

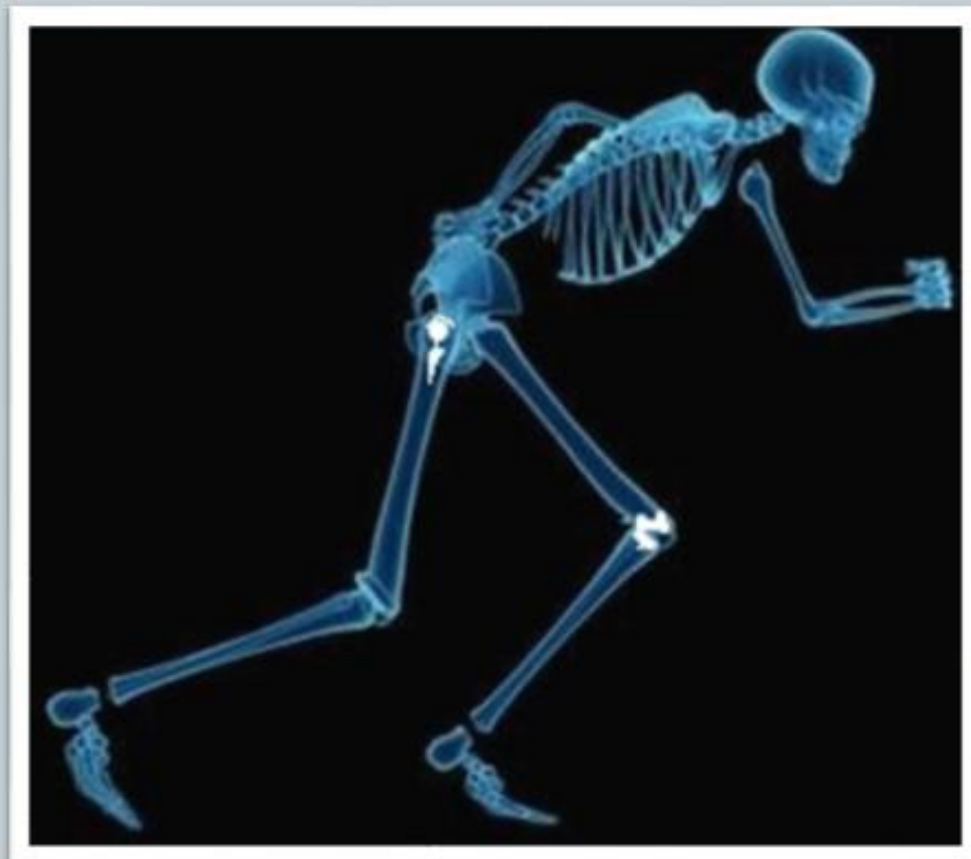
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# Biomaterials Day



**Innovative Technologies In Biomaterials**  
**March 22, 2013**



## **Welcome to the University of Florida's Regional Biomaterials Day 2013!**

On behalf of the Biomaterials Day Organizing Committee, we would like to thank you for attending our second annual Biomaterials Day focused on "Innovative Technologies in Biomaterials." The University of Florida's student chapter of the Society for Biomaterials is very proud to host this one-day symposium and provide an opportunity for students, faculty members, and industry representatives from our region to interact and discuss the newest advances in the field. This event is sponsored by the National Society for Biomaterials with the goal of promoting interdisciplinary interactions amongst students and professionals.

Again, thank you for attending and we hope you enjoy this dynamic and exciting opportunity to network and learn about biomaterials.

