



October 25, 2021



### **CCTS Assembles for Annual External Advisory Committee Meeting**

Last week, the CCTS hosted its External Advisory Committee (EAC) for an opportunity to review the Center's progress over the past year, and to strategize efforts for continued research excellence that improves the health of our communities.

After a welcome from **Drs. Selwyn Vickers**, and **Chris Brown**, leadership from across the Partner Network discussed collaborative opportunities surrounding COVID-19, chronic disease, community engagement, precision medicine, clinical research, informatics and much more. Allan Brasier, MD, Chair of the EAC and CTSA PI at UW Madison, shared encouragement surrounding the challenges all Hubs have faced due to the pandemic:

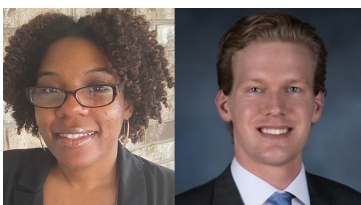
Our EAC Chair expressed, *"Congratulations on maintaining momentum and on being able to address the important needs of trainees during this difficult time. You are positioned well with the strength of your Partner Network to continue to expand the reach and impact of the CCTS."*

### **New Collaboration to Reduce Disparities in Chronic Diseases in the Deep South**

Leveraging the Center's Partner Network as the foundational enablement, CCTS investigators representing institutions across Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana have come together to establish the Deep South Center to Reduce Disparities in Chronic Diseases with a research grant from the National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities. This Center will be led by Andrea Cherrington, MD, Monica Baskin, PhD, Orlando Gutierrez, MD, and Gareth Dutton, PhD, with additional site leadership by Clayton Yates, PhD, Mario Sims, PhD, and Peter Katzmarzyk, PhD, and will involve Partners at UAB, Tuskegee University, the University of Mississippi Medical Center and Pennington Biomedical Research Center.



[Learn more.](#)



### **Get to Know the 2021 CCTS Scholars & Trainees**

Get to know more about the diverse scholars and trainees who bolster the mission of the CCTS with their short and long-term research interests.

[Keep reading.](#)

## 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](#)

### Oct. 28 | 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](#)

### Nov. 1 | 11am-12pm

Case Studies in Mentoring:  
Fostering Independence

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Bring your questions and concerns and join us as we explore the nuances of the mentor-mentee relationship.

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### Oct. 25 | 8-9:30am

Investigator Development Series

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"Research Implementation: Translating Innovations to Impact" presented by Molly Wasko, PhD.

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### Oct. 29 | 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.

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### Nov. 4 | 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.

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### Nov. 5 | 12-3pm

Auburn University Health Disparities  
Research Initiative Virtual Symposium

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This annual symposium features keynote speaker, Dr. Natasha Williams of the NYU Grossman School of Medicine, and eight short presentations by Auburn faculty and students engaging in research relevant to social inequality or health disparities. Pre-registration is required.

[Register Here](#)

[Full Events Calendar](#)

# CCTS Spotlight

## Rebecca Reamey, PhD Co-Director, CCTS Training Academy

"Dr. Reamey's imprint on the CCTS Training Academy is marked by her leadership in engaging the Training Steering Committee, alongside Chair Dr. Rick Hanson, and empowering interdisciplinary scientists across the translational spectrum and partner network in developing and delivering innovative professional development offerings. Her signature achievement, the Annual CCTS Training Symposium, has encapsulated the spirit of what we aspire to achieve in our daily efforts to cultivate "translational thinkers" in a collegial and collaborative learning environment -- whether in person or virtually."



- Michael Mungavero, MD, MHSc, Co-Director, CCTS

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