The George Washington University Medical Center
12th Annual Research Day
Monday, March 26, 2007

Program

7:30 am – 5:00 pm  Registration, Ross Hall Lobby

8:00am - 8:30 am  Opening Remarks and Welcome, Ross Hall 101

Valerie Hu, PhD
Associate Professor of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Chair, Medical Center Faculty Senate Committee on Research

John F. Williams, MD, EdD, MPH
Provost & Vice President for Health Affairs

Anne N. Hirshfield, PhD
Associate Vice President for Health Research, Compliance and
Technology Transfer

James Scott, MD
Dean, School of Medicine and Health Sciences

Ruth Katz, JD, MPH
Dean, School of Public Health and Health Services

8:30-9:30 am  Keynote Address I, Ross Hall 101
Biomedical and Health Sciences
Introduction of Dr. Vereen: Dr. Vincent Chiappinelli

Keynote Speaker:

Dr. Donald R. Vereen, Jr., MD, MPH
Special Assistant to the Director of the
National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA) at
The National Institutes of Health (NIH)

“Drug Abuse and Addiction Research
An Overview for the Bedside”
9:30-10:30 am  **Keynote Address II**, Ross Hall 101
Public Health and Health Services
Introduction of Dr. Yach: Dean Ruth Katz

Keynote Speaker:

**Dr. Derek Yach**, MBChB, MPH
Director of Global Health Policy
PepsiCo

“Personal Reflections on Implementing Research”

10:30-10:45 am  Discussion Forum with Dr. Vereen and Mr. Yach

10:45-11:15 am  **Medical Student Oral Presentations**, Ross 101
Moderator: Anne N. Hirshfield, PhD, Faculty Advisor, William Beaumont Society, Associate Vice President for Health Research, Compliance and Technology Transfer

  - **Andrew Choi** - “Pulmonary Vein Isolation Results in Improved Ventricular Function in Patients with Atrial Fibrillation, Heart Failure and Left Ventricular Dysfunction”
  - **Anjuli Shah** – “Age-related Changes in Emotional Information Processing: An fMRI Study”

11:15-11:45 am  **Resident Oral Presentations**, Ross 101
Moderator: Brian J. McGrath, MD, MPH, Associate Dean for Graduate Medical Education and Administration, School of Medicine and Health Sciences

  - **Case Report Category Co-Winner**
    Andrea T. Badillo, MD - PGY-3
    Department of General Surgery
    "Wilms' Tumor Arising within a Mediastinal Teratoma"

  - **Clinical Research Category Winner**
    Ruchika Gutt, M.D. - PGY 1
    Department of Internal Medicine
    "Cardiac Morbidity and Mortality after Breast Conservation Treatment in Early Stage Breast Cancer Patients with Pre-existing Cardiac Disease”

11:45 am - 12 noon  **Presentation of Distinguished Researcher Awards**
Presenter: Dr. Anne Hirshfield

**Awardees**

**Distinguished Researcher Awards (2)**

  - Dr. Michael Bukrinsky, Professor of Microbiology/Tropical Medicine and Biochemistry/Molecular Biology
    Department of Microbiology, GWUMC
  - Dr. Vittorio Gallo, Professor of Pediatrics
    Dept. of Pediatrics, Children’s National Medical Center
12 noon – 2:50 pm  **Poster Session and Lunch**  
Grand and Continental Ballrooms  
Marvin Center, 3rd floor

3-3:45 pm  **IBS Student Oral Presentations**, Ross 101  
Moderator: Linda Werling, PhD, Director, Institute for Biomedical Sciences

  Kristina Buac – “Genetic Analysis of Wireless, an ENU-induced Mutation that Disrupts neural crest development”

  Jesse Damsker – “Contribution of Cyclophilin-CD147 Interactions in Rheumatoid Arthritis”

  Kristin Wright - “The Potential Role of Mitochondria in Death Resistance and Survival Signaling”

3:45-4 pm  **Break**

4-4:45 pm  **Public Health Student Oral Presentations**, Ross 101  
Moderator: Rebecca Parkin, PhD, MPH, Associate Dean for Research and Public Health Practice, School of Public Health and Health Services

  Nicolas Cuttriss – “An analysis of Data on Ecuadorian Children with Type 1 Diabetes in the Camp Setting: Short-term and Long-Term Benefits of Diabetes Camp on Glycemic Control”

  Ella Jewell – “Expression of BP1, a Homeobox Gene, is Associated with Tumor Grade and Lymph Node Status in Breast Cancer”


4:45-5:05 pm  **Presentation of 2007 Doris Deford Speck Award and Awardee Oral Presentation**, Ross 101  
Introduction of Dr. George Speck and 2007 Speck Award presented by: Dr. Anne Hirshfield, Faculty Advisor, William Beaumont Society

  **2007 Doris Deford Speck Awardee**  
  Douglas P. Olson – “Teaching of Health and Human Rights in US Medical Schools”
5:05-5:30 pm  Awards Ceremony, Ross 101

  Presenter

  Resident Awards  Brian J. McGrath, MD, MPH
  Public Health Awards  Ruth Katz, JD, MPH
  Medical Student Awards  W. Scott Schroth, MD
  IBS Awards  Linda Werling, PhD

Elaine H. Snyder Award
Introduction:  Valerie Hu, Ph.D.
Chair, Medical Center Faculty Senate Committee on Research

Awardee
Robert Hawley, Ph.D.
Professor of Anatomy and Cell Biology

Lifetime Achievement Distinguished Researcher Award
Introduction:  Anne N. Hirshfield, Ph.D.
Associate Vice President for Health Research, Compliance, and Technology Transfer

Awardee
Tsung O. Cheng, M.D.
Professor of Medicine

5:30-6:45 pm  Wine and Cheese Reception, Ross Hall, 2nd Floor Lounge