

Program

UCLA GOODMAN-LUSKIN MICROBIOME CENTER

2nd ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

Thursday, April 24, 2025

Poster and Networking Session	
11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Lunch will be provided
Introduction and Welcoming Remarks	
1:00 PM – 1:15 PM	<p>Eric Esrailian, MD, MPH Chief, Vatche and Tamar Manoukian Division of Digestive of Diseases, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA; Director, Melvin & Bren Simon Digestive Diseases Center; Lincy Foundation Chair in Clinical Gastroenterology; Health Sciences Clinical Professor of Medicine; David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA</p>
State of the Goodman-Luskin Microbiome Center (GLMC)	
1:15 PM – 1:30 PM	<p>Introduction: Lin Chang, MD</p> <p>Elaine Hsiao, PhD Director, UCLA Goodman-Luskin Microbiome Center; De Logi Associate Professor of Biological Sciences, UCLA; Department of Integrative Biology & Physiology Division of Life Sciences, UCLA College of Letters & Sciences; Vatche and Tamar Manoukian Division of Digestive Diseases, Department of Medicine; Department of Microbiology, Immunology, Molecular Genetics, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA</p>
Keynote Speaker	
1:30 PM – 2:30 PM	<p>Moderator: Emeran Mayer, MD</p> <p>David A. Relman, MD Thomas C and Joan M Meriga Professor; Professor of Microbiology and Immunology, Senior Fellow, Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, Stanford University <i>“The Response of the Human Microbiome to Disturbance”</i></p>
Speaker Session I	
2:30 PM – 3:00 PM	<p>Moderator: Arpana Church, PhD</p> <p>Sarkis Mazmanian, PhD Luis B. and Nelly Soux Professor of Microbiology, California Institute of Technology</p>

3:00 PM – 3:30 PM	<p>Devesha Kulkarni, PhD GLMC Pilot & Feasibility Program Awardee Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, Division of Clinical Nutrition, UCLA</p>
	<p>Lia Farahi, PhD GLMC Endowed Fellowship Awardee Postdoctoral Fellow, Division of Cardiology, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA</p> <p><i>“Role of Gut Microbiome-Derived Indole Propionic Acid in Cellular Senescence and Cardiovascular Disease”</i></p>
3:30 PM – 3:45 PM	Coffee Break
Speaker Session II	
3:45 PM – 4:15 PM	<p>Moderator: Tien Dong, MD</p> <p>Suzanne Devkota, PhD Director, Cedars-Sinai Human Microbiome Research Institute, Associate Professor Division of Gastroenterology; Associate Professor in Residence, Dept of Medicine, UCLA</p> <p><i>“Gut Microbial Adaptations to Diverse Selection Pressures in Crohn’s Disease”</i></p>
4:15 PM – 4:45 PM	<p>Jessica Carstens-Kass GLMC Seed Fellowship Awardee PhD candidate, Department of Molecular, Cell & Developmental Biology, UCLA</p> <p><i>“Sugar Rush! Microbial Degradation of Brown Algal Fucoidans”</i></p> <p>Erica N. Grodin, PhD GLMC Pilot & Feasibility Program Awardee Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences, UCLA</p> <p><i>“Gut Microbiome Interventions for Alcohol Use Disorder and Alcohol-Associated Liver Disease”</i></p>
Poster Awards and Closing Remarks	
4:45 PM – 5:00 PM	Elaine Hsiao, PhD