

20 Genetics & Epigenetics 22 Career Symposium

Genetics and Epigenetics Graduate Program
MD Anderson UTHealth Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences
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- 8:30 – 9:00a **Registration**
- 9:00 – 9:10a **Welcome**, G&E Co-Director, Francesca Cole, PhD and Symposium Co-Chair, Mabel Perez-Oquendo
- 9:10 – 10:10a **Keynote Lecture #1**
“Single-cell technologies and cell atlas construction for major human organs”
Kun Zhang, PhD, Professor of Bioengineering, University of California, San Diego and Co-Founder & Scientific Advisor, Singlera Genomics, La Jolla, CA
- 10:20 – 11:20a **Breakout Session I**
- #1: Fellowships and Training Grants: What is Out There and How Do I Get One?**
Raquel Ybanez Salinas¹, PhD, Director Student Affairs & Career Development, Andrea Stavoe², PhD, Assistant Professor and Rhiannon Morrissey³, GSBS Graduate Student
- #2: Job Skills: Preparing for Interviews & Negotiation Skills**
Brittany C. Parker Kerrigan³, PhD, Associate Director, Research Planning & Development and Ryan Udan³, PhD, Director of Office of Postdoctoral Affairs
- #3: Using a Postdoc as a Launchpad for Your Career**
Samantha Fix³, PhD, Scientist-Cell Therapy Manufacturing Facility, Lisandra Vila-Ellis³, PhD, Research Scientist, and Evelin Young⁴, PhD, Director of the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs
- #4: Coffee with Dr. Kun Zhang**, morning keynote speaker
- 11:30 – 12:30p **Workshop #1: Making Effective Figures for Publications**
Presentation and hands-on activity in small groups
Jeanie F. Woodruff, BS, ELS, Senior Scientific Medical Editor/Writer, Scientific Publications, Texas Heart Institute, Houston
- 12:30 – 1:30p **Lunch**
- 1:30 – 2:30p **Breakout Session II**
- #1: Career Exploration** [Panel and small group discussions with individual panelists]
Debabrata Das³, PhD, Research Instructor, Anadulce Hernández⁴, PhD, Scientific Project Manager, Rhea Kang⁵, PhD, Scientist III and Amber Thomas-Gordon⁶, MS, Clinical Research Manager
- #2: Maximizing Your Social Media Network**
Molly Adams³, Sr. Communications Specialist, Carolina García García³, GSBS Graduate Student, Rachel Miller², PhD, Associate Professor
- #3: Academic Lectures: How to Teach a Subject Rather Than Just Present Your Data**
Awdesh Kalia³, PhD, Professor, School for Health Professions, Lindsey Minter⁴, PhD, Principal-Career Services and Matt Blank⁷, PhD, Assistant Dean & Assistant Professor
- 2:45 – 3:45p **Workshop #2: Elevating Your Oral Presentation Skills**
Presentation and interactive group activities. Choose one of three topics:
- **Chalk Talks:** Swathi Arur³, PhD, Associate Professor, Genetics
 - **Platform Talks:** Michael Galko³, PhD, Professor, Genetics
 - **Flash Talks:** Tamara Laskowski⁸, PhD, Senior Director & Head of Clinical Development
- 4:00 – 5:00p **Keynote Lecture #2**
“Wnt signaling, neural A/P-patterning, and an accidental Developmental Biologist”
Arne C. Lekven, PhD, Professor, Department of Biology and Biochemistry, University of Houston
- 5:00 – 6:00p **Closing Remarks & Reception**
Symposium Co-Chairs, Celine Kong and Jace Aloway

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