



Center for Clinical and Translational Science

# CCTS DIGEST

Latest news and upcoming events  
for the CCTS Partner Network

March 7, 2022

## **New Community & Scientific Action Board (CSAB) to Guide Community-Engaged Research, Support Health Priorities in the Region**

Reflecting new opportunities and synergies in collaboration with the Hub's Center for the Study of Community Health (its CDC-sponsored Prevention Research Center), the CCTS Engagement of Communities initiative has formed a CSAB by merging the Jefferson County Community Participation Board and the CCTS One Great Community Council. Its members are already identifying priorities and gaining momentum.



[Learn more and meet the CSAB board members.](#)



## **Register to attend "Racial Inequities in Health: What We Know and What We Think We Know"**

The [LA CaTS](#) Professional Development Core will host "Racial Inequities in Health: What We Know and What We Think We Know" presented by Dr. Thomas A. LaVeist, PhD, Dean and Weatherhead Presidential Chair in Health Equity, Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, on March 25, 2022 from 12-1pm. For more information, contact [DeNean LaRoche](#).

[Register to attend in-person or virtually by March 16th.](#)

## **CCTS IN THE NEWS**

The CCTS is delighted to acknowledge and celebrate the steady stream of news about the outstanding accomplishments of our CCTS members.

### **[Gangaraju is an ASH Scholar Awardee](#)**

Radhika Gangaraju, MD, (CCTS CTSTP and KL2 Scholar) received the junior faculty Scholar Award from the American Society of Hematology for her project "Predictors of Clonal Hematopoiesis of Indeterminate Potential and Clonal Evolution."

### **[Biologic and Clinical Efficacy of LentiGlobin for Sickle Cell Disease](#)**

Julie Kanter, MD, (CCTS Scientist) demonstrated initial findings of efficacy of a novel gene therapy in the treatment of vaso-occlusive events in sickle cell disease, published in February issue of NEJM.

[Meet the 2022 Women Who Shape the State honorees](#)

Ellen Eaton, MD, (CCTS Scientist) was honored for her leadership in sharing her expertise with her community.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Available Weekly

#### Drop-In Clinic: Biostats, Epidemiology, & Research Design (BERD)

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Prepare your study-related questions for this online or in-person opportunity. Virtual sessions by appointment only, walk-in clinics, Wednesdays 11:30am to 1pm and Fridays 8:30am to 11:30am on the 4th Floor of Lister Hill Library  
[Email for Details](#)

### Mar. 11 | 8-9:30am

#### Friday Fellows: How to Manage a Study

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*Presented by Suzanne Judd, PhD.*  
An opportunity for T32 pre and post docs, *investigators*, and others interested in population and health outcomes research to discuss research methods, career development, and works in progress.  
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### Mar. 11 | 10-11am

#### Informatics Institute Powertalk Series

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"Development of Computable Pediatric Chemotherapy Regimen Knowledge for Cancer Clinical Care and Research" presented by Wayne H. Liang, MD, MS.  
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### Mar. 8 | 12-1pm

#### UAB's Learning Health System Month

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"UAB's Accountable Care Teams" moderated by David McCollum, MD, with panelists Rockell Burks, RN, Shikha Mehta, MD, Katherine Meese, PhD, Matthew Painter, PhD, Amy Stone, MSHA, LSSGB.  
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### Mar. 11 | 10-11am

#### Case Studies in Collaboration & Teamwork

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An eight-week, case-based course to help scientists learn the basics of team science and collaboration as well as how to navigate the challenges of working in interdisciplinary teams.  
[Register by Mar. 9](#) | [Add to Calendar](#)

### Mar. 11 | 12-1pm

#### Genetics and Genomics Seminar Series

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"Glycosylation-dependent mechanisms that promote tumor initiation and progression" presented by Susan L Bellis, PhD.  
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### Mar. 17 | 9am-12:30pm

#### Research Orientation Program

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This program provides basic tools, familiarizes attendees with research study terms, and helps those new to research avoid common pitfalls.

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Full Events Calendar

# Get to Know Your CCTS

THIS WEEK, MEET **CIARA MITCHELL, MA, RD, LD**  
**CCTS BIONUTRITION RESEARCH DIETICIAN**



## 1 What does the CCTS mean to you?

Working with the CCTS allows me to play a role in helping investigators carry out their studies, while generating new knowledge that can improve the health of individuals and communities. I believe that diet and nutrition is a major factor contributing to the health and outcomes of people in the southeast; so being involved in nutrition studies has always been a passion of mine, which I am able to fulfill while working with the CCTS.

## 2 If you could take anyone to lunch, who would it be and why?

I would invite General Colin Powell. I am inspired by great leaders, especially leaders who rose to power by hard work, good work ethics, and determination. I also believe that good leadership starts at home. Colin Powell was big on inspiring youth and encouraged consistency and discipline. I would love to learn about how he led his family, his team and what advice he would share with me.

## 3 What's your dream vacation or the best vacation you've ever taken?

In 2015, I visited Denver Colorado. There we hiked the snowy mountains, snow tubed, went to a Denver Broncos football game, a Denver Nuggets basketball game and enjoyed really good food. What's more I did all this with my husband and good friends.

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