



Collaborating for the Advancement of Interdisciplinary Research in Benign Urology

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CAIRIBU EVENTS



Wednesday-Friday, December 4-6

Westin Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI

In-person only

Register for the meeting and lodging [HERE](#). The discounted room rate is available only for a short time longer. Meeting schedule below:

Wed., Dec. 4, 8:30-12:00 PM	TRAINEE PRE-MEETING
Wed., Dec. 4, 12:30-7:00 PM	DAY 1, CAIRIBU Meeting
Thurs., Dec. 5, 8:30-7:00 PM	DAY 2, CAIRIBU Meeting
Fri., Dec. 6, 8:30-1:00 PM	DAY 3, CAIRIBU Meeting

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

Investigators and trainees from current **CAIRIBU U54** and **P20 Centers** and from **CAIRIBU K12 Career Development Programs** will share their research during the program. Additional speakers during networking and interactions sessions are scheduled.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



ABSTRACTS AND POSTERS

A record 62 abstracts were submitted by trainees and early-stage investigators (ESIs) from various CAIRIBU-affiliated Centers and Programs and also from outside the CAIRIBU Community. The majority submitting abstracts (67%) were women or non-binary.



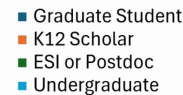
[Dr. George Kuchel](#), Professor of Medicine and Director of the UConn Center on Aging at the University of Connecticut, is an expert in aging research.

[Dr. Johanna Hannan](#), scientist at the University of Wisconsin-Madison (formerly at East Carolina University) studies mechanisms of genitourinary dysfunction in men and women.

Abstract Submissions

CAIRIBU 2024

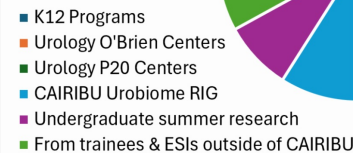
Categories of trainees and ESIs who submitted abstracts



Abstract Submissions

CAIRIBU 2024

Centers and Programs represented in abstracts



Up to 3 abstracts will be chosen to give oral presentations on the meeting program. All abstracts will be presented as posters in the poster session, Wed., Dec. 4 from 5:00-7:30 PM. Several "best posters" will be awarded.

OTHER CAIRIBU MEETING DETAILS

- **Meals during the meeting.** Most meals are provided. The menu is posted [HERE](#). If you have dietary restrictions or specific preferences, let us know so we may direct you to the hotel culinary staff.
- **Thursday night dinners.** Reservations at various restaurants near the hotel have been made for dinner Thurs., Dec. 5. Sign up at the meeting for a small dining group.
- **Games.** CAIRIBU Cornhole is back. So is CAIRIBU Jeopardy. Sign up for both at the meeting.
- **Cutest CAIRIBU (pet) Contest.** Send a photo of your cute companion animal (or other organism). No humans in the photo, please. Meeting attendees will vote on the winner. Send photo by November 15 to CAIRIBU@urology.wisc.edu.



UROBIOME RESEARCH HOURS. Virtual knowledge exchanges are scheduled through 2025. These knowledge exchanges are organized by the [CAIRIBU Urobiome Research Interest Group](#) (RIG), one of several RIGs within the CAIRIBU Community.

Every month, 2nd or 3rd WEDNESDAYS
3:00 PM Eastern (2 PM Central | 12 PM Pacific)

Next: November 15 - Zoom link [HERE](#)

Jean-Phillipe Gourdine, PhD

Assistant Professor of Chemistry, Lewis & Clark College

Dr. Gourdine will discuss *"Bladder Microbial Catabolism & Host Urinary Glycans, a New perspective On Overactive Bladder"*



Emmanuel Elijah

Medical school student, University of California San Diego

Emmanuel will discuss urinary metabolomics work from his research with Lindsey Burnett, MD, PhD at UCSD



2025 UROBIOME CONFERENCE



**February 24, 2025
8:00 AM to 5:00 PM**

**University of California San Diego
Scripps Institution of Oceanography**

Conference organizer: Linda Brubaker, MD, Professor, Urogynecology and Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery, University of California San Diego

