

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

**Clark Atlanta University**

**September 14-16, 2025**

**Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 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**

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**Monday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Thomas W. Cole, Jr. Center for Science and Technology, Aldridge Auditorium**

**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 A. 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**

**Shafiq A. Khan, PhD**

**Professor and Georgia Research Alliance Eminent Scholar**

**Center for Cancer Research and Therapeutic Developments**

**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**

**Monday Morning Session I: 10:00 am – 12:05 pm**  
**Castration Resistant and Neuroendocrine Prostate Cancer**

**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 Zoubeidi, 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**

**New and Emerging Prostate Cancer Therapeutics**

- 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: Overcoming Prostate Cancer  
Chemoresistance through Ferroptosis-Targeted Drug  
Repurposing*

**11:35 – 11:40 pm**

**Q&A**

**11:40 – 12:00 pm**

**Ravi Madan, MD**

*National Institutes of Health*

*Presentation Title: Charting a New Path for Immunotherapy in  
Prostate Cancer*

**12:00 – 12:05 pm**

**Q&A**

**Lunch and LWHK Chung Memorial Lecture: 12:05 – 2:45 pm**

**12:05 - 2:00 pm**

**Lunch**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Exhibition Hall**

**2:00 – 2:40 pm**

**Douglas Strand, PhD**

*University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center*

*LWHK Chung Memorial Lecture*

*Presentation Title: A Cellular Anatomy of the Healthy Human  
Lower Urinary Tract*

**2:40 – 2:45 pm**

**Q&A**

**Monday Afternoon Session II: 2:45 – 4:00 pm**  
**Prostate Cancer Metastasis**

**Chair: Geou-Yarh (Stancy) Liou, PhD**

**Co-Chair: Nicholas Cook**

**2:45 – 3:05 pm**

**Shafiq A. Khan, PhD**

*Clark Atlanta University*

*Presentation Title: Targeting Gai2 Protein to Block Migration  
and Invasion in Prostate Cancer Cells*

**3:05 – 3:10 pm**

**Q&A**

**3:10 – 3:30 pm**

**Jiaoti Huang, PhD**

*Duke university*

*Presentation Title: Discovering Novel Therapeutic Targets for  
Advanced Prostate Cancer*

**3:30 – 3:35 pm**

**Q&A**

**3:35 – 3:55 pm**

**Bal Lokeshwar, PhD**

*Augusta University*

*Presentation Title: Increased Inflammatory Milieu is a Strong Driver for Cadmium-induced Carcinogenesis in Prostate Epithelial Cells.*

**3:55 – 4:00 pm**

**Q&A**

**Monday Afternoon Session III: 4:00 – 5:00 pm**  
**Cancer Genomics**

**Chair: Nathan Bowen, PhD**

**Co-Chair: Kofi Khamit-Kush**

**4:00 – 4:20 pm**

**Joseph Lachance, PhD**

*Georgia Institute of Technology*

*Presentation Title: Heterogeneous Genetic Architectures of Prostate Cancer Susceptibility in Sub-Saharan Africa*

**4:20 – 4:25 pm**

**Q&A**

**4:25 – 4:45 pm**

**Anna Woloszynska, PhD**

*Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center*

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

**4:45 – 4:50 pm**

**Q&A**

**4:50 – 5:00 pm**

**Coffee Break**

**Cole Boardroom**

**Poster Session: 5:00 – 6:15 pm**

**Chair: Professor Elycia Daniel**

**Co-Chair: Betelihem Beshir**

**5:00 – 6:00 pm**

**Poster Session**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Hallway**

**6:00 – 6:15 pm**

**Networking 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**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Exhibition Hall**

**Prostate Cancer Survivor: Mr. David Moffett**

**Spouse: Mrs. Marjané Moffett**

**Prostate Cancer Survivor: Mr. Tony Williams**

**Spouse: Mrs. CeCe Williams**

**Musician: Mr. Cameron Barnes**

**7:30– 7:45 pm**

**Gather and depart from CAU for Transport to Hotel**

**Tuesday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Thomas W. Cole, Jr. Center for Science and Technology, Aldridge Auditorium**

**7:45 – 8:00 am**

**Gather and depart from Hotel Lobby for transport to CAU**

**8:00 – 8:30 am.**

**Breakfast**

**Cole Boardroom**

**Tuesday Morning Session IV & Keynote Address: 8:30 – 11:10 am  
Biological and Social Determinants of Health**

**Chair: Daqing Wu, PhD**

**Co-Chair: Kezhan Khazaw**

**8:30 – 9:15 am**

**Keynote Address**

**Rick Kittles, PhD**

*Morehouse School of Medicine*

*Presentation Title: Re-imagining Prostate Cancer Disparities in the Era of Precision Medicine*

**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: Epigenetics and Cancer Disparities: When Nature Might be Nurture*
- 10:05 – 10:10 am**                      **Q&A**
- 10:10 – 10:30 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*
- 10:30 – 10:35 am**                      **Q&A**
- 10:35 – 10:55 am**                      **Coffee Break**  
**Cole Boardroom**
- 11:00 – 11:20 am**                      **Vanessa Marshall, PhD**  
*National Institutes of Health*  
*Presentation Title: Engaging Communities in Science to Improve Population Health and Reduce Health Disparities*
- 11:20 – 11:30 am**                      **Q&A**

<b>Tuesday Morning/Midday Session V: 11:10 am – 11:50 am</b>
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**Chair: Shivani Chandel, PhD**

- 11:35 – 11:50 pm**                      **Student Presentation #1 (15 mins)—Mr. Nicholas Cook**
- 11:50 – 11:55 am**                      **Q&A for Student Presentation #1**
- 11:55 – 12:10 am**                      **Student Presentation #2 (15 mins)—Ms. Kezhan Khazaw**
- 12:10 – 12:15 am**                      **Q&A for Student Presentation #2**

<b>Closing Ceremony &amp; Student Awards: 11:50 – 1:05 pm</b>
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- 12:15 – 12:45 pm**                      **Announcement for Poster Winners**  
**(awards, photos, presentations, etc.)**
- 12:45 – 1:05 pm**                      **Closing Ceremony**

**1:05 pm**

***Boxed Lunch, Networking and Departure  
Cole Boardroom***