Regards,

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday March 22nd, 2013

Time	Event
8:00-9:00 AM	Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:00-9:05 AM	<b>Opening Address</b> provided by <b>Dean Cammy Abernathy</b>
9:05-9:10 AM	<b>Welcome to Biomaterials Day 2013</b> <b>Joseph Decker</b> UF SFB Chapter President
	<b>INDUSTRY SESSION</b>
9:10-9:40 AM	<b>"Innovative Solution for Cranioplasty"</b> <b>Scott Sidwell</b> Vice-President of Research and Development at Biomet
9:40-10:00 AM	<b>"Licensing Technologies"</b> <b>Dr. Lenny Terry</b> Licensing Officer, Office of Technology Licensing
10:00-10:20 AM	<b>"The Journey of a Biomaterials Scientist"</b> <b>Dr. Iris Schumacher</b> Kimberly Clark Representative
10:20-10:40 AM	<b>"Bone as a Versatile Biomaterial"</b> <b>Dr. Ron Cobb</b> Vice-President of Biologics at Nanotherapeutics
10:40-12:00 PM	<b>Graduate student poster session / Break</b>
12:00-1:00 PM	<b>Complimentary Lunch</b>
	<b>ACADEMIA SESSION</b>
1:00-1:30 PM	<b>Key Note Address: "Bottom-Up Engineering of the Extracellular Matrix"</b> <b>Dr. Adam Feinberg</b> National Institute of Health Innovation Award recipient, Assistant Professor at Carnegie Mellon
1:30-1:50 PM	<b>"Magnetic Nanoparticles as Nanoscale Probes and Actuators in Complex Fluids and Biological Systems"</b> <b>Dr. Carlos Rinaldi</b> J. Crayton Pruitt Family Department of Biomedical Engineering and Department of Chemical Engineering, University of Florida Professor
1:50-2:10 PM	<b>"Advances in Nanocomposite Design: Towards Electronic and Biomedical Applications"</b> <b>Dr. Jennifer Andrew</b> Materials Science and Engineering Department, University of Florida Assistant Professor
2:10-2:30 PM	<b>"Engineering Bioactive Materials for Islet Transplantation"</b> <b>Dr. Cherie Stabler</b> Biomedical Engineering Department, Diabetes Research Institute, University of Miami, Associate Professor
2:30-3:55 PM	<b>Undergraduate student poster session/ Corporate info session</b>
3:55-4:00 PM	<b>Closing Remarks</b>

## KEY NOTE ADDRESS ABSTRACTS

### **Industry Key Note Address: "Innovative Solution for Cranioplasty"**

Scott Sidwell

Vice President, Research and Development

Biomet Microfixation, Jacksonville, FL

#### Abstract

We will begin with a brief introduction of Biomet including the types of products that are offered as well as the company history. We will present our portfolio of cranioplasty solutions and will discuss the use of poly-ether-ketone-ketone (PEKK) as a novel material for cranioplasty.

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### **Academia Key Note Address: "Bottom-Up Engineering of the Extracellular Matrix"**

Adam W. Feinberg, PhD.

Department of Materials Science and Engineering

Department of Biomedical Engineering

Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburg, PA

#### Abstract

The extracellular matrix (ECM) is a nanofibrillar network of proteins such as collagen, fibronectin and other molecules that physically integrates cells into tissues and acts as an insoluble, mechanosensitive signaling network. Recent work has demonstrated that the ECM in decellularized organs can serve as a scaffold to regrow tissues by providing instructive cues for cells. However, this is a top-down approach requiring an existing organ to be decellularized first. We asked, why not build the ECM from the bottom-up just like cells do during embryogenesis or wound healing? To do this, we have developed a biomimetic, surface-initiated assembly process that recapitulates how cells naturally build the ECM in tissues. This provides a reductionist system where complexity can be engineered back into the matrix system, which we are exploiting as a tissue engineering platform and basic science tool. Using this technology we are (i) studying basic ECM mechanobiology, (ii) developing strategies to build 3-D protein scaffolds and (iii) applying these scaffolds in cardiac and ophthalmic tissue engineering. In preliminary results, fibronectin nanofibers can undergo strains >8-fold, with complete elastic recovery. Similar studies are ongoing to elucidate the biomechanical properties of laminin and collagen type IV nanofibers. We are also using these ECM nanofibers to engineer scaffolds for cardiac tissue engineering that mimic the ECM structure and composition in the embryonic heart, using developmental biology as a design template. Thus, we are putting the ECM back together from the bottom-up and building ever more complex ECM structures from nanofibers, to basement membranes to 3-D matrices.

