Medicine (BCM)*  
▪ **Interviewing and CV's:** *Mr. Derek Haseltine, Director, Career Development Center, BCM*  
▪ **Giving Chalk Talks:** *Dr. Jichao Chen, Associate Professor, Department of Pulmonary Medicine-Research, MD Anderson; G&E Program Co-Director*
- 12:30 – 1:50p** **Lunch & Optional Science Park Tour** (Conference Center)  
30-minute tour leaves at 1:15p from the Conference Center Entrance
- 1:50 – 2:50p** **SESSION #3: How to Get / How to Avoid a Post-doc Position** (Conference Center Auditorium)  
▪ *Dr. Joseph Taube, Assistant Professor, Department of Biology, Baylor University*  
▪ *Dr. Richard Wood, Professor, Department of Epigenetics and Molecular Carcinogenesis, MD Anderson*  
▪ *Dr. Brandon Russell, Medical Science Liaison, GlaxoSmithKline*
- 2:50 – 3:00p** **Break**
- 3:00 – 4:00p** **SESSION #4: Career Paths Panel** (Conference Center Auditorium)  
▪ **Academia:** *Dr. Georgios Karras, Assistant Professor, Department of Genetics, MD Anderson*  
▪ **Medical Science Liaison:** *Dr. Brandon Russell, Medical Science Liaison, GlaxoSmithKline*  
▪ **Teaching:** *Dr. Alessandra Di Lorenzo, Biology Professor, Austin Community College*  
▪ **Technology Transfer:** *Mr. Dustin Romine, Associate Director, Strategic Industry Ventures, Technology Commercialization, MD Anderson*
- 4:00 – 4:10p** **Break**
- 4:10 – 5:00p** **Roundtable Discussions with Guests** (Conference Center Auditorium)  
Dr. T. Chen • Dr. Czako • Dr. Di Lorenzo • Mr. Haseltine • Dr. Karras • Mr. Romine • Dr. Russell • Dr. Shadding • Dr. Wood
- 5:00 – 6:00p** **Symposium Reception** (Conference Center Lobby)
- 6:15p** Bus departs Science Park  
**8:15p** Bus arrives Houston/BSRB