**Announcements**

“**All About Grants**” Podcast – Invention Reporting and Patent Protections for Grantees
In this next installment of the NIH’s All About Grants podcast series, we get into the nuts and bolts of what NIH grantees should know about intellectual property, invention reporting, and patent protections. Scott Cooper, J.D., an Assistant Extramural Inventions Policy Officer with the NIH Office of Extramural Research, joins us virtually to discuss these topics (including invention disclosures) in more detail. [Learn more](#)

New Vertebrate Animals Section Training Module
This interactive module will assist applicants and offerors in preparing this section of the application and will serve as a valuable resource for reviewers in evaluating the Vertebrate Animal Section of applications and proposals. [Learn more](#)

Dr. Richard Allen Williams Scholarship for Medical Students
**Deadline: Friday, August 28**
The Association of Black Cardiologists, Inc. (ABC) is pleased to announce the Dr. Richard Allen Williams Scholarship for African American and other minority 1st or 2nd year medical students who show promise in medical research, cardiology and academic medicine. This scholarship honors Richard Allen Williams, MD, FACC, FAHA, founder of the Association of Black Cardiologists and was created to promote diversity in medicine, encourage commitment to eliminating health care disparities, and support future cardiologists, while helping to alleviate medical student debt. [Learn more](#)

Georgia Department of Public Health Daily Status Report
Here you will find information on COVID-19 in the State of Georgia including, confirmed cases, ICU admissions, hospitalizations, and deaths. Charts present the number of newly confirmed COVID-19 cases over time and are meant to aid understanding whether the outbreak is growing, leveling off, or declining to help guide COVID-19 response. [Check it out](#)
Highlighted Resource

Woodruff Health Sciences Library Informationists
WHS Informationists provide a wealth of services for busy researchers including: literature reviews for your next manuscript/grant/systematic review, guidance regarding PubMed searches to easily identify manuscripts you've authored and ensure an accurate H-Index, and 1:1 training for Endnote reference manager software. Click the Ask a Librarian button on the website to get started.

Anti-Racism Action Series

On Monday, July 13, 2020 the DOM hosted a Town Hall for research faculty, staff, and trainees to discuss the impact of the many recent instances of racism and violence against people of color. As an outcome, this NEW series was created to share and encourage the Emory Research community to take part in weekly anti-racism action steps.

Join with Other Academics and Form Accountability Groups

The Accountability Group structure is a wonderful model to follow for those seeking committed and supported learning opportunities. Forming such groups with academic colleagues enables reflection, discussion, and action within our academic environments.

For more resources and information, please visit [DOM DEI/RYSE](#).
After graduating with a BS in chemistry at Emory in 2002, Christopher joined the Division of Renal Medicine as a research specialist, where he spent 10 years studying the effects of type-2 diabetes in the kidneys. During that time, he obtained an MBA in business analysis from Georgia State, and eventually transferred to the Medicine RAS during its initiation in 2013 as a research accountant. Chris has since worked his way up the ladder on the post-award side to his current position, supporting a wide variety of sponsored research for faculty in many of the divisions in the Department of Medicine.

Remember to notify the team of any upcoming applications at least 30 days in advance.

Funding & Award Opportunities
A searchable External Funding Opportunities Database has been compiled from FOAs in the weekly What's Up in DOM Research newsletter. Emory credentials required to view.

**Competitive Grant Program: Improving Disparities in Rheumatoid Arthritis Health Care in Post COVID-19 Era in Memory of Cinzia Curiale**

**Deadline: Tuesday, September 15**

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to maintain an uninterrupted care for rheumatoid arthritis (RA) patients, specifically as it relates to the care and treatment of patients that are underserved. Learn more

**Basic and Translational Research on Affective, Motivational, and Social Function in Normative Aging and/or Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias (AD/ADRD)**

**Deadline: Monday, October 5**

The purpose of this FOA is to support research to further clarify the changes in and trajectories of these processes in adults who are aging normally and/or in individuals with mild cognitive impairment (MCI), Alzheimer’s disease (AD), and AD-related dementias (ADRD). Learn more

