

# **MIDWEST SDB**

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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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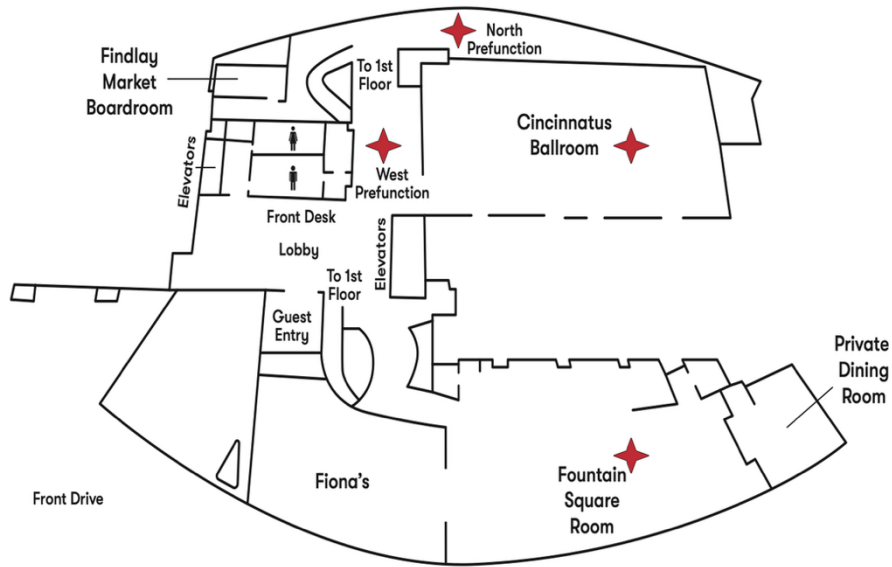


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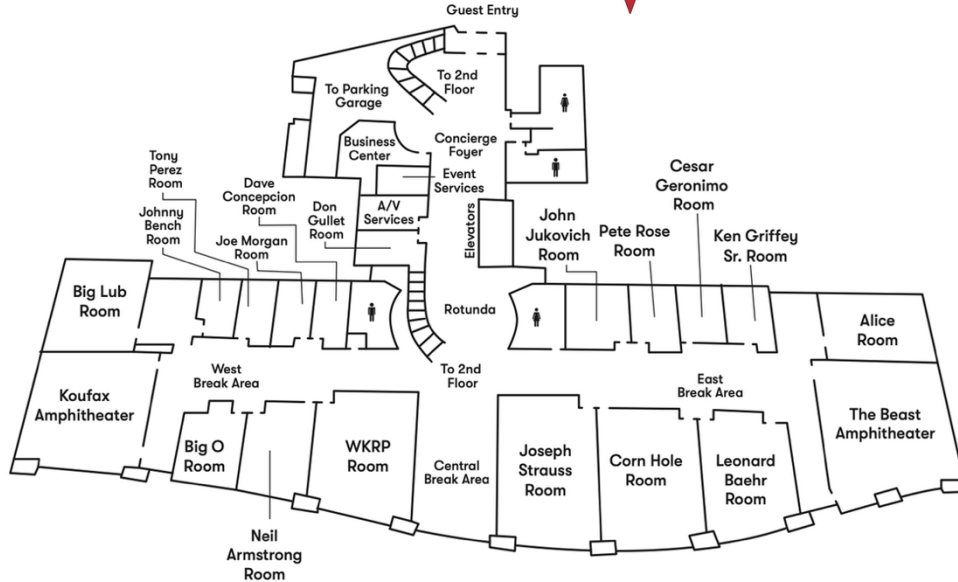
151 Goodman Street, Cincinnati, OH 45219

## 2nd Floor



★ meeting event spaces

## 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*
- 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

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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: **Sarah Petersen**, Kenyon College

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 - *tbd*

**12:00-2:00 pm** **Box Lunch and Discussion Tables (location 1<sup>st</sup> 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: **Rosa Ventrella**, Midwestern University

2:00-2:30 **Invited talk-2** - *tbd*

2:30-2:45 **Abstract talk-15**, *tbd*

2:45-3:00 **Abstract talk-16**, *tbd*

3:00-3:15 **Abstract talk-17**, *tbd*

3:15-3:30 **Abstract talk-18**, *tbd*

**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** - *tbd*

4:30-4:45 **Abstract talk-19**, *tbd*

4:45-5:00 **Abstract talk-20**, *tbd*

5:00-5:15 **Abstract talk-21**, *tbd*

**5:15-5:30** **Poster preview flash talks**  
10 flash talks  
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**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 27<sup>th</sup> (Cincinnati Ballroom)**

**8:00-8:30 am**            **Coffee and pastries (North Pre-function Area)**  
**8:30-9:15 am**            **Session 7 (Cincinnati Ballroom)**  
  
Chair: **Aaron Zorn**, Cincinnati Children's  
  
Keynote: **Jim Wells**, Cincinnati Children's Hospital  
*Modeling human GI development and disease with organoids*  
  
**9:15-10:30 am**        **Session 8 (Cincinnati 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 (Cincinnati Ballroom)**

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

11:00-11:30      **Invited talk-4 - *tbd***

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:**