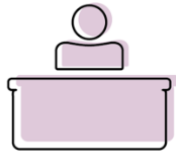


## FROM THE DESKS OF THE CCTST DIRECTORS – APRIL 2024



Dear CCTST community,

Many members of our CCTST community recently attended the [Translational Science 2024 meeting](#) in beautiful Las Vegas! Teams from Clinical and Translational Science Awards from across the U.S. were represented. The meeting brings together trainees, faculty and staff at all levels to teach and learn about clinical and translational science, with a focus on innovating to increase equity across clinical research and translational science. We are very proud that our own **Dr. Jareen Meinzen-Derr** was Co-Chair of the meeting. **Dr. Meinzen-Derr** also received the prestigious [Team Science Award](#) from the Association for Clinical and Translational Science.



Jareen Meinzen-Derr, PhD  
receiving ACTS Team Science  
Award



Jessica Kahn, MD & K Scholar  
Alex Corley, MD

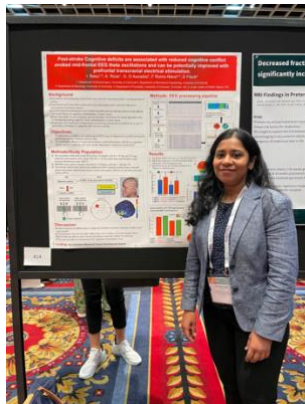


Meg Zeller, PhD with K Scholars:  
Alex Corley, MD, Meera Kotagal,  
MD & Ishita Basu, PhD



Meg Zeller, PhD & Alex Corley, MD

**A remarkable 11 CCTST members were first authors on posters** presented on cutting-edge topics at the meeting, including **Drs. Ishita Basu, Jason Blackard, Lori Crosby, Jackie Knapke, Jack Kues, Angela Mendell, and Jeff Strawn, and Ms. Stacey Gomes, Holly Flake and Erin Kingsley**. Many others served as co-authors on posters. Please see photos below.



Ishita Basu, PhD



Jackie Knapke, PhD



Jason Blackard, PhD



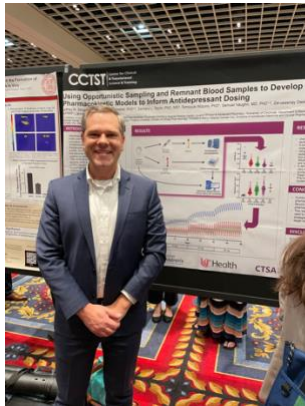
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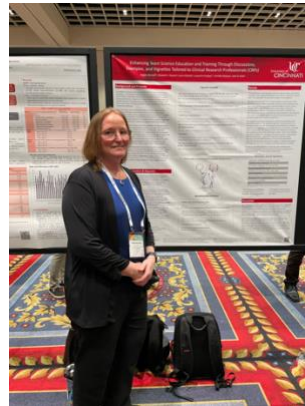
Lori Crosby, PsyD



Jeff Strawn, MD



Jack Kues, PhD



Angela Mendell

**CCTST members also presented in workshops and panel discussions. Drs. Jessica Kahn, Lori Crosby, and Meinzen-Derr** presented a workshop titled, "Strategies for successfully implementing a faculty diversity, equity, and inclusion plan using CQI principles" and **Dr. Meinzen-Derr** presented on, "The Art of Equity in Recommendation Letters," "Translational Science and Strengthening Partnerships," and "Inclusion with Equity: Safeguarding Safe Spaces." **Drs. Crosby and Meinzen-Derr** presented on, "Improving Data Equity Throughout the Research Process." **Angela Mendell** presented on, "Fostering Transformative Growth in the Clinical Research Workforce through the SIG BrainTrust."



Alex Corley, MD



Alex Corley, MD receiving the Early Career Scholar award at the Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) Competition



Ishita Basu, PhD presenting at the Three Minute Thesis (3MT®) Competition



Alex Corley, MD & Lori Crosby, PsyD

We are also extremely proud of our **K Scholars Drs. Ishita Basu and Alex Corley**, who participated and advanced in the [Three Minute Thesis \(3MT®\) Competition](#). Both Scholars made it to the semi-final round, with Dr. Corley advancing on to the final competition and [winning the Early Career Scholar competition award!](#)

Next year the Translational Science meeting will be held in Washington, DC from April 15-17, and we hope to see many of you there!

Just a reminder that **the CCTST has an institutional ACTS membership**, so our faculty and staff have access to and full use of ACTS members benefits, including discounted registration to the Translational Science meeting, the ability to participate in [Special Interest Groups](#) and [Committees](#) and a subscription to the [Journal of Clinical and Translational Science](#).

### **Reminders:**

Applications for our **Pilot Translational Research and Innovative Core Program** **open April 17th and are due May 13th**. For RFA and program details, [click here](#).

**CCTST Collaboration & Team Science is hosting a workshop on May 16, 2024 from 2:00-3:00 pm via Zoom titled, "Team Diversity"**. The workshop is presented by Rebecca Lee, PhD, RN, associate professor, UC College of Nursing, and Jason Blackard, PhD, professor, UC College of Medicine, and will discuss the concepts of diversity, equity, inclusivity, belonging, culture, cultural competence, awareness, sensitivity, and humility. The workshop will also identify how cultural humility can guide interactions with diverse team members, and will introduce the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI). Please [click here](#) to register.

Please reach out to us if we can be of any assistance to you.

All our best,

Jessica, Jareen, Jeff, and Achala