



Center for Clinical and Translational Science

2025 CCTS Translational Science Symposium
The Lodge at Gulf State Park, A Hilton Hotel
21196 East Beach Blvd, Gulf Shores, AL 36542
October 30th-31st, 2025



Thursday, October 30th

8:00-9:00am	Registration / Check-in	
9:00-10:00am	Catalytic Collaborations: CCTS Networking Workshop and Kick-Off Exercise Brian C. Moon, MM and Ty Lucas, MBA, University of Alabama at Birmingham Kayla Pavlick, PhD, University of South Alabama	
10:00-10:05am	BREAK	
10:05-11:00am	Embracing The New Frontier: Artificial Intelligence in Research Jake Chen, PhD, University of Alabama at Birmingham	
11:00-11:05am	BREAK	
11:05am-12:05pm	Bridging The Gap: Advancing Dissemination and Implementation 1. Welcome and Introduction: Michael Mugavero, MD, MHSc, University of Alabama at Birmingham (Moderator) 2. Dissemination and Implementation Science Overview: The WHY of D&I – Salisa Westrick, PhD Auburn University 3. Tailoring and Piloting an HIV/STI Prevention Intervention in Community Corrections Settings in the U.S. South – Karen Johnson, PhD, University of Alabama-Tuscaloosa 4. Integrating A Behavioral Weight Loss Intervention Into Real-World Healthcare Settings: Lessons Learned – Peter Katzmarzyk, PhD, Pennington Biomedical Research Center 5. Introduction to the CCTS Section for D&I Science and Resources – Salisa Westrick, PhD, Auburn University	
12:05-1:15pm	CCTS Networking Lunch and Poster Session	
1:15-1:30pm	BREAK	
1:30-3:00pm	Three Minute Thesis Session (max. 15 slots)	
3:00-3:15pm	BREAK	
3:15-3:45pm	CCTS Community & Stakeholder Engagement Module	
Career Development Concurrent Sessions		
3:45-4:45pm	Trainee Breakout Sessions	Early Career Faculty Breakout Sessions
3:45-4:15pm	Power In the Message: Strategies for Effective Scientific Communication Part #1 Kayla Pavlick, PhD University of South Alabama	Behind the Curtain: Demystifying the Hidden Curriculum Bertha Hidalgo, PhD University of Alabama at Birmingham



4:15-4:45 PM	Power In the Message: Strategies for Effective Scientific Communication Part #2 Kayla Pavlick, PhD University of South Alabama	Navigating The Academic Career Ladder: Promotion and Tenure Mark Gillespie, PhD University of South Alabama
4:45-5:00 PM	BREAK	
5:00-6:00 PM	Keynote – Reshma Jagsi, MD Lawrence W. Davis Professor, Department of Radiation Oncology Chair, and Senior Faculty Fellow in the Center for Ethics, Emory University	
6:00-7:30 PM	CCTS Collaboration Dinner Reception (Networking Activity) ***Announcement of Poster Presentation and 3MT Winners***	
Friday, October 31st		
7:30-8:25 AM	CCTS Networking Breakfast	
8:25-8:30 AM	Opening Remarks Vivian Fonseca, MD, Tulane University	
8:30-9:30 AM	Science Bites: TED-Style Talks Jennifer Pollock, PhD Coaches: Rebecca Dobrinski, Cara Speegle, and Blair Fils	
9:30-9:35 AM	BREAK	
9:35-10:15 AM	One World, One Future, One Health: Converging Research Across the Globe Christine Chavret, PhD, Auburn University and Brier Dames, MS, University of Bath	
10:15-10:30 AM	BREAK	
Grantsmanship Concurrent Sessions		
10:30-11:30 AM	Trainee Breakout Sessions	Early Career Faculty Breakout Sessions
10:30-11:00 AM	Crafting A Compelling Specific Aims for Your Grant Proposal Jennifer Pollock, PhD University of Alabama at Birmingham	Grant Matchmaking: How To Find Your Match for Funding Kenneth Saag, MD University of Alabama at Birmingham
11:00-11:30 AM	Building Your Presence and Get Active: Tips to Build Your CV, Biosketch, and LinkedIn Profile Marla Hertz, PhD and Ty Lucas, MBA University of Alabama at Birmingham	Leveraging Pilot/Microgrants and Institutional Funding Thomas Buford, PhD University of Alabama at Birmingham
11:30 AM-12:30 PM	Lunch and Closing Remarks	
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