



Center for Clinical and Translational Science

# CCTS DIGEST

Latest news and upcoming events  
for the CCTS Partner Network

September 26, 2022



## 2022 Community Engagement Institute Symposium: Get to Know our Keynote Speaker

We look forward to hosting the **CEI Symposium on October 21st from 9am-noon**. This year's event, "Rights to Health: Where do we go from here?" will center around the economic, social, and cultural right to a universal minimum standard of health to which all individuals are entitled.

**The CCTS is pleased to welcome Sofia Gruskin, JD, MIA, as this year's keynote speaker!** Dr. Gruskin is Director of the USC Institute on Inequalities in Global Health, Professor of Preventive Medicine and Chief of the Disease Prevention, Policy and Global Health Division at the Keck School of Medicine, and Professor of Law and Preventive Medicine at the Gould School of Law.

*"A pioneer in bringing together multidisciplinary approaches to global health, Gruskin's work — which ranges from global policy to the grassroots level — has been instrumental in developing the conceptual, methodological and empirical links between health and human rights. With a long-standing focus on HIV, sexual and reproductive health, child and adolescent health, gender-based violence, non-communicable disease, and health systems, Gruskin's work also seeks to address the manifestations of inequalities in a range of new areas, including sustainability, climate change, and the long-term impacts of COVID-19 and other emerging pandemics."*

**Learn more about our keynote speaker and register for the CEI Symposium today!**

## Your CCTS Pilot Program Questions Answered: Wednesday, September 28



The CCTS Partner Network Pilot Program is accepting pre-applications through October 25, 2022. There will be a virtual Q&A Session on September 28th from 9-10am to support investigators in understanding the program and framing their applications.

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PILOT PROGRAM**



**Learn more about the Pilot Program and register for the Q&A Session.**

## Register for the Clinical Investigator Training Program (CITP) by October 4

CITP is a five-week training and education program on the roles and responsibilities of principle investigators in the conduct of clinical research. This program is designed for those with MDs, DOs, DMDs and PhDs, and has a

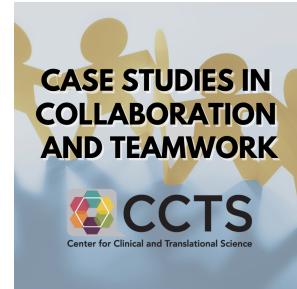


heavy emphasis on the responsibilities of investigators when overseeing clinical trials with human subjects. The program is hosted on Tuesday mornings from October 25 to November 29 via Zoom.

### Begin the application process.

#### **Registration deadline extended through today! Don't miss Case Studies in Collaboration and Teamwork.**

Over eight weeks, this course prepares individuals to actively participate in interdisciplinary teams conducting complex, multidisciplinary research initiatives. Participants learn how to avoid common pitfalls in assembling and developing multidisciplinary teams as well as how to deal with communication challenges and power structures commonly found in academic research environments. The focus is on the development of practical skills and the application of these skills in a real-world environment.



**This program kicks off this Friday, [learn more](#) and register today by 5PM.**

### FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Forge AHEAD (Advancing Health Equity Across the Deep South) Center announces the 2022-2023 request for applications for its pilot & feasibility program. **Letters of intent due October 25. [Learn more.](#)**

### 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.

We are pleased to be part of both of the teams securing recent Bridge2AI program funding from the NIH:

[UAB aims to boost use of artificial intelligence in biomedical research](#)  
CCTS Program Manager Dr. Swathi Thaker will support Dr. Chen and the Informatics Institute in a managerial role for the new program's operations.

[Owsley and McGwin receive \\$2 million one-year grant from NIH's Bridge2AI program](#)

The CCTS Specimen Processing and Biorepository Unit will oversee biospecimen samples for all three data collection sites.

[Meet the Birmingham Business Journal's Who's Who in Nonprofits 2022](#)  
Dr. Adrienne Starks is honored for her work as founder and CEO of STREAM Innovations, a 2018 CCTS Community Health Innovation Awards recipient.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

## **Available Weekly**

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

Prepare your study-related questions for this online or in-person opportunity. In-person clinics are Wednesdays from 11:30-1:00 & Fridays from 8:30-11:30 in SHEL 120.

[Email to Schedule a Virtual Session](#)

#### **Sept. 27 | 11am-1pm**

#### **OnCore Q&A Session**

Do you have a question or concern about OnCore? Join OnCore staff for a drop-in session to have any and all questions addressed.

[Drop In](#) | [Add to Calendar](#)

#### **Sept. 29 | 11am-1pm**

#### **OIRB Office Hours**

An opportunity for anyone and everyone in the research community to have direct access to an experienced OIRB staff member.

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#### **Sept. 30 | 10-11am**

#### **Informatics Institute Powertalk Seminar Series**

"An Integrated Approach to Ovarian Cancer Diagnostics and Therapeutics" presented by John F. McDonald, PhD.

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#### **Sept. 30 | 1-2pm**

#### **Health Sciences Innovation and Entrepreneurship Seminar Series**

"Entrepreneurship in Artificial Intelligence for Medical Imaging" presented by Andrew Smith, MD, PhD.

[Register](#) | [Add to Calendar](#)

## **October 10**

### **Kaizen R2T October Game Begins: Register by October 3**

Complete your NIH-required Rigor, Reproducibility, & Transparency training in this interactive gaming format using the Kaizen app.

[Register](#) | [Add to Calendar](#)

## **Kicks off today, Sept. 26**

### **11am-12pm**

#### **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.

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#### **Sept. 28 | 9-10am**

#### **Pilot Program Q&A Session**

Learn more about the CCTS Partner Network Pilot Program and how best to align your proposals.

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#### **Sept. 30 | 8-9am**

#### **Friday Fellows**

"Biostats 1: Study Design" presented by Dustin Long, PhD.

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#### **Sept. 30 | 10-11am**

#### **Case Studies in Collaboration and Teamwork**

Over 8 weeks, learn how to avoid common pitfalls in assembling and developing multidisciplinary teams.

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#### **Oct. 3 | 11am-12pm**

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

Bring your questions and concerns and join us as we explore the nuances of the mentor-mentee relationship.

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# Get to Know Your CCTS

THIS WEEK, MEET ALLY WALLEN  
CCTS WEB COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER



## 1 What was the best thing you did last month?

We bought a mini van! Things I wouldn't have been excited about a few years ago, but with a toddler and an infant, automatic doors that can't be opened into a neighboring vehicle are the epitome of luxury.

## 2 What is the last movie you loved?

Nothing has topped the latest remake of Little Women for me. The 1994 version is my all-time favorite comfort rewatch, but the 2019 version is pretty great.

## 3 What's the next concert or show you hope to attend?

I'm excited to see comedian, Fortune Feimster at the Alabama Theater this week!

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

For our honeymoon, my husband and I visited Dublin, Rome, Florence, and Venice mid-summer on a shoestring budget, but we splurged on an all-day cooking class at a Tuscan villa that I would gladly repeat many times over!

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