# 5TH ANNUAL UC DAVIS CHEMICAL BIOLOGY RETREAT

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# RETREAT AGENDA

#### Thursday, September 5

LUNCH 12 P.M. - 1 P.M.

GRANHALL

1:00 P.M. - 1:10 P.M WELCOME &

INTRODUCTIONS MOUNTAIN ROOM

SESSION I 1:10 P.M. - 2:30 P.M

MOUNTAIN ROOM

COFFEE & TEA

BREAK

2:30 P.M. - 2:45 P.M MOUNTAIN ROOM

**BREAKOUT** SESSION I

2:45 P.M. - 3:45 P.M MOUNTAIN ROOM

BREAK/CHECK-IN 3:45 P.M. - 4:45 P.M

GRANHALL

SESSION II

4:45 P.M. - 5:45 P.M

MOUNTAIN ROOM KEYNOTE TALK

HAPPY HOUR 5:45 P.M. - 7:00 P.M.

GRANHALL

6:00 P.M. - 7:15 P.M DINNER

GRANHALL

& SOCIAL

POSTER SESSION 7:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

**PAVILION** 

(Heaters will be provided)

#### Friday, September 6

**BREAKFAST** 7:30 A.M. - 9 A.M.

GRANHALL

CAREER PANEL

W/Q&A

8:20 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. MOUNTAIN ROOM

(Food permitted)

**BREAKOUT** 

SESSION II

9:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M.

10:00 A.M. - 10:40 A.M.

MOUNTAIN ROOM

**COFFEE & TEA** 

**BREAK/CHECK** OUT OF ROOMS MOUNTAIN ROOM

SESSION III

10:40 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

MOUNTAIN ROOM

CLOSING

REMARKS &

**PHOTOS** 

12:00 P.M. - 12:15 P.M.

MOUNTAIN ROOM

LUNCH PICK UP

AND DEPART!

(HIKING/HOME)

12:15 P.M. - 12:30 P.M.

SOLARIUM

# SESSION DETAILS

#### Thursday, September 5

#### SESSION I

1:10 P.M. - 2:30 P.M. MOUNTAIN ROOM

1:10 P.M. - 1:30 P.M. Dr. Patrick Shih 1:30 P.M. - 1:50 P.M. Morgan Matson 1:50 P.M. - 2:10 P.M. Ami Rose 2:10 P.M. - 2:30 P.M. SeHee Park

#### **BREAKOUT SESSION I**

2:45 P.M. - 3:45 P.M. MOUNTAIN ROOM Elevator Pitches & Audiences facilitated by Dr. Sheila David

#### SESSION II KEYNOTE TALK

4:45 P.M. - 5:45 P.M. MOUNTAIN ROOM A Chemical Biology Toolbox for RNA Post-Transcriptional Modification and Capture Dr. Jennifer Heemstra

#### POSTER SESSION & SOCIAL

7:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M. PAVILION (Heaters will be provided) Please see page 5 for poster information

#### Friday, September 6

#### CAREER PANEL W/ Q&A

8:20 A.M. - 9:00 A.M. MOUNTAIN ROOM (Food permitted)

Dr. Jennifer Heemstra Dr. Maique Weber Bivatti Dr. Michael J. Stevenson

#### **BREAKOUT SESSION II**

9:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. MOUNTAIN ROOM

Ethics in Chemical Biology Research facilitated by Dr. Andrew Fisher

#### SESSION III

10:40 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. MOUNTAIN ROOM 10:40 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. Diedra Shorty 11:00 A.M. - 11:20 A.M. Cindy Khuu

11:20 A.M. – 11:40 A.M. Nate Harder 11:40 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Cindy McReynolds