**Stony Wold – Herbert Fund’s Research Grants**

**Deadline: Friday, October 13**

The purpose of this FOA is to support grants-in-aid for research, both clinical and basic, in the field of tuberculosis and allied chest diseases. Learn more

**Grants for Early Medical/Surgical Specialists' Transition to Aging Research (GEMSSTAR) (R03 Clinical Trial Optional)**

**Deadlines: Tuesday, October 13 (LOI); Friday, November 13 (Full application)**

The goal of the GEMSSTAR program is to provide support for early-career physician-scientists trained in medical or surgical specialties or early-career dentist-scientists to launch careers as future leaders in aging- or geriatric-focused research. Learn more

**Using Human Cell Animal Chimera Brains to Study HIV Latency and Pathology R01 – Clinical Trials Not Allowed**

**Deadline: Tuesday, October 13 (LOI); Friday, November 13 (Full application)**

The purpose of this FOA is to invite applications for pre-clinical and translational research using human cell-mice chimera animals to study HIV pathology in functional live brain environments, with the presence of abused substances. Learn more

**NIH StrokeNet Clinical Trials and Biomarker Studies for Stroke Treatment, Recovery, and Prevention (UG3/UH3 Clinical Trials Optional)**

**Deadlines: Wednesday, October 14, Wednesday, November 18, etc.**

The purpose of this FOA is to facilitate the cooperation and partnering of public and private funding organizations, universities, academic medical centers, research institutes, contract research organizations, biotechnology companies, and pharmaceutical companies in the advancement of interventions for stroke prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation. Learn more
Emergency Awards: Exosome-based Non-traditional Technologies Towards Multi-Parametric and Integrated Approaches for SARS-CoV-2 (U18 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)

Deadline: Tuesday, August 18 (LOI); Friday, September 18 (Full application)

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) is to use developed technologies for single vesicle or exosome isolation and analysis and reposition these technologies for the detection of SARS-CoV-2. Learn more

Urgent Phase I/II Clinical Trials to Repurpose Existing Therapeutic Agents to Treat COVID-19 Sequelae (U01 Clinical Trial Required)

Deadline: Rolling

The purpose of this urgent funding opportunity announcement is to invite applications to repurpose existing therapeutic agents to treat Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) sequelae and associated complications that result from Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) infections. Learn more

Congratulatory Corner

Timothy Read (Infectious Diseases) received a subcontract from the University of California San Francisco for a project entitled, “Natural history of C. trachomatis urogenital and rectal infections.”
Vince Marconi (MPI with Yan Sun in RSPH) (Infectious Diseases) received an R01 from NIDDK for a project entitled, “Multi-omic predictors of renal function among HIV-infected individuals of African ancestry."

Nadine Rouphael (Infectious Diseases) received an IPA from CDC for a project entitled, “Advising design of research studies to evaluate the human immune response to pertussis infection and vaccination.”

Sam Lim (Rheumatology) received funding from Bristol-Myers Squibb Company for a project entitled, “A phase 2, randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled evaluation of the safety and efficacy of BMS-986165 with background treatment in subjects with lupus nephritis.”

Have you or a colleague recently received an award or grant funding?

Recent Notable Publications

Michael Koval (Pulmonary)

Minh Ly Nguyen (Infectious Diseases)

Arpita Basu (Nephrology)

Jesse J Waggoner (Infectious Diseases)

David Weiss (Infectious Diseases)
Ratner HK, Weiss DS. Franciscella novicida CRISPR-Cas systems can functionally complement each other in DNA defense while providing target flexibility. J Bacteriol. 2020;202(12):e00670-19. Published 2020 May 27. Read more
Pediatric EducAtion Research Series (PEARS)
Friday, August 14 | noon – 1 p.m.
Topic: “Conducting device studies vs drug studies”
Presenters: Amanda Graham and Melissa Burnett
The Pediatric EducAtion Research Series (PEARS) was created specifically for coordinators and research nurses working in Pediatrics Emory and Children’s. Formats for sessions will vary and include panels, single speaker, followed by discussion or questions and answer. Register

