8:45 – 9:00 Opening Remarks: Frank Torti, M.D.  
Executive Vice President, UCHC and Dean, University of Connecticut Medical School

Session I: Jeff Hoch Chair
9:00 – 9:45 Plenary Lecture: Tracy Handel, Ph.D. UCSF  
Structure of the Chemokine Receptor CXCR4 in Complex with Chemokine and Small Molecule Antagonists

9:45 –10:20 Maria Pellegrini, Ph.D. Dartmouth  
Fishin' for Inhibitors of NEMO

10:20 –11:00 Coffee Break (Keller Lobby)

Session II: Olga Vinogradova Chair
11:00 –11:35 Sun Hur, Ph.D. Children’s Hospital Boston & Harvard Medical School  
Molecular mechanisms of viral dsRNA detection: RIG-I and MDA5

11:35 –12:10 Felix Vajdos, Ph.D. Pfizer  
Discovery of Tofacitinib: A Jak-family selective inhibitor for the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis

12:10 –1:00 Lunch (Cafeteria)

1:00 – 2:30 Poster Session (Keller Lobby)  
Dessert will be served during the poster session

Session III: Irina Bezsonova Chair
2:30 – 3:05 Charles Giardina, Ph.D. UConn  
Increasing cancer cell sensitivity to their inflammatory micro-environment

3:05 – 3:40 Cory Strickland, Ph.D. Merck  
Mechanism of Action and Epitopes of Clostridium difficile Toxin B Neutralizing Antibody Bezlotoxumab