

# HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH CENTER

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## HEALTH EQUITY SPOTLIGHT



**Dr. Jada Bussey-Jones**

Chief of General Medicine  
and Geriatrics

Director of Education for  
Emory's Urban Health Initiative

Dr. Bussey-Jones is nationally recognized for her work in minority health and health equity with focuses on health promotion and education, and leads community-based participatory programs at the Emory's Urban Health Initiative.

In a recent webinar on COVID-19 & Health Equity: A Crisis within a Crisis, Dr. Bussey-Jones explained how social determinants of health, structural racism and intergenerational drag contribute and exacerbate health inequities during the pandemic, and offered suggestions on clinical solutions. Drs. Kimberly Jacob Arriola and Terri McFadden also presented on the role of health equity research and the impact of childhood adversity in the context of COVID-19.

**Watch the Webinar [here](#)**

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## TUNE IN FOR..

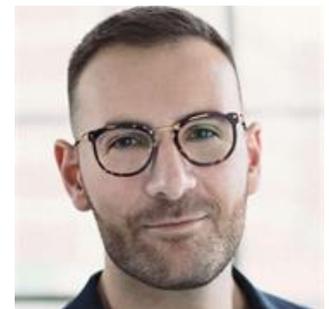
### Health Services Research Center Lunch & Learn

**Starting with the end in mind: Designing palliative care interventions with an emphasis on dissemination and implementation**

**Presented by Dr. Dio Kavalieratos**  
**Wed |09/16/2020| 12PM - 1PM EST**

[Register here:](#)

<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJcsdeyurDovH9QrO4aoBP-IGzHoBxIw3vSf>



Dr. Kavalieratos is a health services researcher whose work focuses on development, evaluation and implementation of models of palliative care delivery in serious chronic illness.

Talk objectives:

- Understand the evidence base for palliative care interventions, including gaps and priorities for future investigation
- Recognize opportunities to study D&I factors during intervention development and pilot testing
- Describe methods for evaluating implementation barriers and facilitators using mixed methods approaches

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## TUNE IN FOR..

### **Emory School of Medicine Surgical Grand Rounds**

#### **Contemporary Management of Advanced Locoregional Melanoma: Infuse, Inject or Infect?**

Presented by Matthew Perez, MD

THURS | 09/03/2020 | 7:00AM - 8:00 AM EST

#### **Surgical Management of Choledocolithiasis**

Presented by Eric M. Knauer, MD

THURS | 09/17/2020 | 7:00AM - 8:00 AM EST

#### **Racism and Structural Change**

Presented by Theodore M. Johnson II, MD, MPH

THURS | 09/24/2020 | 7:00AM - 8:00 AM EST

For those who are not on the Department of Surgery listserv, please contact Nena Buie at [bbuie@emory.edu](mailto:bbuie@emory.edu) for the Zoom link and passcode. CME credits available, contact the SOM CME Office, 404.727.5695.

**School of Medicine Grand Rounds will resume virtually after 9/7.** More information will be coming soon.

Recordings of past SOM Grand Rounds can be viewed [here](#)

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## TUNE IN FOR...

Join the **Georgia CTSA virtual Speed Networking on COVID-19** with Emory School of Medicine Dean Vikas Sukhatme and various presenters.

**Wed | 09/23/2020 |  
4 PM - 5:30 PM EST**

**Register for password:**

<http://georgiactsa.org/news-and-events/news/2020/discovery/speed-networking-sep/index.html>

**Zoom link for event:**

<https://zoom.us/j/93089353141>

**Speed  
Networking  
on COVID-19**



*Learn. Connect. Collaborate.*

Join faculty from across the Georgia CTSA for an energetic and dynamic virtual networking session!

Emory School of Medicine Dean Vikas Sukhatme will emcee this event as attendees present their research in three minutes or less with the goal of seeking new collaborators. The event will also include breakout rooms and a chance to follow up with speakers after the presentations.

