Joint Retreat
The University of Chicago “Digestive Health and Diseases” T32 and
University of Wisconsin-Madison “Metabolism and Nutrition” T32
Gordon Center for Integrative Science – The University of Chicago
929 E. 57th St., Chicago, IL

Day 1: Friday October 13, 2023

11:30 Lunch

Noon Retreat Welcome (Eugene Chang, MD and Rick Eisenstein, PhD)
Trainee/trainer Introduction

12:30 PM Keynote: “Effective Mentorship in STEMM: What’s Cultural Diversity Got To Do With It?”

Prof. Angela Byars-Winston PhD
Dept. of Medicine
Chair, Institute for Diversity Science
University of Wisconsin-Madison

1:30 Trainer research talk 1: “Modeling Host-Environment Interactions across Diverse Individuals”

Sonia Kupfer MD
Assoc. Prof. of Medicine, The University of Chicago

2:30 Trainee oral research (data) presentations (3 from each institution)

4:15 Break

4:30 Panel discussion on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion-related topics

Angela Byars-Winston PhD and Edwin McDonald IV MD
Sonia Kupfer MD, moderator

5:00 Career Development Skills – mini-talks and vignettes

Manjing Zhang PhD
Scientific Analyst, Morrison Foerster

Vanessa Leone PhD
Asst. Prof of Animal and Dairy Sciences – UW-Madison

• Leadership focused on junior faculty starting their labs
• Establishing visibility and name recognition

6:00 Reception/Social hour

7:00 – 9:00 Dinner and Science keynote: Quadrangle Club - 1155 East 57th St, Chicago, IL

Edwin McDonald IV MD
Asst. Prof. of Medicine, The University of Chicago

“Why are you eating hot dogs every day?: Navigating food swamps, food deserts, and health disparities”
Day 2  
Saturday October 14, 2023

7:30 AM  Continental Breakfast and Poster Set-Up

8:00 AM  Goals for this Day and Housekeeping

8:10 AM  Trainer Research Talk 2: “A short chain fatty acid centric view of Clostridioides difficile pathogenesis”

Andrew Hryckowian PhD  
Asst. Prof. of Medicine and Medical Microbiology and Immunology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

9:15 AM  Poster session (presenters at their poster first or second hour)

11:15 AM  Panel/Audience Discussion – **What career path fits you?**

Kristina Martinez-Guryn PhD
Associate Professor, Midwestern University

Wallace Liu PhD
Gilead Sciences

- Why do a post-doc?
- Career choices – academy, industry, government, administration
- Importance of Life Balance

12:15 PM  Lunch

1:00 PM  Trainee Research Big Picture (20 min) (Chalk Talks: 2 trainees from each T32)

What is the larger impact of your research? Why is it important?

3:00 PM  Brief discussion: Retreat conclusion and future directions.

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