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2026 REGIONAL MEETING

September 25-27

**hosted by Cincinnati Children's
at the Graduate by Hilton Hotel
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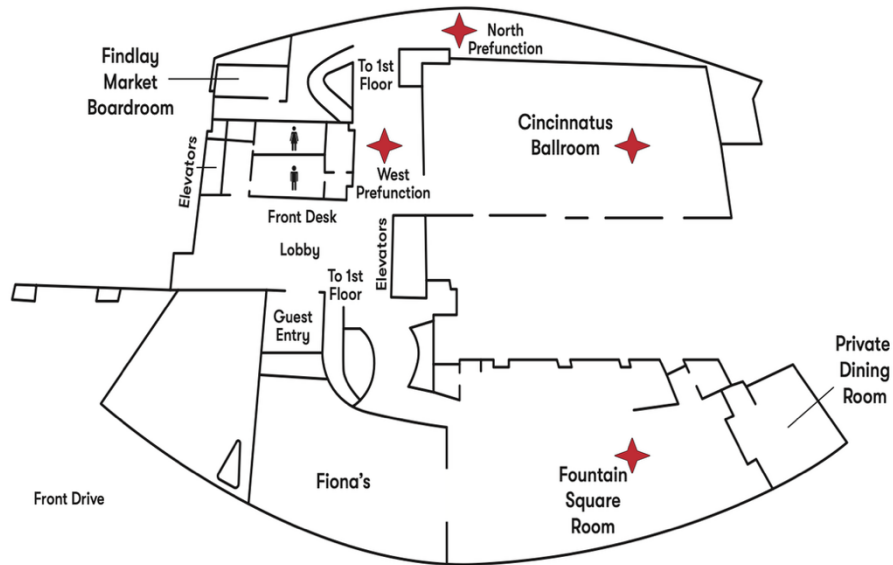




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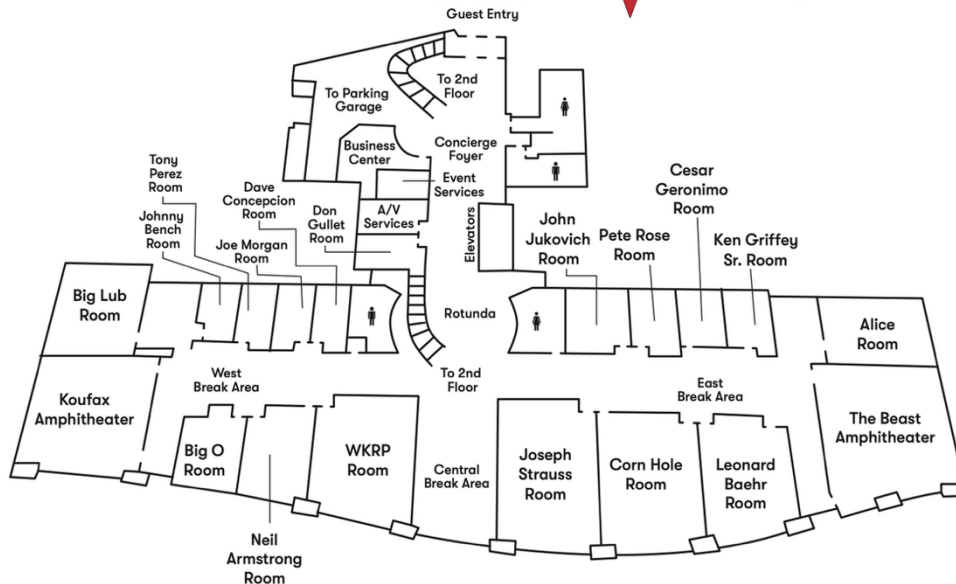
151 Goodman Street, Cincinnati, OH 45219

2nd Floor



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1st Floor



Midwest Society for Developmental Biology Meeting

Friday, September 25, 2026 – Sunday, September 27, 2026

Graduate Hotel, 151 Goodman Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45219

Talks and flash talk slides to be upload to the conference computer before each session.

2 Keynote Speakers: 40 minutes + 5 minutes Q&A

4 Invited Speakers: 25 minutes + 5 minutes Q&A

30 Selected Abstract Talks: 12 minutes + 3 minutes Q&A

20 Poster Preview Flash Talks: 90 seconds

Predocs speakers are indicated in **blue**, Postdocs in **green**, Faculty in **black**.

Prizes will be awarded for best postdoc, predoc, and prebac presentations (talk or poster), as well as for trainees who ask the best question(s).

