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CCTST Grand Rounds on Mentorship January 11

Improving research mentorship is the focus of the next [CCTST Grand Rounds](#) on Friday, January 11 from 11 AM to 1 PM in Room E-351 of the UC Medical Sciences Building (MSB). Featured speakers are **Karin Silet, MA** and **Stephanie House, MA** with the CTSA-supported research mentoring program of the Institute for Clinical and Translational Research at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

From 11 AM to 12 noon, Silet will discuss *Surveying the Research Mentoring Landscape: Lessons Learned*. From 12 noon to 1 PM, House will present *Research Mentor Training: A Multisite Randomized Controlled Trial*. More information about the nationally-recognized research mentoring training program at UW-M is [available here](#).

CCTST Grand Rounds are free of charge and open to the public. Lunch is available to [CCTST members](#) who RSVP to [Elizabeth Heubi](#) by Jan. 9.

Community Health Grant Applications Due January 18

The CCTST Community Engagement Core requests [Community Health Program Grant](#) proposals from academic-community partnerships that focus on health promotion activities for children and/or adults in community settings such as clinics, schools, etc. Two categories of grants are offered, one in which the academic partner is principal investigator, the other in which the community partner leads, both focused on facilitating innovation in research, evidence-based practice or quality improvement. At least \$20,000 will be awarded in each category, which may be split among several awardees, based on the merit of applications.

Applications that address childhood asthma, pediatric obesity, pediatric injury, infant mortality, diabetes, adult neuroscience, and minority health are most aligned with CCTST strategic priority areas. Optional letters of intent were due **November 28**, with full applications due **Friday, January 18, 2013**.

[CCTST membership](#) (free of charge) is required to apply. For more information, please contact [Teresa Smith](#).

CCTST Research Ethics, Methods Grant Applications Due January 25

Applications are due by midnight Friday, January 25, 2013 for innovative research addressing ethical issues in clinical and translational research, and biostatistical, epidemiological, and other methods developments.

The [Research Ethics Grant Program](#) supports interdisciplinary empirical research and faculty summer research fellowships that aim to develop, inform, or apply morally, socially and culturally acceptable frameworks that maximize the ethics of conducting clinical and translational research. Collaborations of clinical investigators, ethicists, and behavioral/social scientists on interdisciplinary empirical research are strongly encouraged. Appropriate topics include, but are not limited to, the role of the community in research; the role of the individual research participant in research; and maximizing the impact of research on communities.

The [Methodologic Research Program](#) advances methodologic research in biostatistics, epidemiology, bioinformatics and related disciplines in order to enhance the capacity to conduct and analyze data from clinical and translational studies. Promising innovations with potentially important applications that may enhance validity, efficiency, and causal inference of clinical and translational studies are supported. Relevance for clinical and translational research is a key evaluation criterion, and coordination with ongoing CCTST research is encouraged. Appropriate topics include, but are not limited to, novel statistical methods development for design and analysis of clinical and translational studies; novel methods of subject enrollment, retention, and data or sample collection and management; and validation of novel scales or predictive models using existing datasets.

Each program expects to make 2 to 3 non-renewable 1-year awards of up to \$10,000 (up to \$8,000 for the Ethics faculty summer fellowship). All 80% or greater FTE faculty members based at UC, Cincinnati Children's or the Cincinnati VA Medical Center are eligible to apply. Applicants must be CCTST members ([join free of charge](#)). Complete program details are [available here](#).

Community Advocacy, Partnership and Research Awards Announced

The CCTST announced its Outstanding Leadership in Community Advocacy, Partnership and Research awards at a ceremony and dinner November 13 at the Cincinnati Art Museum. The awards were established to honor excellence in leadership, collaboration, and health promotion in the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky region. The evening also included a keynote address by Community Engagement Speaker Series guests Doriane Miller, MD, director of the Center for Community Health & Vitality of the University of Chicago, and Norma Sanders, program manager with Southwest Smart Communities Partners, Chicago.

A total of 10 awards were made across 4 categories:

- Community health advocacy
- Academic-community research partnerships
- Academic-community research partnership students
- Practice-based research

[Click here for winners and photos](#). Congratulations to all!

SAVE THE DATE: Empirical Bioethics Conference Feb. 21-22

The CCTST will host the conference *Empirical Bioethics: Emerging Trends for the 21st Century*, February 21-22, 2013 at the Marriott Kingsgate Conference Center. Sessions run from 12 noon to 5 PM Thursday (followed by a reception for attendees), and 8:15 AM to 4:00 PM Friday.

