

2025 Southern Regional Meeting

February 13 - 15, 2025
New Orleans, LA



Submit your abstract by October 4th!

The LA CaTS Center is continuing the partnership with the Southern Society for Clinical Investigation (SSCI) for the Southern Regional Meeting (SRM) in February 13-15, 2025. This year, the LA CaTS Center will have a dedicated poster section on "*IDEA Clinical & Translational Research*" and a joint symposium on obesity with the University of Mississippi.

Why attend?

- Abstracts are published in *The American Journal of the Medical Sciences*
- Opportunity to apply for various awards
- Discounted registration fee as a LA CaTS Center member
- Obtain continuing education credit- *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*
- SSCI's major focus is to support junior faculty success in clinical investigation
- Offers an atmosphere for networking among physician-scientists

[Click here](#) for more information on the meeting, abstract submissions, and awards.

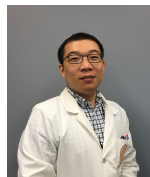


LA CaTS Center Announces New Scholars

Roadmap Scholar Projects - Cohort 13



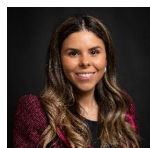
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Rebecca Solch-Ottaiano, PhD
Tulane University



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LSU Health Shreveport

Community Scholar Project - Cohort 6



Owen Carmichael,
PhD

Owen Carmichael, PhD (Academic PI, Pennington Biomedical Research Center)
Nathan Boudreaux (Community Partner, St. George Fire Protection District)
Project title: *"Mixed Methods Analysis of Firefighter Mental Health and Interventional Strategies"*



Nathan
Boudreaux

More Information:
[LA CaTS Roadmap Scholars Program](#)
[LA CaTS Community Scholars Program \(LACoSP\)](#)



Congratulations to these reseachers that received recent awards or have been highlighted in the media.



Emily Harville, PhD
Tulane University
LA CaTS Supplement Project Lead & Pilot Grants Program
[Presented at 1st NIH Symposium on Women's Health Research in IDeA States](#)



Ana-Maria Dragoi, MD
LSU Health Shreveport
LA CaTS Pilot Grants Program
[Received Ro1 grant from NIH \(NIAID\)](#)



(left) **M.A. Tonette Krousel-Wood, MD**
(right) **Franck Mauvais-Jarvis, MD, PhD**
Tulane University
LA CaTS Pilot Grants Program
[Received \\$11.2M COBRE grant from NIH \(NIGMS\)](#)



Carrie Elks, PhD, RD
Pennington Biomedical Research Center
LA CaTS Visiting Scholar Program
[Received \\$1.4M grant from NIH \(NIDDK\)](#)



Leanne Redman, PhD
Pennington Biomedical Research Center
LA CaTS Professional Development Core
[Named new director of Pennington NORC](#)
[funded by NIH \(NIDDK\)](#)



Michael Celestin, Jr, PhD
LSU Health New Orleans
LA CaTS Roadmap Scholars Program
[Smoking cessation program highlighted in](#)
[media](#)

PROGRAM
SPOTLIGHT

Communities Advancing Research Equity for Health Program (CARE for Health)

CARE for Health is a NIH network initiative to conduct research in primary care settings, therefore extending research participation opportunities to broader communities and as a part of regular healthcare. CARE for Health held a public workshop in June 2024, which featured Dr. Monica Bertagnoli (NIH Director) and her vision for the program.

Communities Advancing
Research Equity for Health
(CARE for Health™)

Integrate
research
into
the clinical care
environment

Engender trust in
science by addressing
community needs

Achieve longitudinal collection of clinical
data to address health across the lifespan

Conduct research addressing
issues important to diverse
communities, particularly those
underrepresented in
biomedical research

Reduce burden on
providers using innovative
data collection methods

Increase
adherence to
evidence-
based care

Improve
efficiency
of care
delivery



Community-based primary care practices

[Read more details](#)

Calendar of Events-September



UAB CCTS Seminar: Best Practices for Lab Processing
Sep 5, 2024



RECOVER Research Review (R3) Seminar: Characterization of Long COVID Among Children and Adolescents, Cohort Insights
Sep 10, 2024



Johns Hopkins CTSA Symposium: Digital and Community Engaged Approaches to Support Research Recruitment
Sep 11-12, 2024



2024 LA CaTS Level III Coordinator Training
Sep 20, 2024



RECOVER-Treating Long COVID (TLC) Kick-off Meeting
September 23-25, 2024

[See full calendar](#)

Funding & Training Opportunities



LA CaTS Grant Development Award Program supports investigators with sufficient preliminary data to support collaborative grant-writing teams. Awards are up to \$5,000 in total costs.

[More details](#)



LA CaTS Visiting Scholars Program supports training opportunities for junior investigators to enhance skills or learn new technique. Awards are up to \$5,000 in total costs.

[More details](#)



(New!) Short Experiences in Clinical Trials support junior investigators in clinical or translational research, and to link them with clinical trial mentors to assist their development in the field. Each award may be **up to \$5,000** in total costs.

[More details](#)



Annual LA CaTS Level III Coordinator Training is an **intensive, full-day** series of interactive presentations to provide a deep dive into **ICH and FDA regulations** to prepare attendees for becoming certified in clinical research roles. Participants will engage with **certified** clinical research professionals and discuss critical regulatory guidelines along with strategies for learning and applying these concepts.

[More details](#)



Welcome to our newest members to the LA CaTS Center team over this past year!

