

Vontz Center Cancer Seminar Series

Spring 2026

1/15	Moderator: Dave Plas Zheng Wu, PhD Special Seminar Faculty Recruitment Children's medical Center, UT Southwestern <i>"Purine Metabolism at the Crossroads of Metabolic Plasticity and Cancer Vulnerability"</i>
1/22	Moderators: Makenzie Fourman & Griffin Chadwick Sam Zumwalde, CCB PhD Student Amanda Wasylishen Lab, UC Department of Cancer Biology <i>"Dissecting the Daxx/Atrx/H3.3 Epigenetic Regulatory Complex"</i> Levi Fox, CCB PhD Student Susan Waltz Lab, UC Department of Cancer Biology <i>"The RON receptor tyrosine kinase drives aggressive mammary tumorigenesis through TREX1 mediated IFN-I suppression"</i>
1/29	Moderator: Dave Plas Lijuan Sun, PhD Special Seminar Faculty Recruitment Johns Hopkins University, School of Medicine <i>"Modulating Microenvironment Plasticity to Control Tumor Progression"</i>
2/5	Moderators: Angelle Jones & Elizabeth Shockney Megan Bones, CCB PhD Student Linde Miles Lab, CCHMC Div. of Experimental Hematology & Cancer Biology <i>"Dissecting co-mutational synergies on clonal fitness in acute myeloid leukemia"</i> Sara Alharbi, CCB PhD Student Tim Le Cras Lab, CCHMC Div. of Pulmonary Biology <i>"MEK Inhibition Reduces Vascular Malformations and Gene Dysregulation in NRASQ61R Human Endothelial Cells"</i>
2/12	Moderators: Charlie Nims & Toni Olkey Lindsay Bischoff, CCB PhD Student Elisa Boscolo Lab, CCHMC Div. of Experimental Hematology & Cancer Biology <i>"In-vivo investigation of the mechanisms driving venous malformation downstream of mutant TIE2 "</i> Julie Fisher, CCB PhD Student Tim Chlon Lab, CCHMC Div. of Experimental Hematology & Cancer Biology <i>"Structure-function analysis of DDX41's role in hematopoiesis"</i>
2/19	Moderators: Devyani Sharma & Logan Schneider Haley Todd, CCB PhD Student Andrew Waters Lab, UC Department of Surgery Oncology <i>"Determining the role of MRAS in driving resistance to KRASi in PDAC"</i> Kate Von Handorf, CCB PhD Student Dave Plas Lab, UC Department of Cancer Biology <i>"Tumor microenvironment-conscious kinase targeting and stress responses in glioblastoma"</i>
2/26	Moderators: Megan Bones & Vidushi Trivedi Shreya Shyamsunder, CCB PhD Student Vinita Takiar Lab, Department of Radiation Oncology, Penn State Health <i>"Valproic Acid Enhances the Therapeutic Efficacy of Ionizing Radiation in HPV-Negative Head and Neck Squamous Cell Carcinoma"</i> Jacob Kurek, CCB PhD Student Andrew Volk Lab, CCHMC Div. of Experimental Hematology & Cancer Biology <i>"Chromatin assembly defects drive erythropoietic dysplasia"</i>
3/5 LARSEN	Moderators: Grant Hagedorn & Lindsay Bischoff Annual William J. Larsen Distinguished Lecture Series Edward T. Chouchani, PhD Professor of Cancer Biology, Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Profess of Cell Biology, Harvard Medical School, Blavatnik Institute, Cambridge, MA Seminar Title: TBD
3/12 CARDELL	Moderators: Julie Fisher & Isaac Choi Taylor Lange, CCB PhD Student, Cardell Fellow Susanne Wells Lab, CCHMC Div. of Experimental Hematology & Cancer Biology <i>"Integrative multi-omics reveals HPV-driven ganglioside metabolism as a candidate for drug repurposing"</i>
3/26	Moderators: Kate Von Handorf & Taylor Joseph Joseph Ungvary, CCB PhD Student Tom Seegar Lab, UC Department of Molecular Genetics, Biochemistry & Microbiology <i>"Structural Basis for ADAM17 Activation by the iRhom1 Pseudoprotease"</i> Devyani Sharma, CCB PhD Student Marie-Dominique Filippi Lab, CCHMC Div. of Experimental Hematology & Cancer Biology <i>"Lipid deregulation impacts HSC functions during aging"</i>
4/2	Moderators: Tanner Wherley & Hailey Faulkner Dr. Mara Sherman Host: Seminar Committee Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York, NY Seminar Title: TBD
4/9	Moderators: Joe Ungvary & Grace Goodhart Dr. Donita Brady Host: Seminar Committee University of Pennsylvania, Perelman School of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA Seminar Title: TBD
4/16	Moderators: Xiaojin Zhu & Bibek Karki Dr. Gerta Hoxhaj Host: Seminar Committee Assistant Professor, Children's Medical Center Research Institute at UT Southwestern Medical Center, Dallas Texas Seminar Title: TBD
4/23	Moderators: Camille Stevenson & Zhixin Lu Dr. Wen-Xing Ding Host: Dr. Chunying Du, UC Department of Cancer Biology William Warner Abercrombie Professor, Pharmacology, Toxicology and Therapeutics, Kansas University Medical Center, Kansas City, KS <i>"Autophagy in liver diseases: too much is as bad as too little"</i>

Seminar Location: Rieveschl Auditorium at The Vontz Center for Molecular Studies (Vontz 1100)

12pm – 1pm on Thursdays (unless otherwise noted or advertised)

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