



BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR MICROBIOLOGY

2024 ISM Spring Meeting and Vendor Exhibition

May 7-8, 2024

Medinah Shriners Center

550 Shriners Dr, Addison, Illinois, 60101

Preliminary Meeting Agenda

Tuesday May 7, 2024

7:30 AM

Registration & Continental Breakfast

8:45 AM

Opening Remarks

9:00 AM

Laboratory Outreach: Getting Beyond Your Institution's Walls

Elitza S. Theel, Ph.D., D(ABMM), F(AAM)

Director of the Infectious Diseases Serology Laboratory and co-director of the Vector-Borne Diseases Service

Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota

10:00 AM

Title and Topic: TBD

Vendor#1: TBD

10:15

Visit the Exhibits

11:15 AM

Medically Important Yeasts

Dr. Lars Westblade, Ph.D.

Director of the Clinical Microbiology Laboratory
Associate Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Weill Cornell Medicine College, New York

12:15 PM

Lunch (Visit Exhibits)

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1:45 PM

Whole Genome Sequencing for Healthcare Outbreaks: Shifting from Reactive to Surveillance

Dr. Alexander Sundermann, DrPH, MPH, CIC, FAPIC

Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases, Center for Genomic Epidemiology Research
University of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

2:45 PM

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Vendor#2: TBD

3:00 PM

"Whoa, What Is That?": Clinical Microbiology Cases at Northwestern Memorial Hospital

Dr. Brooks Mitchell, Ph.D.

Clinical Microbiology Fellow
Department of Pathology
Northwestern Memorial Hospital

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Meet and Greet Social Event



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Assistant Professor of Pathology, Northwestern University
Feinberg School of Medicine

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**Associations Between the Human Urinary
Microbiome and Diseases Affecting the Urinary
System**

Dr. Melanie Yarbrough, Ph.D.

Medical Director, Microbiology
Associate Professor, Pathology & Immunology
Washington University/Barnes Jewish Hospital
St. Louis, Missouri

1:45 PM

**Genotypic and Phenotypic Discrepancies in
Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing: Now What Do I
Do?**

Dr. Rebecca Yee, Ph.D.

Chief of Microbiology
Assistant Professor, Department of Pathology
George Washington University,
Washington, D.C.

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**Re-emerging Infections (i.e. Measles, VZV, iGAS) in
Congregate Living Facilities**

Michelle Funk, DVM, MPH

Medical Director, Community Congregate Settings
Disease Control Bureau

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**Respiratory Infection Trends in Pediatrics: Past,
Present, and Predicting the Future**

*Dr. Cecilia Thompson, Ph.D., D(ABMM),
MLS(ASCP)^{CM}*

Director, Microbiology; Director, Quality, Ann & Robert H.
Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago

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