



**2025 Fall Meeting
October 11, 2025**

Wicked Pathogens: Tales From the Petri Dish



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Annual NCASM Fall Meeting October 11, 2025

Pre-register online by noon on 10/7/2025

Las Positas College

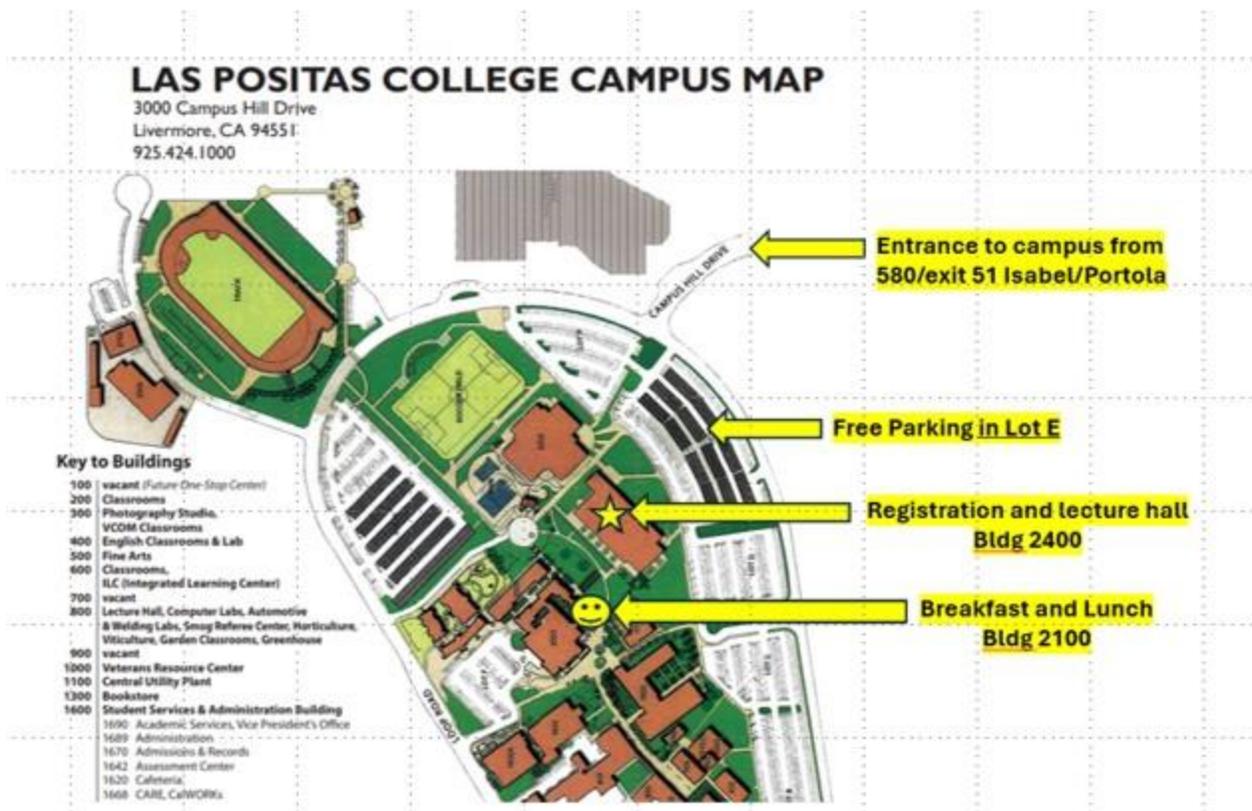
3000 Campus Hill Dr., Building 2400

Livermore, CA

Directions to Las Positas College:

From the East Bay: Take I-580 East to Exit 51, CA-84W/Isabel Ave. in Livermore. Continue on Isabel Ave. to Campus Hill Dr.
From Sacramento: Take I-5 South to Exit 458B for I-205W. Remain on I-205W until it merges with I-580W. Take Exit 51, CA-84/Isabel Ave. in Livermore. Continue on Isabel Ave. to Campus Hill Dr.

