



Center for Drug Discovery 10-year Anniversary Symposium

A Decade of Partnership and Impact *Turning Scientific Insight into New Medicines*

Wednesday, March 25, 2026

8:45 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Eric P. Newman Education Center, WashU Medicine Campus



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Program

Time	Session
8:15–8:45 a.m.	Continental breakfast
8:45–9:05 a.m.	Ron Dolle, PhD <i>Welcome Remarks CDD 10YAS</i>
9:05–9:30 a.m.	Doug Frantz, PhD <i>Catalyzing a New Era in Drug Discovery at WashU</i>
9:30–10:15 a.m.	Aaron DiAntonio, MD, PhD <i>Drugging the SARM1 Axon Degeneration Pathway: A Second Bite at the Apple</i>
10:15–10:30 a.m.	Break
10:30–11:15 a.m.	Mark Rutherford, PhD <i>Subtype-Selective AMPA Receptor Antagonists for Hyperexcitability Disorders</i>
11:15–12:00 p.m.	Priyanka Verma, PhD <i>Targeting ALC1 ATPase Activity as a New Synthetic Lethal Strategy in BRCA-Mutant Cancers</i>
12:00–1:00 p.m.	Lunch buffet
12:20–12:40 p.m.	Maxene Ilagan, PhD <i>Lunch and Learn: Overview of HTS Capabilities</i>
1:00–1:45 p.m.	Maggie Chen, MD, PhD <i>Developing Molecular Therapeutics for Genetic Kidney Disease</i>
1:45–2:30 p.m.	Jeffrey Millman, PhD <i>Diabetes Cell Replacement Therapy using Stem Cell-Derived Islets</i>
2:30–2:45 p.m.	Break
2:45–3:30 p.m.	Jim Janetka, PhD <i>Harnessing Inhibitors of Kinases for Parasitic Diseases</i>
3:30 PM	Adjourn



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