# FEATURED SPEAKERS

#### KEYNOTE - Dr. Jennifer Heemstra

Jen received her B.S. in Chemistry from the University of California, Irvine, in 2000. At Irvine, she performed undergraduate research with Prof. James Nowick investigating the folding of synthetic beta-sheet mimics, which instilled in her a love of supramolecular chemistry. Jen then moved to the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, where she completed her Ph.D. with Prof. Jeffrey Moore in 2005 studying the reactivity of pyridine-functionalized phenylene ethynylene cavitands. After a brief stint in industry as a medicinal chemist, she moved to Harvard University to pursue postdoctoral research with Prof. David Liu exploring mechanisms for templated nucleic acid synthesis. In 2010, Jen began her independent career in the Department of Chemistry at the University of Utah, and was promoted to Associate Professor with tenure in 2016. In 2017, Jen and her research group moved to the Department of Chemistry at Emory University. Research in the Heemstra lab is focused on harnessing the molecular recognition and self-assembly properties of nucleic acids for applications in biosensing and bioimaging. Outside of work, Jen enjoys spending time with her husband and two sons, as well as rock climbing, cycling, and running.

#### Career Panel Q& A - Dr. Maique Weber Biavatti

Graduated in Pharmacy from the Federal University of Paraná (1993), Master in Chemistry from the Federal University of Paraná (1994) and PhD in Chemistry from the Federal University of São Carlos (2001). She is currently a professor at the Federal University of Santa Catarina (UFSC). Editor-in-Chief of the Brazilian Journal of Pharmacognosy (2017 - 2019), Vice-President of the Brazilian Society of Pharmacognosy (2014-2016). Has experience in Pharmacognosy, focusing on Study of Extracts and Substances of species of the Asteraceae family, acting on the following subjects: isolation, characterization and quantification of natural substances. She works in the postgraduate program in Pharmacy, guiding master and doctorate students in projects focused on the research of natural, semi-synthetic and synthetic products with potential biological activity. Participates in the Research Network Natural Products against Neglected Diseases (ResNet NPND), that is a global network of researchers uniting their forces against ND.

#### Career Panel Q& A - Dr. Michael J. Stevenson

Michael Stevenson obtained a BS in Biochemistry from the University of Washington in 2009 and a PhD in Chemistry from Dartmouth College in 2016 studying the thermodynamics of metals binding to proteins. He was a postdoctoral scholar at Ohio State University where he worked with Professor Hannah Shafaat on designing a light driven artificial hydrogenase mimic. He is currently a postdoctoral scholar working with Professor Marie Heffern focusing on the role of metal ions in regulating and modulating peptide hormones. After this position, he hopes to become a professor at a primarily undergraduate institution where he can build on his understanding of metals in biology.

# **POSTERS**

#### RIGOBERTO ARENAS STRUCTURAL BIOLOGY

Structural Biology of Anthracyclines Metabolism

#### HANNAH BRINKMAN, CHEMISTRY

Design and Implementation of a High Throughput Screen for ADAR gRNAs for Rett Syndrome

#### ANDREA M. COLEMAN, CHEMISTRY

Role of Alpha-Actinin in Surface Localization of the L-type Ca2+ Channel Cav1.2

#### SARAH DISHMAN, CHEMISTRY

Asymmetric Synthesis of Xanthone Natural Products by C-H Insertion of Donor/Donor Rhodium Carbenes

#### ERIN DOHERTY, CHEMISTRY

Increasing A to I Editing Efficiency of ADAR2 Using Cytidine Analolgs

#### SAM HARTANTO, STRUCTURAL BIOLOGY

Characterization of the sulfur assimilation complex CysDNC in Mycobacterium tuberculosis

#### PEISHAN HUANG, BIOPHYSICS

Evaluating the Relationship Between T50 and TM as well as the Performance of Thermal Stability Prediction Tools for an Enzyme Mutant Library

#### AGYA KARKI, CHEMISTRY

Biochemical Analysis of Adenosine Deaminase Acting on RNA1

#### ALBERT LIU, BMCDB

Structurally-Guided RuBisCO Engineering Inspired by Novel Metagenomic Protein

### ELIZABETH R. LOTSOF CHEMICAL BIOLOGY

Excision of oxidatively damaged bases in Gquadruplexes by the DNA glycosylases NEIL1 and NEIL3

