

# 2024 V SUMMIT

May 15-17

Hosted by SAS Institute



NOTE: All event times listed are in Eastern Time

## May 15 | Wednesday

6:00 – 8:00PM **Pre-event Social Gathering**  
*StateView Hotel, The Hub*

## May 16 | Thursday

*All daytime sessions will be held at SAS Institute - Executive Briefing Center (EBC)  
Building C - 820 SAS Campus Drive, Cary, NC; Room EBC-7 unless otherwise noted below.*

7:15 – 8:00AM **Group Transportation from StateView Hotel to SAS Campus**

8:00 – 9:00AM **Breakfast Service**  
*EBC Networking Hall*

8:45 – 9:15AM **Attendee Check-In & Registration**  
*EBC Networking Hall (Event Desk)*

9:15 – 9:30AM **Welcome to the 2024 V Summit**  
*Room EBC-7*  
Executive welcome from host sponsor, SAS Institute. A brief history of the V Foundation, mission statements, and meeting purpose.

**Susan Duchesneau**  
Senior Director, North America Channel Sales | SAS Institute

**Shane Jacobson**  
Chief Executive Officer | the V Foundation for Cancer Research

9:30 – 10:00AM **V Grantee Icebreakers & Introductions**

10:00 – 12:00PM **Communicating Complex Science: Practical Techniques for Clarity and Impact**

**Presenter**  
**Melissa Heffner**  
VentureLab Program Director | Georgia Institute of Technology

12:00 - 1:15PM **Lunch Service & Networking Time**  
*SAS Café (Section B reserved for the V Foundation)*

1:15 – 2:00PM **Flash Talks – Session 1**

*Current as of April 16, 2024*

*All flash talk sessions will be held in Auditorium EBC-150*

**Moderator**

**Susanna Greer, PhD**

Chief Scientific Officer | the V Foundation

**2:00 – 2:15PM**

**Short Break**

**2:15 – 3:00PM**

**Flash Talks – Session 2**

**Moderator**

**Kara Coleman, PhD**

Vice President of Grants and Research | the V Foundation

**3:00 – 3:30PM**

**Afternoon Networking Break Over Snacks**

*EBC Networking Hall*

**3:30 – 4:30PM**

**Flash Talks – Session 3**

**Moderator**

**Caroline Smith, PhD**

Director, Foundation and Scientific Partnerships | the V Foundation

**4:30 – 5:00PM**

**Group Transportation from SAS Campus to StateView Hotel**

**5:00 – 6:00PM**

**Break**

**6:00 – 6:30PM**

**Group Transportation from StateView Hotel to Dinner Social**

**6:30 – 9:00PM**

**Offsite Dinner & Social Time**

*Sports & Social @ Cary*

*301 Fenton Gateway Drive, Cary, NC 27511*

## May 17 | Friday

**7:15 – 8:00AM**

**Group Transportation from StateView Hotel to SAS Campus**

**8:00 – 9:00AM**

**Breakfast Service**

*EBC Networking Hall*

**9:00 – 10:15AM**

**Mentoring Panel Session 1 – Advice from Past V Grantees**

Q&A session with Past V Grantees

**Moderator**

**Kara Coleman, PhD**

Vice President of Grants and Research | the V Foundation

**Panelists**

**Jessica Blackburn, PhD**

Associate Professor, Molecular and Cellular Biology | Markey Cancer Center

**Donita C. Brady, PhD**

Harrison McCrea Dickson, M.D. and Clifford C. Baker, M.D. Presidential Associate Professor, Department of Cancer Biology & Assistant Dean for Inclusion Diversity and Equity in Research Training | Perelman School of Medicine, University of Pennsylvania

**Javier Gordon Ogembo, PhD**

Associate Professor, Department of Immuno-Oncology and Director, City of Hope Global Oncology Initiative | City of Hope Comprehensive Cancer Center

**10:15 – 10:45AM**

**Morning Break & Networking Time**

*EBC Networking Hall*

**10:45 – 12:00PM**

**Effective Leadership & Management**

**Moderator**

**Susanna Greer, PhD**

Chief Scientific Officer | the V Foundation

**Panelists**

**Jackie Aanes**

Chief of Staff/Executive Director of Administration | the V Foundation

**Naeemah Elias**

Founder | Elias Presence Ventures

**12:00 – 1:00PM**

**Lunch Service & Networking Time**

*SAS Café (Section B reserved for V Foundation)*

**1:00 – 2:00PM**

**The Art of Saying No**

**Presenter**

**Olivera (Olja) J. Finn, PhD**

Distinguished Professor, Department of Immunology | University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine

**2:00 – 2:10PM**

**Short Break**

**2:10 – 3:30PM**

**Mentoring Panel Session 2 – Advice from V Foundation SAC Members**

*Auditorium EBC-150*

Q&A Session with V Foundation Scientific Advisory Committee Members

**Moderator**

**Susanna Greer, PhD**

Chief Scientific Officer | the V Foundation

**Panelists**

**H. Shelton (Shelley) Earp, MD**

Director | UNC Cancer Care & UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center

**Susan G. Hilsenbeck, PhD**

Professor, Director, Biostatistics and Informatics Shared Resource | Dan L. Duncan Comprehensive Cancer Center

**Joseph O. Moore, MD**

Professor Emeritus of Medicine | Duke University, Duke Cancer Institute

**Brian Patrick O'Neill, MD**

Program Director/Principal Investigator, NCI T32 Training Grant in Brain Cancer Research | Mayo Clinic Cancer Center

**Naim Rashid, PhD**

Associate Professor, Department of Biostatistics | Gillings School of Global Public Health, and UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center

**Jonathan W. Simons, MD**

Chief Science Officer and Medical Director | The Marcus Foundation

**Barry P. Sleckman, MD, PhD**

Director | O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center at the University of Alabama

**3:30 – 3:45PM**

**V Summit Recap & Housekeeping**