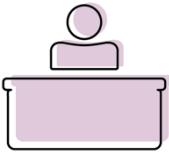


FROM THE DESKS OF THE CCTST DIRECTORS – JULY 2022



"I raise up my voice—not so that I can shout, but so that those without a voice can be heard. ... We cannot all succeed when half of us are held back." - *Malala Yousafzai*

To say that this has been an interesting month would be an understatement. It has been extremely difficult to find laughter through what took place at the Supreme Court on Friday, June 24, 2022. Yet, on Saturday, several of us woke up, got dressed, and went downtown (with approximately 100,000 other people) to the Cincinnati Pride Parade and Festival. The warmth, the love, the hope and the energy of everyone on the streets was calming. We are thankful to the older generations who fought to get us the rights we have enjoyed and thankful to the newer generations who will continue the good fight to get them back.

Speaking of newer generations, we are thrilled to welcome **Achala Vagal, MD and Jeffrey Strawn, MD** to our multiple PI team! Dr. Vagal is Professor and Vice Chair of Research in the Department of Radiology and Dr. Strawn is Professor and Associate Vice Chair of Research in the Department of Psychiatry and Neuroscience. Both leaders bring complementary skill sets to the table, have strong mentorship skills, and run their own research programs. Dr. Brett Kissela (current MPI) will be stepping away from his current role with the CCTST and has been diving into his new role as Executive Vice Dean of the College of Medicine

The KL2 Research Scholars Career Development Program. These awards support the career development of early stage investigators as they pursue independent funding. The K Scholar Program provides 75% salary support and research related expenses for 2 consecutive years. Letters of Intent for this application cycle are due August 31st, 2022. For more information regarding this funding opportunities please [click here](#).

CCTST Grand Rounds. On July 22nd, the CCTST will be holding a Grand Rounds titled "A Brief History of Racism in Medicine: Where We Were, Where We Are, and Where We Hope to Go" by Nneka O. Sederstrom, PhD, MPH, MA, FCCP, FCCM, Chief Health Equity Officer of the Hennepin Healthcare System. For more information on this and other Grand Rounds, please [click here](#).