

April 8, 2019



# CCTS DIGEST

## Center for Clinical and Translational Science

Providing solutions to sharpen science, improve human health, and address disparities and diseases disproportionately represented within the Deep South.



### Did You Know?

To help close the gaps observed in patient and community engagement, and to answer the national directive from both houses of Congress calling for expanded translational research that addresses both rural and urban health disparities, the CTSA Program Collaboration and Engagement DTF has established a Health Disparities Work Group (HDWG). The mission of HDWG is to better align the individual CTSA Program hubs and facilitate connections between hubs and local, state, and national health disparity efforts. To reach these goals, the HDWG will conduct a nationwide landscape analysis to create a list of existing activities. Interested in joining? Email

[collaboration\\_engagement\\_dtf@cltc-ctsa.org](mailto:collaboration_engagement_dtf@cltc-ctsa.org). [More](#)

### News/Announcements



### CCTS Hub Honored as Top Performer in Clinical Research Operations

For the second year in a row, Forte Research Systems selected the CCTS Partner Network Hub as the Top Performer among national OnCore organizations. CCTS applauds the UAB OnCore implementation team for its successful enterprise-wide rollout of the powerful clinical trials management system (CTMS), including a recent upgrade to Version 15 and ongoing training and support of the UAB research community. [More](#)



### Center for Genomic Medicine Announces Exciting Agenda for Annual Symposium

CCTS Partners UAB and the HudsonAlpha Institute for Biotechnology, who cohost the annual CGM symposium, have announced a stellar line up of speakers, including Geisinger Genomic Medicine Institute Director Dr. Marc S. Williams, who will present the keynote, and CCTS CoDirector and UAB Informatics Institute Director Dr. James Cimino, who will discuss a new tool for empowering team-based research: [U-BRITE](#). CGM will also unveil a new funding program at its daylong May 1st event. [More](#)



### Featured Community Partner: Father of Environmental Justice Movement Visits CCTS Hub

Dr. Robert Bullard, Distinguished Professor of Urban Planning and Environmental Policy and former Dean of the Leland School of Public Affairs at Texas Southern University, founding Director of the Environmental Justice Resource Center at Clark Atlanta University, prolific author of 18 books, and climate policy expert,

distilled 40 years of lessons learned in a powerful talk titled "Unequal Burden: Advancing Health Equity through Environmental, Economic, and Racial Justice" at the UAB School of Nursing last week. [More](#)

## Funding Opportunities



### CCTS Partners UAB and Tuskegee Join Forces with Morehouse School of Medicine to Fund Pilot Projects Aimed at Reducing Cancer Disparities

This research collaboration is now accepting applications for joint projects between UAB's O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center and either Tuskegee University or the Morehouse School of Medicine. All faculty with expertise in basic, clinical/translational, or cancer control/population science and health outcomes are encouraged to apply. Junior investigators also welcome but must submit a detailed Career Development and Mentorship Plan.

**Applications are due by April 8.** [More](#)



### Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP) FOA

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) will make ~75 awards of up to \$1million each to networks and/or consortia to implement core substance/opioid use disorder prevention, treatment, and recovery activities in high-risk rural communities. Proposals should align with the U.S. Department for Health and Human Services' **Five-Point Strategy to Combat the Opioid Crisis**. Applications for HRSA-19-082 are due by **May 6**.

[More](#)



### High-End Instrumentation (HEI) Grant Program (S10 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

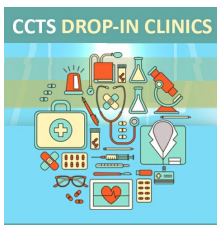
The HEI Grant Program encourages applications from groups of NIH-supported investigators to purchase or upgrade a single item of expensive, specialized, commercially available instruments or integrated systems. Companion funding opportunity with **PAR-19-178** and **PAR-19-179**. **Apply by May 31.** [More](#)



### UAB-HudsonAlpha Genomic Medicine Post-Doctoral Training Program

If you are a physician-scientist, we urge you to explore this opportunity. This T32 program prepares postdoctoral trainees for academic careers in genomic medicine. It enables postdocs from any area of medicine to obtain the skills necessary to conceive, plan, and conduct research in genomic medicine as well as present and publish their results. [More](#)

## This Week's Learning Opportunities



### CCTS Drop-In Clinics

Join us for the weekly Monday Drop-In Clinic for free consultations in Biostats, Epidemiology and Research Design. No appointment necessary. Bring laptop and study related questions.

