

Breaking the Boundaries:

Reimagining
Research and Clinical
Practice for a
Healthier Tomorrow

June 9-10, 2025

New Orleans, LA



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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



**STRENGTHENING
PATHWAYS**

a national conversation about health research

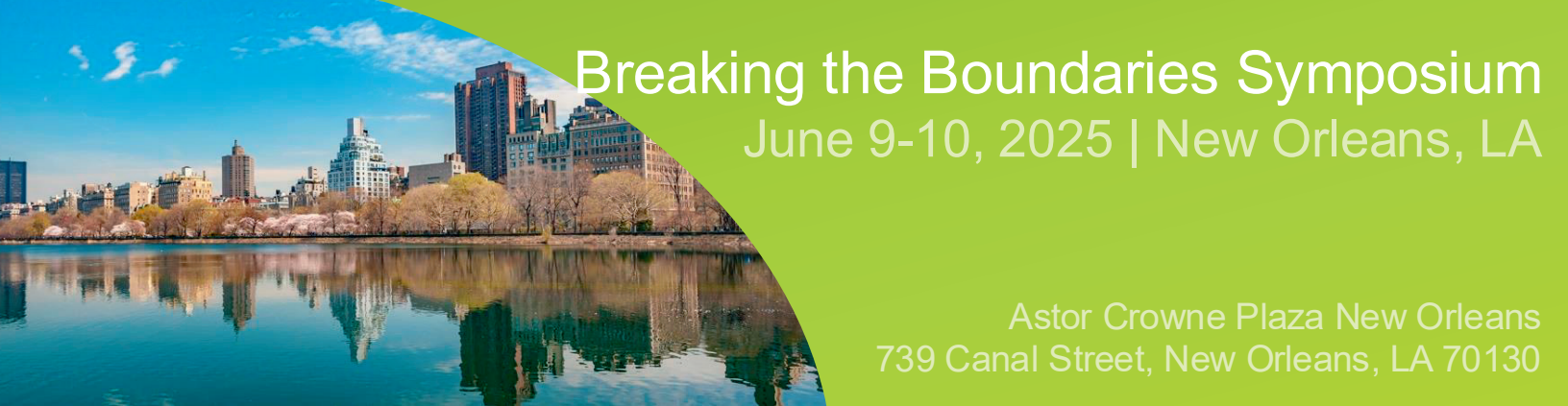


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Astor Crowne Plaza New Orleans
739 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA 70130

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 S. Nolan, PhD, APRN-CNP, ANP-BC

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

12:35 pm **Keynote Presentation**

Brian M. Rivers, PhD, MPH

Professor of Community Health & Preventive Medicine, Director, Cancer Health Equity Institute, 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)

Director, HSOM Health Across the Life-course (HeAL) Strategic Research Area, Heersink School of Medicine Deans Office, University of Alabama at Birmingham

3:30 pm **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 of Louisiana

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

4:20 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, College of Medicine; 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 Young PhD, MHSA, CMPA

Assistant Senior Deputy
Mississippi State 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 (moderator)

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

Leanne Redman, PhD

Professor | LPFA Endowed Chair in Nutrition
Associate Executive Director for Scientific Education
Pennington Biomedical Research Center

Kathy Nugent, PhD

Senior Associate Vice President, Chief Biotechnology & Innovation Officer

Rob Pearson

Vice President, Strategic Partnerships, 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
8:05 am	World Café 1: Research Process Perspectives / Considerations / Proposed Solutions
8:55 am	World Café 2: Health Provider Perspectives / Considerations / Proposed Solutions
9:45 am	World Café 3: Community Perspectives / Considerations / Proposed Solutions
10:35 am	Break / Networking
11:00 am	Keynote Presentation
11:40 am	Top 10 Meeting Moments and Where do we go from here?
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.



Stay Close to the Conversation

Stay attuned to progress and learn more about ways to stay involved with the Strengthening Pathways initiative: <https://www.dorisduke.org/StrengtheningPathways/>

Questions?

Do not hesitate to contact us: ccts@uab.edu | (205) 934-0245

Event Location:

Crowne Plaza New Orleans French Quarter – Astor

739 Canal St. @ Bourbon
New Orleans, Louisiana 70130
Phone: 1-504-962-0500

Parking Information:

The event hotel offers controlled access to parking for guests. Valet parking is \$49/day and includes in/out privileges. Various public lot options are also available in the area.



Be sure to catch the *NextGen: Trainee Lightning Talks* on Monday at 2:30pm. Presenters include:

From Alabama:

Mary Aboraa Aboagye, UAB Graduate Student
Chloe Roth, Rebecca Vales, UAB Undergraduates

From Mississippi:

Dr. Breanna Wade, UMMC Postgrad

From Louisiana:

Dr. Harriet Hammond, Tulane Postgrad
Dr. Kaja Falkenhain, PBRC Postgrad
Dr. Adam Lowe, PBRC Postgrad

Thank you for attending! At the conclusion of the Symposium, tell us what you think!. Chime in with an idea you didn't have the chance to express. Stay connected to next steps. Scan the QR code to begin the short evaluation.



Your registration includes a box lunch on Monday and breakfast on Tuesday. Looking for some more dining options?

Continue the conversation tonight over food and drink! Some of our favorites:

- Blue Bayou Restaurant and Oyster Bar
- Dickie Brennans Steakhouse
- Acme Oyster House
- Mr. B's Bistro
- Felix's Restaurant & Oyster Bar

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