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15th Annual Immunology Symposium

Thursday, October 20, 2022

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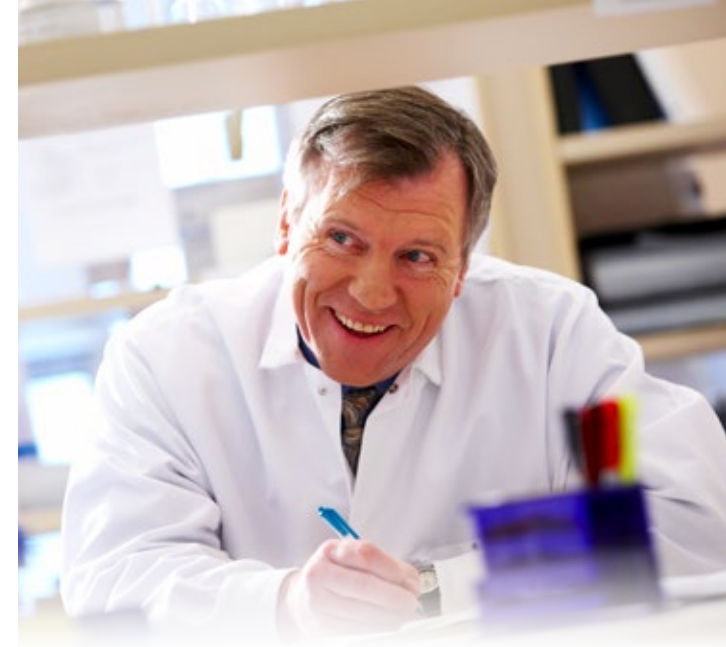


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Highlighting Jack Gorski's Contributions to Versiti Blood Research Institute and Beyond.

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Jack Gorski, PhD

Senior Investigator Emeritus

Versiti Blood Research
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Dr. Gorski received his PhD in Developmental Biology from the University of Cincinnati, OH, in 1975 and conducted post-doctoral training at Glasgow University, Scotland from 1975-1976 and the University of Geneva Medical School, Switzerland, from 1976-1986. Jack joined Versiti, Inc. in 1986, which at the time was named Blood Center of SE Wisconsin. Jack's research in immunogenetics was instrumental in the growth of the Diagnostics Laboratory as well as helping to build the research program at the Blood Research Institute. He was directly involved in the successful recruitment of four early career immunologists, for which he played a major role in their mentoring.

Jack has a history of conducting team science and forming long-standing collaborations. He received his first NIH grant in 1988, which ran until 2002. His project, focused on T cell responses to platelet antigens, was part of a program project grant in "Molecular and Cellular Mechanism in Transfusion Medicine" for 15 years. His interest in T cell responses in Influenza infection led to being awarded a prestigious U19 NIH grant, which included a diverse team of scientists. He also led a research team that was awarded a NO1 focused on Memory T cells in young, old and immunocompromised populations. These accomplishments led to the development of the Center of Human Immunology, which Dr. Gorski served as the Director from 2006-2020.

Jack's legacy at Versiti is evident in the Diagnostic Laboratories and in the strength of the Immunology program at the VBRI. Jack will be well remembered as someone whose door was always open for scientific discussion and his big picture questions at seminars.



Schedule

9:00 – 9:05 am	Welcome	Chris Miskel President and CEO, Versiti
9:05 – 9:15 am	Opening Remarks	Bonnie Dittel, PhD Senior Investigator, Blood Research Institute, Versiti Department of Microbiology and Immunology Medical College of Wisconsin
9:15 – 9:55 am	Speaker Introduction by Erin Cygan-MCW Graduate Student	Brian R. Curtis, PhD, MS, D(ABMLI) MT(ASCP)SBB Versiti Diagnostic Labs Title: <i>Jack's Contributions to Versiti Diagnostic Labs</i>
9:55 – 10:15 am	Break	
10:15 – 10:55 am	Speaker Introduction by Angela Beltrame-MCW Graduate Student	David Margolis, MD Children's Wisconsin Title: <i>Thank you, Jack Gorski!</i>
10:55 – 11:35 am	Speaker Introduction by Miranda Borst-MCW Graduate Student	Matthew Anderson, MD, PhD Versiti Diagnostic Laboratories Title: <i>HLA "Matching" in the Genomics Era: From Antigens to Alleles to the MHC</i>
11:35 am - 1:00 pm	Lunch	
1:00 – 1:40 pm	Speaker Introduction by Nathan Meinhardt-MCW Graduate Student	Andrea Ferrante, MD, MBA Eli Lilly & CO Title: <i>The Unfolding of a Story About Folding: How Understanding HLA Class II-Restricted Epitope Selection Has Been Impacting Drug Discovery</i>

1:40 – 2:00 pm	Break	
2:00 – 2:40 pm	Speaker Introduction by Teja Karimikonda-MCW Graduate Student	Elena Naumova, PhD Tufts University Title: <i>TCRs Complexity, Fractality, and Universality</i>
2:40 – 3:20 pm	Speaker Introduction by Mohamed Khalil-MCW Graduate Student	Jack Gorski, PhD Versiti Blood Research Institute Title: <i>Fractional immune Dimensions: Measuring Immunity</i>
3:30 – 5:00 pm	Reception	VBRI Breakroom