[Michelle Wilson](#), MPH
Research Navigator
LA CaTS Professional Development Core
Tulane University

[Yanna de Koter](#), MPH
Project Manager
LA CaTS Administrative Core
Pennington Biomedical Research Center

LA CaTS in the Community



CROWN Makes Soft Landing with LA CaTS Staff and Baton Rouge Community

The Louisiana Clinical and Translational Science (LA CaTS) Center is excited to announce the successful soft launch of its innovative Community Research for Optimal Wellness Network (CROWN) initiative. In July, LA CaTS staff and members of the Baton Rouge Community Advisory Board were the first to experience CROWN, providing valuable feedback on the registration process and orientation materials.

This soft launch was a crucial step in ensuring CROWN's readiness for its upcoming public release. By gathering insights from a select group of users, LA CaTS has been able to fine-tune the platform and make necessary improvements. CROWN is designed to bridge the gap between researchers and communities, fostering collaboration and empowering individuals to participate in research that addresses health disparities and improves health outcomes across Louisiana.

Stay tuned for more updates on CROWN's official launch and how you can get involved in shaping the future of health research in our state!



Recent Publications

[Effect of long-term caloric restriction on telomere length in healthy adults: CALERIE™ 2 trial analysis.](#)
Hastings WJ, Ye Q, Wolf SE, Ryan CP, Das SK, Huffman KM, Kobor MS, Kraus WE, MacIsaac JL, Martin CK, Racette SB, Redman LM, Belsky DW, Shalev I. Aging Cell. 2024 Jun;23(6):e14149. PMID: 38504468

[Socioeconomic disparities and health literacy: Unraveling the impact on diagnostic and cancer care in Uruguay.](#)
Lyra-González I, Cuello M, Anderson D, Echeverri M. J Cancer Policy. 2024 Jun;40:100472. PMID: 38508414

[Maternal 24-h movement patterns across pregnancy and postpartum: The LIFE-Moms consortium.](#)
Kracht CL, Drews KL, Flanagan EW, Keadle SK, Gallagher D, Van Horn L, Haire-Joshu D, Phelan S, Pomeroy J, Redman LM. Prev Med Rep. 2024 Apr 26;42:102740. PMID: 38707249

[Gestational Diabetes Mellitus and Postpartum Hypertension: Evidence for a Tight Linkage Toward Women's Cardiovascular Health.](#)
Shen Y, Hu G. Hypertension. 2024 Jun;81(6):1269-1271. PMID: 38748767

[Finding Long-COVID: Temporal Topic Modeling of Electronic Health Records from the N3C and RECOVER Programs.](#)
O'Neil ST, Madlock-Brown C, Wilkins KJ, McGrath BM, Davis HE, Assaf GS, Wei H, Zareie P, French ET, Loomba J, McMurphy JA, Zhou A, Chute CG, Moffitt RA, Pfaff ER, Yoo YJ, Leese P, Chew RF, Lieberman M, Haendel MA. medRxiv [Preprint]. 2024 Jun 11:2023.09.11.23295259. PMID: 38947087

[A Bayesian Survival Analysis on Long COVID and non Long COVID patients: A Cohort Study Using National COVID Cohort Collaborative \(N3C\) Data.](#)
Jiang S, Loomba J, Zhou A, Sharma S, Sengupta S, Liu J, Brown D. medRxiv [Preprint]. 2024 Jun 25:2024.06.25.24309478. PMID: 38978664

[Association of hypothyroidism with outcomes in hospitalized adults with COVID-19: Results from the International SCCM Discovery Viral Infection and Respiratory Illness Universal Study \(VIRUS\): COVID-19 Registry.](#)
Bogojevic M, Bansal V, Pattan V, Singh R, Tekin A, Sharma M, La Nou AT, LeMahieu AM, Hanson AC, Schulte PJ, Deo N, Qamar S, Zec S, Valencia Morales DJ, Perkins N, Kaufman M, Denson JL, Melamed R, Banner-Goodspeed VM, Christie AB, Tarabichi Y, Heavner S, Kumar VK, Walkey AJ, Gajic O, Bhagra S, Kashyap R, Lal A, Domecq JP; Society of Critical Care Medicine (SCCM) Discovery Viral Infection and Respiratory Illness Universal Study (VIRUS): COVID-19 Registry Investigator Group. Clin Endocrinol (Oxf). 2024 Jul;101(1):85-93. PMID: 35180316

[Dermatology residents' perspectives on virtual dermatopathology education.](#)
Ngo TB, Niu W, Fang Z, Gold L. J Cutan Pathol. 2024 Jul;51(7):530-537. PMID: 38549184

[Toward Concurrent Identification of Human Activities with a Single Unifying Neural Network Classification: First Step.](#)
Smith A, Azeem M, Odhiambo CO, Wright PJ, Diktas HE, Upton S, Martin CK, Froeliger B, Corbett CF, Valafar H. Sensors (Basel). 2024 Jul 13;24(14):4542. PMID: 39065939

[Trends in the Incidence of Gestational Diabetes Mellitus Among the Medicaid Population Before and During the COVID-19 Pandemic.](#)

[Effect of Paxlovid Treatment During Acute COVID-19 on Long COVID Onset: An EHR-Based Target Trial Emulation from the N3C and RECOVER Consortia.](#)

Preiss A, Bhatia A, Aragon LV, Baratta JM, Baskaran M, Blancero F, Brannock MD, Chew RF, Diaz I, Fitzgerald M, Kelly EP, Zhou AG, Carton TW, Chute CG, Haendel M, Moffitt R, Pfaff E; N3C; RECOVER. medRxiv [Preprint]. 2024 Jul 31:2024.01.20.24301525. PMID: 38343863

[Assessing the effect of selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors in the prevention of post-acute sequelae of COVID-19.](#)

Sidky H, Hansen KA, Girvin AT, Hotaling N, Michael SG, Gersing K, Sahner DK; N3C consortium. Comput Struct Biotechnol J. 2024 Jan 9;24:115-125.PMID: 38318198



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