14th Annual Women and Heart Disease Virtual Conference
Saturday, August 15 | 8 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.
Using clinical based cases, attendees will understand the association between nonalcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD) and cardiovascular disease (CVD), the clinical presentation of CVD in HIV patients, sex-based differences in valve replacement, and the importance of diversity, equity, and inclusion for women in cardiology. Flyer Register

Emory Department of Hospital Medicine Inaugural Research Day
Friday, August 21 | 6 – 8 p.m.
Please join us for the Emory Division of Hospital Medicine’s Inaugural Research Day showcasing clinical research, quality improvement, and medical education research conducted by our Division faculty. Register

Lunch with a Leader Series
Want an opportunity to have an informal lunch via Zoom with one of our DOM Vice Chairs? These small group will provide a unique forum to connect with colleagues from across divisions and with departmental leadership. Spots are limited, so registration is required and closes a week prior. Learn more
Nathan Spell III, MD – Vice Chair, Quality and Clinical Effectiveness
Monday, August 24 | noon – 1 p.m. Register
Jada Bussey-Jones, MD – Vice Chair, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
Monday, September 21 | noon – 1 p.m. Register

BlueSky Group: Adolescent Sexual Health
Thursday, August 27 | noon – 1:30 p.m. via Zoom
Blue Sky Groups are unstructured meetings that provide a unique opportunity for attendees to
drive the agenda as well as utilize the session as a catalyst for future collaborations and research opportunities.
Discussion topics may include, but not limited to:
• What are the burning issues regarding Adolescent Sexual Health?
• What are some ideas for cross-institutional collaborative research projects in this space?

[Flyer | Register]

**Speed Networking on COVID-19**
*Wednesday, September 23 | 4 – 5:30 p.m.*
Join faculty from across the Georgia CTSA for an energetic and dynamic virtual networking session! Emory School of Medicine Dean Vikas Sukhatme will emcee this event as attendees present their research in 3 minutes or less with the goal of seeking new collaborators.
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**Researcher Spotlight**

![Jeffrey Collins](image)

*Jeffrey Collins*

*Assistant Professor – Infectious Diseases*

**What is your professional background?**
I am a physician-scientist focused on translational tuberculosis (TB) research. I completed my medical education at Case Western Reserve University and my internal medicine training at the University of Colorado. I came to Emory to complete my fellowship in infectious diseases, and I have been here ever since. I am a graduate of the Emory T-32 Vaccinology Training Program and my research is currently supported by an NIH K23 Career Development Award.

**In what division do you work, and who is your mentor?**
I am an assistant professor in the Division of Infectious Diseases. My primary research mentor is Henry Blumberg, who is also in the Division of Infectious Diseases.

**Briefly describe your research. Why is it important?**
Despite being the leading cause of infectious disease-related mortality worldwide, TB remains
challenging to diagnose. This is particularly true in resource-limited areas, which bear a disproportionate burden of TB and often lack the laboratory infrastructure needed to diagnose TB quickly and accurately. My research focuses on using systems biology approaches to discover new TB biomarkers that are detectable in blood or urine samples. The goal of this research is to create molecular targets for point of care diagnostic tests to better diagnose TB and monitor response to treatment at the primary care level in resource-limited settings.

**What do you like most about Emory?**
My favorite thing about Emory is the incredibly collegial atmosphere in both the Division of Infectious Diseases and the Department of Medicine. The tremendous support and mentorship available to junior investigators at Emory is quite unique.

**What is your favorite movie or TV show?**
'Seinfeld.' Who wants to watch a TV show that’s actually about something?

**What do you like to do in your spare time?**
My favorite things to do outside of work are to run and spend time with my family.

**What is a fun fact about you?**
I was a Spanish major in college. Sometimes I still wonder how I ended up as a scientist, but I’m glad it worked out!

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