

Alumni Career Symposium

Explore, Connect, Inspire

November 1-2, 2022

Tuesday, November 1, 2022

1PM-6PM

1 pm	Welcome and Opening Remarks
1:15 pm	<p>Young Alumni: A Conversation on Starting Your Career</p> <p><i>This panel session will feature recent GSBS alumni discussing their current careers, how they transitioned from the GSBS into their current roles, and advice for students starting their careers.</i></p> <p>Jianji (Paul) Chen, PhD, Scientist I, Protein Assay Development, NanoString W. Frank Lenoir, PhD, Scientist-Bioinformatics, Kronos Bio Sydney Moyer, PhD, Postdoctoral Researcher, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute Tristen Tellman, PhD, Science Policy Fellow, American Association for Cancer Research</p> <p>Moderator: Rolando Vedia, GSBS Therapeutics and Pharmacology Program Student</p> <p><i>Zoom</i></p>
2:30 pm	<p>Developing and Maintaining a Work-Life Balance</p> <p><i>Panelists will discuss their current careers and how they work to find balance between professional responsibilities and personal needs, and share strategies they use to prioritize their time and manage work-related stress.</i></p> <p>Petra den Hollander, PhD, Instructor, Department of Translational Molecular Pathology, Division of Pathology/Lab Medicine, MD Anderson Cancer Center Brittany Ellis Jewell, PhD, Postdoctoral Fellow at Salk Institute for Biological Studies Jon Lyons, PhD, Senior Director, Scientific & Medical Affairs, Biofrontera Inc.</p> <p>Moderator: Paulina Horton, GSBS Immunology Program Student</p> <p><i>Zoom</i></p>
3:30 pm	<p>Featured Talk Introduction</p> <p>Tanvi Visal, GSBS Cancer Biology Program</p> <p>Featured Talk: Attaining Personal and Scientific Success in Industry</p> <p>Steven Nadler, PhD, Senior Vice President and Head of Discovery and Translational Research, Aro Biotherapeutics</p> <p><i>Zoom</i></p>

4:30 pm	<p>Virtual Networking</p> <p><i>Join virtually to connect with GSBS alumni, students, and community members across the world.</i></p> <p><i>Zoom</i></p>
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Wednesday, November 2, 2022

11AM-6PM

UTHealth Houston Institute of Molecular Medicine, 1825 Pressler Street, Houston, TX 77030

11 am	<p>Networking for Scientists</p> <p>A fun and interactive workshop for students who want to improve their networking skills.</p> <p>Facilitators: Raquel Salinas, PhD, GSBS Director of Student Affairs and Career Development; Mabel Perez-Oquendo, GSBS Genetics and Epigenetics Program</p> <p><i>James T. Willerson, M.D., Discovery Hall</i></p>
12 pm	<p>Lunch</p> <p><i>James T. Willerson, M.D., Discovery Hall</i></p>
1 pm	<p>Keynote Introduction</p> <p>Cherilynn R. Shadding, PhD, GSBS Associate Dean of Diversity and Student Affairs</p> <p>Keynote Lecture: <i>Getting to the Second Mountain</i></p> <p>Rena D'Souza, DDS, MS, PhD, Director of the National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research</p> <p><i>Beth Robertson Auditorium</i></p>
2:30 pm	<p>Work in the New Normal</p> <p><i>Panelists will discuss their current careers, how they navigate their day-to-day work responsibilities, and will share insight on how work is currently conducted.</i></p> <p>Doug Botkin, PhD, Technology and Market Development Manager, Charles River Laboratories</p> <p>Kimiya Memarzadeh, PhD, Chief of Staff, CTMC, a joint venture between Resilience and MD Anderson Cancer Center</p> <p>Gloria Sierra, PhD, Translational Scientist, CARsgen Therapeutics</p> <p>Jena Tavormina, PhD, Associate Director, Enterprise Innovation, Abbvie</p> <p>Moderator: Mabel Perez-Oquendo, GSBS Genetics and Epigenetics Program</p> <p><i>Beth Robertson Auditorium</i></p>
3:30 pm	<p>Alumni Career Spotlights</p> <p><i>This session will feature short talks from GSBS alums that give insight into their career paths. There will be a moderated Q&A session following the talks.</i></p>

	<p>Kendra Carmon, PhD, Associate Professor, Institute of Molecular Medicine, UTHealth Houston</p> <p>Hillary Caruso, PhD, Vice President Strategic Operations, Castle Biosciences</p> <p>Morgan McKeller, PhD, Senior Medical Science Liaison, Amgen U.S. Medical Affairs</p> <p>Moderators: Ulises Gonzalez, GSBS Biochemistry and Cell Biology Program; Raquel Salinas, PhD, GSBS Director of Student Affairs and Career Development</p> <p><i>Beth Robertson Auditorium</i></p>
5 pm	<p>Networking Reception</p> <p><i>James T. Willerson, M.D., Discovery Hall</i></p>