## SESSION SPEAKER ABSTRACTS

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### Session 1: "Licensing Technologies"

#### **Lenny Terry, PhD**

Licensing Officer

Office of Technology Licensing

#### Abstract

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### Session 2: "The Journey of a Biomaterials Scientist"

#### **Iris V. Schumacher, PhD**

Customer Solutions Associate Marketing Manager

Kimberly-Clark Corporation

#### Abstract

Iris V. Schumacher, Ph.D. is a Customer Solutions Associate Marketing Manager for the Kimberly-Clark Corporation. Dr. Schumacher is currently the marketing leader for Kimberly-Clark's largest retailer, Wal-Mart, Inc. within the Kimberly-Clark Professional (KCP) business division. Iris has been with Kimberly-Clark for six years where she has held positions in commercialization, process development, and front-end concept and technology development. Iris has most recently embarked upon the KCP Leadership Development Program (LDP), which makes her one of four candidates to assume this position since the program began in 2009. The KCP LDP is a two year rotational program where candidates obtain cross-functional business experience in six month increments in preparation of assuming a leadership position upon program completion. Through this program, Iris will complete rotational assignments in Sales, Marketing, Product Management, and Strategy.

The purpose of this presentation is intended to broaden the view of potential careers awaiting a biomedical or biomaterials engineer after graduation. An overview of careers at the Kimberly-Clark Corporation will be shared along with details regarding recent innovations in the biomedical/biomaterials space. The presentation will end reflecting on the three most important lessons Dr. Schumacher received at the University of Florida: 1) Authenticity; 2) Ethics; and 3) Accountability.

### **Session 3: "Bone as a Versatile Biomaterial"**

#### **Ron Cobb, PhD**

Vice-President of Biologics  
Nanotherapeutics

#### Abstract

Bone has been used in a variety of orthopedic applications. Currently, autograft bone is the gold standard for use in most orthopedic and dental applications due to its inherent osteoinductive, osteoconductive and osteogenic potential. One current market substitute to autograft is bone graft substitutes. Bone graft substitutes come in a variety of materials, structures and delivery systems to be used in bone grafting procedures. These materials are useful in augmenting the healing of bony defects caused by traumatic injury, tumor removal, abnormal skeletal development, cyst removal and prosthetic loosening. Bone graft substitutes may also be used as a drug delivery device. Human and bovine bone loaded with antibiotics such as gentamicin release clinically relevant levels of drug for up to 14 days. No adverse effects on new bone growth were observed. Bone can also be loaded with growth factors. The growth factor loaded devices have been shown to be superior to autograft materials in several different animal studies. Additional studies were performed investigating the ability of bone as a scaffold to deliver mesenchymal stem cells. Taken together, bone is a very versatile biomaterial with numerous applications in the orthopedic and dental market.

## ACADEMIA SESSION ABSTRACTS

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### **Session 1: "Magnetic Nanoparticles as Nanoscale Probes and Actuators in Complex Fluids and Biological Systems"**

**Carlos Rinaldi, PhD**

Professor

J. Crayton Pruitt Family Department of Biomedical Engineering

Department of Chemical Engineering

University of Florida

#### Abstract

Magnetic nanoparticles are of interest in a variety of applications which take advantage of their manipulation using externally applied magnetic fields. Depending on the material used, these nanoparticles may possess either a freely rotating magnetic dipole or a dipole pointing in a fixed particle-locked direction. Their response to magnetic fields depends on the nature of the magnetic material, their coating, and the viscous properties of the suspending medium. In this talk I will briefly summarize our recent work on the response of magnetic nanoparticles in suspension and subjected to time-varying magnetic fields through two topics. First, the dynamic response of magnetic nanoparticles with particle-locked dipoles in oscillating magnetic fields can be used to obtain information of the mechanical properties of the surrounding fluid. This is demonstrated through experiments in which properly functionalized nanoparticles are used to determine the liquid-solid transition temperature in a physical gel and to quantitatively determine the viscosity "felt" by nanoparticles suspended in simple and complex fluids. In the latter case deviations are seen between the nanoscale and macroscale viscosities. Second, application of high frequency and moderate to high amplitude magnetic fields to suspensions of magnetic nanoparticles results in conversion of magnetic energy to thermal energy, resulting in a localized increase in temperature. Such an effect can be applied to the treatment of certain diseases such as cancer. I will present part of our work on developing targeted magnetic nanoparticles which are biocompatible and colloidally stable in biological fluids and *in vitro* evaluation of the applicability of this novel form of treatment in destroying cancer cells.

