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School of Public Health

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NEWS and Events

- **Research Interest Group** (Previous Funding Opportunities) will be posted on the [ROPH website](#) weekly. Members who sign up for one or more Interest Groups will also receive monthly email updates with newly announced funding opportunities. If you haven't signed up for the Research Interest Group yet, or if you would like to join additional groups, please contact RoPH at phresearch@lsuhsc.edu
- 🎉 Congratulations to **Dr. Bingjing Mao** on being selected for the **Up and Coming Award** from the Society of Behavioral Medicine's Optimization of Behavioral and Biobehavioral Interventions (OBBI) Interest Group --- an honor recognizing rising scholars in optimization research. Well-deserved!
- **ERA Enhancements: Changes to Prior Approval, Just-in-Time, and RPPR to be Released Monday, January 26, to Align with New Common Forms Requirements.** Please click [HERE](#) for more details.
 - **Overall Changes for Participants:**
 - All people listed as Senior/Key Personnel or New Other Significant Contributors **must** have a CommonsID and that CommonsID **must** be linked to the ORCID iD they use in [SciENCv](#)
 - All Biographical Sketch and CPOS Common Form documents **must** be created in [SciENCv](#) and certified by the owner of the information

- When required, all Biographical Sketch and CPOS Common Form documents **must** be uploaded in the PDF format generated by SciENcv.
 - The file name of the PDF may be updated once certified and downloaded from SciENcv. No other alterations may be made to the PDF. Do not [flatten the PDF](#) once certified and downloaded from SciENcv

- **IMPORTANT!** For NIH grant applications ~~due dates on or after January 25, 2026, (NOT-OD-26-033)~~ Instead of requiring all users to change to the use of Common Forms for [Biographical Sketch](#), [Current and Pending \(Other\) Support](#), and [NIH Biographical Sketch Supplement](#) forms by January 25, 2026, we will **extend the leniency period through May 2026**.

- **NEW!** For investigators planning to submit an NIH grant application or RPPR on or after January 25, 2026, the ORS will require submission of a [Notice of Intent to Submit an NIH Grant Application Form](#). This form must be submitted **at least 20 days prior to the submission deadline** via email to: aclesi@lsuhsc.edu and jraym2@lsuhsc.edu.

- RoPH hosted an NIH Biosketch training session on Friday, January 23 via Zoom. If you were unable to attend, please feel free to check out the [recording](#) with passcode: wkT%yR9Q.

- **SPH DELTA OMEGA HONORS DAY POSTER SESSION** | You are invited and encouraged to present a poster on **Tuesday, April 7, from 11:30 AM -1:30 PM**, at LEC 1st floor (BSPH students are invited to participate in virtual option).
 - Abstract Submission **Deadline: March 9, 2026, 5:00 PM**
 - You must follow one of the abstract templates. [template 1](#), [template 2](#)
 - As a student, you must work with and list as co-author at least one faculty/staff or other public health professional mentor as a co-author.
 - The work of the top 2 winners will be submitted to the national Delta Omega (national public health honor society) Session.

- Winners of the national selection process attend the national Poster Session and Reception during fall 2026 APHA meeting.
 - **Email your abstract** or any questions to mcucci@lsuhsc.edu
- LSU LCMC Health Cancer Center is now accepting Letters of Intent (LOIs) for the **Cancer Center's Innovative and Catalytic Cancer Research (ICCR)** Program. Pilot awards support short-term, cancer-relevant projects across the research spectrum – basic, translational, clinical, and population science – with strong potential to lead to external funding, high-impact publications, and new collaborations.
 - Open to all Full LSU LCMC Health Cancer Center Members
 - Associate Members and Trainees may participate as co-PIs with a Full Member
 - Key Dates (subject to change)
 - Applications open: **March 9**
 - Full proposals due: **April 24**
 - Award notifications: **Early June**
 - Project start date: **July 1**
 - LOIs must be submitted through [InfoReady. Application Guide.](#)
- The Simulation Expo Planning Committee of the **Simulation Training and Education Committee Louisiana (SMTEC-LA)** is pleased to invite you to submit an abstract for podium or poster presentation at the **2026 Simulation Expo**.
 - Abstracts may be submitted in one of the following categories:
 - **Simulation Research:** Dissertations, theses, clinical or educational research studies, evidence-based practice projects, quality improvement initiatives, or case studies.
 - **Scholarly Project/Creative Work:** Projects not classified as research, including simulation teaching innovations, literature reviews, or other examples of best practices in simulation.
 - **Interprofessional/Team Simulation Research:** Work exploring how simulation enhances collaboration, communication, and shared decision-making among healthcare professionals. Topics may include team performance, interprofessional education (IPE),

teamwork assessment tools, or innovative strategies that improve coordinated patient care.