Researchers will present the emerging science of the urobiome and its recently-discovered implications for human health, including common conditions such as urinary tract infection, urinary incontinence, and bladder overactivity. MORE INFORMATION AND LINK TO REGISTER [HERE](#)

TRAINEES & ESIs

GRADUATE STUDENT Seminar Series

Every other month, 3rd WEDNESDAYS
2:00 PM Eastern (1 PM Central | 11 AM Pacific)

Schedule available [HERE](#)

November 20 - Zoom link [HERE](#)

Julia Tlapa

Graduate student, University of Wisconsin-Madison (mentor,
Kimberly Keil Stietz, PhD)



CAIRIBU ARCTICS Community Forums

ARCTICS = Advancing the Research Capacity of Trainees and
Investigators at early Career Stages

CAIRIBU-affiliated trainees and early-stage investigators met earlier this year and developed a fabulous list of ideas for ARCTICS seminars, all aimed at building skills, increasing knowledge, and boosting trainees' abilities to plan and develop independent careers in genitourinary research.

NEXT FORUM: Wednesday, November 13

TOPIC: NIH as a career path for urology investigators

TIME: 2:30-3:30 PM Eastern (1:30 PM Central | 11:30 AM Pacific)

LINK TO JOIN available [HERE](#)



Join Christopher Mullins, PhD, Jenna Norton, PhD, MPH, and Daniel Gossett, PhD as they share their experiences about working at the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases and how they got there. Bring your questions.

Next CAIRIBU ARCTICS forum:

- [December 9](#): Training for Independence - Budgeting for Your Research and Lab (features Johanna Hannan, PhD - University of Wisconsin-Madison; Jill Macoska, PhD - University of Massachusetts Boston; and Petra Popovics, PhD - Virginia Health Sciences at Old Dominion)

ATTENTION GRADUATE STUDENTS AND K12 SCHOLARS Opportunities to present your research

The CAIRIBU Interactions Core is looking for graduate students to present their research during a CAIRIBU Graduate Student seminar in 2025. We are also looking for K12 Scholars from a CAIRIBU KURE or KUroEpi Program to share their research in a K12 Scholars Seminar in 2025. Let us know at CAIRIBU@urology.wisc.edu.



CAIRIBU AT SBUR

CAIRIBU trainees and investigators will present abstracts at the 32nd annual meeting of the Society for Basic Urological Research, November 14-17 in Scottsdale, AZ.

CAIRIBU investigators giving presentations during the meeting include:

- **Simon Hayward, PhD** - NorthShore Research Institute, Endeavor Health. Dr. Simon is the PI of a new CAIRIBU P20 FORWARD Center.
- **Petra Popovics, PhD** - Virginia Health Sciences at Old Dominion University. Dr. Popovics was a prior K12 Scholar at the UW-Madison and is now a Co-PI in the multi-institutional P20 FORWARD Center led by Dr. Hayward.
- **Maria Hadjifrangiskou, PhD** - Vanderbilt University. Dr. Hadkjifrangiskou was the PI of a prior CAIRIBU P20 Urology Center and remains active in the CAIRIBU Urobiome Research Interest Group.
- **William Ricke, PhD** - University of Wisconsin-Madison. Dr. Ricke is the PI of the George M. O'Brien Urology (U54) Research Center.

Check the [SBUR meeting website](#) for abstract postings, which should be available shortly.

Pre and Postdoctoral Training Programs and Other Opportunities

Check out the list of training and research opportunities for early-stage investigators on the new CAIRIBU Kiosk - [HERE](#)

EVENTS

For all CAIRIBU Community events, as well as those from organizations and societies within the broader urology research community, check the [CAIRIBU EVENTS LISTING](#) on the CAIRIBU website