Empirical bioethics involves the measurement and evaluation of ethical principles. During this 2 day conference, participants will learn about cutting edge research that defines the ethical framework guiding clinical and translational studies. Speakers include internationally recognized experts in the application of ethics to clinical research and medicine:

- Keynote speaker Feb. 21 is [Daniel Sulmasy, MD, PhD](#), professor of medicine and associate director of the MacLean Center for Medical Ethics, University of Chicago. He will discuss *Ethics and Evidence: What Data Can and Cannot Do for Bioethics*.
- Feb. 22, [Peter Ubel, MD](#), professor in the Fuqua School of Business and Sanford School of Public Policy of Duke University, will discuss *Is Human Nature Ready for Autonomy: What Behavioral Science Teaches Us About the Limits of Shared Decision Making in Medicine*.
- Also Feb. 22, [Rebecca Pentz, PhD](#), professor research ethics with the Winship Cancer Institute, Emory University School of Medicine, will discuss *Ethics Companion Studies: Strategies, Successes and Setbacks*.

Additional presenters will cover the interface between clinical care and research; informed consent; publication of empirical bioethics findings; and community-engaged research. CME and other professional credits are anticipated. Registration fee is \$100, which includes conference materials, Thursday's reception, and Friday's continental breakfast and networking lunch. Overnight accommodations are available at the conference rate of \$145+tax.

[Click here for the preliminary agenda](#), or for more information, contact [Bettie Durant](#). Online registration will be available in early January.

CReFF Pilot Funding Available for Junior Faculty

The CCTST is now accepting applications from junior faculty for the next round of [Clinical Research Feasibility Fund \(CReFF\)](#) pilot grants. Instructors or assistant professors based at UC, Cincinnati Children's or the Cincinnati VA Medical Center utilizing the resources of the [Clinical Translational Research Center](#) (CTRC) are generally eligible; funding restrictions apply. Fellows anticipating a faculty appointment during the grant period may also be eligible. Applicants must be CCTST members. [Join free of charge](#).

Applicants must already have an active CTRC-approved protocol or submit one for review with their proposal. The CReFF provides one-year start-up funding of up to \$20,000 for pilot studies, potentially renewable for one additional year. One or two grants are anticipated this cycle.

A letter of intent is not required. However, **potential applicants are strongly advised to contact the program director, [Dr. Mark Mitsnefes](#), prior to submitting an application, and to submit their protocol to the CTRC Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) at least one month before the CReFF review meeting to facilitate resolving scientific or other issues**. The approval process for the protocol must be completed before it can be considered for a CReFF award.

Applications (electronic and hard copies) must be submitted by 12 noon Friday, March 1, 2013. For the complete Request for Applications (RFA), [click here](#), call 513-636-4273 or email [Amy Hartkemeyer](#).

Need assistance with your clinical/translational research project? [CCTST membership](#) (free of charge) is required for service. We now have over **1,650** members (and counting!).

Already a member? Please [log in from our home page](#) and click "Request Assistance with Your Research Project." The CCTST provides up to 10 hours of support per investigator per grant year (April 1-March 30), funded by the CTSA grant; 1 Research Central hour equals 1 hour of doctoral-level methodologic support or 2 hours of master's-level support. Additional hours, if needed, are billed at established rates.

What does the CCTST do?

Established in 2005, the CCTST provides guidance, information, support, resources and training to researchers across and beyond the Academic Health Center, with the support of a NIH Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA). Whether you're at UC, Cincinnati Children's, the Cincinnati VA Medical Center, UC Health University Hospital, or in the Greater Cincinnati community, we're here to help.

Can't find what you're looking for? [Contact us](#) or [visit our website](#).

More Events! click links for details

Jan. 7, 11:30AM-12:30 PM: Translational Cancer Research Seminar Series, [Cancer Metabolism: Cell Biology and Translational Opportunities](#). [Ralph J. Deberardinis, MD, PhD](#), University of Texas-Southwestern Medical Center. CCHMC Research Aud.

Jan. 7 & 8: Pharmacology graduate courses [Pre-Clinical Drug Toxicology Studies](#) and [Emerging Concepts in Targeting Common Metabolic Disorders](#) begin. [M. Abdul Matlib, PhD](#), program director.

Jan. 8, 3:00-4:45 PM: CCTST Biostatistics, Epidemiology & Research Design ([BERD](#)) Monthly Seminar Series. [Pharmacometrics: Application of Modeling & Simulation to Pediatric Drug Studies & Individualized Dosing](#). [Alexander Vinks, PharmD, PhD](#), director, clinical pharmacology, CCHMC. 610 University Hall.

Feb. 12, 3:00-4:45 PM: [BERD](#) Monthly Seminar Series. [Patrick Ryan, PhD](#), assistant professor, biostatistics and epidemiology, CCHMC. 610 University Hall.

Feb. 21-22: Save the Date! [Empirical Bioethics: Emerging Trends for the 21st Century](#). Marriott Kingsgate Conference Center. See article below left.

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