

Assembly on Behavioral Science and Health Services Research (BSHSR) Newsletter



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Message from the Assembly Chair

Hello BSHSR, members and welcome to any newcomers who want to learn more about our assembly! I have been thrilled to serve as the Assembly Chair of the BSHSR for the past two years. I look forward handing over the position to Dr. Laura Feemster at our May Assembly meeting. I have been a proud and active member of BSHSR since I joined ATS in 2009. BSHSR has always been an Assembly that is inclusive and invites all to get involved with our activities. We welcome clinicians, clinician investigators, and non-clinical investigators across a broad range of interests including of course behavioral science and health services research but also patient reported outcomes, health equity, implementation science, comparative effectiveness, or economic evaluations in any context of pulmonary, critical care, or sleep medicine. The BSHSR is also the home to the Section of Medical Education, which has continued to excel in bringing cutting-edge innovations in medical education to the ATS membership (see updates below from Lekshmi Santosh). Our PhD scientist members may want to check out the reception held by the ATS PhD Working Group (see update from Jean-Marie Bruzzese below). The BSHSR is one of the smaller assemblies within ATS, which allows our members to get to know each other and create a sense of community within the larger ATS organization. I invite all of you to join us at our **BSHSR Assembly Meeting on Sunday May 17th from 5-7 pm** at the Orange County Convention Center in room W312, Level III. While of course we conduct our assembly business meeting during this time, it also allows for an opportunity to catch up with friends and colleagues and meet new BSHSR colleagues. Also- we present our four assembly awards!

Our BSHSR Assembly leadership is working hard to make sure we are accessible to our members, with lots of opportunities for junior and mid-career members to get involved in our Assembly committees. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me or Laura Feemster (Chair Elect), or to any of the committee/section chairs listed in this newsletter if you'd like to learn more about the work of the committee and how you can get involved. I also want to encourage junior members to sign up for the BSHSR Mentoring program led by the Early Career Professionals Working Group (see updates below from Co-Chairs Kari Gillmeyer and Snigdha Jain). Our Program Committee planned an incredible program (see updates below from Michelle Sharp and Tom Valley). Our Planning Committee has also worked hard and we look forward to their award presentation (see updates from Ashley Lowe below). I am so proud of the accomplishments of BSHSR members and the contributions our Assembly has made to ATS.

Our web committee is active on BlueSky and Facebook and produced a podcast on community engaged research with Dr. Lowe (see Web Director Amanda Marie Wilson, PhD (update below). As highlighted in Ashley Lowe's update from the planning committee, we have several official ATS documents sponsored by BSHSR in various stages (see below).

To properly acknowledge and celebrate the great work done by our members across the career spectrum, we awarded an expanded number of Assembly awards. These include Emerging Career Award, Early Career Award, Mid-Career Award, and Lifetime Achievement Award. At ATS 2025 we honored 4 amazing individuals for their scientific achievements: Eduardo Ramon Nunéz (Emerging Career, photo- top left), Laura C. Myers (Early Career, photo- top right), Donald R. Sullivan (Mid-Career, photo- middle left) and Renda Soylemez Wiener (Lifetime Achievement, photo - middle right), shown in the photos with Planning Committee Chair Ashley (on the right in all 4 photos) and myself as Assembly Chair (on the left in all 4 photos).

We are also so proud of BSHSR member Nancy Stewart on her Alison Clay Early Career Educator Award from the ATS Section on Medical Education (bottom photo). And of course, there were many junior members who received abstract scholarships. We look forward to revealing the 2026 Assembly award winners in all categories and celebrating their success at the BSHSR membership meeting on May 17th! I look forward to working with new leaders

(Assembly Chair-Elect, Program Chair-Elect, and Nominating Committee members) to be announced at our membership meeting in May (Thank you to past Assembly Chair Renda Wiener for leading the Nominating Committee!).