Presenter slots are limited, so register early. Non-presenters are welcome to attend to learn about their colleagues' work and find new collaborators.

**Topic:** COVID-19

**Who:** Clinicians and researchers with an interest in COVID-19

**When:** Wednesday, September 23 | 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

**Where:** <https://zoom.us/j/93089353141> Register for Password

**Register Now!**

Registration is required and presenter slots are limited!  
Deadline to register: September 1<sup>st</sup>



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### 13th Annual DEPARTMENT OF MEDICINE RESEARCH DAY

Thursday, October 15  
8 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
Virtual

**Keynote speaker:**  
Mark Gladwin, MD  
Chair, Department of Medicine,  
University of Pittsburgh



## Department of Medicine Research Day

**Thurs | 10/15/2020 |  
8AM - 2:30 PM EST**

The registration deadline is Friday, October 9. For questions about Research Day, please contact Sarah McClellan, senior research program coordinator, at [DOMResearch@emory.edu](mailto:DOMResearch@emory.edu) or (404) 712-3280.

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## SAVE THE DATE

### Upcoming HSRC Lunch and Learn



**Wed | 10/21/2020 | 12PM - 1PM EST**  
Presented by Dr. Sheree Boulet

Dr. Boulet is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Gynecology & Obstetrics at Emory University. She is a maternal and child health epidemiologist with over 100 scientific publications on topics including developmental disabilities, birth defects, preconception health and more. Prior to joining Emory, she served as a Senior Epidemiologist in the Division of Reproductive Health at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

### McClellan Rounds

**Ann O'Hare, MD**  
**05/25/2021 | 5 PM EST**

Dr. O'Hare practices at VA Puget Sound Health Care System and is a professor in the Division of Nephrology at the University of Washington. Dr. O'Hare's research interests include chronic kidney disease in the elderly, end-of-life care, and outcomes among veterans with chronic kidney disease.



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## WEBINARS

### Emory School of Medicine: *Racism and Social Justice Webinar Series*



If you missed any previous webinars, you can watch them [here](#)

### Rollins School of Public Health: *Rollins Takes Action Webinar*

#### Race, Racism and Health Webinar

Panelists Drs. Tene Lewis, Lauren McCullough and Dayna Johnson.

**FRI | 9/11/2020 | 12:00-1:00 PM EST**

Register [here](#)



Rollins Takes Action 2020

#### Race, Racism and Health

**Panelists:**

Tené Lewis, PhD, FAHA

Lauren McCullough, PhD MSPH

Dayna Johnson, PhD, MPH, MSW, MS

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2020 12:00 - 1:00 PM EST

Register in advance for this webinar:

<https://zoom.us/webinar/register/93424545347>

Please submit your questions in advance to:

[https://rsph.co1.qualtrics.com/ffe/form/SV\\_bmHjAA3W3Wc8GSV](https://rsph.co1.qualtrics.com/ffe/form/SV_bmHjAA3W3Wc8GSV)

Previous session recordings:

Part 1: [Research on Distributions and Consequences of Excessive Police Violence](#)

Part 2: [Interventions to Reduce the Incidence and Consequences of Excessive Police Violence](#)

Part 3: [Tackling Health Inequities in the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)

Part 4: [Using COVID-19 Models to Inform Decisions on Campus and Beyond](#)

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## MENTORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### **In need of part-time student assistance for a health services research project?**

The Center for Health Services Research in the Department of Surgery plans to hire and support up to two Rollins Earn and Learn (REAL) Master's in Public Health (MPH) students from the Rollins School of Public Health starting in September 2020 and continuing through late April 2021. The intention for this program is to grow longer term collaborations between methodologists in RSPH and clinicians in the Department of Surgery. **All surgery faculty are eligible to apply for assistance.**

If interested in mentoring a REAL student this Fall, **please send an email to [rpatzer@emory.edu](mailto:rpatzer@emory.edu) by Monday, August 31st** with the following information:

