

CURRICULUM VITAE

The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

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8/25/2022

DEMOGRAPHIC AND PERSONAL INFORMATION

Current Appointments

- 2021-present Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Division of Infectious Diseases – Johns Hopkins University
2021-present Attending at The Johns Hopkins Hospital
2022-present Associate Director of the Basic/Translational Research Core of the Transplant Research Center at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

Education and Training

- 2003-2007 B.A. with honors in Integrated Science, Biology, and Chemistry, Northwestern University/Evanston, IL
2007-2013 PhD. in Virology (Thesis advisor: Richard Longnecker, Ph.D.), Northwestern University/Chicago, IL
2007-2015 M.D. Feinberg School of Medicine, Northwestern University/Chicago, IL, Suma cum laude
2015-2017 Osler Medical Training Program, Johns Hopkins Hospital/Baltimore, MD
2017-2020 Infectious Diseases Fellowship, Johns Hopkins University/Baltimore, MD

Professional Experience *(in chronological order, earliest first)*

- 2021-present Assistant Professor of Medicine, Johns Hopkins University/Baltimore, MD

PUBLICATIONS:

*Corresponding and/or senior author

‡ co-first author

Original Research [OR]

1. Tuma J, Tonzani S, Schatz GC, **Karaba AH**, Lewis FD. Structure and Electronic Spectra of DNA Mini-hairpins with G n:C nStems. *J Phys Chem B*. 2007;111(45):13101-13106. doi:[10.1021/jp072303m](https://doi.org/10.1021/jp072303m)
2. Mccullagh M, Zhang L, **Karaba AH**, Zhu H, Schatz GC, Lewis FD. Effect of Loop Distortion on the Stability and Structural Dynamics of DNA Hairpin and Dumbbell Conjugates. *J Phys Chem B*. 2008;112(36):11415-11421. doi:[10.1021/jp802378a](https://doi.org/10.1021/jp802378a)
3. **Karaba AH**, Kopp SJ, Longnecker R. Herpesvirus entry mediator and nectin-1 mediate herpes simplex virus 1 infection of the murine cornea. *Journal of Virology*. 2011;85(19):10041-10047. doi:[10.1128/JVI.05445-11](https://doi.org/10.1128/JVI.05445-11)
4. **Karaba AH**, Cohen LK, Glaubach T, Kopp SJ, Reichel JL, Yoon HH, Zheng XT, Muller WJ. Longitudinal Characterization of Herpes Simplex Virus (HSV) Isolates Acquired From Different Sites in an Immune-Compromised Child: A New HSV Thymidine Kinase Mutation Associated With Resistance. *Journal of the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society*. Published online May 3, 2012. doi:[10.1093/jpids/ps009](https://doi.org/10.1093/jpids/ps009)
5. **Karaba AH**, Kopp SJ, Longnecker R. Herpesvirus entry mediator is a serotype specific determinant of pathogenesis in ocular herpes. *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA*. Published online November 26, 2012. doi:[10.1073/pnas.1216967109](https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.1216967109)
6. Kopp SJ, **Karaba AH**, Cohen LK, Banisadr G, Miller RJ, Muller WJ. Pathogenesis of neonatal herpes simplex 2 disease in a mouse model is dependent on entry receptor expression and route of inoculation. *Journal of Virology*. Published online October 24, 2012. doi:[10.1128/JVI.01849-12](https://doi.org/10.1128/JVI.01849-12)
7. Kopp SJ, Ranaivo HR, Wilcox DR, **Karaba AH**, Wainwright MS, Muller WJ. Herpes simplex virus serotype and entry receptor availability alter CNS disease in a mouse model of neonatal HSV. *Pediatr Res*. 2014;76(6):528-534. doi:[10.1038/pr.2014.135](https://doi.org/10.1038/pr.2014.135)

