



## **2024 SWACM Annual Meeting Preliminary Program**

Chase Park Plaza Hotel  
St. Louis, Missouri

August 21-23, 2024

**Wednesday, August 21, 2024**

7:00–7:45 AM Complimentary breakfast and seminar

8:00–11:30 AM Morning Workshops

**WS1: Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing: The Basics**

Rebekah Dumm PhD, D(ABMM)  
Washington University, St. Louis, MO

**WS2: GramStainology™: Gaining Proficiency in Diagnostic Interpretation and Results**

Linda Zuchowski, BS, MT(ASCP)SM  
Quest Diagnostics, Lenexa, KS

11:30–1:00 PM Complimentary lunch and seminar

1:00–4:30 PM Afternoon Workshops

**WS3: Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing: Advanced Course**

Holly Huse, PhD, D(ABMM)  
UCLA Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA

Rachael Liesman, PhD, D(ABMM)  
Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI

**WS4: Molecular Virology and Molecular Diagnostic Techniques**

Benjamin Bradley, MD, PhD  
University of Utah School of Medicine and ARUP Laboratories, Salt Lake City, UT

**Thursday, August 22, 2024**

7:00–7:45 AM Complimentary breakfast and seminar provided by CHROMagar

8:00–8:15 AM Introduction

8:15–9:15 AM **Artificial Intelligence in Clinical Microbiology**

Anisha Misra, PhD, D(ABMM)  
Cleveland Clinic, Cleveland, OH

9:15–10:15 AM **Automation in Microbiology: What to Consider when Developing your Workflows**

Erin McElvania, PhD, D(ABMM)  
NorthShore University Health System in Evanston, IL

10:15-10:30 AM Break

10:30-11:30 AM **Cystic Fibrosis AST updates**

Holly Huse, PhD, D(ABMM)  
UCLA Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA

- 11:30-1:00 PM Complimentary lunch and seminar sponsored by Hologic
- 1:00-2:30 PM Exhibits and Poster Judging
- 2:30-3:30 PM **Blood Culture Volume/Contamination**  
Eleanor Powell, PhD, D(ABMM)
- 3:30-4:30 PM **Broad Range Bacterial Sequencing and Sequencing in Molecular Pathology – Utility and Outcomes**  
Rebekah Dumm PhD, D(ABMM)  
Washington University, St. Louis, MO
- 4:30-6:30 PM Exhibits and Wine and Cheese Reception

**Friday, August 23, 2024**

- 7:00–7:45 AM Complimentary breakfast and seminar
- 8:00–9:00 AM **Emerging Pathogens of Infection Control**  
Paula M. Snippes Vagnone, MT(ASCP)  
Minnesota Department of Health, St. Paul, MN
- Sarah Hanson, MPH, CPH  
Missouri DHSS, Jefferson City, MO
- 9:00–10:00 AM **Emerging Infections in Individuals Who Inject Drugs**  
Laura Marks, MD, PhD  
Washington University, St. Louis, MO
- 10:00-10:15 AM Break
- 10:15-10:30 AM **SWACM Business Meeting and Awards Presentation**
- 10:30-11:30 AM **Specimen Self-Collection**  
Rachael Liesman, PhD, D(ABMM)  
Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI
- 11:30-1:00 PM Complimentary lunch and seminar sponsored by Copan
- 1:00-2:30 PM **Posters & Exhibits**
- 2:30-3:30 PM **Vector-borne Infections**  
Johanna S Salzer, DVM, PhD  
CDC, Atlanta, GA
- 3:30-4:30 PM **Friday afternoon at the Bench: Interesting Case Presentations**  
Julia Hankins, PhD, D(ABMM)  
KU Medical Center, Kansas City, KS
- Benjamin Bradley, MD, PhD  
University of Utah School of Medicine  
ARUP Laboratories, Salt Lake City, UT