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### **Session 2: " Advances in Nanocomposite Design: Towards Electronic and Biomedical Applications"**

**Jennifer S. Andrew, PhD**

Assistant Professor

Department of Materials Science and Engineering

University of Florida

#### Abstract

In many single-phase materials certain properties are mutually exclusive. Examples of this property dichotomy include strength and toughness, high electric permittivity and high magnetic permeability,



and soft and hard magnetic properties. Nanostructured composite materials have the potential to overcome some of these limitations of single-phase materials. From these new materials a number of novel applications ranging from electronics to biomedical devices can be developed and realized. For example, magnetic and ferroelectric materials can be combined on a single particle or fiber, yielding new nanostructured building blocks for multiferroic composites with enhanced properties. By fabricating composites on a single particle or fiber in an anisotropic manner (e.g. Janus-type) the surface and bulk properties of each phase remain accessible, providing additional degrees of freedom in composite design. For biomedical applications, nanocomposites provide a means to combine therapeutic and diagnostics. By taking advantage of how materials with specific size, shape, and chemistry respond and behave in the body new minimally invasive diagnostic platforms that detect diseases at their earliest stages can be realized.

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### **Session 3: "Engineering Bioactive Materials for Islet Transplantation"**

**Cherie Stabler, PhD**

Associate Professor

Biomedical Engineering, Diabetes Research Institute

University of Miami

#### Abstract

Clinical islet transplantation (CIT), the intraportal infusion of allogeneic pancreatic islets into a diabetic recipient, is a promising treatment for type 1 diabetes; however, the success of clinical islet transplantation is hindered by the location of the implant site, which is prone to mechanical stresses and exposure to high drug and toxin loads, as well as the strong inflammatory and immunological response to the transplant in spite of systemic immunosuppression. To address these challenges, we have focused on three primary strategies: the development of scaffolds to house islets at alternative transplant sites; the fabrication of ultrathin encapsulation protocols for the immuno-camouflage of the transplant; and the production of bioactive biomaterials for the local delivery of oxygen and immunomodulatory drugs and/or cells. Three-dimensional scaffolds serve to create a more favorable islet engraftment site, by ensuring optimal distribution of the transplanted cells, creating a desirable niche for the islets, and promoting vascularization. Ultrathin encapsulation decreases immune recognition via masking cell surfaces, thereby reducing/eliminating the need for systemic immunosuppression. Finally, engineering materials for local oxygen or drug release serves to enhance potency at the transplant site, while minimizing side effects. While these biomaterial approaches serve to enhance the efficacy of islet transplantation for the treatment of Type 1 Diabetes, these platforms have broad applicability to the field of tissue engineering.

