Friday, November 3	
Registration	12:00 – 4:00
Plenary Session 1: Introduction and Welcome	
Chair: Kate Buckley, Auburn University	
Opening Remarks	4:00 – 4:15
Keynote Speaker: ASM Distinguished Lecturer	4:15 - 5:15
Joanne Engel, University of California, San Francisco	
Bacterial Mimicry of Viruses: How Chlamydia Incs employed the Host	oy SLiMs to Reprogram
Chembilikandy Vipin, University of Alabama at Birmingham	5:15 - 5:30
Impact of choline binding protein-F in Pneumococcal potissue damage	athogenicity and host
Jake Tatum, Auburn University	5:30 - 5:45
Motility is required for pathogenesis of Vibrio diazotrop	hicus in sea urchin larvae
Olivia Brahms, Auburn University	5:45 - 6:00
Characterization of Murine Cytomegalovirus M72 Interd Complex	actions with the CCR4-NOT
Opening Reception	6:00 – 7:30
Micro Trivia	7:30 – 9:00
Saturday, November 4	
Breakfast	8:15 – 9:00
Plenary Session 2: Microbes and host responses	
Chair: Sophie Darch	
Mark Liles, Auburn University	9:00 - 9:30
A global survey and disease control of hypervirulent Ae	romonas hydrophila in fish
Navdeep Kaur, Auburn University	9:30 - 9:45
Pseudogenes and host specificity in a bacterial plant pa	thogen
Md. Mohasin, University of Alabama at Birmingham	9:45 - 10:00
Capsule serotype alters PC and CbpA exposure on the b pneumococcal adhesion	acterial surface impacting
Rahena Yasmin, University of Alabama at Birmingham	10:00 - 10:15
PspA-mediated aggregation protects Streptococcus pne desiccation on fomites	eumoniae against

Plenary Session 3: The biology of viruses

Chair: Jason Upton

Abdelaal Shehata, Auburn University	10:45 – 11:00	
Sequencing the Nucleocapsid of Tomato Spotted Wilt Virus is a Step	Towards	
Understanding the Peanut Breaking Resistance in Alabama		
Brandon Berryhill, Emory University	11:00 - 11:00	
Bacteriophage when antibiotics fail: lessons learned from Staphylococcus aureus		
treatment failure		
Federico Prokopczuk, University of Alabama at Birmingham	11:15 – 11:30	
Pf phage mediates intraspecies competition in Pseudomonas aeruginosa		
Ellen Jones, Mercer University School of Medicine	11:30 - 11:45	
Outcome of Zaire ebolavirus infection linked to specific proteins in Sierra Leone		
Sandra Scott, Mercer University School of Medicine	11:45 - 12:00	
Targeting Herpesvirus DNA Encapsidation Via Disruption of Portal Protein		

Lunch Break 12:15 – 1:00

Keynote Speaker: ASM Distinguished Lecturer 1:00 – 2:00

Andrew Yurochko, University of Louisiana

Poster Session 2:00 – 4:00

Concurrent Session 4a: Microbial Evolution

Interactions

Chair: Mark Liles, Auburn University

Terence Crofts, Florida State University 4:15 – 4:30 Functional metagenomic discovery of novel chlorhexidine efflux pumps from

across environments
Brooke Talbot, Emory University

Talbot, Emory University 4:30 – 4:45 Metagenome-wide characterization of shared antimicrobial resistance genes in people and lemurs

4:45 - 5:00

Iris Irby, Georgia Institute of Technology

Mobile genetic elements bridge the gap between clades in Pseudomonas aeruginosa

Amanpreet Kaur, Auburn University 5:00 – 5:15

Rapid adaptation of a pathogen population in response to climatic fluctuations

Theresa Gil-Gil, Emory University

5:15 – 5:30

Evolved heteroresistance following long-term exposure to bacteriostatic antibiotics