We also want to take a moment to honor Dr. William C. Bailey (see below). Please do not hesitate to reach out to introduce yourself and let me know about your interests in being involved in BSHSR activities at vpres@bsd.uchicago.edu. Valerie G. Press, MD, MPH, ATSF



Assembly on Behavioral Science and Health Services Research (BSHSR)

Membership Meeting

Sunday, May 17th, 2026

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Orange County Convention Center, West Concourse

Room: W312, Level III

Message from Incoming Assembly Chair

Laura Feemster, MD

I am excited to take on the role of Incoming Chair of the BSHSR Assembly and to collaborate with all our dedicated members. For those who may not know me, I am the Medical Director of Care Engagement in the national Clinical Transformation Team at Ascension. My work centers on supporting evidence-based program design, adoption, and evaluation across our behavioral nudge and remote patient monitoring portfolios, promoting patient engagement in prevention and chronic disease management. Prior to this, I served as a Professor of Medicine in the Division of Pulmonary, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine at the University of Washington, and as the Associate Director of the Center of Innovation for Veteran-Centered and Value-Driven Care at the VA Puget Sound Health Care System. I have been an active BSHSR member since joining ATS in 2008, serving as the BSHSR Program Committee Chair, a member of the BSHSR Planning and Nominating Committees, and as past chair of the ATS Quality Improvement and Implementation Committee. I look forward to connecting with you. Please feel free to reach out to introduce yourself and share your interests in our Assembly activities.



PLANNING COMMITTEE

Ashley Lowe, PhD (Chair)

This year, we received eleven outstanding nominations across all four Assembly Award categories, underscoring both the strength of our community and the continued importance of these recognitions within the Assembly. The nomination period for the 2026 Assembly Awards is now closed, and we look forward to celebrating this year's awardees at the BSHSR Assembly Business Meeting during the ATS International Conference in San Diego this May. As we look ahead, we encourage you to begin thinking about deserving colleagues for the next award cycle, expected to open in November or December 2026. More details to come.

BSHSR Assembly Awards

- Emerging Career Award
- Early Career Achievement Award
- Mid-Career Achievement Award
- Lifetime Career Achievement Award

Projects completed and published:

Congratulations to our BSHSR Assembly members on another outstanding year of meaningful contributions to ATS. This year marked a remarkable increase in project activity, growing from one submission last year to five new submissions and one renewal, for a total of six proposals. The quality and impact of our Assembly's work remain exceptionally strong. Our members continue to secure competitive funding, drive innovation, and advance the ATS mission in ways that reflect both rigor and purpose. Thank you for your continued leadership and commitment. We look forward to building on this momentum in the year ahead.

Projects successfully renewed:

- *Population Health Management in Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease*, led by Dr. Lucas Donovan

New projects approved for FY2025:

- *A blueprint for your pulmonary vaccine toolkit: lessons learned from the ATS Vaccine Initiative and current vaccine landscape*, led by Dr. Carmen Polito

Now is the time to start thinking about new project proposal ideas for next year's application cycle. Project proposal instructions and applications are available in early July on the ATS website, with submissions typically due in late July or early August. If you have an idea for a new project, please contact the Chair of the Planning Committee, Dr. Ashley Lowe, at aaray@arizona.edu.

Submit an Assembly/Committee Project Application for Funding in FY2027!

Assembly members interested in submitting a Project application should start developing their ideas. Applications for NEW Assembly Projects for 2027 will be accepted July 1 through July 31, 2027.

If you have an idea or suggestion for a project application and need assistance, please contact your Assembly Planning Committee Chair, Assembly Planning Committee Chair, Ashley Lowe, PhD at aaray@arizona.edu

For questions regarding submissions please contact Miriam Rodriguez
Mrodriguez@thoracic.org

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Michelle Sharp, MD, MHS (Chair)

The BSHSR Program Committee recently completed scheduling programs for the 2026 ATS International Conference. The Program Committee members reviewed close to 400 original abstracts and have created a fantastic program for the conference. We are thrilled with the quality, diverse programming, and ability to highlight the breadth and depth of the work of our BSHSR membership. Submitted abstracts were programmed into several different types of sessions that span all four days of the conference.

