



Emerging Investigators Conference Agenda

FRIDAY

- 12:00 p.m. **LUNCH**
Welcome, *Barbara Perez, Chief Mission Officer, Arthritis Foundation, Great Lakes Region*
Keynote Speaker: *Amanda Niskar, DrPH, MPH, BSN, Arthritis Foundation National Scientific Director*
Towards a Faster Cure for Arthritis and Related Diseases
- 1:15 p.m. NIH and NIAMS Research and Funding, *Marie Mancini, PhD*
- 2:00 p.m. Investigators Share Their Research (Nezam Altorok, MD; Sharon Bout-Tabaku, MD; Carrie Karvonen-Gutierrez, PhD)
- 3:00 p.m. **BREAK**
- 3:15 p.m. Investigators Share Their Research (Timothy Mead, PhD; Veronica Ulici, MD, PhD; Nicholas Young, PhD)
- 4:15 p.m. Challenges in Clinical Research, *Stacy Ardoin, MD*
- 4:45 p.m. Genomic Studies in Juvenile Idiopathic Arthritis, *Susan Thompson, PhD*
- 5:15 p.m. NIH Funding Opportunities for Emerging Investigators, *Marie Mancini, PhD*
- 6:00 p.m. Welcome Reception
- 7:00 p.m. **DINNER**
The Arthritis Foundation ACL Feasibility Study
John Hardin, MD, Arthritis Foundation ACL Study Director

SATURDAY

- 7:00 a.m. **BREAKFAST**
- 8:00 a.m. Plasma microRNA Expression Profile in Axial Spondyloarthritis
Marina Magrey, MD
- 8:30 a.m. Influence of Environment on JIA, *Andy Zeff, MD*
- 9:00 a.m. Navigating Your First Faculty Appointment
Michelle Kahlenberg, MD, PhD
- 9:30 a.m. **BREAK**
- 9:45 a.m. Potential for Cell-Based Therapy in Inflammatory Arthritis, *Nora Singer, MD*
- 10:15 a.m. Stem Cell-Based Therapies and 3D Printing Technologies to Combat Osteoarthritis, *Rocky Tuan, PhD*
- 10:45 a.m. Membrane Resealing, Regulatory T cells and Myositis, *Wael Jarjour, MD*
- 11:30 a.m. The Interactions of Cutaneous & Systemic Immunity in SLE
Michelle Kahlenberg, MD, PhD
- 12:00 p.m. **LUNCH**
Highlights in Arthritis Research at NEOMED & Around the World
Walter E. Horton, Jr., PhD
- 1:00 p.m. Break-out Session with Faculty
- 1:45 p.m. **BREAK**
- 2:00 p.m. Break-out Session with Faculty
- 2:45 p.m. Closing Remarks; Adjourn