- Submit abstracts here: [SMTEC-LA Simulation EXPO 2026 - Call for Abstracts](#).
- Submission Deadline: **March 1, 2026, by 5:00 PM**
- Word Limit: Abstracts must not exceed **300 words**
- Notification of Acceptance: **March 9, 2026**
- Eligibility: Submissions from all health professions disciplines are welcome and strongly encouraged
- Review Process: All abstracts will undergo review by the 2026 Simulation Expo Committee
- If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Aimme McCauley: amcca7@lsuhsc.edu



- **Coffee for Collaboration Series** | Please reserve time to join upcoming Coffee for Collaboration sessions, hosted by various research interest groups:
 - **Feb 27, 2026, 9-10 AM: Tech & AI**
 - **March 13, 2026, 9-10 AM: Cancer Research**
 - **March 27, 2026, 9-10 AM: New & Early-Stage Investigator**
 - **April 24, 2026, 9-10 AM: Infectious Diseases and other Chronic Diseases**
 - **August 28, 2026, 9-10 AM: Addiction**
- The LSUHSC SPH Research Office has many resources to support authors with their writing, please visit the [Resources website](#) for more information.
- READ (Research, Evaluation, Analysis, and Design) Center at the LSU School of Public Health (SPH) brings together all SPH faculty, staff, and students to offer comprehensive services supporting research and community health initiatives in Population Health. For more details, please visit our [website](#).

Workshops, Webinars, and Short Courses:

- **Advancing Cancer Prevention with Real-World Data** | The CARES Center and UAB SDH Core are launching a new seminar series to explore how socioecological and systemic factors shape cancer outcomes. [Details](#).
 - **Thursday, February 26, 12-1 PM** - Synthetic Data: Capabilities, Limits, and Why it Matters for Cancer Research in Real-World Data. [Register](#).
 - **Wednesday, March 18, 12-1 PM** - Uncovering Liver Cancer Disparities through Area-Level Mapping of Hunger and Hardship. [Register](#).
 - **Thursday, April 16, 11AM – 12 PM** - Linking Colorado All-Payer Claims (CO APCD), Primary Care, & Cancer Registry Data to Advance Prevention & Health Care. [Register](#).
 - **Thursday, May 15, 12-1 PM** - From Census to Clinic: Integrating Structural Data into Real-World Health Research. [Register](#).

- **Neighbors Leading Change: Forge AHEAD Community Micro-Grant Showcase** | The Forge AHEAD Center will host a virtual panel highlighting community-driven health projects across Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana supported through its 2025 Community Microgrant Program, funded in partnership with the CCTS. Community leaders will share real-world efforts in bilingual hypertension self-management, Food Is Medicine initiatives, survivorship support, maternal and postpartum services, and resident-led food access projects. **March 4, 1-2 PM**. [Details](#). [Register](#).

- **Region IV Public Health Training Center | 3-hour online workshops** in February and March, designed to enhance your communication, conflict management, community engagement, and grant-writing skills! **Register now to secure your spot!**
 - **February 24, 7:45-11 AM** - [Understanding Self as an Emotionally Intelligent Leader](#)
 - **February 26, 7:45-11 AM** - [Strengths-based Leadership: Creating Workplaces that Work](#)
 - **March 5, 7:50-11 AM** - [Building Your Community Engagement Infrastructure Plan for Improved Health Outcomes](#)

- **March 12, 7:45-11 AM** – [Writing a Winning Grant Proposal: How to Ensure the Proposal is Clear and Compelling](#)

- **Starting Strong: Building a Foundation for Useful Evaluation** | Join the Region IV Public Health Training Center for an accessible, beginner-friendly introduction to evaluation frameworks and tools on **March 3, 2026, from 11:00 AM -12:30 PM**. [Details](#). [Register](#).