Concurrent Session 4b: Clinical and agricultural approaches to microbes

Allyson Shea, University of South Alabama	4:15 - 4:30
Uncovering the interplay between patient variables and uropathoge	n biology
Emily Cason, University of Georgia	4:30 - 4:45
Variability in Salmonella prevalence and serovar presence through to production highlights food safety challenges	ırkey
Reagan Williams, Mercer University School of Medicine	4:45 – 5:00
Intranasal Povidone Iodine Provides Prophylaxis Against S. Aureus Pe Joint Infections	
Amber Richards, University of Georgia	5:00 - 5:15
Processing interventions reduce Salmonella serovar complexity on po chicken carcasses	ost-chill
Thomas Bagwell, Mercer University School of Medicine	5:15 - 5:30
Enhancing Antimicrobial Stewardship in Rural Healthcare: Impact of Educational Intervention	an
Plenary Session 5	5:45 – 6:15
W. Edward Swords, University of Alabama at Birmingham	3.13 0.13
Cooperative and competitive interactions in cystic fibrosis-related infections	•
Banquet Dinner & Faculty Award Presentation	6:30 – 9:30
Sunday, November 5	
Breakfast	8:15 – 9:00
Concurrent Session 5a: Microbial physiology	
Shabarinath Srikumar, Auburn University	9:00 – 9:15
Identification of the genetic factors that are critically required for the Salmonella Typhimurium in milk	
Cristian Crisan, Emory University School of Medicine	9:15 – 9:30
Identification of a Stenotrophomonas maltophilia contact-dependen antibacterial toxin	t
Mohammad Savari, Ahvaz Jundishapur University of Medical Sciences	9:30 - 9:45
Antibiotic nano-conjugates: tackling resistance in staphylococcus au	reus
Logan Kavanaugh, Emory University	9:45 - 10:00
Di-berberine conjugates are potent MexXY-OprM efflux inhibitors in Pseudomonas aeruginosa	
Isaac Estrada, Georgia Institute of technology	10:00 - 10:15
Bactericidal efficacy of diverse R-pyocins against MDR and XDR Pseu	10.00 10.15
aeruginosa	

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Concurrent Session 5b: Microbial Communities

Jason Chen, Emory University	9:00 - 9:15
Symbiont-elicited shifts in host immunity govern a strong priority e	ffect in the
assembly of an insect-microbe symbiosis	
Calvin Mackey, Florida State University	9:15 – 9:30
The Role of the Microbiome in Social Isolation Stress and Re-social	ization
Intervention in a Prairie Vole Model	
Kaylie Hintze, University of Alabama Huntsville	9:30 – 9:45
Analysis of Interbacterial Competition Amongst Lactobacilli Isolate	
Human Urinary Tract	. ,
Kelly Eick, Georgia Institute of Technology	9:45 – 10:00
Neisseria subflava drives colonization resistance against Pseudomo aeruginosa	
Anuradha Goswami, University of Alabama Birmingham	10:00 - 10:15
Landfills shape the native microbial community and selection for a	ntimicrobial
resistance	
Jeffrey Morris, University of Alabama at Birmingham	10:15 - 10:30
Host-specific adaptation of Alteromonas during experimental evolu	ıtion of
phytoplankton cultures	-
Coffee Break	10:30 – 11:00
Session 6: Microbial metabolism and biofilms	
Claire Bowman, Emory University	11:00 – 11:15
Comparing Growth Rates of Acinetobacter baumannii Phenotypes Carbon Sources	in Various
	11:15 – 11:30
Tianhan Huang, Auburn University	11.15 – 11.50
Alternative Mechanisms of Prokaryotic Translation Initiation	11.20 11.45
James Daubenspeck, University of Alabama at Birmingham	11:30 – 11:45
"Moonlighting": Expanding the Proteome in Reduced Genome Org	
Annalie Harris, Berry College	11:45 – 12:00
Biofilm formation of Streptococcus equi ssp. equi alters antibiotic s	usceptibility in
vitro	12.00 12.15
Arul Thason, Georgia Southwestern State University	12:00 – 12:15
Interaction Between Staphylococcus aureus and Staphylococcus ep	iaermiais
During Biofilm Formation	42.45 42.20
Kristen Dominguez, University of South Florida	12:15 – 12:30
The impact of butyrate on Group B Streptococcus intestinal pathog	ienesis
Business Meeting & Student Awards	12:30 – 1:15
	12.50 1.15