

The 2nd Annual NC Women of Color Research Network Symposium

Becoming: Women in Research

May 30, 2019 • 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
EPA, Research Triangle Park, NC

8:30 – 9:00 a.m.

Arrival/Security - Please allow time to get through the main gate, park, and get through the security check.

* Poster setup

9:00 – 9:15 a.m.

Welcome & Introductions

Sharonda LeBlanc, PhD, UNC-Chapel Hill; Ericka Reid, PhD, NIEHS
Co-Chairs, NC WoCRN

9:15 – 9:55 a.m.

Talk 1: *You've Got This: Practicing Self-Efficacy and Surviving the Research Workforce*

Sibby Anderson-Thompkins, PhD, UNC-Chapel Hill

Special Assistant to the Vice Chancellor for Research (Diversity & Inclusion) and the

Director of the Office of Postdoctoral Affairs

9:55 – 10:55 a.m.

Speed Networking

Sharlini Sankaran, PhD, Duke University

Director of Translational Programs at Duke Innovation & Entrepreneurship

10:55 a.m. – 11:35 p.m.

Talk 2: Science Communication

Susanna Harris, BS, UNC-Chapel Hill

PhD Candidate in Microbiology

11:35 – 12:45 p.m.

Posters & Lunch (*On your own; cafeteria available on-site*)

12: 12:45 – 1:25 p.m.

Talk 3: *Tackling Cancer Health Disparities: A Focus on Tobacco Control*

Sarah Mills, PhD, MPH, UNC-Chapel Hill

Postdoctoral Fellow in the Carolina Postdoctoral Program for Faculty Diversity

and
the Cancer Control Education Program

1:25 – 2:05 p.m.

Talk 4: *Uterine Fibroids: The Life Cycle of the Uterine Fibroid Myocyte and Molecular Mechanisms of Growth*

Darlene Dixon, DVM, PhD, DAVCP, NIEHS

Head of the Molecular Pathogenesis Group in the National Toxicology Program

2:05 – 2:45 p.m.

Talk 5: Women's Health Awareness Day Initiative & Importance

Joan Packenham, PhD, NIEHS

Director of the Office of Human Research Compliance in the Clinical Research Branch,

Division of Intramural Research

2:45 – 3:00 p.m.

Closing

Sharonda LeBlanc, PhD, UNC-Chapel Hill; Ericka Reid, PhD, NIEHS

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3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Book Discussion:

Becoming by Michelle Obama facilitated by Frances Graham, PhD

** There will not be a formal poster session, but attendees are strongly encouraged to bring a poster (new or recycled) about their research or programs. Bulletin boards will be provided and an opportunity to peruse and discuss will be made available during the lunch break.*