1. Title of research project
2. Name & title of mentor/faculty lead
3. Brief description of research project
4. Estimated number of hours/week needed for the project

**See attachment below for details on eligibility, requirements and application process.**

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The REAL program is an internship program supported in part by RSPH that allows MPH students to obtain applied public health experiences in real-world settings. First or second year students in epidemiology, health policy & management, biostatistics, global health, and/or behavioral sciences & health education will apply for the positions, and the students will have the opportunity to work directly with surgery department faculty on a research project. Students are eligible to work up to 20 hours per week. Faculty are expected to provide mentorship and oversight of the research project and the student, and meet with students on a regular basis (e.g., weekly). The REAL student will also have access to a senior biostatistician and epidemiologist in the HSR Center, and will be invited to participate in monthly HSR Center lunch and learn activities.

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- Title of research project
- Name & title of mentor/faculty lead, and other co-investigators involved in project
- Brief description of research project, proposed methods, justification for how this work will lead to future funding (e.g. pilot data collection or analysis for a grant submission), timeline, and expected role of the student
- Estimated number of hours/week needed for the project

Please expect to be notified by September 8, 2020 of your status in this program.

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## GRANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **HSR Center Pilot Grant Funding Opportunity**

Pilot grant funding for the Department of Surgery health services research related projects for a one year period, with potential for competitive renewal for a second year. Funding will not exceed \$25,000 per year in direct costs only.

Seed grants will fund projects to gather preliminary data which can later be converted to an R-series application or other sponsored funding opportunity.

HSR Center Pilot Grant Applications are due by **August 31st, 2020**.  
**See attachment below for details on eligibility, requirements and application process.**

### **FAST Grants**

Science funding mechanisms are too slow in normal times and may be much too slow during the COVID-19 pandemic. Fast Grants are an effort to correct this. If you are a scientist at an academic institution currently working on a COVID-19 related project and in need of funding, we invite you to apply for a Fast Grant. Fast Grants are \$10k to \$500k and decisions are made in under 14 days. If we approve the grant, you'll receive payment as quickly as your university can receive it.

More details available in the link below:  
<https://fastgrants.org/>



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## Department of Surgery



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**Health Services  
Research Center**

Department of Medicine  
and Department of Surgery

### HSR Center Pilot Grant Funding Opportunity

**PROPOSAL DESCRIPTION:** Pilot grant funding/seed funding for the Department of Surgery health services research related projects for a one year period, with potential for competitive renewal for a second year. Funding will not exceed \$25,000 per year in direct costs only. Only one grant will be awarded in this cycle.

**PURPOSE:** Seed grants will fund projects to gather preliminary data which can later be converted to an R-series application or other sponsored funding opportunity with a secondary goal of encouraging collaboration across disciplines.

**ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION:** Faculty of all levels are encouraged to apply, but must have a faculty appointment to be eligible. A proposal related to health services research would ideally involve multiple disciplines (e.g., clinical expert + methodologist) examining innovative solutions for issues such as healthcare quality, costs, equity/access to care or dissemination research in surgical patients. The focus can be local, regional, national, or international, but must include coinvestigators with appointments from a minimum of two schools.

Salary for faculty or clinical staff would not be an eligible expense for this RFA and to serve as a principal investigator you must have a faculty appointment in the Department of Surgery. Recommended expenses could include fees related to data acquisition, biostatistics support, effort for a research coordinator/project manager, student/trainee support, travel expenses, or publication expenses. Please note the HSR Center has available some partial effort for staff (e.g., epidemiologist and biostatisticians) that could be written in to the budget.

**REQUIREMENTS:** The goal of this opportunity is to obtain extramural funding. Thus, at the completion of the 1 year research period, a draft manuscript of results will be required at the end of the performance period in lieu of a formal progress report. In addition, investigators are required to submit a one-page specific aims document at the completion of the pilot project, and they will receive direct feedback from HSR leadership on their planned future proposal. Investigators will also be required to submit their preliminary results as abstracts to the annual Department of Surgery research day and the Emory Health Services Research Day meetings. Investigators will periodically be surveyed to assess progress in manuscripts and grant submissions related to the funding. The HSR Center should be acknowledged in any publications that arise from the funding.

