

Program Schedule for OBASM 2026
Bowling Green State University
All rooms located in Bowen-Thompson Student Union

Friday, April 10

6:00 – 7:00 pm **Registration** - Bowen-Thompson Student Union

7:00 – 7:10 pm **Introduction** – Multipurpose Room (room 228)
D.J. Ferguson, President of OBASM

Welcome Statement

Vice President of Research, Bowling Green State University

7:15 – 8:15 **OBASM Keynote Lecture** – Multipurpose Room (room 228)

“Cyanobacterial blooms in shallow aquatic systems: lessons from Lake Erie and elsewhere”

George Bullerjahn
Emeritus Professor
Bowling Green State University

Saturday, April 11

8:00 am **Registration and Poster Set-up** – Bowen-Thompson Student Union

Poster Set-up – Lenhart Grand Ballroom (room 202)

8:30 am **Introduction and Welcome** – Lenhart Grand Ballroom (room 202)

D.J. Ferguson
President of the Ohio Branch of the American Society for Microbiology

Concurrent Session I, Mylander Room (room 207)

Clinical and Medical Microbiology
Moderator: Andy Wagner

8:45 – 9:15 **Krithika Rajaram** – Room 207
Ohio State University

“Life in darkness: the role of a plastid in malaria parasites”

9:15 – 9:45 **Evan Snitkin**– Room 207
University of Michigan

"Role of genetic background in antibiotic resistance emergence and spread"

9:45 – 10:15 **Rimi Chowdury**– Room 207
Miami University

"Using inflammation-derived compounds to reduce the source of inflammation"

Concurrent Session II, Skybank Room (room 201A)

Applied and Environmental Microbiology

Moderator: Paul Hyman

8:45 – 9:15 **Sarah Bagby** – Room 201A
Case Western Reserve University

"Mapping the mobilome in soil communities"

9:15 – 9:45 **Justin North** – Room 201A
The Ohio State University

"Microbial sulfur acquisition from organic sulfur compounds by nitrogenase-like reductases"

9:45 – 10:15 **Mengyang Zhang** – Room 201A
University of Cincinnati

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10:15 – 10:30 am **Break**

10:30 – 12:15 pm **Podium presentations and judging** – Union Theater (room 206)
Coordinator – Chet Cooper

12:15 – 1:30 pm **Mid-Day Activities:**

Lunch: Box or "on your own"

Box lunches that were pre-purchased during registration will be available in Lenhart Grand Ballroom (room 202)

12:30 – 1:15 pm

Microbiology Education Session – Mylander Room (room 207)

Moderator:

1:30 – 2:30 pm **ASM Distinguished Lecture** – Union Theater (room 206)

“What Can Microbes Teach Us about the Built Environment?”

David Smyth

Professor of Biology

Department of Natural Sciences, Texas A&M University - San Antonio

2:30 – 2:45 pm **Break**

2:45 – 5:15 pm **Poster presentations and judging** – Lenhart Grand Ballroom (room 202)

Coordinator – Chet Cooper

5:15 – 5:45 pm **Meet the Speaker**, Mylander Room (room 207)

An informal meeting with our speakers. Bring your questions and join in the conversation!

5:45 – 7:00 pm **Banquet and Student Awards Presentations** – Lenhart Grand Ballroom (room 202)

D.J. Ferguson – OBASM President