Director's Message

"Our vision is that this Clinical and Translational Science Award (CTSA) will help us get more treatments to more patients more quickly so that our breakthrough discoveries get translated to patient care as quickly and efficiently as possible," said Donald Lloyd-Jones, MD/ScM, senior associate dean for clinical and translational research and director of the NUCATS Institute. Dr. Lloyd-Jones speaks to the Institute's CTSA renewal and the plans ahead in this month's Director's Message.

Highlights include:

- Goals and Objectives
- Making Research More Relevant and Accessible
- Resources and Services
- Connect with NUCATS Early and Often
- Cite and Acknowledge the NEW CTSA Grant Number

NUCATS Staff Profile

Madeleine Ma, MS
Statistical Analyst

Meet Madeleine Ma, MS, statistical analyst for the Biostatistics Collaboration Center (BCC) housed in the NUCATS Institute. Madeleine collaborates with multiple research groups and provides biostatistics expertise in all aspects of research including proposal development, study design, data management, statistical analysis, and manuscript preparation.
NUCATS/FAME Mentorship Accelerator Program at Medical Education Day on September 25
NUCATS has partnered with the Feinberg Academy of Medical Educators (FAME) to provide an accelerated version of our Mentor Development Workshops specifically designed for Medical Education Day on September 25, 2015 from 9:30am-12pm. The program will be led by Michael Fleming, MD/MPH, professor in Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and director of the Center for Education and Career Development in NUCATS. Space is limited and registration is required.

RSVP for Mentorship Accelerator

ORD Presents DARPA 101 Workshop on October 2
The Office of Research Development (ORD) invites you to their Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) workshop on October 2, 2015 from 11am-1pm on the
Evanston campus. The workshop will cover: 1) how to work with DARPA, 2) how to present ideas to program officers, and 3) how to develop a competitive proposal.

Register for Workshop by September 11

**Registration Deadline September 11: Advocate Health Care's Achieving Excellence in Clinical Research Conference**

**September Clinical Research Educational Opportunities**

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**Collaboration/Engagement**

**Thank You Departing ARCC Steering Committee Members and Welcome New!**

NUCATS and the Center for Community Health (CCH) would like to acknowledge the contributions and hard work of the Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities (ARCC) Steering Committee members who are departing the committee summer 2015.

NUCATS and CCH would also like to welcome new members of the committee. All of ARCC’s work is guided by the committee and comprised of community- and faith-based organizations, public agencies, and Northwestern academic partners.

Read about the New and Departing Members

**CCH Consultations Contributed to Grant Awards Addressing Health Disparities**

The Center for Community Health (CCH) is a resource for researchers who are preparing for a grant application that require or suggest patient, community, and stakeholder engagement. Services may include consultation on research/engagement design, proposal review, financial and contractual challenges, letter of support, and much more. Recently, CCH’s Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities (ARCC) provided proposal consultation to the following two success stories:

- Congratulations to Rosalind Ramsey-Goldman, MD, professor in Medicine-Rheumatology, and her partners for being awarded an Office of Minority Health grant that seeks to eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities in lupus in communities locally and nationally. Learn more
- Congratulations to Erica Marsh, MD, assistant professor in Obstetrics and Gynecology, for being awarded a National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant that seeks to eradicate the significant health disparities in uterine fibroids amongst African American women and Latinas. Learn more

CCH Consulting and Advice Services
Alzheimer’s Play to Increase African American Awareness and Trials Participation

To help raise awareness of Alzheimer's disease and the impact it has on the African American community, Northwestern University's Cognitive Neurology and Alzheimer's Disease Center (CNADC), Rush University Medical Center's Alzheimer's Disease Center, and the African American Network Against Alzheimer's (AANAA) brought the award-winning play, Forget me Not, to Chicago in July 2015 to sold out crowds at the DuSable Museum of African American History. An Alliance for Research in Chicagoland Communities (ARCC) seed grant helped this collaboration build significant relationships with the community.

Read more

Integration

Congratulations 2015 Core Facility Awardees

The NUCATS Institute joins the Office for Research (OR) in congratulating their 2015 core facility awardees. For the first time, OR introduced a new Gold Star Award for facilities that placed in the top 10% of annual University core rankings four or more times. The Outstanding Core Facility Award is presented to facilities that placed in the top 10% each year (excluding Gold Star Awardees going forward). In addition, OR acknowledged Honorable Mention facilities that placed in the top 20% this year.

