

# Vontz Center Cancer Seminar Series

Fall 2025

9/4	Seminar Orientation
9/11	<b>Moderators:</b> Emma Uible & Robby Beal Roman Caceres, CCB PhD Student Dr. Biplab Dasgupta Lab, Emory University, Atlanta, GA "The Role of SCD in Glioblastoma and Associated Angiogenesis" Makenzie Fourman, CCB PhD Student Dr. Amanda Wasylshen Lab, UC Department of Cancer Biology "Delineating tumor suppressive function of Men1 in the exocrine pancreas"
9/18	<b>Moderators:</b> Levi Fox & Sam Zumwalde Zhixin Lu, CCB PhD Student Dr. Susan Waltz Lab, UC Department of Cancer Biology "Investigating RON signaling in breast cancer: From EGFR therapy resistance to tumor microenvironment modulation" Camille Stevenson, CCB PhD Student Dr. Chunying Du Lab, UC, Department of Cancer Biology "Elucidating the role of BRUCE in MASH pathogenesis"
9/25	<b>Moderators:</b> Emily Wachter & Josh Jones Issac Choi, CCB PhD Student Dr. Daniel Starczynowski Lab, CCHMC Div. of Experimental Hematology & Cancer Biology "Novel Innate-Immune/Inflammation signaling effector in Acute Myeloid Leukemia" Paula Saez Raez, CCB PhD Student Dr. Courtney Jones Lab, CCHMC Div. of Experimental Hematology & Cancer Biology "Role of Protein Glutathionylation on Driving Acute Myeloid Leukemia through Oxidative Phosphorylation Regulation"
10/2	<b>Moderators:</b> Bianca Ruffolo & Grace Goodhart Dr. Nina Steele <b>Host:</b> Seminar Committee Assistant Professor, Internal Medicine, University of Cincinnati, College of Medicine, Cincinnati, OH "Leveraging a neurotropic oncolytic virus to combat drug resistance in pancreatic cancer"
10/16	<b>Moderators:</b> Sara Alharbi & Taylor Joseph Bianca Ruffolo, MSTP/CCB PhD Student Dr. Susanne Wells Lab, CCHMC Div. of Experimental Hematology & Cancer Biology "Metabolic reprogramming in Fanconi Anemia-deficient head and neck squamous cell carcinoma" Eugene Lee, PhD Dr. Jiajie Diao Lab, UC Department of Cancer Biology "Automated Analysis of Organelle Status using Computer Vision and Large Language Models"
10/23	<b>Moderators:</b> Jacob Kurek & Atharva Mahale Xiaoqin Zhu, CCB PhD Student Dr. Andrew Volk Lab, CCHMC Div. of Experimental Hematology & Cancer Biology "HNRNPL is a novel replication factor maintaining cell fate in Acute Myeloid Leukemia" Zihang Cheng, PhD Dr. Jiajie Diao Lab, UC Department of Cancer Biology "Subcellular Toxicity of Nanoparticles in Sunscreens"
10/30	<b>Moderators:</b> Taylor Lange & Sophia Philbrook Charlie Nims, CCB PhD Student Dr. Nicolas Nassar Lab, CCHMC Div. of Experimental Hematology & Cancer Biology "The VAV3 Inhibitor IODVA1 sensitizes B-ALL to Lysine Demethylase 1A Inhibition" Grant Hagedorn, CCB PhD Student Dr. Krushna Patra Lab, UC Department of Cancer Biology "Metabolic remodeling of mitochondrial form supports GNAS (Gαs) mutant pancreas cancer growth"
11/6	<b>Moderators:</b> Lindsay Bischoff & TJ Deere Angelle Jones, CCB PhD Student Dr. Susan Waltz Lab, UC Department of Cancer Biology "Defining the role of the RON receptor tyrosine kinase within prostate tumorigenesis" Aditya Yadav, PhD Dr. Jiajie Diao Lab, UC Department of Cancer Biology "Understanding the Role of Polyethylene Glycol Coating in Reducing the Subcellular Toxicity of MXene Nanoparticles Using a Large Multimodal Model"
11/13	<b>Moderators:</b> Grant Hagedorn & Sreelakshmi Sanam Dr. Xinghong Dai <b>Host:</b> Dr. Jiajie Diao, UC Department of Cancer Biology Assistant Professor, Dept of Physiology & Biophysics, Case Western Reserve University, School of Medicine, Cleveland, OH <b>Seminar Title:</b> TBD
12/11	<b>Moderators:</b> Haley Todd & Joseph Ungvary Dr. Ruey-Hwa Chen <b>Host:</b> Dr. Jun-Lin Guan, UC Department of Cancer Biology Distinguished Research Fellow, Institute of Biological Chemistry, Academia Sinica, Taipei, Taiwan "Purinosome: assembly mechanisms and biological functions"

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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