## POSTER PRESENTATIONS

- 1. Name:** Clayton Argenbright  
**Title:** *"Hierarchical Patterning Using self-assembled block copolymers"*  
**Advisor:** Anthony Brennan  
**Department:** Materials Science and Engineering  
**Affiliation:** University of Florida  
**Year:** Graduate
- 2. Name:** Adwoa Baah-Dwomoh  
**Title:** *"Using Irreversible Electroporation to Introduce Pores in Bacterial Cellulose Scaffolds for Tissue Engineering"*  
**Advisor:** Rafael Davalos  
**Department:** Materials Science and Engineering  
**Affiliation:** Virginia Institute of Technology  
**Year:** Graduate
- 3. Name:** Jordan Ball  
**Title:** *"Advanced Nanocomposites for Bone Regeneration"*  
**Advisor:** Josephine B. Allen  
**Department:** Materials Science and Engineering  
**Affiliation:** University of Florida  
**Year:** Graduate
- 4. Name:** Ana Carolina Bohorquez  
**Title:** *"Studying nanoparticle-protein interactions in situ"*  
**Advisor:** Carlos Rinaldi  
**Department:** Biomedical Engineering  
**Affiliation:** University of Florida  
**Year:** Graduate
- 5. Name:** Evelyn Bracho-Sanchez  
**Title:** *"Delivery of Indoleamine 2,3-Dioxygenase to Dendritic Cells for the Induction of Tolerance"*  
**Advisor:** Benjamin Keselowsky  
**Department:** Biomedical Engineering  
**Affiliation:** University of Florida  
**Year:** Graduate
- 6. Name:** Matthew Carstens  
**Title:** *"Drug-Eluting Microarrays for Screening Combinatorial Drug Interactions"*  
**Advisor:** Benjamin Keselowsky  
**Department:** Biomedical Engineering  
**Affiliation:** University of Florida  
**Year:** Graduate
- 7. Name:** Kelsey Crannell  
**Title:** *"Polymer-based Nanocomposite for the Early Detection of Lung Cancer"*  
**Advisor:** Jennifer Andrew  
**Department:** Materials Science and Engineering  
**Affiliation:** University of Florida  
**Year:** Graduate
- 8. Name:** Joe Decker  
**Title:** *"A Thermodynamic Approach to Engineering Antifouling Surfaces"*  
**Advisor:** Anthony Brennan  
**Department:** Materials Science and Engineering  
**Affiliation:** University of Florida  
**Year:** Graduate

- 9. Name:** Maria Di BonaVentura  
**Title:** *"Thermal and Mechanical Properties of PET and PC for Potential Food Packaging Applications"*  
**Advisor:** Anthony Brennan  
**Department:** Materials Science and Engineering  
**Affiliation:** University of Florida  
**Year:** Undergraduate
- 10. Name:** Maria Di BonaVentura  
**Title:** *"Study of an Mg-2Y-1Sc alloy for biodegradable implant applications"*  
**Advisor:** Michel Manuel  
**Department:** Materials Science and Engineering  
**Affiliation:** University of Florida  
**Year:** Undergraduate
- 11. Name:** Rohan Dhavalikar  
**Title:** *"Simulation of Magnetic Particle Imaging"*  
**Advisor:** Carlos Rinaldi  
**Department:** Chemical Engineering  
**Affiliation:** University of Florida  
**Year:** Graduate
- 12. Name:** Melanie Dufva  
**Title:** *"Determination of the Phosphate Binding Affinity of Lanthanum Carbonate for Pharmaceutical Application"*  
**Advisor:** Christopher Batich  
**Department:** Materials Science and Engineering  
**Affiliation:** University of Florida  
**Year:** Undergraduate
- 13. Name:** Luke Gibson  
**Title:** *"Polyurethane Testing for Tough, Durable Antifouling Topographies"*  
**Advisor:** Anthony Brennan  
**Department:** Materials Science and Engineering  
**Affiliation:** University of Florida  
**Year:** Undergraduate
- 14. Name:** Brittany Hicks  
**Title:** *"Effect of Substrate Stiffness on Collective Cell Migration"*  
**Advisor:**  
**Department:** Materials Science and Engineering  
**Affiliation:** University of Florida  
**Year:** Undergraduate
- 15. Name:** Cassie Llano  
**Title:** *"Engineering Mucin-Polyelectrolyte Multilayers"*  
**Advisor:** Michael Rubner  
**Department:** Materials Science and Engineering  
**Affiliation:** University of Florida  
**Year:** Undergraduate
- 16. Name:** Stefan Kelly  
**Title:** *"Polymer Nanocomposites for Early Diagnosis of Lung Cancer"*  
**Advisor:** Jennifer Andrew  
**Department:** Materials Science and Engineering  
**Affiliation:** University of Florida  
**Year:** Graduate