8. Edwards RG, Kopp SJ, **Karaba AH**, Wilcox DR, Longnecker R. Herpesvirus entry mediator on radiation-resistant cell lineages promotes ocular herpes simplex virus 1 pathogenesis in an entry-independent manner. *mBio*. 2015;6(5):e01532-15. doi:[10.1128/mBio.01532-15](https://doi.org/10.1128/mBio.01532-15)
9. **Karaba AH**, Blair PW, Martin K, Saheed MO, Carroll KC, Borowitz MJ. The Effects of a Systemwide Diagnostic Stewardship Change on West Nile Virus Disease Ordering Practices. *Open Forum Infect Dis*. 2019;6(12). doi:[10.1093/ofid/ofz488](https://doi.org/10.1093/ofid/ofz488) [SI/QI]
10. Gladstone DE, Kim BS, Mooney K, **Karaba AH**, D'Alessio FR. Regulatory T Cells for Treating Patients With COVID-19 and Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome: Two Case Reports. *Annals of Internal Medicine*. Published online July 6, 2020. doi:[10.7326/L20-0681](https://doi.org/10.7326/L20-0681)
11. **Karaba AH**, Figueroa A, Massaccesi G, Botto S, DeFilippis VR, Cox AL. Herpes simplex virus type 1 inflammasome activation in proinflammatory human macrophages is dependent on NLRP3, ASC, and caspase-1. *PLOS ONE*. 2020;15(2):e0229570. doi:[10.1371/journal.pone.0229570](https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0229570)
12. Ignatius EH, Wang K, **Karaba AH**, Robinson M, Avery RK, Blair P, Chida N, Jain T, Petty BG, Siddiqui Z, Melia MT, Auwaerter PG, Xu Y, Garibaldi BT. Tocilizumab for the Treatment of COVID-19 Among Hospitalized Patients: A Matched Retrospective Cohort Analysis. *Open Forum Infectious Diseases*. 2021;8(1). doi:[10.1093/ofid/ofaa598](https://doi.org/10.1093/ofid/ofaa598)
13. **Karaba AH**, Zhou W, Hsieh LL, Figueroa A, Massaccesi G, Rothman RE, Fenstermacher KZJ, Sauer L, Shaw-Saliba K, Blair PW, Robinson ML, Leung S, Wesson R, Alachkar N, El-Diwany R, Ji H, Cox AL. Differential Cytokine Signatures of SARS-CoV-2 and Influenza Infection Highlight Key Differences in Pathobiology. *Clinical Infectious Diseases*. 2021;(ciab376). doi:[10.1093/cid/ciab376](https://doi.org/10.1093/cid/ciab376)
14. **Karaba AH**, Figueroa A, Werbel WA, Dioverti MV, Steinke SM, Ray SC, Cox AL, Avery RK. Interleukin-18 and tumor necrosis factor- α are elevated in solid organ transplant recipients with possible cytomegalovirus end-organ disease. *Transplant Infectious Disease*. 2021;n/a(n/a). doi:[10.1111/tid.13682](https://doi.org/10.1111/tid.13682)
15. Peart Akindede N, Kouo T, **Karaba AH**, Gordon O, Fenstermacher KZJ, Beaudry J, Rubens JH, Atik CC, Zhou W, Ji H, Tao X, Vaidya D, Mostafa H, Caturegli P, Blair PW, Sauer L, Cox AL, Persaud D. Distinct Cytokine and Chemokine Dysregulation in Hospitalized Children with Acute COVID-19 and Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome with Similar Levels of Nasopharyngeal SARS-CoV-2 Shedding. *The Journal of Infectious Diseases*. 2021;(jiab285). doi:[10.1093/infdis/jiab285](https://doi.org/10.1093/infdis/jiab285)
16. Ruddy JA, Boyarsky BJ, Bailey JR, **Karaba AH**, Garonzik-Wang JM, Segev DL, Durand CM, Werbel WA. Safety and antibody response to two-dose SARS-CoV-2 messenger RNA vaccination in persons with HIV. *AIDS*. Published online 2021. https://journals.lww.com/aidsonline/Fulltext/9000/Safety_and_antibody_response_to_two_dose.96349.aspx
17. Ruddy JA, Boyarsky BJ, Werbel WA, Bailey JR, **Karaba AH**, Garonzik-Wang JM, Segev DL, Durand CM. Safety and antibody response to the first dose of SARS-CoV-2 messenger RNA vaccine in persons with HIV. *AIDS*. 2021; Publish Ahead of Print. doi:[10.1097/QAD.0000000000002945](https://doi.org/10.1097/QAD.0000000000002945)
18. Woldemeskel BA, **Karaba AH**, Garliss CC, Beck EJ, Wang KH, Laeyendecker O, Cox AL, Blankson JN. The BNT162b2 mRNA Vaccine Elicits Robust Humoral and Cellular Immune Responses in People Living with HIV. *Clinical Infectious Diseases*. 2021;(ciab648). doi:[10.1093/cid/ciab648](https://doi.org/10.1093/cid/ciab648)
19. Chiang TP, Alejo JL, Mitchell J, Kim JD, Abedon AT, **Karaba AH**, Thomas L, Levan ML, Garonzik-Wang JM, Avery RK, Pekosz A, Clarke WA, Warren DS, Tobian AAR, Massie AB, Segev DL, Werbel WA. Heterologous Ad.26.COV2.S versus homologous BNT162b2/mRNA-1273 as a third dose in solid organ transplant recipients seronegative after two-dose mRNA vaccination. *American J Transplantation*. Published online May 3, 2022:ajt.17061. doi:[10.1111/ajt.17061](https://doi.org/10.1111/ajt.17061)
20. **Karaba AH***, Zhu X, Benner SE, Akindede O, Eby Y, Wang KH, Saraf S, Garonzik-Wang JM, Klein SL, Bailey JR, Cox AL, Blankson JN, Durand CM, Segev DL, Werbel WA, Tobian AAR. Higher Proinflammatory Cytokines Are Associated With Increased Antibody Titer After a Third Dose of SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine in Solid Organ Transplant Recipients. *Transplantation*. 2022;106(4):835-841. doi:[10.1097/TP.0000000000004057](https://doi.org/10.1097/TP.0000000000004057)

