TSS26
Translational Science Symposium

2026 CCTS Translational Science Symposium

The Lodge at Gulf State Park, A Hilton Hotel
21196 East Beach Blvd, Gulf Shores, AL 36542

October 28-30, 2026

Wednesday, October 28th	
11:30am-5:00pm **Gulfview Ballroom - Salon II**	CCTS Pre-Meeting: **Dissemination and Implementation Meeting** ***Open to all TSS26 Registrants****
Thursday, October 29th	
8:00-9:00am Ballroom Foyer II & III	**Registration / Check-in / Refreshments**
9:00-9:55am Gulfview Ballroom - Salon II	**Networking Exercise/Workshop** Kayla Pavlick, PhD, University of South Alabama
9:55-10:00am	**BREAK**
10:00-11:00am Gulfview Ballroom - Salon II	**AI in Research Session** Rubin Pillay, MD, PhD, University of Alabama-Birmingham
11:00-11:15am	**BREAK**
11:15am-12:00pm Gulfview Ballroom - Salon II	**Dissemination and Implementation Session**
12:00-1:15pm Gulfview Ballroom - Salon II	**CCTS Networking Lunch and Poster Session (max. 50 slots)**
1:15-1:30pm	**BREAK**
1:30-2:30pm Gulfview Ballroom - Salon II	**Scientific Communication Workshop**
1:30-2:00pm Gulfview Ballroom - Salon II	**Session #1**
2:00-2:30pm Gulfview Ballroom - Salon II	**Session #2**
2:30-2:45pm	**BREAK**
2:45-4:15pm Gulfview Ballroom - Salon II	**Three Minute Thesis (3MT) Session (max. 15 slots)**
4:15-4:30pm	**BREAK**
4:30-5:30pm Gulfview Ballroom - Salon II	**Keynote Presentation** Sara Serritella, University of Chicago
5:30-5:45pm	**BREAK**
6:00-7:30pm Gulfview Ballroom - Salon II	**CCTS Collaboration Dinner Reception (Networking Activity)** ****Announcement of Poster Presentation and 3MT Winners****

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Friday, October 30th	
7:30-8:25am Gulfview Ballroom - Salon II	**Partner Network Scholarship Breakfast**
8:25-8:30am Gulfview Ballroom - Salon II	**Opening Remarks**
8:30-9:30am Gulfview Ballroom - Salon II	**Community Engaged Research Session** Ashley Williams Hogue, MD, University of South Alabama
8:30-9:30am Gulfview Ballroom - Salon III	**Early-Career Faculty Career Development Workshop** Renee Heffron, University of Alabama-Birmingham
9:30-9:45am	**BREAK**
9:45-11:15am Gulfview Ballroom - Salon II	***Science Bites: TED-Style Talks*** Jennifer Pollock, PhD, University of Alabama-Birmingham Coaches: Rebecca Dobrinski, Cara Speegle, and Blair Fils
11:15-11:30am	**BREAK**
11:30am-12:30pm Gulfview Ballroom - Salon II	**Lunch / Closing Remarks / Send-Off**

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