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PRESENTATION & PANEL DISCUSSION

The “-ships” To Success: Navigating Academia

Presentation

Geeta Swamy, MD, is a professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology, Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine at Duke University and serves as Associate Vice President for Research for Duke University and the Vice Dean for Scientific Integrity for the School of Medicine. A highly accomplished clinician-scientist, Dr. Swamy specializes in perinatal infection and maternal immunization. As a consultant to the World Health Organization, Dr. Swamy contributes her knowledge to advance international work to evaluate the immunogenicity, safety, and efficacy of vaccines in pregnant women. She is the principal investigator on numerous grants from the NIH, CDC, and other funding sources and has published 175 articles.

Panel Moderator

Kris Wood, PhD, is an associate professor of Pharmacology and Cancer Biology at Duke University. His laboratory uses genomic and pharmacological approaches to understand how tumor dependencies are shaped by cell intrinsic factors, environmental factors, and drug treatments during the dynamic process of tumor evolution.

See panelists on reverse side

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2023

Trent Semans Center, Duke University

A meeting hosted by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Duke University Women’s Reproductive Health Research (WRHR) programs and Duke/North Carolina Central University Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women’s Health (BIRCWH) program

Arrival/Meet & Greet  
12 p.m.

Welcome & Introductions  
12:20 p.m.

Scholar Presentations  
12:30 p.m.

Break  
1:50 p.m.

Scholar Presentations  
2 p.m.

Alumni Introductions  
3 p.m.

Break  
3:10 p.m.

Presentation & Panel: The “-ships” To Success: Navigating Academia  
3:25 p.m.

Closing Remarks  
4:25 p.m.

Reception (until 5:30 p.m.)  
4:30 p.m.
SCHOLARS

DUKE WRHR SCHOLAR
Jonas Swartz, MD, MPH
Barriers to Postpartum Contraceptive Care, Perceived Racial Discrimination and Long-Term Maternal and Infant Health

UNC WRHR SCHOLAR
Chemtai Mungo, MD, MPH
Feasibility of Topical, Self-administered Therapy to Improve HPV & Cervical Precancer Treatment Outcomes in Low-resource Settings

NCCU BIRCWH SCHOLAR
Charity Watkins, PhD
Severe Maternal Morbidity & Racial Bias: A Mixed Methods Study of the Psychosocial Effects of Pregnancy-related Cardiovascular Disease among Black Women

DUKE BIRCWH SCHOLAR
Audrey Blewer, PhD, MPH
Sex Disparities in receipt of Bystander Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation

DUKE WRHR SCHOLAR
Jerome (Jeff) Federspiel, MD, PhD
Postpartum Prophylaxis Following Cesarean Delivery: Building Evidence for Individualization and Translation

DUKE BIRCWH SCHOLAR
Jennifer Plichta, MD, MS
Staging for Patients with Metastatic Breast Cancer: Can we do better?

DUKE BIRCWH SCHOLAR
Tarannum Jaleel, MD, MHSc
Hidradenitis Suppurativa in Women: relationship between sex hormones and skin inflammation

Panelists
Andra James, MD, is Professor Emeritus of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine, and Consulting Professor of Medicine, Division of Hematology at Duke University. Her research has pertained mainly to reproductive issues in women with blood disorders. Dr. James has studied the impact of these disorders with the ultimate goal of improving pregnancy and other health outcomes for affected women. She has directed or collaborated on projects ranging from basic science to epidemiological investigations. She continues to serve as a mentor, teacher, consultant, and advocate.

Neeta Vora, MD, is triple boardered in Obstetrics and Gynecology, Maternal-Fetal Medicine, and Clinical Genetics. She is currently an associate professor of Maternal-Fetal Medicine and Genetics and serves as the Director of Reproductive Genetics at UNC-Chapel Hill. Dr. Vora has authored more than 70 articles on prenatal genetics, ranging from cell free DNA to whole exome and genome sequencing.

ClarLynda Williams-DeVane, PhD, currently serves as senior deputy director for the NC Division of Public Health and as NC State Registrar. She currently oversees a portfolio that includes the Division of Public Health’s Office of Data and Equity, The NC State Center for Health Statistics, The NC office of Oral Health and The NC Office of the Chief Medical Examiner. She is a health disparity informaticist who has spent her career focused on how data can be used to achieve health equity and empowering the residents of North Carolina to be their own best advocate in the journey to achieve health equity.