21. **Karaba AH**, Zhu X, Liang T, Wang KH, Rittenhouse AG, Akinde O, Eby Y, Ruff JE, Blankson JN, Abedon AT, Alejo JL, Cox AL, Bailey JR, Thompson EA, Klein SL, Warren DS, Garonzik-Wang JM, Boyarsky BJ, Sitaras I, Pekosz A, Segev DL, Tobian AAR, Werbel WA. A third dose of SARS-CoV-2 vaccine increases neutralizing antibodies against variants of concern in solid organ transplant recipients. *American J Transplantation*. Published online January 18, 2022;ajt.16933. doi:[10.1111/ajt.16933](https://doi.org/10.1111/ajt.16933)
22. Mitchell J, Kim J, Alejo JL, Chiang TPY, **Karaba AH**, Blankson JN, Aytenfisu TY, Chang A, Abedon AT, Avery RK, Tobian AA, Massie AB, Levan ML, Warren DS, Garonzik-Wang JM, Segev DL, Werbel WA. Humoral and Cellular Immune Response to a Third Dose of SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine in Kidney Transplant Recipients Taking Belatacept. *Transplantation*. 2022; Publish Ahead of Print. doi:[10.1097/TP.0000000000004100](https://doi.org/10.1097/TP.0000000000004100)
23. **Karaba AH***, Johnston TS, Aytenfisu TY, Akinde O, Eby Y, Ruff JE, Abedon AT, Alejo JL, Blankson JN, Cox AL, Bailey JR, Klein SL, Pekosz A, Segev DL, Tobian AAR, Werbel WA. A Fourth Dose of COVID-19 Vaccine Does Not Induce Neutralization of the Omicron Variant Among Solid Organ Transplant Recipients With Suboptimal Vaccine Response. *Transplantation*. 2022;106(7):1440-1444. doi:[10.1097/TP.0000000000004140](https://doi.org/10.1097/TP.0000000000004140)
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25. Figueiredo JC, Hirsch FR, Kushi LH, Nembhard WN, Crawford JM, Mantis N, Finster L, Merin NM, Merchant A, Reckamp KL, Melmed GY, Braun J, McGovern D, Parekh S, Corley DA, Zohoori N, Amick BC, Du R, Gregersen PK, Diamond B, Taioli E, Sariol C, Espino A, Weiskopf D, Gifoni A, Brien J, Hanege W, Lipsitch M, Zidar DA, McAlearney AS, Wajnberg A, LaBaer J, Lewis EY, Binder RA, Moormann AM, Forconi C, Forrester S, Batista J, Schieffelin J, Kim D, Biancon G, VanOudenhove J, Halene S, Fan R, Barouch DH, Alter G, Pinninti S, Boppana SB, Pati SK, Latting M, **Karaba AH**, Roback J, Sekaly R, Neish A, Brincks AM, Granger DA, Karger AB, Thyagarajan B, Thomas SN, Klein SL, Cox AL, Lucas T, Furr-Holden D, Key K, Jones N, Wrammerr J, Suthar M, Yu Wong S, Bowman NM, Simon V, Richardson LD, McBride R, Krammer F, Rana M, Kennedy J, Boehme K, Forrest C, Granger SW, Heaney CD, Knight Lapinski M, Wallet S, Baric RS, Schifanella L, Lopez M, Fernández S, Kenah E, Panchal AR, Britt WJ, Sanz I, Dhodapkar M, Ahmed R, Bartelt LA, Markmann AJ, Lin JT, Hagan RS, Wolfgang MC, Skarbinski J. Mission, Organization and Future Direction of the Serological Sciences Network for COVID-19 (SeroNet) Epidemiologic Cohort Studies. *Open Forum Infectious Diseases*. Published online April 27, 2022;ofac171. doi:[10.1093/ofid/ofac171](https://doi.org/10.1093/ofid/ofac171)
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29. Woldemeskel BA, **Karaba AH**, Garliss CC, Beck EJ, Aytenfisu TY, Johnston TS, Laeyendecker O, Cox AL, Blankson JN. Decay of coronavirus disease 2019 mRNA vaccine-induced immunity in people with HIV. *AIDS*. 2022;36(9):1315-1317. doi: [10.1097/QAD.0000000000003263](https://doi.org/10.1097/QAD.0000000000003263)
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Review Articles [RA]

