



Department of Pathology & Immunology

Baylor College of Medicine

# Trainee Research Symposium

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

8:00 am - 1:30 pm

Cullen Auditorium, Rayzor Lounge 1 Baylor Plaza, Houston, TX 77030



## Keynote Speaker

— Larry E. Kane, MD, Memorial Lecture —



Margaret (Peggy) Goodell, PhD

*Professor and Chair, Molecular and Cellular Biology  
Vivian L. Smith Chair in Regenerative Medicine  
Director, Stem Cells and Regenerative Medicine Center (STaR)  
Member, Center for Cell and Gene Therapy (CAGT)  
Co-Leader, Cancer Cell and Gene Therapy  
Dan L. Duncan Comprehensive Cancer Center  
Baylor College of Medicine*

## Faculty Presenters

— Clinical Faculty —



Dolores H. Lopez-Terrada, MD, PhD

*Chief, Genomic Medicine, TCH  
Professor, Pathology & Immunology,  
Baylor College of Medicine*

— Research Faculty —



Vanaja Konduri, PhD

*Assistant professor, Pathology & Immunology,  
Baylor College of Medicine*

## Program

7:30 - 8:00 am Breakfast

8:00- 8:05 am Welcome and Opening Remarks

Jun Teruya, MD, DSc

8:05-8:55 am Faculty Presentations

Moderator: Sridevi Devaraj, PhD, DABCC, FRSC

Faculty Speakers:

Dolores H. Lopez-Terrada, MD, PhD

*"Advances in the pathogenesis and classification of pediatric hepatocellular neoplasms"*

Vanaja Konduri, PhD

*"Programming Cytotoxic Immunity: Dendritic Cell-Driven Expansion of CD8<sup>+</sup>CD161<sup>+</sup> T Cells and Early Clinical Correlates"*

9:00-9:50 am Larry E. Kane, MD, Memorial Lecture

Margaret (Peggy) Goodell, PhD

*"Tissue Mosaicism and Pre-cancer in the Blood and Beyond"*

9:50-10:10 am Q & A

10:10-10:20 am Break

10:20 -11:20 am Oral Trainee Presentations: Session 1

Moderator: Angshumoy Roy, MBBS, PhD

Chihoon Ahn

Mokhtar Abdelhammed

Earnest JP Daniel

Fouad El-Dana

11:20 am -12:20 pm Oral Trainee Presentations: Session 2

Moderator: William Decker, PhD

Nalini Bisht

Anna Catherine Unser

Rong Chi-Hu

Per Aspera Adatra

12:20 -1:10 pm Poster Session and Lunch

Boxed lunch will be provided

1:10 -1:30 pm Awards Session and Closing Remarks

James Versalovic, MD, PhD

Martin Matzuk, MD, PhD

**Trainee Research Committee:** Drs. Thomas A. Cooper, Jing Wang, William Decker, Sridevi Devaraj, Ramakrishna Kommagani, PhD, A Martin M. Matzuk, Angshumoy Roy, Nahir Cortes-Santiago, Derek Danner, Jing Wang, Vanaja Konduri, Jun Teruya, Chief Residents, and Dr. Sonalben Italiyi (PGY3).