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New KL2 Career Development Scholars Named



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The CCTST has announced the latest recipients of **KL2 Research Scholar** mentored career development awards. The CTSA-supported KL2 program is designed for full-time junior faculty pursuing careers in clinical and translational research, generally providing 75% salary support plus \$25,000 in expenses annually for 2-3 years to highly qualified MD, PhD, or PharmD scholars.

Starting the program and their research projects April 1 are:

Todd Florin, MD, MSCE, emergency medicine, CCHMC. ***Biomarkers and Risk Stratification in Pediatric Pneumonia.***

Kevin Haworth, PhD, cardiovascular diseases, UC. ***Multifunctional Ultrasound-Triggered Emulsion for Stroke.***

Chad Shenk, PhD, behavioral medicine and clinical psychology, CCHMC. ***Genetic Variation in Abused Children with PTSD.***

They join 2012 appointees **Aimee Dietz, PhD**, communication sciences and disorders, UC College of Allied Health Sciences, and **David Hooper, MD**, nephrology and hypertension, CCHMC. During the award period, Scholars are expected to pursue their own K23 or similar individual career development awards, or R01 grants. The next request for applications will be issued in fall 2013.

Completing the program March 31 are:

James Collins, MD, PhD, neurology, CCHMC

Nicholas Edwards, MD, MPH, sports medicine, CCHMC

Tolly Epstein, MD, MS, allergy, immunology and rheumatology, VAMC and UC

Congratulations to all of our Scholars!

Special Informatics Seminars Offered in April

The CCTST will offer 3 special biomedical informatics seminars in April:

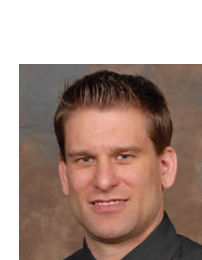
Friday, April 5, 1-2 PM: *Genomic Medicine for Discovery and Diagnostics: The CHOP Perspective.* **Peter S. White, PhD**, research associate professor of oncology, The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. CCHMC Location D, Rooms 2.23-2.26.

Thursday, April 11, 1-2 PM [new date]: *Developing Informatics Resources to Advance Clinical as well as Biomedical Informatics Research and Service the Academic Medical Center Enterprise.* **Russell L. Waitman, PhD**, director, medical informatics, University of Kansas Medical Center. CCHMC Research Auditorium, Location R, 3381-3383.

Tuesday, April 16, 11 AM-12 PM: *Reuse of Clinical Data for Research and Quality Improvement.* **Elmer V. Bernstam, MD, MSE**, associate dean for research, School of Biomedical Informatics, The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston. CCHMC Location S, Room 3.125.

Admission is free of charge and registration is not required. Seating is limited. For more information, contact **Theresa Kenney**.

Meet the Methodologist: Jeff Welge, PhD



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Jeff Welge, PhD received his doctorate in psychology from the University of Cincinnati in 2000. He joined the UC department of psychiatry that year and is currently associate professor of psychiatry and behavioral neuroscience, with a secondary appointment in the department of environmental health division of epidemiology and biostatistics. He teaches a graduate biostatistics course in meta-analysis.

Dr. Welge's research interests include meta-analysis, clinical trials methodology (particularly analysis of longitudinal studies), structural equation modeling, and analysis of brain imaging data from studies of bipolar disorder and comorbid psychiatric conditions. He serves on the editorial boards of the journals *Schizophrenia Research*, *Bipolar Disorders*, *Current Drug Therapy*, and *World Journal of Meta-Analysis*.

Dr. Welge's other interests include the history and philosophy of statistical inference, probability puzzles, causal models, chess and poker.

"Meet the Methodologist" is a regular CCTST NewsBrief feature of faculty affiliated with the *Biostatistics, Epidemiology & Research Design (BERD)* core. Past profiles, an archive of BERD monthly seminar presentations and more are [available here](#).

New Just-in-Time Funds Available July 1



The CCTST Just-in-Time Core Funds Grant Program supports clinical and translational scientists seeking preliminary data in the next 3-6 months for K23, R01 or similar new /revised extramural grant submissions. Up to \$7,500 is available annually per eligible investigator for the services of one or more institutional cores. Thirty-two grants were made in the last year. Although funds for the current year have been exhausted, new grants will be available beginning July 1. A list of participating cores and additional information are [available here](#), or contact **Katie Scharf**.

Need assistance with your clinical/translational research project? [CCTST membership](#) (free of charge) is required for service. We now have over **1,850** 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 31), 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 an NIH Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA). Whether you're at UC, Cincinnati Children's, the Cincinnati VA Medical Center, UC Medical Center, 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](#).

Calendar

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April 1, 5 PM: [College of Medicine Study Section](#) Notice of Participation submission deadline.

April 4, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM: [REDCap User Group meeting. Designing Projects with Multiple Surveys.](#) CCHMC Location S, Room 5.125.

April 5, 11 & 16: CCTST Special Biomedical Informatics Seminars. See article below left.

April 5, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM: Center for Environmental Genetics [New Methods for Exposure Metrics Workshop.](#) Kehoe Auditorium, UC Kettering Laboratory. [Register by April 3.](#)

April 6, 8:00 AM-12:15 PM: 9th Annual Public Education Forum, [Looking Upstream for Environmental Links to Breast Cancer.](#) Keynote speaker **Susan Teitelbaum, PhD**, Icahn School of Medicine at Mt. Sinai, will discuss **"Personal Care Products: Environmental Exposures That We Experience Every Day."** UC Reading Campus (formerly GRI). \$20 registration fee includes buffet breakfast and educational materials. Free parking. For details, email [Veronica Ratliff](#) or call (513) 636-8307.

April 9, 3:00-4:45 PM: BERD Monthly Seminar Series. [Plasma Nitrate in Relation to Risk of Prostate Cancer: A Prospective Study.](#) Tianying Wu, MD, PhD, ScM, assistant professor, UC environmental health. CCHMC Location S, Room 5.125 (note new location).

April 11, 9-11 AM: *Ready, Set, Go! Mentoring/Career Guidance Workshop.* Open to all UC faculty. Facilitated by **Joel Tsevat, MD, MPH**, CCTST co-director. 450 University Hall. [Register at Faculty Development OneStop.](#)

April 23, 5:30-8:30 PM: CCTST Community Reception & Dinner. Music Hall, 1241 Elm St. Contact [Teresa Smith](#) for details.

May 14, 3:00-4:45 PM: BERD Monthly Seminar Series. [Use of Medical Devices in Research.](#) Marepalli Rao, PhD, professor, UC environmental health and biomedical engineering. CCHMC Location S, Room 5.125.

June 2-4, Washington DC: 6th Annual CTSA Clinical Research Management Workshop, *Putting the Pieces Together.* **Poster abstracts are requested by Friday, April 26.** Topics can include not only successes but challenges that await solutions. Contact [Jane Strasser, PhD](#) for details.

Questions or comments? [Contact us.](#)

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