

ASM Washington, D.C. Branch  
Spring Meeting 2023



April 21, 2023  
Ernst Center, Northern Virginia Community College-Annandale

Start	End	Description
9:00 am	9:45 am	Check-In
10:00 am	10:15 am	<b>Welcome</b> Dr. Kileen Shier President, DC Branch of ASM
10:15 am	10:40 am	<b>Invited Talk: University 1</b> <b>Small protein effectors of an alternative sigma factor in <i>S. aureus</i></b> Dr. Karl Thompson Howard University
10:45 am	11:10 am	<b>Invited Talk: University 2</b> <b>Branching out: branched-chain amino acids as key metabolites in <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> physiology and virulence</b> Dr. Shaun Brinsmade Georgetown University
11:15 am	12:25 pm	<b>Lightning Talks (5 minutes) and Early Career Talks (15 minutes)</b> 1. Lightning Talk 2. Lightning Talk 3. Lightning Talk 4. Early Career (5 minutes questions) 5. Lightning Talk 6. Lightning Talk 7. Lightning Talk 8. Early Career (5 minutes questions)
12:30 pm	1:25 pm	Lunch (provided)
1:30 pm	1:55 pm	<b>Invited Talk: University 3</b> <b>Role of Chitinases in modulating biofilms of <i>Francisella</i></b> Dr. Monique Van Hoek George Mason University
2:00 pm	2:25 pm	<b>Invited Talk: University 4</b> <b>Spread knowledge—not germs! Microbial Education from Pre-K-College and beyond!</b> Dr. Karen Bushaw-Newton Northern Virginia Community College
2:30 pm	2:45 pm	<b>RAFFLE</b> <b>PEGGY COTTER AWARD</b>
2:45 pm	3:45 pm	<b>ASMDL Keynote Address</b> <b>Amino acid sensor conserved from bacteria to humans</b> Dr. Igor Jouline The Ohio State University
3:45 pm	4:00 pm	<b>Concluding Remarks &amp; Annual Business Meeting</b> Dr. Denise Akob & Dr. Kileen Shier President, DC Branch of ASM
4:45 pm		<b>Networking, Career Panel, and Social Mixer-Solace Outpost, (444 West Broad Street, Falls Church, VA 22046)</b>