

Biofilms from Individuals to Complex Systems
March 9, 2012, School of Public Health I, Room 1690

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- 8:15 a.m. Continental Breakfast and Sign In
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- 8:45 a.m. Welcome, **Betsy Foxman, Ph.D.**
 8:50 a.m. Symposium Introduction, **Alexander Rickard**
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- 8:55 a.m. Introduction – TBA
- 9:00 a.m. “*Biofilms: ubiquity, development and importance*”, **Hilary Lappin-Scott, Ph.D.**, Professor of Microbiology, Pro-Vice-Chancellor - Strategic Development/Change Management, Swansea University
- 10:00 a.m. Break
- 10:10 a.m. Introduction – TBA
- 10:15 a.m. “*The biofilm matrix of Pseudomonas aeruginosa*”, **Matthew Parsek, Ph.D.**, Associate Professor of Microbiology, Department of Microbiology, University of Washington
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- 11:15 – 12:50 p.m. Luncheon/Round table discussions
 “*Role of biofilms in chronic wounds*”, **Blaise Boles, Ph.D.**
 “*Dental plaque biofilms*”, **Alexander Rickard, Ph.D., M.Sc., B.Sc.**
 “*Are we ready to control biofilms?*”, **Chuanwu Xi, Ph.D.**
 “*How the Empire Strikes Back: Inflammatory events surrounding biofilm infections*”, **John Younger, M.D., M.S.**
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- 12:55 p.m. Introduction – TBA
- 1:00 p.m. “*Proving the Distributed Genome Hypothesis: Demonstration of High Levels of Horizontal Gene Transfer during the Chronic Infectious Process*”, **Garth D. Ehrlich, Ph.D.**, Executive Director, Center for Genomic Sciences, Allegheny-Singer Research Institute
- 2:00 p.m. Break
- 2:15 p.m. Introduction – TBA
- 2:20 p.m. “*Streptococcus mutans signaling systems and dental caries*”, **Dennis Cvitkovitch, Ph.D.**, Professor of Oral Microbiology and Associate Dean of Research, Faculty of Dentistry, University of Toronto
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- 3:20-4:00 pm Open floor discussions