

**Vanderbilt Digestive Diseases Research Center, Diabetes Research and Training Center,
GI SPORE, and Meharry Medical College**
Gastrointestinal Disease, Diabetes, and Cancer Research and Career Development Symposium
Light Hall 214
Friday, June 7, 2024

9:00 – 9:05 am	Introduction Richard M. Peek, Jr., MD Mina Cobb Wallace Professor of Medicine and Pathology, Microbiology, & Immunology; Director, Vanderbilt Digestive Diseases Research Center
9:05 – 9:55 am	The Incredible Power of One James E. K. Hildreth, MD, PhD President and CEO of Meharry Medical College
9:55 – 10:45 am	Gastric Cancer Outcomes: Moving Prevention from Epidemiology to the Community and Clinic Meira Epplein, PhD Professor of Population Health Sciences Co-Leader of the Cancer Risk, Detection, and Interception research program, Duke Cancer Institute
10:45 – 11:00 am	Break
11:00 – 11:30 am	Understanding Chronic Liver Disease and Liver Transplantation Shakirat O. Salvador, MD Assistant Professor of Medicine
11:30 – 12:00 pm	From Plan to Action: Seeking Health Care Through Education Lourdes Estrada, PhD Professor of Biochemistry Assistant Dean of Health Equity Education
12:00 – 12:40 pm	Lunch
12:40 – 1:10 pm	Immunologic Effects of GLP-1 Receptor Activation in Obesity Mona Mashayekhi, MD, PhD Assistant Professor of Medicine
1:10 – 1:40 pm	My Career Journey and Strategies for Yours Meira Epplein, PhD Professor of Population Health Sciences Co-Leader of the Cancer Risk, Detection, and Interception research program, Duke Cancer Institute
1:40 – 2:10 pm	Succeeding in Graduate and Post-doctoral Training Adesola Oje, MD; Brandie Taylor, PhD; Heather K. Beasley, PhD