1. Cihakova D, Streiff MB, Menez SP, Chen TK, Gilotra NA, Michos ED, Marr KA, **Karaba AH**, Robinson ML, Blair PW, Dioverti MV, Post WS, Cox AL, R Antar AA. High-value laboratory testing for hospitalized COVID-19 patients: a review. *Future Virology*. Published online September 21, 2021. doi:[10.2217/fvl-2020-0316](https://doi.org/10.2217/fvl-2020-0316)
2. Kumar A, Stavrakis G, **Karaba AH***. Herpesviruses and Inflammasomes: One Sensor Does Not Fit All. Szpara ML, Prasad VR, editors. *mBio*. 2022; e01737-21. doi:[10.1128/mbio.01737-21](https://doi.org/10.1128/mbio.01737-21)

Book Chapters, Monographs [BC]

1. **Karaba, AH** Clinical Fellowship and Postdoctoral Training. In: Eisenberg, M.J., Cox, A.L., eds. *The Essential MD-PhD Guide*. McGraw Hill, 2021; chapter 25.
2. Zhou, T.W., **Karaba, AH‡** Choosing the Right Residency, Applying, and Interviewing. In: Eisenberg, M.J., Cox, A.L., eds. *The Essential MD-PhD Guide*. McGraw Hill, 2021; chapter 22.

