

Lupus Research Alliance and Lupus Colorado present

Advancing Lupus Care Through Research and Advocacy Conference



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We're glad you're here.



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11:00 am	Welcome Dorey Neilinger , <i>Lupus Research Alliance</i> Inez Robinson , <i>Lupus Colorado</i>
Part I - How Research Impacts Patients' Lives	
11:05 am	Introduction Meghann Vaughn , <i>Lupus Research Alliance</i>
11:10 am	Brandon Renner A Recently Discovered Contributing Factor to Lupus in the Kidney and How We Might Reduce its Effects
11:30 am	Dr. V. Michael Holers The AMP Program: Harnessing Cutting Edge Technologies and a Little Bit of Tissue to Solve Big Problems in Lupus
11:50 am	Dr. Susan Boackle What Does the Future Hold for the Treatment of Lupus? How Research Is Moving the Needle
12:10 pm	Questions and Answers
12:20 pm	Lunch
Part II - Advocacy to Transform Patients' Lives	
1:00 pm	Introduction Linda Garrett , <i>Lupus Colorado</i>
1:05 pm	Larry R. Lanier , <i>The Advocacy Environment, Process and Message</i>
1:25 pm	State Representative
1:45 pm	Questions and Answers
2:00 pm	Wrap Up



Brandon Renner

Senior Professional Research Associate/
Lab Manager
University of Colorado Health Sciences Center

Brandon Renner has served as Lab Manager/Senior Professional Research Associate at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center for the past eight years where he conducts independent research in cellular injury prevention. Previously, he was a Research Associate in the Research Division at Allergan working primarily on early phase drug development. He also served as a Graduate Research Assistant at the Los Alamos National Laboratory working on gene sequencing of the Human Genome.

Mr. Renner graduated from University of New Mexico with a Bachelor's in science and received a Master's of Science in Biotechnology from University of California, Irvine. He has published over 20 papers in top scientific journals.



V. Michael Holers, MD

Scoville Professor of Rheumatology
Head, Division of Rheumatology
University of Colorado School of Medicine

Dr. Michael Holers grew up in a small farming community in northwest Ohio and graduated from Purdue University. He then entered Washington University School of Medicine and received his MD degree. Following an internship and residency at Barnes Hospital, he was a Rheumatology Fellow at the University of Colorado and then a research postdoctoral fellow at Washington University. In 1993 he was recruited to the University of Colorado to be the first Smyth Professor of Rheumatology, and is now the Division Head of Rheumatology and the Scoville Professor of Rheumatology at the same institution.

Although the historical focus of the Holers' Laboratory research efforts has been on the biologic roles of the complement system, a powerful innate immune pathway which plays a role in kidney damage in SLE, more recently he moved a major focus of research activities to studying the natural history and pathogenesis of human rheumatoid arthritis (RA) prior to and immediately after the onset of clinically apparent arthritis. Dr. Holers is a member of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Autoimmunity Center of Excellence Steering Committee. In addition, Dr. Holers currently serves as a member of the Advisory Council of the National Institute for Arthritis, Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases. Finally, he played a major initial role in the initial stages of the Accelerating Medicines Partnership RA/SLE Program.



Susan Boackle, MD

Associate Professor, Medicine-Rheumatology
University of Colorado School of Medicine

Dr. Susan Boackle is a clinician and research scientist working hard on behalf of people with lupus. She treats patients in the University of Colorado multidisciplinary Lupus Clinic. Her research interests include the study of genes contributing to the development of lupus and the study of blood and urine biomarkers that indicate treatment response or predict disease onset or flare. Her research team has recently identified a gene sequence change that reduces lupus risk, and their work may lead to new ways to prevent and treat lupus. In addition to her laboratory studies, Dr. Boackle leads several clinical trials at the University of Colorado to test novel treatments for lupus.

Dr. Boackle received her Bachelor of Science in Molecular Biology from Vanderbilt University and her medical degree from the University of Alabama School of Medicine. She completed a residency in Internal Medicine and fellowship in Rheumatology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical School.

Highly esteemed in her field, Dr. Boackle received the Edmund L. Dubois, M.D. Memorial Lectureship from the American College of Rheumatology and she was invited to author a chapter in the latest edition of Dubois' *Lupus Erythematosus*, recognized as the definitive reference on lupus.



Larry R. Lanier

Principal
LR Lanier Associates

Larry Lanier has extensive expertise in government relations and non-profit management based on a life-long career in the political arena. His clients include both non-profit and for-profit organizations dedicated to improving quality medical care for patients.

Prior to creating LR Lanier Associates, Larry served as President of the National Patient Advocate Foundation (NPAF), where he managed all aspects of the organization's federal and state advocacy programs, policy related events, political training, volunteer coordination, fund raising, staff management, budget development, and strategic planning. He created and implemented a comprehensive volunteer political training program for NPAF, which has garnered numerous accolades.

Larry has represented numerous non-profit and for-profit organizations including the American Academy of Ophthalmology and the American Academy of Dermatology. He has served on numerous Boards of Directors and steering committees in the health care community, and created the Memphis Project, a community program designed to assist minority cancer patients in Memphis, Tennessee. He currently serves as Vice President of the Derma Care Access Network, and as Treasurer for the Clinical Trials Awareness Coalition.

Larry earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Political Science and a Master of Science in Public Policy and Administration from the Florida State University.

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Lupus Research Alliance is transforming the lives of people affected with lupus by financing the most innovative lupus research in the world. The organization's stringent peer review grant process fosters diverse scientific talent who are driving discovery toward better diagnostics, improved treatments and ultimately a cure for lupus. Because the Lupus Research Alliance's Board of Directors funds all administrative and fundraising costs, 100% of all donations goes to support lupus research programs. For more information, please visit lupusresearch.org.

Lupus Colorado is the only nonprofit in the state dedicated to educating and serving the needs of individuals with lupus and their families. Ongoing patient advocacy projects, emergency assistance funding, support groups and Stanford self-management classes are directly improving the lives of those with lupus. We are grateful for the numerous volunteers and supporters who continue to influence the expansion and delivery of our services to touch and assist those afflicted with lupus, their families, caregivers and friends. For more information, please visit lupuscolorado.org.

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