

## ACMAP 2026 Conference – Hershey, PA

### (Tentative Program as of 3/2/2026)

Sunday, June 14	
	Travel Day; arrive at hotel
	Cocktail hour/social hour (informal)
Monday, June 15	
<b>7:30 – 9:00 am</b>	Registration Table Open (foyer)
	Poster Set-up Available
<b>8:00 – 8:15 am</b>	<b>Introductions and Welcome</b>
<b>8:15 – 9:05 am</b>	<b>Plenary Talk</b>
8:15 – 8:20 am	Introduction
8:20 – 9:05 am	Jim Simon, Rutgers University  <i>In Search of Indigenous and Naturalized Nutritional Food Plants and Medicinals: Case Studies from Sub-Saharan Africa</i>
<b>9:05 – 10:20 am</b>	<b>Ethnobotany</b>
9:05 – 9:10 am	Introduction to Session
9:10 – 9:30 am	Holly Chittum, American Herbal Products Association <i>Talk Title</i>
9:30 – 9:50 am	Erik Burkhart, Penn State University  <i>The Effect of Harvest Timing, Plant Part, and Population on Alkaloid Content in Forest Grown Goldenseal (Hydrastis canadensis L., Ranunculaceae): Implications for Agroforestry Production</i>
9:50 – 10:00 am	Accepted Oral
10:00 – 10:10 am	Accepted Oral
10:10 – 10:20 am	Q&A
<b>10:20 – 10:45 am</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>10:45 am – 12:00 pm</b>	<b>From Plants to Phytotherapy</b>
10:45 – 10:50 am	Introduction to Session
10:50 – 11:10 am	Anait Levenson, Long Island University

	<i>Computational Insights of Pterostilbene Derivatives and other Stilbene Compounds as Potential Inhibitors of MTA1/HDAC1- Signaling in Human Prostate Cancer</i>
11:10 – 11:30 am	Pam Weathers, Worcester Polytechnic University <i>Phytochemistry of Clonally Propagated Artemisia annua L. in Two US Locations and Commercial Supplement Quality</i>
11:30 – 11:40 am	Rong Di, Rutgers University <i>Mechanistic Study of Natural Health Promoting Compounds in C. elegans</i>
11:40 – 11:50 am	Harley DeFay, Thomas Jefferson University <i>Current Status of Hemp (Cannabis sativa L.) as a Crop and Uses Pertaining to Human Health</i>
11:50 am – 12:00 pm	Q&A
<b>12:00 pm – 1:30 pm</b>	<b>Lunch/workshop 1: Careers &amp; Career Development</b>
	Lindsay Caesar, James Madison University
	Adolfina Koroch, Journal of Medicinally Active Plants
	Diana Cheng, International Foods and Flavors
<b>1:30 – 2:45 pm</b>	<b>Phytonutrients &amp; Metabolites</b>
1:30 – 1:35 pm	Introduction to Session
1:35 – 1:55 pm	Ian Tietjen, Wistar Institute <i>Molecular Analysis of Chemical Compounds Isolated from African Medicinal Plants Traditionally Used for HIV/AIDS Management</i>
1:55 – 2:15 pm	Antonia Kaz, Rutgers University <i>Potent Surface Antimicrobial Activity of Hydrolyzable Tannins from Aleppo Oak Galls</i>
2:15 – 2:25 pm	Accepted Oral
2:25 – 2:35 pm	Accepted Oral
2:35 – 2:45 pm	Q&A
<b>2:45 – 4:45 pm</b>	<b>Coffee Break/Poster Session 1</b>

