Dr. John J. Kopchick Research Symposium

Navigating Your Early Career

Monday, November 4, 2019

9:15 am  Welcome and Opening Remarks
          Deans Michelle Barton, PhD, and Michael Blackburn, PhD
          John Kopchick, PhD, Charlene Kopchick, and Fellows

9:30 am  Navigating the Path to an Academic Career and Early Career Funding Opportunities
          Chandra Bartholomeusz, MD, PhD, Associate Professor, Breast Medical Oncology, MD Anderson

10:00 am Steps to Finding the Right Postdoc for You
          Sara Siegel, PhD, Postdoctoral Research Associate, Orth Lab, UT Southwestern

10:30 am Lessons Learned in My Early Career and in Investigating Rothmund-Thomson Syndrome Associated Osteosarcoma
          Brittany Ellis Jewell, Doctoral Candidate, Lee Lab, MD Anderson UTHealth Graduate School

11:15 am Single Cells: From Moonlight Experiments to a Lifelong Passion and Career
          Nicholas Navin, PhD, Associate Professor, Genetics, MD Anderson

11:45 am Microbiome, Mucus, and Nutritional Axis in Neutropenic Fever
          Robert Jenq, MD, Assistant Professor, Genomic Medicine, MD Anderson

12:15 pm Networking Lunch - Onstead Forum

1:30 pm Panel Discussion: Early Career Decision Making
          • John Kopchick, PhD, Moderator, Goll-Ohio Eminent Scholar & Professor, Ohio University
          • Steven Lott, PhD, Owner, Lott Consulting
          • Rachel Miller, PhD, Assistant Professor, Pediatrics, McGovern Medical School at UTHealth
          • Jolie Schafer, PhD, Medical Science Liaison, Kiadis Pharma
          • Matthew Spitzer, PhD, Assistant Professor, Otolaryngology, University of California, San Francisco
          • Elisa Vesely, PhD, Postdoctoral Researcher, Cramer Lab, Dartmouth Geisel School of Medicine

2:30 pm 2018 Dr. John J. Kopchick Research Award Recipients
          Targeting Nutrient Dependency in KEAP-Mutant Lung Cancer
          • Pranavi Koppula, Doctoral Candidate, MD Anderson UTHealth Graduate School
          • Boyi Gan, PhD, Associate Professor, Experimental Radiation Oncology, MD Anderson

3:10 pm 2019 Dr. John J. Kopchick Research Award Recipients
          Reversal of Neurodegeneration Through Clearance of pTau by Engineered Monocytes
          • Alex Chao-Hsien Chen, Doctoral Candidate, MD Anderson UTHealth Graduate School
          • Michael Curran, PhD, Associate Professor, Immunology, MD Anderson

3:30 pm Keynote Address: Understanding Immune Responses to Cancer from Single-Cell Data
          Matthew Spitzer, PhD, Werbe Assistant Professor
          Otolaryngology and Microbiology & Immunology
          University of California, San Francisco

4:30 pm Closing Remarks
          John Kopchick, PhD, and Charlene Kopchick

5:00 pm Reception - Onstead Forum

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