Read about the 2015 Core Facility Awardees

Methods/Processes

Galter Library Adds More Classes on Preparing Your NIH Biosketch

Galter Health Sciences Library has added new offerings of the course "How to Prepare a New NIH Biosketch" for fall 2015. The course will introduce you to the new NIH Biosketch format and describe ways of maximizing your impact for your Contributions to Science section. All classes are held at Galter Library, Learning Resources Center (Ward Building) and many of them are available by request. Classes meet for approximately one hour and are free to Galter Library affiliates. Classes fill up quickly and registration is recommended. For further biosketch assistance, please review the following guides:

- Creating NIH Biosketches with SciENcv and My Bibliography
Informatics

Register Early: AMIA 2015 Annual Symposium - November 14-18, San Francisco

The American Medical Informatics Association (AMIA) Symposium is the premier event to present and hear latest scientific discoveries, join your colleagues and peers in networking and fellowship, begin lasting collaboration and professional friendships, engage in spirited discussions and debates on controversial informatics topics, learn from others in your field, and connect to the mentors and leaders in informatics.

Learn more

Chicagoland CTSA Shared Resources

Investigators and research staff at Chicagoland CTSA affiliates have access to the following upcoming opportunities:

University of Chicago Institute for Translational Medicine (ITM)
December 2-5 - Registration Now Open for National Bioinformatics Workshop at UChicago

University of Illinois at Chicago Center for Clinical and Translational Science (CCTS)
September 17 - Health Outcomes Seminar
September 28 - Biomedical Health Informatics Colloquium
October 2, 9, and 16 - Clinical Research Boot Camp

Full listing of Chicagoland CTSA Shared Resources

Funding Opportunities

Chicago Center for Diabetes Translation Research (CCDTR) Pilot & Feasibility Studies
Applications Due: October 7, 2015 at 5pm
Funding Level: Up to $22,500

Pilot & Feasibility Studies are research projects aimed at: 1) attracting junior investigators into the area of diabetes-related type II translational research; 2) allowing established investigators to extend their investigations into this important area; or 3) permitting investigators to test novel hypotheses in diabetes type II translational research which might not yet meet NIH requirements for R01 or R18 funding. Collaborations across institutions are strongly encouraged. This funding opportunity is
available to NUCATS and other Chicagoland CTSA investigators. Applicants will need to become a CCDTR member by sending in a cover letter and CV to Morgan Ealey (mealey@medicine.bsd.uchicago.edu).

Learn more

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**Save the Date**

**TOP**

September 2 - [NITRO Study Tracker (formerly eNOTIS) New Features Demo Session](#)

September 3 - [REDCap New Project Owner Intro Session](#)

September 9 - [Global Health Day](#)

September 10 - [Core Expo presented by The Chemistry of Life Processes Institute](#)

September 16 - [REDCap Office Hours](#)

September 17-18 - [CRC Basic Training Live](#)

September 17 - [Faith Based Community Engaged Research Network Meeting](#)

September 17 - [REDCap New Project Owner Intro Session](#)

September 22 - December 8 (Tuesdays) - [Taking Responsibility for Responsible Conduct of Research](#)

September 23 - [NITRO Study Tracker (formerly eNOTIS) Basic & Policy Training Update](#)

September 25 - [Medical Education Day](#)

September 25 - [Poster Abstract Submission Deadline for 13th Annual CBC Symposium](#)

September 25 - [Advocate Health Care's Achieving Excellence in Clinical Research Conference](#)

September 29 - [Center for Community Health Writing Manuscript Retreat](#)

October 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 - [CRC Basic Training Online](#)

October 1 - [REDCap New Project Owner Intro Session](#)

October 2 - [ORD Presents: DARPA 101 Workshop](#)

October 7 - [NITRO Study Tracker (formerly eNOTIS) New Features Demo Session](#)

October 15 - [REDCap New Project Owner Intro Session](#)

October 15 - [MSRC Winter Quarter Application Deadline](#)

October 21 - [REDCap Office Hours](#)

October 28 - [NITRO Study Tracker (formerly eNOTIS) Basic & Policy Training Update](#)

October 23 - [13th Annual CBC Symposium](#)
Evaluating large amounts of research data can be daunting. The Biostatistics Collaboration Center (BCC) is here to help you organize, analyze, and summarize your data. By collaborating with BCC analysts, you can identify data to support your hypothesis and give credibility to your research methodology and conclusions.

Communicate your research findings with assistance from the BCC.

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