<b>5:00 – 6:00 pm</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b>
<b>Tuesday, June 16</b>	
<b>7:30 – 9:00 am</b>	Registration Table Open (foyer)
	Poster Set-up Available
<b>8:00 – 9:15 am</b>	<b>Plants and the Brain</b>
8:00 – 8:05 am	Introduction to Session
8:05 – 8:25 am	Steve Kinsey, University of Connecticut <i>Talk Title</i>
8:25 – 8:45 am	Giulio Maria Pasinetti, Icahn School of Medicine <i>Talk Title</i>
8:45 – 8:55 am	Olivier Ndogo Eteme, University of Pennsylvania  <i>Discovery of Anti-Alzheimer Cyclotides from the African Plants <i>Allexis batangae</i> and <i>Allexis obanensis</i></i>
8:55 – 9:05 am	Accepted Oral
9:05 – 9:15 am	Q&A
<b>9:15 – 10:30 am</b>	<b>Delivery &amp; Formulation</b>
9:15 – 9:20 am	Introduction to Session
9:20 – 9:40 am	Fabricio Medina-Bolivar, Arkansas State University  <i>Elicitor-Controlled Production of Anti-inflammatory Prenylated and Geranylated Phenolics in Hairy Root Cultures</i>
9:40 – 10:00 am	Sarah Barr, University of North Carolina Wilmington  <i>Metabolomic and LC-MS Profiling of Gastrointestinal Transformations in Ashwagandha</i>
10:00 – 10:10 am	Accepted Oral
10:10 – 10:20 am	Accepted Oral
10:20 – 10:30 am	Q&A
<b>10:30 – 11:00 am</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>11:00 am – 12:00 pm</b>	<b>Student Talks - Lightning Round</b>
<b>12:00 – 1:15 pm</b>	<b>Preclinical Considerations</b>
12:00 – 12:05 pm	Introduction to Session
12:05 – 12:25 pm	Nora Gray, Oregon State University

		<i>Advances in the Development of Centella asiatica as a Cognitive Enhancing Therapy</i>
12:25 – 12:45 pm		Paola Rizzo, University of Ferrara <i>Cardioprotective Effects of Urtica dioica Essential Oil in Isoproterenol-Induced Myocardial Infarction: In Vitro, In Vivo, and In Silico Investigations</i>
12:45 – 12:55 pm		Trevor Bush, Yale University <i>Ellagitannins are Potent Inhibitors of Acid Sphingomyelinase</i>
12:55 – 1:05 pm		Accepted Oral
1:05 – 1:15 pm		Q&A
<b>Free time/Trip</b>		
<b>Wednesday, June 17</b>		
<b>8:00 – 9:15 am</b>		<b>Translating to the Clinic</b>
8:00 – 8:05 am		Introduction to Session
8:05 – 8:25 am		Diana Roopchand, Rutgers University <i>Dietary Polyphenols and Metabolic Resilience: Insights from Meta-omics.</i>
8:25 – 8:45 am		Monika Joshi, Penn State College of Medicine <i>Clinical Trials in Prostate Cancer Patients for Korean Angelica Herbal Supplement PK Dose Response and Phase I Dose Escalation</i>
8:45 – 8:55 am		Accepted Oral
8:55 – 9:05 am		Accepted Oral
9:05 – 9:15 am		Q&A
<b>9:15 – 10:30 am</b>		<b>Nutrition, Aging, Microbiome</b>
9:15 – 9:20 am		Introduction to Session
9:20 – 9:40 am		Joshua Lambert, Pennsylvania State University

	<i>The Impact of Factors Along the Soils, Plants, and Consumers Continuum on the Anti-inflammatory and Hepatoprotective Efficacy of Cocoa</i>
9:40 – 10:00 am	Yuanyuan Li, University of Maryland <i>Health Benefits of Caffeine Consumption in Obesity and Breast Cancer</i>
10:00 – 10:10 am	Melanie Odenkirk, Colorado State University <i>ESI Instrumentation Impacts on Metabolomic Analysis of Food</i>
10:10 – 10:20 am	Accepted Oral
10:20 – 10:30 am	Q&A
<b>10:30 – 11:00 am</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>11:00 – 11:50 am</b>	<b>Plenary Talk</b>
11:00 – 11:05 am	Introduction
11:05 – 11:50 am	Nazim Sekeroglu, Gaziantep University <i>Crop By-products: Novel and Sustainable Resources of Medicinally Active Compounds for Pharmaceutical and Cosmeceutical Industries</i>
<b>11:50 am – 1:30 pm</b>	<b>Lunch/workshop 2: Data Presentation</b>
<b>1:30 – 2:45 pm</b>	<b>Emerging Medicinal Plants</b>
1:30 – 1:35 pm	Introduction to Session
1:35 – 1:55 pm	Sara Jane Ward, Temple University <i>Cannabis/Kratom Interactions in Rodent Models of Pain</i>
1:55 – 2:15 pm	Heather Bradshaw, Indiana University <i>Talk Title</i>
2:15 – 2:25 pm	Accepted Oral
2:25 – 2:35 pm	Accepted Oral
2:35 – 2:45 pm	Q&A
<b>2:45 – 4:45 pm</b>	<b>Coffee Break/Poster Session 2</b>
<b>6:00 – 8:00 pm</b>	<b>Gala Dinner/Awards/Closing</b>

