



Missouri Valley Branch



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The 2014 Annual Meeting of the American Society for Microbiology Missouri Valley and Missouri Branches April 4-5, Kansas City, MO

Highlights

Invited Speakers

ASM Distinguished Lecturer: Lee Hughes, University of North Texas, *Teaching or Research, Why Not Both.*

ASM Distinguished Lecturer: Maria Marco, University of California, Davis. *Supporting our Beneficial Microbes: Pre-and Pro-biotics and Gut Health.*

Dan Heruth, Children's Mercy Hospital, Kansas City. *R bodies, Endosymbiosis, and Killer Paramecia.*

Joe Lutkenhaus, University of Kansas Medical Center. *Regulation of Bacterial Cell Division*

Rose Reynolds, William Jewell College. *Liberty: Death, Stress, & Experimental Evolution: Using Caenorhabditis to Investigate How and Why we Age.*

Mark Fisher, University of Kansas Medical Center, Kansas City: *The Spear of Anthrax Comes into View,*

Dr. Ted White, University of Missouri, Kansas City: *Humans, Porpoises, Bats, Frogs, and Dinosaurs – Fungal Targets Present and Past.*

Outstanding Student Presentation Award Winners

Session 1. General Microbiology Division

First Place: Shalaka Lotlikar, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK

Second Place: John VanNice, University of Missouri –Kansas City, Kansas City, MO

Session 2. Environmental Division

First Place: Michelle DeGear, Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences, Tulsa, OK

Second Place: Anna Doloman, The University of Oklahoma, Norman, OK

Session 3. Medical Microbiology and Immunology Division 1

First Place: Jeff Shaw, University of Nebraska, Kearney, Kearney, NE

Second place: Cortney Heim, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE (tie)
Sharmily Khanam, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK (tie)

Session 4. Cell and Molecular Biology I

First place: Hyoeun Ahn, Missouri State University, Springfield, MO

Second place: Amanda Behar, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK

Session 5. Medical Microbiology and Immunology Division II

First place: Tyler Scherr, University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE

Second place: Joseph Pleen, Kansas City University of Medicine and Bioscience, Kansas City, MO

Session 6. Cell and Molecular Biology Division II

First Place: Nick Kuburich, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK

Second Place: Jessica Morrison, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK

Session 7: High school and Undergraduate Division

First place: Sarah Hamilton, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK

Second Place: Amanda Kobayashi, Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska.

Business

Nominations sought for President-Elect. No nominations received.

Next meeting will be in Lincoln, NE in spring, 2015.