- 17.Name:** Cary Kuliasha  
**Title:** *"Random Acrylate Oligomer Surface Grafting to Poly(dimethyl siloxane) Elastomer Surfaces for Improved Anti-Biofouling"*  
**Advisor:** Anthony Brennan  
**Department:** Materials Science and Engineering  
**Affiliation:** University of Florida  
**Year:** Graduate
- 18.Name:** David Lovett  
**Title:** *"Modulation of nuclear shape by substrate rigidity"*  
**Advisor:** Tanmay P. Lele  
**Department:** Chemical Engineering  
**Affiliation:** University of Florida  
**Year:** Graduate
- 19.Name:** Lorena Maldonado Camargo  
**Title:** *"Viscosity of Synovial Fluid using Rotational Dynamics Theory of Magnetic Nanoparticles"*  
**Advisor:** Carlos Rinaldi  
**Department:** Chemical Engineering  
**Affiliation:** University of Florida  
**Year:** Graduate
- 20.Name:** Adam Monsalve  
**Title:** *"Magneto-mechanical actuation of cell surface receptors using iron oxide particles"*  
**Advisor:** Jon Dobson  
**Department:** Materials Science and Engineering  
**Affiliation:** University of Florida  
**Year:** Graduate
- 21. Name:** Jolin Rodrigues  
**Title:** *"A perfused flow phantom of a biological tumor for magnetic nanoparticle-mediated hyperthermia studies"*  
**Advisor:** Jon Dobson  
**Department:** Biomedical Engineering  
**Affiliation:** University of Florida  
**Year:** Graduate
- 22.Name:** Michael Springer  
**Title:** *"Differentiation of Adipose Derived Stem Cells on Nanofibrous Collagen and Elastin Matrices"*  
**Advisor:** Josephine Allen  
**Department:** Materials Science and Engineering  
**Affiliation:** University of Florida  
**Year:** Graduate
- 23.Name:** Melanie Suaris  
**Title:** Nucleation and Growth of Epithelial Cell Clusters  
**Advisor:** Thomas Angelini  
**Department:** Biomedical Engineering  
**Affiliation:** University of Florida  
**Year:** Graduate
- 24.Name:** David Sullivan  
**Title:** Immunogenicity of Decellularized Porcine Liver for Bioengineered Hepatic Tissue  
**Advisor:** Bryon E. Petersen  
**Department:** Biomedical Engineering  
**Affiliation:** University of Florida  
**Year:** Graduate

**25. Name:** Richelle Thomas  
**Title:** *"The Manipulation of Hydrogel Lumen Architecture for Novel Biomedical Applications"*  
**Advisor:** Christine Schmidt  
**Department:** Chemical Engineering  
**Affiliation:** University of Texas at Austin  
**Year:** Graduate

**26. Name:** Laura Villada  
**Title:** *"Porosity effect on anti-fouling efficiency of HEMA-Siloxane based hydrogels"*  
**Advisor:** Anthony Brennan  
**Department:** Materials Science and Engineering  
**Affiliation:** University of Florida  
**Year:** Graduate

**27. Name:** Jessica Weaver  
**Title:** *"Drug-Releasing Constructs Mediate Localized Inflammation in an Islet Transplant Site"*  
**Advisor:** Cherie Stabler  
**Department:** Biomedical Engineering, Diabetes Research Institute  
**Affiliation:** University of Miami  
**Year:** Graduate

**28. Name:** Steven Zehnder  
**Title:** *"The cytoskeleton drives intercellular fluid flow"*  
**Advisor:** Thomas E. Angelini  
**Department:** Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering  
**Affiliation:** University of Florida  
**Year:** Graduate

**29. Name:** Wenbo Zhang  
**Title:** *"Nutrient uptake of Bacillus subtilis induced by extracellular matrix"*  
**Advisor:** Thomas E. Angelini  
**Department:** Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering  
**Affiliation:** University of Florida  
**Year:** Graduate

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