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Biography

Jessica O’Hara is excited to join the Public Health Sciences program as a Lecturer and Academic Advisor. Prior to joining the School of Public Health at the University of Maryland, Jessica was a member of the teaching faculty in the Biological Sciences department at Rowan University, where she taught classes on microbiology, cell biology, and infectious disease. Jessica earned her doctorate in Molecular Biology and completed her thesis research in the Llinás laboratory at Princeton University. Her research focused on characterizing metabolic pathways in the malaria parasite, *Plasmodium falciparum*, and ultimately led to the identification of novel drug targets and a new class of antimalarial compounds.