Meeting: Building 2400 Parking: **Free parking in Lot E only**



**SATURDAY - October 11; Las Positas College
Bldg. 2400 Lobby and Classrooms**

7:30 AM Badge Pick-up & Continental Breakfast

8:20 AM Welcome/Announcements – Troy Cline; President NCASM

SESSION 1: Clinical Microbiology

Convener: Troy Cline, PhD, President, NCASM

8:30 AM – Malaria, Maurer’s Clefts, and Mummies

Nicole Kilian PhD; Assistant Professor California State University, Chico

9:20 AM – Metagenomic Next-Generation Sequencing for Diagnosis of Acute CNS Infections

Sudeb Dalai MD, PhD; VP Medical Affairs Delve Bio, San Francisco, CA

10:15 AM – MORNING BREAK: Coffee, Tea

10:45 AM – Exploring the Utility of Multiplex Infectious Disease Panel Testing

Michael Lewinski, PhD, D(ABMM), LAB QB, LLC, San Clemente, CA

SESSION 2: Environmental/Applied Session

Convener: TBD

8:30 AM – Algal-Killing Bacteria and Their Influence on Carbon Cycling in Aquatic Ecosystems

Xavier Mayali, PhD; Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Livermore, CA

9:20 AM – The Role of the Gut Microbiome in Protection from Infectious Disease

Ashley Wolf, PhD; Assistant Professor, University of California, Berkeley

10:15 AM – MORNING BREAK: Coffee, Tea

10:45 AM – Immune Responses in the Brain: Finding the Balance Between Protection and Damage

Dina Weilhammer, PhD; Deputy Group Leader Microbiology/Immunology; Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Livermore, CA

11:45- 12:45 PM LUNCH

SESSION 3: Public Health

Convener: Elizabeth Antaki Zukoski, PhD, Immediate Past President, NCASM

1:00 PM – What’s New in HPV Testing for Cervical Cancer?

Barbara Haller, MD PhD; Medical Director, Clinical Laboratory at UCSF-ZSFG, San Francisco, CA

2:00 PM – Use of Comprehensive, Continuous WGS to Monitor Ongoing Outbreaks of *Candida auris*

Mark Pandori, PhD; Director Sacramento County Public Health Laboratory

3:00 PM – Case Study: Acute Hepatitis and Liver Failure due to Adenovirus Coinfection in A Previously Healthy Child

Colette Match, PhD MPH, Director, Clinical Microbiology Lab, UCSF-ZSFG, San Francisco, CA

Full Registration

Includes all sessions, exhibits, and all food and beverage functions provided by NCASM throughout the meeting.

Student Registration (Full-Time Students Only)

Includes sessions, exhibits, and all food and beverage functions provided by NCASM throughout the meeting. When registering, students **MUST** submit a copy of a valid STUDENT I.D. CARD.

Transportation & Parking

Parking is free on the day of the meeting. Parking lots D and E are conveniently located close to the meeting venue.

Membership

NCASM membership runs from January 1 to December 31 of each year. Membership is \$25.00 a year and student membership is \$5.00 a year. Membership in NCASM gives you a network within the microbiology community. As a member you will receive notification of two general meetings a year, **free** CEUs at NCASM meetings, and information regarding regional meetings and events in your area.

Exhibits

Take the opportunity to visit with the companies that provide products and services to your laboratory. Exhibits are open during all breaks.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

To comply with ADA requirements, NCASM and Las Positas College will make every effort to provide for the participant's comfort and convenience.

NCASM is an approved provider and accrediting agency (accreditation #0044) for the California Laboratory Continuing Education. NCASM Fall Meeting Certificates of Attendance will be available on-site at the **END of the day**.

Instructions for Receiving CEU:

1. Evaluation forms will be distributed to those participants requesting CEUs in each session during the **first 10 minutes only**. Only **one** CEU evaluation form will be given for concurrent sessions. After the first 10 minutes, participants must pick up a CEU evaluation form at the CEU desk. **Participants who arrive after the first 10 minutes of a presentation are not eligible to receive CEU credits for the lecture.**
2. You may attend talks in either concurrent session, but must **complete an evaluation** form for each presentation attended. Each talk is one (1) contact hour. There are three contact hours in each session and there are three (3) sessions total (two concurrent sessions in the AM) for a total of 6 CEU available if you attend the entire day.
3. You must submit the following to the CEU booth at the **completion of your total attendance** at the meeting:
 - a. A completed evaluation form from all of the attended sessions.
 - b. Your name tag to verify your paid attendance.
4. You will receive a CEU certificate after personally signing the roster at the CEU booth.
5. Only one (1) CEU certificate will be issued to each participant.
**** No certificates will be mailed. ****

Location of the CEU Booth will be announced at the beginning of each session.

REMEMBER:

- * YOU MUST OBTAIN AN EVALUATION FORM FOR EACH SESSION YOU ATTEND.
- * CEUs WILL **ONLY** BE GIVEN IN PERSON. * NO CERTIFICATES WILL BE MAILED.
- * CEUs WILL ONLY BE ISSUED DURING CEU DESK HOURS.
- * YOU MUST SIGN THE CEU ROSTER.

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