

FROM THE DESKS OF THE CCTST DIRECTORS – SEPTEMBER 2022



September has snuck up on us, placing us in that limbo of looking forward to autumn's pretty colors while wanting to hold on to a relaxing and carefree summer. The CCTST had a busy August and looks like it will have an equally busy September. August 5th was **New Faculty Orientation at Cincinnati Children's**; the CCTST hosted a couple of informational booths and had the opportunity to meet with new faculty and discuss resources and support to help ensure their success.

Our **site visit from NCATS has been moved to November**. As the first CCTST site visit, we are excited at this excellent opportunity to showcase the innovative highlights of our programs and to present some of our innovative work. We will keep you posted on our progress.

In collaboration with CCTST ERKS, the Cincinnati Public Library, and The Cincinnati Ethics Center, in anticipation of [Walter Isaacson](#)'s visit as the Mary S. Stern Lecturer, the Cincinnati Public Library will host an **Ethics of Genetics Expert Panel** on 9/13 at 7pm. Panelists will discuss the ethics behind gene editing, a topic that will be brought to life during Mr. Isaacson's lecture as he goes into his latest book 'The Code Breaker', which focuses on Jennifer Doudna's work launching CRISPR. This panel discussion will be moderated by Andy Cullison, Executive Director of the newly founded Cincinnati Ethics Center housed at UC. The experts include, Dr. Anil Menon (Director of UC's Biomedical Sciences Program), Dr. Daniel Gurnon (Rare Genomics Expert & Professor of Biochemistry - DePauw), Dr. Michelle McGowan (Research Professor, Ethics Center - Cincinnati Children's). More details can be found [here](#).

The CCTST has a call for nominations (due 9/30) for the **Community Advocacy, Partnership & Research Awards**. These awards were established to honor excellence in leadership, collaboration, and health promotion in the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky region. [Please click here](#) for more information about the awards. This is a great way to highlight the strong advocacy work that is occurring in our community.

Proposals for **2023 Community Health Grants and Partnership Development Grants** are due 10/19. These grants allow for investigators to develop partnerships with community organizations and stakeholders towards a common goal of improving health outcomes in children, adults, and/or community. [Link to more information here](#).

CCTST Grand Rounds. We are excited to have Shawnita Sealy-Jefferson, PhD, MPH, associate professor of Epidemiology from the Ohio State University College of Public Health, present at Grand Rounds on 9/16. Her presentation, titled, "*Toward our Shared Liberation – Reproductive Justice Epidemiology for Action*" will cover theories and

frameworks that ground scholarship on reproductive justice epidemiology as well as empirical examples of scholarship on macrosocial determinants of preterm birth in Black women. For more information on this and other Grand Rounds, please [click here](#). Don't forget to review our past Grand Rounds Speakers [here](#).