Applicants should email the following to Larissa Teunis ([larissa.j.teunis@emory.edu](mailto:larissa.j.teunis@emory.edu)) with the subject line: HSR Center Pilot Grant Application by **August 31, 2020**. Funding is anticipated to begin on October 1, 2020. Applications should generally follow NIH guidelines and formatting requirements, and include the following as one PDF document:

- Cover page – title of project, name & affiliations of investigators, co-investigators, and any trainees involved
- Specific Aims (1 page limit)
- Research Strategy (5 page limit) – to include Significance, Innovation, and Approach

- Applicants are encouraged to clearly specify the trajectory of the research project, and how this pilot grant would lead to a future research study and grant funding.
- References (no page limit)
- Detailed budget and budget justification
- Biosketches for PI and co-investigators

**POTENTIAL BENEFITS:** This pilot grants program is expected to assist early stage investigators in gathering preliminary data to support applications for larger external funding and be more competitively scored. We anticipate the pilot grant will assist the department in growing its sponsored research portfolio. Established investigators could equally benefit if they desire to branch out into new areas or a related field but lack preliminary data.

Secondarily, we hope to use this as an opportunity to host study sections for grant review so investigators become more familiar with the NIH grant process. A call for reviewers for this study section will be put forth at a later date.

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## CALL FOR REVIEWERS

### **Call for Reviewers: HSR Surgery Pilot Grant Program**

We are looking for faculty members to serve as reviewers for the Department of Surgery's health services research pilot grant program. The format and structure of the review will be similar to a National Institute of Health study section. This announcement seeks both experienced and junior reviewers .

**ELIGIBILITY:** Faculty (Research Associate, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor or full Professor) with an appointment in the School of Medicine or the Rollins School of Public Health. Both junior and experienced reviewers are sought in this solicitation.

To apply, please email the following to Larissa Teunis (larissa.j.teunis@emory.edu) with the subject line: Peer Review Application by **Sept. 4, 2020**. Applicants will be notified of selection by Sept. 11, 2020 with a planned review time thereafter.

1. Name, Title, and Department
2. CV
3. Areas of expertise
4. Experience with independent research/funding

**See attachment below for more information**

## **Call for Reviewers: HSR Surgery Pilot Grant Program**

We are looking for faculty members with diverse backgrounds and areas of expertise to serve as reviewers for the Department of Surgery's health services research pilot grant program. Potential reviewers are encouraged from both the School of Medicine and the School of Public Health. The format and structure of the review will be similar to a National Institute of Health study section with a formal discussion held in mid-January. This announcement seeks both experienced and junior reviewers who can benefit from witnessing a more seasoned approach to a peer review grant process.

**DESCRIPTION OF GRANT PROGRAM:** Pilot grant funding/seed funding for the Department of Surgery health services research related projects for a one year period, with potential for competitive renewal for a second year, dependent on funding and progress. These grants are designed to fund projects to gather preliminary data which can later be converted to an R-series application or other sponsored funding opportunity with a secondary goal of encouraging collaboration across disciplines. Proposals will be scored on basis of significance, investigator strengths, innovation and approach in accordance with NIH review guidelines.

**ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION:** Faculty of any potential rank (Research Associate, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor or full Professor) with an appointment in the School of Medicine or the Rollins School of Public Health with an interest in peer review grantwriting. Both junior and experienced reviewers are sought in this solicitation. Potential reviewers should not be submitting a grant proposal to this program as a principal investigator or coinvestigator within this cycle to be eligible. Criteria we deem relevant when selecting reviewers:

- Independent research experience
- Recipient of Peer Review Funding (intramural or extramural)
- Understand the importance of peer review in scientific research

**POTENTIAL BENEFITS:** This opportunity will give reviewers a glimpse into the cutting edge future of health services research at Emory University while providing a chance to meet new colleagues and potential future collaborators. Most importantly, it can give valuable insights into the peer review funding process and the merits of a successful proposal in accordance with NIH scoring criteria.

