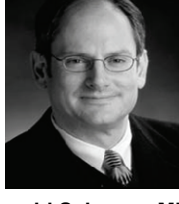


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Community Engagement Speaker Series March 25

"A Comprehensive, Partnered Approach to Obesity Prevention: Lessons from Philadelphia" will be discussed at the next CCTST Community Engagement Speaker Series on Monday, March 25. Featured presenters from 12-1:30 PM in Room E351 of the UC Medical Sciences Building (MSB) are:



Donald Schwarz, MD



Gary Foster, PhD



Brian Lang, MGA

- **Donald Schwarz, MD, MPH**, health commissioner and deputy mayor for health and opportunity, City of Philadelphia. Prior to entering government service, Dr. Schwarz was vice chairman of pediatrics at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, and deputy physician-in-chief and Craig-Dalsimer division chief for adolescent medicine at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.
- **Gary Foster, PhD**, director of the Center for Obesity Research and Education, Temple University. Dr. Foster's research focuses on the prevention and treatment of obesity. His current research interests include the effects of weight loss on sleep apnea, the role of school breakfast in preventing childhood obesity, and the effects of changing the environment in corner stores and supermarkets in low-income areas.
- **Brian Lang, MGA**, director of the Supermarket Campaign with The Food Trust. Mr. Lang works to improve everyone's access to affordable nutritious food. Recently, he has worked with state and local governments in New York, Illinois, New Jersey and Colorado to advocate for and develop policies that bring supermarkets to underserved communities.

Ample time will be provided for questions and discussion following the presentations. Schwarz and Lang will also participate in a **Community Forum & Coffee Hour** that morning from 8:30-10:00 AM in the United Way's Fifth Third Convening Center, 2400 Reading Road, Mt. Auburn. Local academic-community health research partnerships will be featured.

Free and open to the public. To register for either event, email cts@cchmc.org by **Friday, March 22**. The noon program includes a boxed lunch and offers CME. See the [event flyer](#) for details.

Meet the Methodologist: Linda Levin, PhD



Linda Levin, PhD

This month we kick off a new feature to introduce CCTST research methodologists assisting investigators across and beyond the Academic Health Center. **Linda Levin, PhD** is a research associate professor in the UC department of environmental health. A biostatistician who earned her doctorate at UC, her experience covers a period of over 20 years.

Dr. Levin's research focuses on (1) the development of nonlinear multivariate models for relating exposures to health outcomes, including asthma and spirometric measurements in children, and (2) the development of nonlinear mixed effects models for quantifying concentrations of substances in environmental samples.

Meet Dr. Levin at the next BERD Monthly Seminar, Tuesday March 12 from 3:00-4:45 PM in Room 610 of University Hall. She will discuss **Estimation of Exposure Time Trends Using Nonlinear Segmented Models**. Admission is free and registration is not required. For more information, contact [Bettie Durant](#).

Empirical Bioethics Conference a Success



Peter Ubel, MD

Nearly 110 participants from 10 states braved the elements to attend the first-of-its-kind conference **Empirical Bioethics: Emerging Trends for the 21st Century** Feb. 21-22 at UC's Kingsgate Conference Center. Empirical bioethics involves the measurement and evaluation of ethical principles. Speakers included internationally recognized experts in the application of bioethics to clinical research and medicine. Scheduled sessions generated a lively interchange between the audience and presenters, which carried over into the first day's reception and networking lunch the following day.

Presenters' slides and more photos are [available here](#).

Research Ethics Special Seminar Slides Available



Christian Simon, PhD

The CCHMC Ethics Center and CCTST hosted a research ethics special seminar March 4. **"Enabling the Choice (Not) to Receive Medically Actionable Genomic Research Results"** was discussed by [Christian Simon, MA, PhD](#), Associate Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine and Program in Bioethics and Medical Humanities at the University of Iowa. Dr. Simon's talk improved awareness of the growing push to enable optional access to medically actionable genomic research results, while allowing participants to achieve a concrete and reflective understanding of the implications of this push for clinician-investigators and patient-participants. His slides are [available here](#). For more information, email CCHMC Ethics Center Director [Armand Antommaria, MD, PhD](#).

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.

Friday, April 12: 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. Time and location TBA.

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](#).

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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](#).

More Events! click links for details

March 12, 3:00-4:45 PM: BERD Monthly Seminar Series, Estimation of Exposure Time Trends Using Nonlinear Segmented Models: Linda Levin, PhD, research associate professor, environmental health, UC. 610 University Hall. See article below left.

March 14, 9-11 AM: Center for the Advancement of Teaching & Learning faculty development workshop. **Ready, Set, Go! Understanding Organizational Structures and Planning for Career Advancement.** Facilitated by **Sandra Degen, PhD**, associate chair for academic affairs and professor of pediatrics. 450 University Hall. [Register here](#).

March 18, 12-1 PM: Distinguished Lecturer in Immunology Series. **"Food Allergy: Lessons from the Lab Taken to the Bedside."** **Hugh Sampson, MD**, dean, translational biomedical sciences and director, Jaffe Food Allergy Institute, Icahn School of Medicine, Mt. Sinai. CCHMC Research Auditorium, 3381 Loc. R.

April 5, 12 & 16: CCTST Special Biomedical Informatics Seminars. See article below left.

April 6, 8:00 AM-12:30 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.

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