

**14th National Symposium on Prostate Cancer
and
Dr. Sidney A. McNairy Jr. Student Symposium**

Clark Atlanta University

September 14-16, 2025

Sunday, September 14th, 2025

Opening Reception: 6:00 – 8:00 pm

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**Hotel: Hyatt Regency Atlanta Downtown
Hotel Address: 265 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, GA. 30303**

Monday, September 15th, 2025

Thomas W. Cole, Jr. Center for Science and Technology

7:45 – 8:00 am

Gather and depart from Hotel Lobby for transport to CAU

8:00 – 8:30 am

**Breakfast
Cole Boardroom**

Opening Ceremony & Keynote Address: 8:30 – 10:00 am

**Chair: Jaideep Chaudhary, PhD
Co-Chair: Shafiq Khan, PhD**

8:30 – 8:40 am

**George T. French, Jr., JD, PhD
President**

8:40 – 8:45 am

**Charlene D. Gilbert, PhD
Provost**

8:45 – 8:55 am

**Sidney A. McNairy, Jr., PhD, DSc, LHD
Former Associate Director, National Center for Research
Resources and Director, Capacity Building Branch, NIGMS,
National Institutes of Health**

8:55 – 9:00 am

**Jaideep Chaudhary, PhD
Director, Center for Cancer Research and Therapeutic
Development**

9:00 – 9:45 am

Keynote Address

William Douglas Figg Sr., Pharm.D., M.B.A.
National Institutes of Health
Presentation Title: High-Throughput Drug Screening to Identify Novel Synergistic Combinations for mCRPC

9:45 – 9:50 am **Q&A**

9:50 – 10:00 am **Coffee Break**
Cole Boardroom

<p>Monday Morning Session: 10:00 am – 12:05 pm Castration Resistant and Neuroendocrine Prostate Cancer</p>
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Chair: Bekir Cinar, PhD
Co-Chair: Crystal Byrd

10:00 – 10:20 am **Adam Sowalsky, PhD**
National Institutes of Health
Presentation Title: Intrinsic mediators of persistent AR-positive prostate tumors

10:20 – 10:25 am **Q&A**

10:25 – 10:45 am **Amina Zoubeydi, PhD**
University of British Columbia
Presentation Title: Lineage Plasticity in Prostate Cancer: From Molecular Insights to Clinical Strategies

10:45 – 10:50 pm **Q&A**

<p>New and Emerging Prostate Cancer Therapeutics</p>

10:50 – 11:10 am **Ramesh Narayanan, PhD**
University of Tennessee Health Science Center
Presentation Title: Novel Inhibitors of AR, AR-splice variants, and GR for the Treatment of Refractory Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer

11:10 – 11:15 pm **Q&A**

11:15 – 11:35 am **Daqing Wu, MD**
Clark Atlanta University
Presentation Title

11:35 – 11:40 pm	Q&A
11:40 – 12:00 pm	Ravi Madan, MD National Institutes of Health <i>Presentation Title</i>
12:00 – 12:05 pm	Q&A

Lunch and LWHK Chung Memorial Lecture: 12:05 – 1:30 pm

12:05 - 1:30 pm	Lunch 2nd Floor Exhibition Hall
12:20 – 1:00 pm	Douglas Strand, PhD University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center LWHK Chung Memorial Lecture <i>Presentation Title: A Cellular Anatomy of the Healthy Human Lower Urinary Tract</i>

Monday Afternoon Session I: 1:30 – 3:00 pm Prostate Cancer Metastasis
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Chair: Geou-Yarh (Stancy) Liou, PhD
Co-Chair: Nicholas Cook

1:30 – 1:50 pm	Shafiq Khan, PhD Clark Atlanta University <i>Presentation Title: Targeting Gai2 Protein to Block Migration and Invasion in Prostate Cancer Cells</i>
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1:50 – 1:55 pm	Q&A
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1:55 – 2:15 pm	Jiaoti Huang, PhD Duke university <i>Presentation Title: Discovering novel therapeutic targets for advanced prostate cancer</i>
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2:15 – 2:35 pm	Q&A
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2:35 – 2:55 pm	Bal Lokeshwar, PhD Augusta University <i>Presentation Title: Increased inflammatory milieu is a strong driver for cadmium-induced carcinogenesis in prostate epithelial cells.</i>
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2:55 – 3:00 pm