Friday, September 25

2:30-4:00 pm Registration & Poster Setup (West Pre-function)

4:00-4:15 pm Welcome & Opening Remarks (Cincinnati Ballroom):

Aaron Zorn, Cincinnati Children's

4:15-4:30 pm Society of Developmental Biology Update:

Sharon Amacher, The Ohio State University, Midwest Representative

4:30-5:15 pm Session 1 (Cincinnati Ballroom)

Chair: **Samantha Brugmann**, Cincinnati Children's

Keynote: **Deneen Wellik**, University of Wisconsin-Madison *Hox genes in Development and Disease*

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5:15-6:30 pm Session 2 (Cincinnati Ballroom)

Chair: **Ben Allen**, University of Michigan

5:15-5:30 Abstract talk-1, tbd

5:30-5:45 **Abstract talk-2**, *tbd*

5:45-6:00 **Abstract talk-3**, *tbd*

6:00-6:15 **Abstract talk-4**, *tbd*

6:15-6:30 **Poster preview flash talks**

10 flash talks

poster# - Name, Institution

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6:30-9:30 pm Poster Session 1 - Sponsor Display (Fountain Square Room)

heavy hors d'oeuvres and bar

6:30-8:00 **Odd numbers:** Posters 1 - 59

8:00-9:30 **Even numbers:** Posters 2 - 60

Saturday, September 26

8:00-8:30 am Coffee and light pastries (North Pre-function Area)

8:30-10:00 am Session 3 (Cincinnatus Ballroom)

Chair: **Cristina Cebrian**, Cincinnati Children's

8:30-8:45 **Abstract talk-5**, *tbd*

8:45-9:00 **Abstract talk-6**, *tbd*

9:00-9:15 **Abstract talk-7**, *tbd*

9:15-9:30 **Abstract talk-8**, *tbd*

9:30-9:45 **Abstract talk-9**, *tbd*

9:45-10:00 **Abstract talk-10**, *tbd*

10:00-10:30 am Break: Coffee, Lemonade & Cookies (North Pre-function Area)

10:30-12:00 pm Session 4 (Cincinnatus Ballroom)

Chair: **Rosa Ventrella**, Midwestern University

10:30-10:45 **Abstract talk-11**, *tbd*

10:45-11:00 **Abstract talk-12**, *tbd*

11:00-11:15 **Abstract talk-13**, *tbd*

11:15-11:30 **Abstract talk-14**, *tbd*

11:30-12:00 **Invited talk-1**, Education Session

Anna Cunningham, MEd, Phd, Washington University in St. Louis

12:00-2:00 pm Box Lunch and Discussion Tables (location 1st floor)

12:15-1:00 Round table session - 1

1:00-1:45 Round table session - 2

2:00-3:30 pm Session 5 (Cincinnatus Ballroom)

Chair: **Sarah Petersen**, Kenyon College

2:00-2:30	Invited talk-2 Chris Wolverton, PhD , Ohio Wesleyan University
2:30-2:45	Abstract talk-15 , <i>tbd</i>
2:45-3:00	Abstract talk-16 , <i>tbd</i>
3:00-3:15	Abstract talk-17 , <i>tbd</i>
3:15-3:30	Abstract talk-18 , <i>tbd</i>
3:30-4:00 pm	Break: Coffee, Lemonade & Cookies (North Pre-function Area)
4:00-5:30 pm	Session 6 (Cincinnatus Ballroom) Chair: Debora Sinner , Cincinnati Children's
4:00-4:30	Invited talk-3 Kevin Cox Jr., PhD , Washington University in St. Louis
4:30-4:45	Abstract talk-19 , <i>tbd</i>
4:45-5:00	Abstract talk-20 , <i>tbd</i>
5:00-5:15	Abstract talk-21 , <i>tbd</i>
5:15-5:30	Poster preview flash talks 10 flash talks poster# - Name, Institution predocs in blue and postdocs in green

5:30-6:30 pm **Poster Session 2 set up (Fountain Square Room)**
6:30-9:30 pm **Poster Session 2 - Sponsors Display (Fountain Square Room)**

heavy hors d'oeuvres/bar

6:30-8:00 **Odd numbers:** Posters 61-119
8:00-9:30 **Even numbers:** Posters 62-120

Sunday, September 27th (Cincinnatus Ballroom)

8:00-8:30 am **Coffee and pastries (North Pre-function Area)**
8:30-9:15 am **Session 7 (Cincinnatus Ballroom)**

Chair: **Aaron Zorn**, Cincinnati Children's

Keynote: **Jim Wells**, Cincinnati Children's Hospital
Modeling human GI development and disease with organoids

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9:15-10:30 am **Session 8 (Cincinnatus Ballroom)**
Chair: **Jennifer Gutzman**, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

9:15-9:30 **Abstract talk-22, tbd**

9:30-9:45 **Abstract talk-23, tbd**

9:45-10:00 **Abstract talk-24, tbd**

10:00-10:15 **Abstract talk-25, *tbd***

10:15-10:30 **Abstract talk-26, *tbd***

10:30-11:00 am Break: Coffee, Lemonade & Cookies (North Pref-unction Area)

11:00-12:30 pm **Session 9 (Cincinnatus Ballroom)**

Chair: **Mark Charlton-Perkins**, Miami University

11:00-11:30 **Invited talk-4**
Noah Mitchell, PhD, The University of Chicago

11:30-11:45 **Abstract talk-27, *tbd***

11:45-12:00 **Abstract talk-28, *tbd***

12:00-12:15 **Abstract talk-29, *tbd***

12:15-12:30 **Abstract talk-30, *tbd***

12:30-12:45 pm **Awards Ceremony**

Chairs: **Debora Sinner and Rosa Ventrella**

12:45-1:00 pm Closing

Aaron Zorn, Cincinnati Children's

Poster session details: