

Dr. John J. Kopchick Research Symposium
Failure and Perseverance in Science

Monday, November 8, 2021

[Virtual](#)

AGENDA

- 9:45 am Welcome and Opening Remarks
Emcee Tristen Tellman [2019-2020 K-Fel]
Michael Blackburn, PhD, GSBS Dean / Dr. John & Mrs. Char Kopchick + Fellows
- 10:00 am *Success is Not the Same as Failure Avoidance: Lessons from a Mid-Career Faculty*
C. David Fuller, MD, PhD, Associate Professor, Radiation Oncology, MD Anderson
- 10:30 am K-Fel Student Panel Discussion
Marimar de la Cruz Bonilla, MD, PhD [2018-2019]; **Archit Ghosh** [2021];
Soleil Hernandez [2021]; **Alexis Mobley** [2019-2020]; **Deborah Silverman** [2020-2021]
Moderator: Medina Colic [2020-2021 K-Fel]
- 11:00 am *Failure is an Opportunity*
Guillermina Lozano, PhD, Chair & Professor, Genetics, MD Anderson
- 11:30 am 2020 Kopchick Research Award Presentation
Actin Tyrosine Phosphorylation as a Novel Regulator of PI3K Signaling
Amelie Albrecht, PhD (Advisor: **Xuetong Snow Shen, PhD**)
- 12:00 noon Lunch – Join the K-Fels for interactive virtual competitions during the break!
- 1:15 pm Faculty Panel Discussion
Francesca Cole Bergemann, PhD, Associate Professor, Epigenetics & Molecular Carcinogenesis, MD Anderson
Georgios Karras, PhD, Assistant Professor, Genetics, MD Anderson
Amina Qutub, PhD, Associate Professor, Bioengineering, The University of Texas at San Antonio
Moderator: Brigid McDonald [2020-2021 K-Fel]
- 2:15 pm *Academia to Failing Forward into Industry*
Jaymie Estrella, PhD, Global Marketing Director, Merck & Company
- 2:45 pm 2021 Kopchick Research Awardees' Recognition
The Role of the Paraventricular Hypothalamus in Rhythmic Mediation of Feeding and Metabolism
Rachel Van Drunen, PhD Candidate (Advisor: **Kristin Eckel-Mahan, PhD**)

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3:00 pm **KEYNOTE**

*Dancing Lessons, A Marching Band and a Trip to the Desert:
The Path to an Ebola Vaccine and Novel Technology Aimed to Break the Cold Chain*

MARIA A. CROYLE, RPh, PhD

Glaxo Wellcome Endowed Professor of Pharmaceutics,
The University of Texas at Austin - College of Pharmacy

4:00 pm Closing Remarks

Tristen Tellman, Dean Blackburn, Dr. & Mrs. Kopchick



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