**April 8 | 10am-2pm | Edge of Chaos|**[More](#)

### CCTS Drug Discovery Seminar Series

Lutfiya Miller, PhD, Senior Scientist, Drug Development at Southern Research, will discuss "Preclinical Toxicology." Cosponsored by CCTS Partners UAB and Southern Research.

**CCTS  
Drug  
Discovery  
Seminar  
Series**

Zoom available.

**April 8 | 12-1pm | PCAMS | [More](#)**



### **CCTS Research Training Program Begins**

This program provides research staff (study coordinators, billing staff, regulatory coordinators, etc.) with the basics of implementing and managing a clinical study or trial with an emphasis on good clinical practices (GCPs), research compliance, and other key topics. It is recommended for people who are starting out in research careers or those who would like to receive updates on the various UAB departments and programs that are on campus. This program will provide total of 22.5 AMAPRA CME Credits to the participants. **Registration required, \$150.**

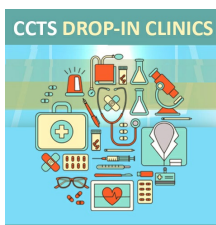
**April 9 | 7:45-12pm | PCAMS | [More](#)**



### **CCTS Clinical Trials Lunch and Learn**

Catch the latest on IRB, research administration, OSP, OnCore, CBR and much more. **Registration required.**

**April 9 | 11:45am - 12:45pm | Spain Auditorium | [More](#)**



### **CCTS Drop-In Clinics**

Join us for the second Wednesday Drop-In Clinics for free consultations in Biostats, Epidemiology and Research Design (BERD). No appointment necessary. Bring laptop and study related questions.

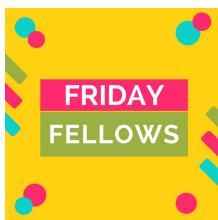
**April 10 | 11:30am-1pm | PCAMS | [More](#)**



### **Case Studies in Mentoring: Maintaining Effective Communication**

Bring your questions and concerns and join us as we explore the nuances of the mentor-mentee relationship. Our case-based discussions help participants discover new strategies to maximize the benefits of this career-enhancing skill. Open to investigators at any level from across the CCTS Partner Network. **Registration requested**, walk-ins welcome. Zoom available.

**April 10 | 11am-12pm | Shelby 215 | [More](#)**



### **CCTS Friday Fellows Meeting**

This meeting provides the opportunity for investigators, trainees, and others interested in population and health outcomes research to discuss best practices. Share your latest project in a supportive "discipline agnostic" environment; find new collaborators; develop foundational skills in study design, outcomes measurement, and evaluation; and practice critical "soft" career skills such as public speaking, networking, and providing/accepting constructive feedback. Zoom available.

**April 12 | 8-9:30am | PCAMS | [More](#)**



### CCTS Training Interdisciplinary Emerging Research Scholars

Seth Landefeld, MD, Department of Medicine Chair at UAB, will lead a discussion on getting started, promotion and tenure. Dr. Landefeld was named chair of the Department of Medicine at UAB in September 2012. He is an internationally known clinician and researcher in geriatrics, epidemiology and biostatistics and his work has aimed to transform and personalize health care to meet the needs of older Americans and their families.

**Registration required** by **noon on Tuesday, April 9.**

**April 12 | 11am-12:30pm | PCAMS | [More](#)**



### Health Sciences Entrepreneurship Grand Rounds

Jeff Stinson, CPA, MBA, Founder and Director of HealthTech Arkansas and Executive Director of Fund for Arkansas's Future, will discuss "HealthTech Arkansas and its Contributions to Healthcare Innovation in Arkansas."

