The Ben May Symposium
Cancer Immunotherapy

Monday, April 6, 2015
Reva and David Logan Center for the Arts – Performance Hall
915 East 60th St., Chicago, Illinois 60637

8:00 AM Welcome
Geoffrey L. Greene, PhD
Virginia and D.K. Ludwig Professor & Chair, Ben May Department for Cancer Research

Michelle M. LeBeau, PhD
Arthur and Marian Edelstein Professor of Medicine & Director, University of Chicago Medicine Comprehensive Cancer Center, Ben May Department for Cancer Research

Opening Remarks
Thomas F. Gajewski, MD, PhD
Professor, Department of Medicine, Hematology/Oncology, Pathology, Ben May Department for Cancer Research

Session I: Chair - Thomas F. Gajewski, MD, PhD
8:15 – 9:00 AM Alexander Rudensky, PhD
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
“Regulatory T Cells and Cancer”

9:00 – 9:45 AM Peter A. Savage, PhD
The University of Chicago
“Development and Specificity of Tumor-Associated Regulatory T Cells”

9:45 – 10:00 AM Break

Session II: Chair - Thomas F. Gajewski, MD, PhD
10:00 – 10:45 AM Robert D. Schreiber, PhD
Washington University School of Medicine
“Personalizing Cancer Immunotherapy”

10:45 – 11:30 AM Melody A. Swartz, PhD
The University of Chicago
“Tumor-Associated Lymphatic Vessels Modulate the Stromal Microenvironment to Promote Tumor Invasion”

11:30 – 1:00 PM Lunch

Session III: Chair - Peter A. Savage, PhD
1:00 – 1:45 PM Nicholas P. Restifo, MD
National Cancer Institute
“Developing Curative Cancer Treatments Using Adoptive Cell Transfer-Based Immunotherapies”

1:45 – 2:30 PM Michel Sadelain, MD, PhD
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center
“CAR T Cell Therapy and the Promise of T Cell Engineering”

2:30 – 2:45 PM Break

Session IV: Chair - Peter A. Savage, PhD
2:45 – 3:30 PM James P. Allison, PhD
The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center
Keynote Address: “Immune Checkpoint Blockade in Cancer Therapy”

3:30 – 4:15 PM Thomas F. Gajewski, MD, PhD
The University of Chicago
“Molecular Mechanisms of the T Cell-Inflamed Tumor Microenvironment: Implications for Immunotherapy”

4:15 – 5:00 PM Antoni Ribas, MD, PhD
University of California, Los Angeles
“T Cell and Melanoma Cell Interactions Leading to Response with PD-1 Blockade”