Other Publications:

Editorials [ED]

1. Queen J, Karaba S, Albin J, **Karaba A‡**, Howard-Anderson J, Skinner N, Herman JD, Paras ML, Melia MT. The Time is Now: A Call for Renewed Support of Infectious Disease Physician-Scientist Trainees in the COVID-19 Era. *The Journal of Infectious Diseases*. 2021;(jia162). doi:[10.1093/infdis/jia162](https://doi.org/10.1093/infdis/jia162)

Media Releases or Interviews [MR]

1. Parshley L. How long does the coronavirus last inside the body? *National Geographic*. Published online June 3, 2020. <https://www.nationalgeographic.com/science/article/how-long-does-coronavirus-last-inside-the-body-cvd>
2. Rodricks D. Neglecting those most vulnerable to COVID-19 renders us all vulnerable. *Baltimore Sun*. <https://www.baltimoresun.com/opinion/columnists/dan-rodricks/bs-ed-rodricks-1222-vulnerable-americans-covid-variants-20211221-2af26rjkqbacff6a5ppmjok2xa-story.html>. Published December 21, 2021.

FUNDING

EXTRAMURAL Funding

2009-2010	Training Program in Viral Replication Fellowship T32 AI060523
2011	Infectious Disease Society of America Medical Scholars Fellowship
2012-2013	Northwestern University Clinical and Translational Sciences Fellowship TL1 5TL1RR025739
2018-2020	Research Training in Microbial Diseases T32 AI007291-28 NIAID Direct Costs: \$359,982 PI: Sara Cosgrove Role: Trainee
2020-present	Johns Hopkins Excellence in Pathogenesis and Immunity Center for SARS-CoV-2 (JH-EPICS) U54 CA260492-01 NCI Direct Costs: \$4,067,207 PI: Sabra Klein and Andrea Cox Role: Co-I, no percent effort as was overfunded

- 2021-present Modulation of Herpes Simplex Virus Pathogenesis by Leucine Rich Repeat Kinase 2
K08 AI156021
NIAID
Direct Costs: \$184,000
Role: PI, 75% effort
- 2021-present COVID Protection After Transplant (CPAT) Multicenter Adaptive Trial
U01 AI138897-04S1
NIAID
Direct Costs: \$4,536,103
PI: Christine Durand
Role: Co-I. 10% effort

INTRAMURAL Funding

- 2019 Physician Scientist Training Program Microgrant
Johns Hopkins University
Direct Costs: \$5,000
Role: PI
- 2021 JHU SOM Institute for Clinical and Translational Research Clinician Scientist Award
Johns Hopkins University
Direct Costs: \$80,000
Role: PI

CLINICAL ACTIVITIES

Clinical Focus

My clinical practice focuses on preventing, diagnosing, and treating infectious diseases in patients who are immunosuppressed due to chemotherapy, bone marrow transplantation, or solid organ transplantation.

Certification

Medical, other state/government licensure

8/7/2018 Maryland, D86045

Boards, other specialty certification

8/2018 Internal Medicine, 388709
12/2020 Infectious Disease, 388709

Clinical (Service) Responsibilities

- 2/2021-10/2021 *Outpatient Attending Physician*, Transplant and Oncology Infectious Diseases Clinic (Bartlett)
Half-day per week
- 2/2021-present *Inpatient Attending Physician*, The Johns Hopkins Transplant and Oncology Infectious Diseases Consult Service (Tucker), 6 weeks per year

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Teaching

Classroom instruction

- 2009-2013 **Medical Student Tutor**
Feinberg School of Medicine, Chicago, IL
Taught review sessions for first and second year medical students and provided one-on-one tutoring for first and second year students
- 2009-2011 **Teaching Assistant, Medical Microbiology Laboratory**
Feinberg School of Medicine, Chicago, IL
Helped run and teach the microbiology lab course for 2nd year medical
- 2022 **Faculty Discussant**

Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
Genes to Society – Management of COVID-19 Seminar

- 2020-present **Lecturer**
2020 “Approach to Gram Positive Bacteremia” Lecture to the Osler Residency

2022 Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
Graduate Immunology (ME:250.719)

