

Michigan Branch of the American Society for Microbiology
Spring 2021 Virtual Meeting, March 20th
“BUILDING A BOUNDLESS BIOFILM”



Saturday, March 20th, Virtual Meeting hosted by Detroit Mercy Dental, *Pre-registration required*,

9:00 – 9:10am	Welcome and Introduction: Branch President
9:10 – 10:10am	Plenary Session 1: Dr. Alexander Rickard, Ph.D., M.Sc., B.Sc. <i>“Biofilms: Ubiquity, Development, and Recalcitrance”</i> Associate Professor, Department of Epidemiology School of Public Health, University of Michigan
10:10 – 10:55am	Poster Session 1: Breakout Rooms 1-13
10:55 – 11:10am	Break
11:10 – 11:35am	Undergraduate Oral Presentations, 2 Presenters, 10 minutes each plus 2 minutes for questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Beth F. Wasserman, Eastern Michigan University • Amber Park, Davenport University
11:35 – 12:15pm	Early Career Branch Member Presentations (15 min + 5 min for questions) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Jonathan Finkel, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Biology, University of Detroit Mercy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ “Biofilm Formation of Pathogenic Fungi isolated from the Qatari Clinical Setting” • Dr. Sarah Plecha, Ph.D., Postdoctoral Fellow, Division of Integrated Biomedical Sciences, University of Detroit Mercy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ “The Impact of <i>Yersinia pestis</i> Pla Protease on Factor H from Human Serum”
12:15 -1:00pm	Lunch Break
1:00 – 2:00pm	Plenary Session 2: ASM Distinguished Lecturer: Dr. Robert A. Burne, Ph.D. <i>“Internecine Warfare in the Oral Microbiome”</i> Louis and Marge Atkins Endowed Professor Distinguished Professor Department of Oral Biology University of Florida School of Dentistry
2:00 – 3:00pm	Graduate Student Oral Presentations, 5 Presenters, 10 minutes each plus 2 for questions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ruchi Ojha, Western Michigan University • Dustin Farr, Wayne State University • Brian Hsueh, Michigan State University • Asma Khan, Oakland University Cameron Roberts , Wayne State University
3:00 - 3:45pm	Social Hour – Breakout Rooms
3:45 – 4:00pm	Student Presentation Awards, President Closing Remarks
4:00pm	Meeting Adjourns
4:00 – 5:00pm	MI-ASM Board Meeting to follow