LA CaTS Center Announcements

2020-2021 Community Scholars Program Teams

Community Scholars Program
2020-2021 Cohort 4

Tyra Gross, PhD
Xavier University
Collecting lymph nodes from ovarian cancers, FTOH, Project responsible for lab

Keith Ferdinand, PhD
Tulane University
Senior Vice President of Research, Project responsible for lab

Margarita Echeverri, PhD
Xavier University
Improving services to populations with adverse economic conditions in New Orleans

Chelsea Kracht, PhD
Pennington Biomedical
Study of exposure to Di(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate in mothers and children in the Birthmark cohort

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2021 Pilot Grants Awardees

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<td>Tulane University</td>
<td>Sex Differences in COVID-19 Outcomes: Role of Sex Hormones, Inflammatory Biomarkers, Comorbidities, and Socio-demographic Factors</td>
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<td>Vance L. Albaugh, MD, PhD</td>
<td>Pennington Biomedical</td>
<td>Intestinal Glucose Utilization Drives the Weight Loss Benefits of Roux-en-Y Gastric Bypass</td>
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<td>Pennington Biomedical</td>
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<td>LSU Health New Orleans</td>
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<td>Maria Sanchez-Pino, PhD</td>
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<td>Yinghua Jiang, MD, PhD</td>
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<td>Eman Toraih, MD, PhD</td>
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<td>miR-145/MMP9 ratio for prediction of recurrence in patients with well-differentiated thyroid carcinoma patients</td>
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LA CaTS Investigators’ Obesity & Cancer Research in Obesity Journal

Congratulations to Dr. Maria Sanchez-Pino (LSU Health New Orleans), Dr. Justin Brown (Pennington Biomedical), Dr. Peter Katzmarzyk (Pennington Biomedical), Dr. Lucio Miele (LSU Health New Orleans), Dr. Jovanny Zabaleta (LSU Health New Orleans), and Dr. Augusto Ochoa (LSU Health New Orleans), for their contribution to this important work and publications partially supported by the LA CaTS Center.

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New Study Shows Hospitalization Rates for New Onset Pediatric Type 2 Diabetes Doubled During COVID-19 Pandemic

Dr. Daniel Hsia (Pennington Biomedical) presents on "Initial Presentation of Children with Type 2 Diabetes during the COVID-19 Pandemic" at the American Diabetes Association 81st Scientific Sessions.

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Interested in a national data resource to study COVID-19?

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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.

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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.

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The Pennington/Louisiana NORC is pleased to announce a Pilot and Feasibility Grant Program to establish opportunities designed to increase the number of investigators from underrepresented groups and/or disadvantaged backgrounds as well as individuals with disabilities. The NORC will give highest priority to research related to nutrition/obesity throughout the lifespan. The P&F awards are intended to generate preliminary data for the investigator to obtain extramural research funding from the NIH (e.g., R01).

- Submission Deadline for LOI: September 17, 2021
- Funding available: $100,000
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Events & Deadlines

Aug. 25: 2021 NIH IDeA Western Regional Webinar
To register and for more information, visit the event website at https://survey.nmsu.edu/surveys/?a=MCPPWME4EJ

Aug. 27: New Orleans Community Advisory Board Meeting

Sept. 9-11: Diabetes, Obesity, and Cardiovascular Disease Virtual Summit
Register now for early bird rates for the 15th Annual Diabetes, Obesity & Cardiovascular Disease Summit!

Sept. 29-30: “Methodological Approaches for Whole Person Research” workshop
Free registration is required, and this workshop will be videotaped and archived for future viewing.

Missed the 2021 Professional Development Plenary Talk? Watch it now!

View Full Calendar

COVID-19

Visit our COVID-19 Research Resources Webpage!

- Introducing the new Louisiana COVID-19 Clinical Trial Database & Publication Resource (LA CPR)
- Louisiana COVID-19 Seminar Series is taking a break for the summer. Seminars are recorded and available for viewing on our YouTube channel.

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LA CaTS in the Community

The LA CaTS Center is pleased to serve as an information hub of COVID-19 community activities and updates announced by various community organizations in conjunction with the LA CaTS Community Engagement and Outreach Resource (CEOR) Core and the Community Advisory Boards (CABs).

Click HERE to view the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Community Activities Webpage.

Best Practices around COVID-19 Research for Community Members & Stakeholders

Pennington Biomedical Launches "Obecity, USA Campaign"

Obecity, USA Campaign: Pennington Biomedical Research Center is launching a national advocacy campaign designed to raise awareness of obesity and the work the Baton Rouge-based facility is doing to address it. The campaign consists of 30- and 60-second television spots, radio ads and out-of-home advertisements—including billboards and place-based signage in arenas and stadiums—that explore the dangerous cycle of obesity and the inherited and environmental factors that cause it. The campaign is being funded by the PBRC Foundation, which raised money through private donations to retain the international agencies that did the design and communication work for the campaign. To learn more about the campaign and Pennington’s goal of eradicating obesity by 2040 visit www.VisitObecity.org.

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