**APPLY NOW:** To apply, please email the following to Larissa Teunis ([larissa.j.teunis@emory.edu](mailto:larissa.j.teunis@emory.edu)) with the subject line: Peer Review Application by **Sept. 4, 2020**. Applicants will be notified of selection by Sept. 11, 2020 with a planned review time thereafter.

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**WE GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!**

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## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The HSR Center is now accepting study design and analytic requests from Department of Medicine and Department of Surgery faculty. Only requests that align with the Center's focus on how social factors, financing systems, organizational structures and processes, health technologies and personal behaviors affect access to healthcare, the quality and cost of health care, and health and well-being will be accepted.

Please note that faculty not in Department of Medicine or Surgery will not be able to submit requests at this time.

To submit a request to HSR Center, please complete [this form](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DG37KV6):  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DG37KV6>

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## WHAT ARE WE READING?



JAMA  
Network™

[The Urgency and Challenge of Opening K-12 Schools in the Fall of 2020](#)

[Comparison of Weighted and Unweighted Population Data to Assess Inequities in Coronavirus Disease 2019 Deaths by Race/Ethnicity Reported by the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

[Assessment of Disparities in Digital Access Among Medicare Beneficiaries and Implications for Telemedicine](#)



CNN

[Opinion- We need a vaccine distribution plan -- right now](#)

[Does Access to an ICU Bed Depend on Income?](#)



Penn  
LDI

[Social Determinants Among Communities Receiving Early COVID-19 Relief Funds \(Tracking 'High Impact' Relief to Hospitals\)](#)



Health  
Affairs

[On Racism: A New Standard For Publishing On Racial Health Inequities](#)

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## RECENT PUBLICATIONS

### From Emory Health Services Research Center

1. Dickert NW, Bernard AM, Brabson JM, et al. Partnering With Patients to Bridge Gaps in Consent for Acute Care Research. *Am J Bioeth.* 2020;20(5):7-17.
2. Shah MB, Lynch RJ, El-Haddad H, Doby B, Brockmeier D, Goldberg DS. Utilization of deceased donors during a pandemic: argument against using SARS-CoV-2-positive donors. *Am J Transplant.* 2020;20(7):1795-1799.
3. Goldberg D, Doby B, Siminoff L, Shah M, Lynch R. Rejecting bias: The case against race adjustment for OPO performance in communities of color [published online ahead of print, 2020 Mar 17]. *Am J Transplant.* 2020;10.1111/ajt.15865.
4. Auld SC, Caridi-Scheible M, Blum JM, et al. ICU and Ventilator Mortality Among Critically Ill Adults With Coronavirus Disease 2019 [published online ahead of print, 2020 May 26]. *Crit Care Med.* 2020;10.1097/CCM.0000000000004457.
5. McPherson LJ, Barry V, Yackley J, et al; Southeastern Kidney Transplant Coalition. Distance to kidney transplant center and access to early steps in the kidney transplantation process in the southeastern United States. *Clin J Am Soc Nephrol.* 2020.
6. Vaughan CP, Markland AD. Urinary Incontinence in Women. *Ann Intern Med.* 2020;172(3):ITC17-ITC32.

### In the Health Services Research Space

1. Sinaiko AD, Mehrotra A. Association of a national insurer's reference-based pricing program and choice of imaging facility, spending, and utilization. *Health Serv Res.* 2020; 55: 348- 356.
2. Chowkwanyun M, Reed AL Jr. Racial Health Disparities and Covid-19 - Caution and Context. *N Engl J Med.* 2020;383(3):201-203