- **Audience-Centered Public Health: Foundations for Effective Engagement and Accessibility** | Take a deep dive into two core pillars of an audience-centered approach and explore how to center your work on the people you're trying to reach on **March 10, 2026, from 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM**. [Details](#). [Register](#).

- **Level Up your Digital Scholarship Skills** | Join a six-part virtual workshop series led by expert librarians to learn how digital tools and methods can enhance your research and scholarly projects. Registration is required for each session. [Details](#).
 - Introduction to Tableau – **February 25, 1 PM**
 - Spring Cleaning Data with OpenRefine – **March 4, 11 AM**
 - Introduction to Text Analysis – **March 18, 11 AM**
 - **Building Interactive Timelines with TimelineJS – March 25, 11 AM**

- **2026 COERE Methods Symposium** | Updates in Causal Inference Methods | The overarching goal of the Methods Symposium is to provide a general overview and framework for recent developments and novel directions in a health services research methodological area. [Details](#). [Register](#).
 - Date: **Thursday, April 16, 2026, 9AM-1:30 PM**
 - The COERE offers the Symposium in hybrid format.

- The 17th Annual Boshell Research Program | Research Day at Auburn Marriott Opelika Resort & Spa at Grand National | is set for **April 17, 2026**, will bring experts to present current topics related to diabetes and the role of obesity in its development. [Details](#). [Register](#).
 - Deadline for abstract submission: **March 27, 2026**

- Abstracts should be a maximum of 500 words (Arial 12 pt font)
 - Send abstracts submission via email to juddrob@auburn.edu (Dr. Robert Judd) as a MS Word file.
- **ACTS 2026 Translational Science (TS26) | Building Trustworthy Translation: Rigor, Reproducibility, and Real-World Impact |** taking place **April 20-23** in Milwaukee, WI. [Details](#). [Register](#).
 - **11th Annual CCTS Bioethics Forum | Beyond the Science: Co-Creating Fundable Research with Communities for Lasting Impact |** Hosted by Tuskegee University on Thursday, **February 26, 2026, from 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM**. [Details](#).
 - Location: Elevation Convening Center & Hotel | Montgomery, AL
 - This year's Bioethics Forum is free, but [registration](#) is required
 - **Rare Disease Day at NIH |** The National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS) will host *Rare Disease Day at NIH* on **Friday, Feb. 27, from 8am-4pm (CT)**. This free event brings together researchers, clinicians, patients, caregivers, and advocates for panel discussions, scientific posters, exhibits, and patient stories highlighting advances in rare disease research and care. Attend in person at the NIH Natcher Conference Center or virtually via live stream. [Details](#). [Register](#).
 - **New TIERS+ Series! The Health Impact of the Exposome: Socio-environmental Factors |** Join us to learn how to build skills for incorporating variables like socio-environmental factors into population health research. Four didactic modules occur monthly on the 4th Wednesday of the month from 12-1 PM. [Details](#). [Register](#).
 - **February 25, 2026, 12-1 PM:** "Individual-level Socio-environmental Measures and Resources"
 - **March 25, 2026, 12-1 PM:** "Area-level Socio-environmental Measures and Resources"
 - **April 22, 2026, 12-1 PM:** "Integrating Socio-environmental measures and patient data"
 - **2026 Southeast Regional CTSA Conference! |** Present your research and connect with regional investigators at Callaway Resort &

Gardens, **March 11-13, 2026**, host by the Georgia CTSA with participation from the CCTS and other regional partners. [Learn More.](#)

- **St. Jude/PIDS Pediatric Infectious Diseases Research Conference** features leaders in the field of Infectious Diseases and features Pediatric ID Research, Transplant/Immunocompromised Hosts, Infectious Diseases, Career Development and Global Health. [Details.](#) [Register.](#)
 - Date: **March 4-6, 2026**
 - In-person and virtual registration options are available
 - Trainee career session on March 3 - in person only
 - Abstracts must be submitted by 11:00 PM CT on Sunday, November 16.
 - Accepted abstracts will be notified December 1-8.

 - **OHRP free online human subjects research training program** in 5 lessons with completion certificates for NIH-funded human subjects research, investigators, and key personnel. [Link.](#) [Expiration date: 11/30/2026.](#)
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