#### CALVIN LY, CHEMICAL BIOLOGY

Development of an In Vitro High-Content Imaging Screen for Antidepressants

## LEANNA MONTALEONE BIO-ORGANIC CHEMISTRY

Improving Editing and Binding to Disease Targets with Adenosine Deaminase Acting on RNA (ADAR)

#### MATTHEW ORELLANA, BIO-ORGANIC CHEMISTRY

Development of an In Vitro High-Content Imaging Screen for Antidepressants

#### ELYS RODRIGUEZ, CHEMISTRY

Selectivity and structural understanding of glycosyltransferases to enable protein design efforts towards cardiac glycosides

## DR. MICHAEL J. STEVENSON BIO-INORGANIC CHEMISTRY

Co-authors: Ian C. Farran, Kylie S. Uyeda, Jessica A. San Juan, Marie C. Heffern Analysis of Metal Effects on C-Peptide Structure and Internalization

#### RJ TOMBARI, CHEMICAL BIOLOGY

Ex Vivo Analysis of Tryptophan Metabolism Using 19F NMR

## ALEXANDER THUY-BOUN STRUCTURAL BIOLOGY/BIOCHEMISTRY

Structural and Functional investigation of an Adenosine deaminase acting on RNA 2 protein homodimer

#### XANDER WILCOX, BIOPHYSICAL CHEMISTRY

Expanding the Genome Editing Toolbox: Towards the Development of Targetable Genome Editing with Adenosine Deaminase Acting on RNA (ADARs)

#### XIAOHONG YANG, CHEMISTRY

'A Bacterial Exo-α-N-Acetylglucosaminidase Shows Potential for Heparin/Heparan Sulfate Structural Analysis

#### ANGELA ZHANG, BIO-ORGANIC CHEMISTRY

Microbial Production of Human Milk Oligosaccharides

## **MENUS**

#### Thursday, September 5

#### LUNCH

12 P.M. - 1 P.M. GRANHALL

Build Your Own Chopped Salad and Smoothies Lunch Buffet: Mango Yogurt Naked Juice Smoothie Strawberry Banana Naked Juice Smoothie Salad Bar

Nuts: Almonds, Pecans, Pistachios Telara Rolls, Gluten Free Rolls Fresh Roasted Cubed Turkey (Dg,Gf)

Sustainable Harvested White Albacore Tuna Salad:

Contains Mayo, Celery, Relish, Hot Sauce, Red Bell

Pepper, Black Pepper, Onions Grilled/Blackened Certified

Sustainable Cod (Df, Gf)

Vegan/Gluten Free: Healthy Loaded Sweet Potato Skins: With Onions, Garlic, Bell Peppers,

Tomatoes, Black Beans, Vegan Yogurt, Vegan Mozzarella

#### DINNER

6:00 P.M. - 7:15 P.M GRANHALL

Dinner Buffet
Strawberry Salad
Chopped Kale Salad with
Edamame, Carrot and Avocado
BBQ Shrimp/Bell Pepper/Onion/Mushroom

Kabobs with a Lime Marinade

BBQ Chicken (GF, DF)

Vegan/Gluten Free BBQ Beyond Italian Spicy

Sausages Brochettes

Oven Roasted Sweet Potatoes

Grilled Corn On the Cob (GF, DF)

Fresh Fruits, Lemon Cake

(Contains gluten and dairy) (HT)

#### Friday, September 6

#### **BREAKFAST**

7:30 A.M. - 9 A.M. GRANHALL

#### Traditional Breakfast Buffet

includes

various proteins (eggs, sausage, etc.)

Baked goods

Hot and cold cereal

Fruit

Cofee, tea juice & more

## LUNCH PICK UP AND DEPART! (HIKING/HOME)

12:15 P.M. - 12:30 P.M. SOLARIUM

Labeled bag lunches with sign up sheet the evening prior to confirm any dietary needs again

with the lodge

Piece of fruit

Italian sandwich

Bag of chips

Granola bar

Chocolate chip cookie

Water & napkin

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#### HAVE A QUESTION OR NEED SUPPORT DURING THE REREAT?