

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

Clark Atlanta University

September 14–16, 2025

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Symposium At-A-Glance

Sunday, September 14, 2025

Opening Reception: 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Hyatt Regency Atlanta Downtown

265 Peachtree Street NE, Atlanta, GA 30303

Monday, September 15, 2025

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

7:45 am – Depart from Hotel Lobby for CAU

8:00 – 8:30 am – Breakfast (Cole Boardroom)

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

Dr. Jaideep Chaudhary | Dr. Shafiq A. Khan

Provost Charlene D. Gilbert | President George T. French, Jr.

Keynote: **Dr. William Douglas Figg Sr.** (NIH) | Presentation: *High-Throughput Drug Screening to Identify Novel Synergistic Combinations for mCRPC*

10:00 am – 12:05 pm – Morning Session: Castration-Resistant & Neuroendocrine Prostate Cancer

Chair: Dr. Bekir Cinar | Co-Chair: Crystal Byrd

Dr. Adam Sowalsky (NIH) | Presentation: *Intrinsic Mediators of Persistent AR-Positive Prostate Tumors*

Dr. Amina Zoubeidi (UBC) | Presentation: *Lineage Plasticity in Prostate Cancer: From Molecular Insights to Clinical Strategies*

Dr. Ramesh Narayanan (UTHSC) | Presentation: *Novel Inhibitors of AR, AR-Splice Variants, and GR for the Treatment of Refractory Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer*

Dr. Daqing Wu (CAU) | Presentation: *Overcoming Prostate Cancer Chemoresistance Through Ferroptosis-Targeted Drug Repurposing*

Dr. Ravi Madan (NIH) | Presentation: *Charting a New Path for Immunotherapy in Prostate Cancer*

12:05 – 1:45 pm – Lunch

1:45 – 2:00 pm – About Dr. Leland WK Chung Memorial Lecture & Introduction of Dr. Douglas Strand

2:00 – 2:45 pm – Dr. Leland WK Chung Memorial Lecture

Speaker: **Dr. Douglas Strand** (UT Southwestern) | Presentation: *A Cellular Anatomy of the Healthy Human Lower Urinary Tract*

Monday, September 15, 2025 (continued)

2:45 – 4:00 pm – Afternoon Session I: Prostate Cancer Metastasis

Chair: Dr. Geou-Yarh Liou | Co-Chair: Nicholas Cook

Dr. Shafiq A. Khan (CAU) | *Presentation: Targeting Gai2 Protein to Block Migration and Invasion in Prostate Cancer Cells*

Dr. Jiaoti Huang (Duke) | *Presentation: Discovering Novel Therapeutic Targets for Advanced Prostate Cancer*

Dr. Bal Lokeshwar (Augusta) | *Presentation: Increased Inflammatory Milieu is a Strong Driver for Cadmium-Induced Carcinogenesis in Prostate Epithelial Cells*

4:00 – 5:00 pm – Afternoon Session II: Cancer Genomics

Chair: Dr. Nathan Bowen | Co-Chair: Kofi Khamit-Kush

Dr. Joseph Lachance (Georgia Tech) | *Presentation: Heterogeneous Genetic Architectures of Prostate Cancer Susceptibility in Sub-Saharan Africa*

Dr. Anna Woloszynska (Roswell Park) | *Presentation: Identifying Biomarkers and Potential Treatment Targets in Prostate Cancer Health Disparities*

5:00 – 6:15 pm – Poster Session & Networking (2nd Floor Hallway)

6:15 – 7:30 pm – Dinner & Prostate Cancer Survivors Program (Music: Mr. Cameron Barnes)

Mr. & Mrs. David & Marjané Moffett | Mr. & Mrs. Tony & CeCe Williams

7:30 pm – Depart for Hotel

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

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

7:45 am – Depart from Hotel Lobby for CAU

8:00 – 8:30 am – Breakfast (Cole Boardroom)

8:30 – 11:55 am, Morning Session & Keynote Address: Biological and Social Determinants of Health

Chair: Dr. Daqing Wu | Co-Chair: Kezhan Khazaw

Keynote: **Dr. Rick Kittles** (Morehouse School of Medicine) | *Presentation: Re-imagining Prostate Cancer Disparities in the Era of Precision Medicine*

Dr. Jong Park (Moffitt) | *Presentation: Differentially Methylated Genes in Aggressive Prostate Cancer in African American and Puerto Rican Men*

Dr. King Jordan (Georgia Tech) | *Presentation: Epigenetics and Cancer Disparities: When Nature Might be Nurture*

Dr. Kathryn Barry (UMD) | *Presentation: Neighborhood Disadvantage, Prostate Tumor RNA Expression of Stress-Related Genes, and Aggressive Prostate Cancer*

Dr. Vanessa Marshall (NIH) | *Presentation: Engaging Communities in Science to Improve Population Health and Reduce Health Disparities*

11:55 am – 12:30 pm – Student Presentations

Mr. Nicholas Cook & Ms. Kezhan Khazaw

12:30 – 1:45 pm – Closing Ceremony & Student Awards

Announcement of Poster Winners, Awards & Photos, Closing Remarks

1:45 pm – Boxed Lunch, Networking & Departure (Cole Boardroom)