Clinical instruction

- 2015-2017 **Internal Medicine Resident**
Taught 3rd and 4th year medical students on their internal medicine clerkships at JHU

2017-2018 **Infectious Diseases Fellow**
Taught 3rd and 4th year medical students from JHU and other institutions rotating at JHU on their Infectious Diseases electives

2019-present **Medical Student Preceptor**
Teach clinical skills to 2nd year medical students at JHU as part of the Transition to the Wards Course

2021-present **Lecturer for MedStar Residency**
Taught topics on infectious diseases in immunosuppressed patients to internal medicine residents in the MedStar residency program in Baltimore, MD

CME instruction

JHMI/Regional

- Lecturer, Johns Hopkins Division of Infectious Diseases Grand Rounds Case Presentations:
7/25/2017 VZV Encephalitis in a Dialysis Patient
11/6/2017 Disseminated Histoplasmosis in a Returning Traveler
12/11/2017 *Listeria* Meningitis in a Multiple Myeloma Patient
3/5/2018 Stomach Cancer Presenting as a Liver Abscess
3/13/2018 Mondor’s Disease in a Lactating Woman
7/10/2018 *Pneumococcal* Meningitis in a Woman on Steroids
7/24/2018 Disseminated Kaposi’s Sarcoma as an initial presentation of HIV

5/16/2019 A Case of Disseminated Histoplasmosis - 13th Annual Infectious Diseases Update for Primary Care and Hospital Medicine

Mentoring

Pre-doctoral Advisees /Mentees

- 9/2018-8/2020 **Alexis Figueroa**, doctoral diversity program scholar, currently a Johns Hopkins MSTP student
Co-author on OR publications 11, 13, and 14 above.

6/2021-8/2021 **Ayush Kumar**, summer research student, currently a veterinary student at Ontario Veterinary College
Co-author on RA publication 2 above.

9/2022-present **Tihitina Aytenfisu**, doctoral diversity program scholar
Co-author on OR publications 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, 28, 29, and 30 above.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

Research Focus

My research focuses broadly on understanding interactions between viruses and the immune system. This has included basic research into the mechanisms of inflammasome activation (a critical component of the innate immune system) by HSV-1 and SARS-CoV-2, inflammatory cytokines as markers of specific disease phenotypes in CMV and SARS-CoV-2, and the humoral response to SARS-CoV-2 in special populations including solid organ transplant recipients and people living with HIV.

Research Program Building / Leadership

- 2005-2007 **Undergraduate Research**
Northwestern University, Department of Chemistry
Advisor: Fred Lewis, PhD
Structural and Thermodynamic Properties of DNA
- 2009-2013 **Ph.D. Student**
Northwestern University, Department of Microbiology-Immunology
Advisor: Richard Longnecker, PhD
Pathogenesis of HSV-1 Ocular Infections
- 2018-2020 **Infectious Diseases Fellow**
Johns Hopkins University
Advisor: Andrea Cox, MD, PhD
Inflammasome Regulation in Viral Infections
- 2021-present **Assistant Professor**
Johns Hopkins University
Mentor: Andrea Cox, MD, PhD
Innate Immune Activation in Viral Infections

SYSTEM INNOVATION AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ACTIVITIES

System Innovation and Quality Improvement efforts within JHMI:

- 2017 WNV testing Diagnostics QI project at JHMI
Helped eliminate CSF PCR assay in favor of CDC recommended MAC-ELISA
- 2020-present Faculty Editor for Chapter on Antibiotics for the Osler Residency Survival Guide

ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Institutional Administrative Appointments

- 2015-2017 Member of the Feedback Committee for the Osler Medical Training Program
- 2018-2019 Co-Founder and Vice-chair of Communications of The Clinical Fellows Council
- 2019-2020 Vice-chair of Finance of The Clinical Fellows Council
- 2020-2021 Co-writer/COVID-19 Inflammatory Markers Working Group
- 2020-present Contributor/COVID-19 Treatment Guidance Working Group
- 2022-present Member/Intern Selection Committee, Osler Medical Training Program
- 2022-present Associate Director, Basic/Translational Research, Transplant Research Center

