



Dear Colleagues,

We would like to invite you, your students and postdocs to a two-hour Microbiology Symposium and a Distinguished Microbiologist Seminar. The goal of these events is to encourage microbiologists from UConn departments and campuses to interact. Both events will be followed by a reception. Please RSVP for each event using the links below so that we have a head count for the reception.

**February 17<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm in BPB 130**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> UConn Microbiology Symposium**  
**Featuring new UConn and JAX GM microbiologists and an overview of the MARS Biotechnology-Bioservices Facility**

RSVP here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/3rd-microbiology-symposium-of-uconn-tickets-20905090689>

- 4:00 pm Opening remarks in BPB 130.
- 4:05 *Emergent and dependent properties of the Drosophila melanogaster microbiome.* Nichole A. Broderick, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Molecular and Cell Biology
- 4:35 *The host, its microbes, and disease: the landscape of the human skin microbiome.* Julia Oh, PhD, Assistant Professor, JAX Genomic Medicine
- 5:05 *The Microbial Analysis, Resources, and Services (MARS) facility.* [Kendra Maas](#), PhD, Facility Scientist, [MARS](#), Biotechnology-Bioservices.
- 5:20 pm Reception in the lobby of BPB.

**March 9<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm in BPB 130**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Distinguished Microbiologist Lecture**  
**Professor E. Peter Greenberg**  
**University of Washington, Seattle**

**Sociomicrobiology: Quorum sensing and cooperation in the bacterial world**

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4:00 pm in BPB 130 followed by a reception in the lobby of BPB.

Professor [Peter Greenberg](#) is a pioneer in quorum sensing field and coined the term “quorum sensing”. He co-authored many seminal papers in this important area of research that changed our perception of the capabilities of microorganisms and identified important regulators of virulence genes. One example is the paper entitled “[Bacterial quorum sensing and metabolic incentives to cooperate](#)” that was published in Science in 2012. He was elected into the [National Academy of Sciences](#) in 2004.

Please feel free to send this e-mail to other interested parties and invite your students. Please contact Joerg at [Joerg.Graf@uconn.edu](mailto:Joerg.Graf@uconn.edu) if you have questions.

Best regards,  
The organizing committee  
(Steve Geary, Peter Gogarten, Joerg Graf, Justin Radolf, Leslie Shor and Kumar Venkitanarayanan)

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