

The School of Medicine presents

# BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SYMPOSIUM

SCHOOL OF MEDICINE EDUCATION II BUILDING, ROOM 205

May 12, 2025

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## Symposium Program

10:00 –10:45am – Registration. Poster set-up. Slideshow. Memory Wall/Jam Board.

10:45 – 11:00am - Welcome to the BMSC 50th Anniversary symposium

Monica Carson, PhD., Chair and Professor, Biomedical Sciences

11:00 –11:10am – Dean reflection

Deborah Deas, MD., Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences & Dean, School of Medicine

## Keynote presentations

11:10am – 11:40am – “A Research Journey to Examine Health Disparities in Breast Cancer Care”

Christine Dauphine, MD., Director, Breast Clinic, Division of Surgical Oncology, Harbor-UCLA  
(BMSC Alumna)

-Introduction: Ameae Walker, PhD., Professor, Emeritus, Biomedical Sciences

11:40am -12:10pm – “Endothelial Cell Biology Evolved From Riverside”

John Shyy, PhD., Professor, University of California, San Diego

-Introduction and Q&A moderator: Changcheng Zhou, PhD., Vice Chair and Professor, Biomedical Sciences

12:10-12:30pm – Q&A session

12:30-1:30pm – Lunch and BMSC Highlights & Trivia, Memory Wall/Jam Board (2<sup>nd</sup> floor terrace)

“Our Legends - 50 years of history & impact” Panel Discussion

1:30-2:00 pm –

Neal Schiller, PhD., Distinguished Teaching Professor, Emeritus, Biomedical Sciences

Ameae Walker, PhD., Professor, Emeritus, Biomedical Sciences

Craig Byus, PhD., Professor of Biomedical Sciences and Biochemistry, Emeritus

Christine Dauphine, MD., Director, Breast Clinic, Division of Surgical Oncology,  
Harbor-UCLA (BMSC Alumna)

Carl Ware, PhD., Director and Professor, Laboratory of Molecular Immunology,  
Sanford Burnham Prebys (Emeritus, Biomedical Sciences)

-Moderator: Meera Nair, PhD., Associate Dean of Biomedical Research and



Professor, Biomedical Sciences

**2:00 – 2:30pm – “Unraveling endothelial Argonaute 1 in diabetes: from biology to drug discovery”**

**Zhen Chen, PhD.**, Associate Professor, City of Hope

**Introduction:** Iryna Ethell, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, SOM and Professor, Biomedical Sciences

**2:30 – 2:45 - Coffee break**

**“Our Future Legends” Panel discussion**

**2:45 – 3:10pm – BMSC PhD. Graduate student**

**Nala Kachour, 3<sup>rd</sup> year PhD. student**, Wilson Lab

**Charly Acevedo, 3<sup>rd</sup> year PhD. student**, McCole Lab

**Angelina Lam, 6<sup>th</sup> year PhD. student**, Zagha Lab

-Moderator: Seema Tiwari-Woodruff, Professor and Director, Biomedical Sciences Graduate Program

**3:10 – 3:35pm – BMSC Master’s student**

**Christian Delgadillo**, Master’s student

**Emily Gonzalez**, Master’s student

**Alberto Munoz**, Master’s student

**Natalie Monroy**, Master’s student

-Moderator: Nicholas DiPatrizio, PhD., Professor, Biomedical Sciences

**3:35-4:00pm – Post-doctoral scholars**

**Amandine Wislofsky, PhD.**, Obenaus Lab

**Rebecca Ruggiero-Ruff, PhD.**, Nair Lab

-Moderator: Changcheng Zhou, PhD., Vice Chair and Professor, Biomedical Sciences

**“Our story”**

**4:00-4:30pm – “Body Weight and Infertility”**

**Djurdjica Coss, PhD.**, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development and Professor, Biomedical Sciences

-Moderator: Monica Carson, PhD., Chair and Professor, Biomedical Sciences

**4:30-5:00pm – Reception (2<sup>nd</sup> floor terrace)**