Journal peer review activities

- 2020-present *Journal of Clinical Investigation*
- 2020-present *Immunological Research*
- 2021-present *PLoS Pathogens*
- 2021-present *American Journal of Transplantation*
- 2021-present *Transplantation*
- 2022-present *eLife*
- 2022-present *Annals of Medicine*
- 2022-present *Open Forum Infectious Diseases*
- 2022-present *Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy*
- 2022-present *Nature Communications*
- 2022-present *Frontiers in Microbiology*
- 2022-present *Frontiers in Medicine*

Professional Societies

- 2018-present Infectious Diseases Society of America, member
- 2018-present American Society for Transplantation
-Member of the Infectious Diseases Community of Practice
Committee on Resistant Pathogens (2021-present)
- 2021-present The Transplantation Society

2021-present American Society for Microbiology

Consultantships

2021 Roche Diagnostics, consultant on feasibility and utility of SARS-CoV-2 diagnostics in special populations

RECOGNITION

Awards, Honors

2007 Phi Beta Kappa

2014 Alpha Omega Alpha

2014 Phi Rho Sigma Dennis Award for outstanding achievement in required 3rd year clerkships, Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine

2015 Graduated Summa Cum Laude and Magna Cum Laude in Scientia Experimentalis from Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine

2015 Department of Medicine Chairman's Award, Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine

2015 John P. Phair Award for excellence in the infectious disease clerkship, Northwestern University, Feinberg School of Medicine

2018 Distinguished Teaching Society Member, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

2019 IDWeek Trainee Travel Grant

2020 Infectious Disease Community of Practice Travel Reimbursement Grant for American Transplant Congress

2020 IDWeek Trainee Travel Grant

Invited Talks

JHMI

2018 "The Role of Herpesvirus Entry Mediator and Nectin-1 in Ocular Herpes Simplex Virus Infections," Viral Oncology Group Meeting at JHU

2019 "Disseminated Histoplasmosis in a Returning Traveler" Case Presentation at Baltimore "Pus Club" Meeting

2020 "IL-6 in COVID-19: A Laboratory Perspective" JHU Infectious Diseases Division Grand Rounds

2022 "CMV in Solid Organ Transplant Recipients" JHU MSTP Herlong Rounds

National

2012 "Exploring HSV Receptors in the Cornea" Chicago Area Virology Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.

2021 "SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine Safety and Immunogenicity in Solid Organ Transplant Recipients" National Institutes of Health Clinical and Translational Serology Task Force Round Table

2022 "Inflammasome Activation in Viral Infection: Friend or Foe?" Infectious Diseases Grand Rounds at The University of Arizona

International "SARS-CoV-2 Vaccines in Solid Organ Transplant Recipients: In Search of the Perfect Boost" National Centre for Infectious in Cancer, Melbourne Australia

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Oral/Podium Presentations

2011 "HVEM and Nectin-1 Mediate Infection of the Murine Cornea" International Herpesvirus Workshop, Gdansk, Poland.

2012 "HSV-1 and HSV-2 Have Different Receptor Requirements for Infection of the Murine Cornea" International Herpesvirus Workshop, Calgary, Canada.

- 2022 “Pre-Vaccine Antibodies Against Seasonal Coronaviruses are Associated with Decreased Antibody Response to Two-Dose SARS- CoV-2 mRNA Vaccination in Solid Organ Transplant Recipients” SeroNet National Investigator’s Meeting, Bethesda, MD
- 2022 “B Cells Fit for Germinal Center Activity Predict Response to a Third Dose of SARS-CoV-2 Vaccine in Solid Organ Transplant Recipients” American Transplant Congress, Boston, MA

Posters

- 2011 **Karaba, A.H.**; Kopp, S.J.; Longnecker, R. “HVEM and Nectin-1 Mediate Ocular HSV-1 Infection in Mice” American Physician Scientist Association Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL.
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