



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



## Thursday, October 30th

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



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