Wed., Nov. 6	I3: Innovative Idea Incubator: Sparking conversation around new concepts, ideas, and methods. UW-Madison O'Brien Center.	Virtual, 3:00 PM Eastern (2 PM Central 1 PM Pacific)
Wed., Nov. 13	CAIRIBU ARCTICS Community Forum: NIH as a career path for urology investigators	Virtual, 1:00 PM Eastern (12 PM Central 10 AM Pacific)
Thurs., Nov. 14	Meeting: Bi-monthly CAIRIBU Center Leaders (CCL)	Virtual, 4:00 PM Eastern (3 PM Central 1 PM Pacific)
Fri., Nov. 15	CAIRIBU Urobiome Research Hour: Jean-Phillipe, PhD and Emmanuel Elijah	Virtual, 3:00 PM Eastern (2 PM Central 12 PM Pacific)
Wed., Nov. 20	CAIRIBU Graduate Student Seminar: Julia Tlapa, UW-Madison graduate student (mentor: Kimberly Keil Stietz, PhD)	Virtual, 2:00 PM Eastern (1 PM Central 12 PM Pacific)

Openings! Postdocs, Scholars, and More

Check the [CAIRIBU Kiosk](#) for updates

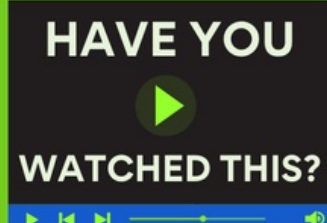


NEW PUBLICATIONS

From CAIRIBU community investigators and trainees

Visit the CAIRIBU website [HERE](#) to view and search the brand new, redesigned, and up-to-date list of publications by CAIRIBU-affiliated investigators

The CAIRIBU Interactions Core uses bibliometric techniques to identify and archive CAIRIBU-affiliated publications. Publications from 2020 forward are there. You may sort by journal, publication date, topic, and more.



CAIRIBU YOUTUBE

Featuring videos from virtual events and other recordings

CAIRIBU YouTube Playlists serve as "channels" that correspond to

CAIRIBU Interactions Core staff recently categorized all CAIRIBU YouTube content by specific area within the lower urinary tract (nearly 100 videos!). Now you can quickly find recordings in which you are most interested (e.g., bladder, prostate, infection, etc.). Content related to trainees is also categorized. Look [HERE](#).



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**George M. O'Brien (U54) Urology Cooperative
Research Centers Program**

1. University of Wisconsin-Madison (2014-2019
and 2019-2024)
2. Columbia University (2014-2019 and 2020-
2025)
3. Stanford University (2021-2026)

**Multidisciplinary Urologic Research (KURe)
Career Development Programs (K12)**

1. Duke University
2. University of Wisconsin-Madison
3. Stanford University

**Urological Epidemiology (KUroEpi) Institutional
Research Career Development Programs (K12)**

1. University of California San Francisco-Kaiser
Permanente Northern California
2. University of Michigan

[Tracy Rankin, PhD, MPH](#), NIDDK KUH Deputy Director
and Program Director, oversees CAIRIBU-affiliated K12
Institutional Career Development Programs

FORWARD P20 Urology Centers

1. Mayo Clinic Rochester (2022-2025)
2. Duke University (2022-2025)
3. Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (2024-
2027)
4. NorthShore University HealthSystem (2024-
2027)

CAIRIBU Interactions Core (U24)

- PI, **Kristina Penniston, PhD, RDN**
- Research Communications & Outreach,
Mariana Coughlin, MS
- Researcher, **Muen Wang, BS**
- Admin Assistant, **Annie Mao**
- Student researcher, **Anna Barrett**

NIDDK Program Officers who oversee the CAIRIBU
Interactions Core and the U54 Urology O'Brien Centers:

- [Christopher Mullins, PhD](#)
- [Deepak Nihalani, PhD](#)

Links to websites for CAIRIBU Centers and Programs are on the CAIRIBU website [HERE](#)

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CAIRIBU is a community of NIDDK-funded U54 and P20 Urology Centers and K12 Institutional Career Development Programs whose overarching objectives are to address gaps in knowledge related to epidemiology, etiology, development, progression, and expression of non-malignant urologic conditions and to train the next generation of leaders in urology research. The CAIRIBU Interactions Core is the central coordinating body for the CAIRIBU Community.

Learn More Here

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