

June 9-10, 2025
New Orleans, LA

Breaking the Boundaries:

Reimagining
Research and Clinical
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Schedule at a Glance

Monday, June 9



11am Networking
Lunch



12pm Keynote
Presentation



1pm Group
Brainstorming
Session



2:20pm Trainee
Presentations



3:45pm Panel
Discussions

Tuesday, June 10



7am Networking
Breakfast



8am World Café
Idea-thon



11am Keynote
Presentation



11:40am Top 10
Summary &
Next Steps



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739 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130

MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025

TIME SESSION

11:30 am Registration / Networking Luncheon

12:30 pm Welcome / Introductions

Jennifer Croker, PhD
Associate Professor of Medicine, Sr. Administrative Director, Center for Clinical & Translational Science, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Timiya Nolan, PhD
Associate Professor of Medicine, Director, Community Outreach & Engagement, O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of Alabama at Birmingham

12:35 pm Keynote Presentation

Brian Rivers, PhD
Professor of Community Health & Preventive Medicine, Director, Cancer Health Equity Institute, National Center for Primary Care, Morehouse School of Medicine

1:10 pm Setting the Frame: *Sailboat Anchors & Winds* (Post-it Note Brainstorming)

Carol Agomo, PhD, MBA, MPH (moderator)
Program Director, Heersink School of Medicine, Administrative Director, Forge AHEAD Community Outreach & Engagement, University of Alabama at Birmingham

2:20 pm NextGen: *Trainee Lightning Talks*

Clifford Kennon, EdS, MPA (moderator)
Administrative Director, Community & Stakeholder Engagement, Center for Clinical & Translational Science, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Shyla Fields, MBA (moderator)
Administrative Director, Health Outcomes Research Strategic Emphasis, Heersink School of Medicine, University of Alabama at Birmingham

3:30pm Break / Networking

3:45 pm Panel Session 1: *What is possible with a boost in funding centered on preventing disease and improving health outcomes from clinical encounters*

Donna Williams, MS, MPH, DrPH (moderator)
Professor of Community Health Science & Policy; Associate Dean for Public Health Practice and Community Engagement; Director of Louisiana Cancer Prevention & Control; LSU Health Sciences Center New Orleans

Tyra Gross, PhD, MPH
Associate Professor and Head, Department of Public Health Sciences, Xavier University

Steven Howard, PhD
Associate Professor of Health Services Administration; Executive MSHA Program Director, School of Health Professions, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Renee Hickson, MD,
Physician, City of New Orleans Health Department

Justin Pope
Chief Executive Officer, Progressive Health Helena; Chair, O'Neal Community Advisory Board

3:45 pm Panel Session 2: *How could we redesign and operationalize research structures and funding priorities to measurably and meaningfully improve the health of Americans?*

Pearl McElfish, PhD, MBA (moderator)
Professor of Internal Medicine; Director, Office of Community Health and Research, UAMS Northwest Regional Campus; Founding Director, Institute for Community Health Innovation; University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

Rubin Pillay, PhD
Medical Futurist and Professor of Healthcare Innovation & Entrepreneurship, Assistant Dean for Global Health Innovation, Heersink School of Medicine, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Kris Khalil, MBA
Executive Director, New Orleans BioInnovation Center (NOBIC), Managing Director, BioFund

Christine LeBoeuf, DNP, CCRC, CHRC
Sr. Director Research and Grants, Office of Research and Grant Administration, Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady Health System

Dorothy K. Young, PhD, MHSA,
Chief Health Data, Operations & Research Officer, Mississippi Department of Health

4:55 pm Panel Session 3: *How do we build and connect the relevant researcher workforce for current and future needs?*

Nicole Wright, PhD, MPH
Associate Professor of Epidemiology; Ctr. for Health Outcomes, Implementation & Community Engaged Science (CHOICES) Director of Education, Tulane University

Leanne Redman, PhD
LPFA Endowed Fellowship Professor and Associate Executive Director of Scientific Education, Pennington Biomedical Research Center

Kathy Nugent, PhD
Sr. Associate Vice President, Chief Biotechnology & Innovation Officer, Director, Heersink Institute for Innovation & Entrepreneurship; University of Alabama at Birmingham

Rob Pearson
Interim President, Alabama School of Healthcare Sciences Foundation

Catherine Gray Haywood
Executive Director, Louisiana Community Health Outreach Network

5:25 pm Conference Day 1 Closing



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TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2025

TIME	SESSION
7:15 am	Networking Breakfast
8:00 am	Welcome Back
	<p>Jennifer Croker, PhD Associate Professor of Medicine, Sr. Administrative Director, Center for Clinical & Translational Science, University of Alabama at Birmingham</p> <p>Timiya Nolan, PhD Associate Professor of Medicine, Director, Community Outreach & Engagement, O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of Alabama at Birmingham</p>
8:05 am	World Café 1: Research Process Perspectives / Considerations / Proposed Solutions
	Nicholas Duesbery, PhD Assistant Vice President of Research, Ochsner Health, New Orleans, LA
8:55 am	World Café 2: Health Provider Perspectives / Considerations / Proposed Solutions
	Kelly Resco-Summers, DNP, MS, MADM, RN Assistant Professor of Nursing Family, Community & Health Systems, School of Nursing, University of Alabama at Birmingham
9:45 am	World Café 3: Community Perspectives / Considerations / Proposed Solutions
	Verlon Salley Vice President of Community Health, UAB Health System
10:35 am	Break / Networking
11:00 am	Keynote Presentation
	Michael Mugavero, MD Professor of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases; Director, Center for Outcomes Effectiveness Research and Education (COERE) Co-Director, Center For AIDS Research; Associate Director, Center for Clinical and Translational Science; Associate Dean for Clinical and Translational Research, Heersink School of Medicine University of Alabama at Birmingham
11:40 am	Top 10 Meeting Moments and Where do we go from here?
	<p>Jennifer Croker, PhD Associate Professor of Medicine, Sr. Administrative Director, Center for Clinical & Translational Science, University of Alabama at Birmingham</p> <p>Timiya Nolan, PhD Associate Professor of Medicine, Director, Community Outreach & Engagement, O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center, University of Alabama at Birmingham</p>
12:00 pm	Conference Day 2 Closing

Join the Action

Check out our preparation guide to think about topics ahead of time and be ready to contribute.



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Questions?

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