Q&A

Monday Afternoon Session II: 3:00 – 4:00 pm
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Cancer Genomics

Chair: Nathan Bowen, PhD

Co-Chair: Kofi Khamit-Kush

3:00 – 3:20 pm

Joseph Lachance, PhD

Georgia Institute of Technology

Presentation Title: Heterogeneous genetic architectures of prostate cancer susceptibility in sub-Saharan Africa

3:20 – 3:25 pm

Q&A

3:25 – 3:45 pm

Anna Woloszynska, PhD

Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center

Presentation Title: Identifying Biomarkers and Potential Treatment Targets in Prostate Cancer Health Disparities

3:45 – 3:50 pm

Q&A

3:50 – 4:00 pm

Coffee Break

Cole Boardroom

Poster Session: 4:00 – 6:15 pm

Chair: Professor Elycia Daniel

Co-Chair: Betelihem Beshir

4:00 – 6:00 pm

Poster Session

2nd Floor Hallway

6:00 – 6:15 pm

Career Discussion Activities with Speakers and Students

Cole Boardroom (Interested individuals can remain if they would like to connect with the speakers)

6:15 – 7:30 pm

Dinner

2nd Floor Exhibition Hall

7:30– 7:45 pm

Gather and depart from CAU for Transport to Hotel

Tuesday, September 16th, 2025

Thomas W. Cole, Jr. Center for Science and Technology

7:45 – 8:00 am **Gather and depart from Hotel Lobby for transport to CAU**

8:00 – 8:30 am. **Breakfast**
Cole Boardroom

<p>Tuesday Morning Session I & Keynote Address: 8:30 – 11:55 am Biological and Social Determinants of Health</p>
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Chair: Daqing Wu, PhD
Co-Chair: Kezhan Khazaw

8:30 – 9:15 am **Keynote Address**
Rick Kittles, PhD
Morehouse School of Medicine
Presentation Title

9:15 – 9:20 am **Q&A**

9:20 – 9:40 am **Jong Park, PhD**
Moffitt Cancer Center
Presentation Title: Differentially methylated genes in aggressive prostate cancer in African American and Puerto Rican men

9:40 – 9:45 am **Q&A**

9:45 – 10:05 am **King Jordan, PhD**
Georgia Institute of Technology
Presentation Title

10:05 – 10:55 am **Q&A**

10:55 – 11:15 am **Kathryn Barry, PhD, MPH**
University of Maryland School of Medicine
Presentation Title: Neighborhood disadvantage, prostate tumor RNA expression of stress-related genes, and aggressive prostate cancer

11:15 – 11:20 am **Q&A**

11:20 – 11:40 am **Vanessa Marshall, PhD**
National Institutes of Health
Presentation Title

11:40 – 11:45 am **Q&A**

11:45 – 11:55 am **Coffee Break**
Cole Boardroom

<i>Tuesday Morning/Midday Session II: 11:55 am – 12:30 pm</i>
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Chair: Shivani Chandel, PhD
Co-Chair: *TBD – Grad Student*

11:55 – 12:05 pm **CAU Student Presentation #1 (15 mins)—TBA**

12:05 – 12:10 pm **Q&A for Student Presentation #1**

12:10 – 12:25 pm **CAU Graduate Student Presentation #2 (15 mins)—TBA**

12:25 – 12:30 pm **Q&A for Student Presentation #2**

<i>Closing Ceremony & Student Awards: 12:30 – 1:45 pm</i>
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12:30 – 1:25 pm **Announcement for Poster Winners**
(awards, photos, presentations, etc.)

1:25 – 1:45 pm **Closing Ceremony**

1:45 pm **Boxed Lunch, Networking and Departure**