**April 12 | 1-2pm | Online | [More](#)**

## Upcoming Events

### APRIL

#### CCTS Drug Discovery Seminar Series: Business Development

April 15 | 12-1pm | PCAMS | Zoom Available

#### Special Informatics Institute Seminar: Big Data and EHRs: Why Is It So Hard?

April 16 | 9-10am | Cudworth 102 | Zoom Available

#### Accessing Clinical Data for Research with i2b2

*Registration required. We strongly recommend attendees request i2b2 access prior to the training session.*

April 16 | 1-3pm | LRC 210A

#### Case Studies in Mentoring: Aligning Mentor/Mentee Expectations

*Registration requested, walk-ins welcome*

April 17 | 11am-12pm | Shelby 215 | Zoom Available

#### Special Topics in Clinical Trials (Research Seminar Series): OnCore Townhall - Upcoming Updates

April 18 | 12-1pm | PCAMS | Zoom Available

#### CCTS Friday Fellows Meeting

April 19 | 8-9:30am | PCAMS | Zoom Available

#### CCTS Friday Mentoring Lunch

*Registration requested*

April 19 | 12-1pm | PCAMS

#### CCTS Drug Discovery Seminar Series: Clinical Trials

April 22 | 12-1pm | PCAMS | Zoom Available

#### Case Studies in Mentoring: Assessing Mentee Understanding

*Registration requested, walk-ins welcome*

April 24 | 11am-12pm | Shelby 215 | Zoom Available

#### CCTS Friday Fellows Meeting

April 26 | 8-9:30am | PCAMS | Zoom Available

## MAY

### **Center for Genomic Medicine Symposium**

*Registration required*

May 1 | 10am-6pm | Jackson Center | Huntsville, Alabama

### **Case Studies in Mentoring: Addressing Equity and Inclusion**

*Registration requested*, walk-ins welcome

May 1 | 11am-12pm | Shelby 215 | Zoom Available

### **CCTS Friday Fellows Meeting**

May 3 | 8-9:30am | PCAMS | Zoom Available

### **TEDxBirmingham**

*Registration required*

May 3-4 | Alys Stephens Center | UAB

### **Computational Genomics Immersion Course**

*Registration required*

May 6-9 | 9am-12:30pm | Finley Conference Center

### **Kaizen Game: Rigor, Reproducibility & Transparency (R2T)**

*Registration required*

May 6 - June 6 | Online

### **Case Studies in Mentoring: Cultivating Ethical Behaviors**

*Registration requested*, walk-ins welcome

May 8 | 11am-12pm | Shelby 215 | Zoom Available

### **CCTS Friday Fellows Meeting**

May 10 | 8-9:30am | PCAMS | Zoom Available

### **Case Studies in Mentoring: Establishing an Authorship Policy**

*Registration requested*, walk-ins welcome

May 15 | 11am-12pm | Shelby 215 | Zoom Available

### **Southeast Regional Society for Developmental Biology Meeting**

*Registration required*

May 15-17 | Hill Student Center | UAB

### **CCTS Friday Fellows Meeting**

May 17 | 8-9:30am | PCAMS | Zoom Available

### **Genetics and Genomics Seminar Series: Implementation of a Personalized Medicine Program Across a Community Health System**

May 17 | 12pm | Finley Conference Center

### **Case Studies in Mentoring: Fostering Independence**

*Registration requested*, walk-ins welcome

May 22 | 11am-12pm | Shelby 215 | Zoom Available

### **CCTS Friday Fellows Meeting**

May 24 | 8-9:30am | PCAMS | Zoom Available

### **Case Studies in Mentoring: Promoting Professional Development**

*Registration requested*, walk-ins welcome

May 29 | 11am-12pm | Shelby 215 | Zoom Available

### **CCTS Friday Fellows Meeting**

May 31 | 8-9:30am | PCAMS | Zoom Available

## Complete listing of CCTS events