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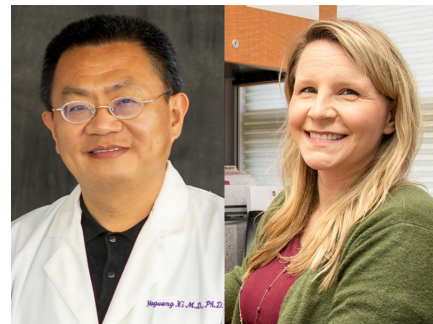
### **Mugavero Appointed CCTS Co-Director**

Michael Mugavero, MD, MHS, has been appointed a Co-Director of the Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS), charged with providing strategic vision and leadership on behalf of the CCTS in collaborating with UAB Medicine and University-Wide Interdisciplinary Research Centers (UWIRC) partners to advance the [UAB Learning Health System](#) (LHS).

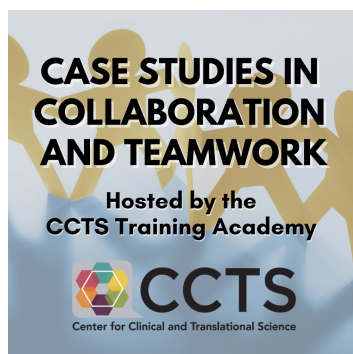
In this capacity he will take point in working with CCTS Domain leaders to identify, integrate, and coordinate cross-domain programs and resources aligned with overarching UAB LHS goals. Along with the CCTS Executive Committee, Mugavero will engage with Partner Network leaders to identify opportunities to advance multi-site LHS efforts across academic health centers in our three state region, building upon ongoing initiatives.

### **Getting Started with Veterans Affairs Research: Two Investigators Share Their Experience**

Though often not considered as having a research emphasis, VA medicine plays an important role in advancing research in diseases that disproportionately affect minority and special populations. Drs. Yaguang Xi and Courtney Alexander, former and current CCTS Pilot awardees, are embarking on research studies that will address these health disparities, and they're sharing why they chose to enter VA research.



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### **Register for Case Studies in Collaboration & Teamwork**

This 8-week, case-based curriculum aims to help scientists learn the basics of team science and collaboration, and how to navigate the challenges of working in interdisciplinary teams. Presenter Joel Dobbs, PharmD, says, "Teamwork and collaboration are skills that are universally recognized across almost every industry and discipline as essential tools for success in today's world. Interdisciplinary teams are becoming more critical for success in scientific discovery and translational research."

Sessions are Fridays throughout September and

October. [Learn more and register.](#)

## Request for Applications: SSCI Research Scholar Award

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This \$25,000, one-year award is intended to support the career development of promising young physician-investigators from regional medical centers who are active participants in the Southern Society for Clinical Investigation, as they undertake innovative research projects related to Internal Medicine and its subspecialties.



Application deadline is September 1.

[Read the RFA](#) and [learn more.](#)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Available Weekly

[Drop-In Clinic: Biostats, Epidemiology, & Research Design \(BERD\)](#)

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Prepare your study-related questions for this online or in-person opportunity. Virtual sessions by appointment only, walk-in clinics, M-10-2pm & W-11:30-1pm in the Edge of Chaos (4th floor Lister Hill Library).

[Email for Details](#)

### August 12 | 11am-1pm

[UAB OIRB Virtual Office Hours](#)

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An opportunity for everyone in the research community to access an experienced UAB OIRB staff member.

[Tune In](#) | [Add to Calendar](#)

### August 26 | 9am-12:30pm

[Research Orientation Program](#)

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This program provides basic tools, familiarizes attendees with research study terms, and helps those new to research avoid common pitfalls.

[Register](#) | [Add to Calendar](#)

### September 9-11

[15th Annual Diabetes, Obesity, and CV Disease Virtual Summit](#)

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Virtual two-day summit packed with expert speakers.

[Agenda](#) | [Register](#)

### August 9-10

[AI Against Cancer Data Science Hackathon](#)

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Data scientists, cancer researchers, oncologists, and other clinical and translational researchers are invited to form teams to address cancer data science challenges. Register to participate by July 31, 2021.

[Register](#) | [Add to Calendar](#)

### August 17 | Submission Deadline

[Auburn Boshell Research Day](#)

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Held on September 17, 2021, this annual event brings together experts from around the US to present current topics related to diabetes and the role of obesity in its development.

[Register](#)

### August 27 | 8-9:30am

[Friday Fellows](#)

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An opportunity for T32 pre and post docs, investigators, and others interested in population and health outcomes research to discuss research methods, career development, and works in progress.

[Sign Up](#) | [Add to Calendar](#)

### Sept. 10 | 10-11am

[Case Studies in Collaboration and Teamwork](#)

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This program covers the basics of team science and collaboration as well as how to navigate the challenges of working in interdisciplinary teams to

## CCTS Spotlight

**Daniel M. Avery, Jr. MD, FACOG, FACS**  
**Professor Emeritus, Community Medicine and Population Health**  
**College of Community Health Sciences, The University of Alabama**

"Dr. Avery's engaging manner and enthusiasm has been a catalyst for others to succeed. He has spent his entire career tirelessly working to ensure that individuals have the tools they need to advance in the area of medicine. As a member of the SHARe Advisory Board, he represents the University of Alabama to connect multisite clinical studies to UA investigators and their projects to the CCTS Partner Network."



*- John Higginbotham, PhD, CCTS Site Lead, University of Alabama*

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