Mini Symposia:

A94 Care Without Borders: Pulmonary Health in Communities Around the World (Sunday)
 B16 From Sea to Shining Sea: Using National Data to Examine Asthma and COPD (Monday)
 B94 Beyond the Exacerbation: Systems, Costs, and Recovery in Obstructive Lung Diseases (Monday)
 C16 Markets and Mandates: Health Policy and Pulmonary Outcomes (Tuesday)
 D12 Inequities by Design: Social and Structural Drivers of Pulmonary Health (Wednesday)

Poster Discussion Sessions:

A23 More Than Inhalers: Determinants of COPD Care and Outcomes (Sunday)
 A24 Algorithms in Action: Applications of Artificial Intelligence Across Pulmonary Diseases (Rapid Poster Discussion Sunday)
 C22 Delays, Detours, and Decisions: Examining Critical Care Delivery and Outcomes (Tuesday)
 C102 From Knowing to Doing: Implementing Evidence-Based Pulmonary Care (Tuesday)
 D22 From Screening to Survival: Unequal Paths in Pulmonary Care (Wednesday)
 D102 Methods, Measurement, and Meaning: Cross-Cutting Challenges in Pulmonary Care (Wednesday)

Thematic Poster Sessions:

A36 When Controllers Don't Control: Asthma Care in the Real World (Sunday)
 A37 Under Pressure: Cardiopulmonary Diseases, Diagnoses, and Management (Sunday)
 A38 From Smoking to Scans: Tobacco Use and Lung Cancer Detection (Sunday)
 B37 Unmasking Sleep Apnea: Diagnosis, Treatment, and Follow-up (Monday)
 B38 Training That Translates: Education and Quality Improvement in Pulmonary and Critical Care (Monday)
 B39 Breath and Burden: Diffuse Lung Diseases and Daily Life (Monday)
 C35 COPD Beyond the Clinic: Care, Context, and Consequences (Tuesday)
 C36 Words, Wires, and Wisdom: Communication and Care in the ICU (Tuesday)
 C37 Moving From Crisis to Confidence: COVID, Vaccines, and Lung Health (Tuesday)
 C38 Living With Lung Disease Worldwide: Care, Burden, and Adaptation (Tuesday)

Post-Graduate Course

Building Better Care: A Hands-On Guide to Quality Improvement – Saturday, May 16 12-4pm

BSHSR Scientific Symposia

Care of the Undocumented Migrant – Monday, May 18, 9:15-10:45am
 Social Determinants of Recovery - Tuesday, May 19, 9:15-10:45am
 Primary Palliative Care in Pulmonary-Critical Care Medicine: A “PalliPulm” Framework for Education, Practice, and Policy - Tuesday, May 19, 2:15-3:45pm
 The Science of Palliative Care in the ICU: High Hopes, Mixed Results - Wednesday, May 20, 8:15-9:45am

Mid-Day Proposal

When the Funding Stops: Navigating Research in a Shifting Landscape - May 18th, 12-1pm

Meet the Expert

Improving Representativeness in Prospective Research – May 18th 10:45-11:45am
 A Practical Guide to Using Generative AI in Research – May 17th 10:45-11:45am
 From Flatline to First Draft: A Narrative Resuscitation Workshop for Burnout Recovery – May 19th 10:45-11:45 AM

Education Seminars

Communicating and teaching about uncertainty in clinical, education, and research settings – May 17th 10:45-11:45AM
 ICU Rounds as Learning Labs: Practical Strategies for the ICU Educator - May 18th 10:45-11:45AM
 Blending Tradition and Tech: Navigating Learning resources in the Digital Age - May 19th 10:45-11:45AM

We look forward to seeing everyone in person in Orlando! We are truly grateful to our Program Committee members for all their hard work reviewing the scientific sessions and abstracts, as well as their input into programming!

It is not too early to begin planning for the 2027 International Conference. Please reach out to Dr. Tom Valley (thomas.valley@cuanschutz.edu) with any questions about the 2026-2027 Program Committee.

**ATS 2026 International Conference
Assembly on Behavioral Sciences and Health Services Research (BSHSR) Sessions**

Session Code	Session Title	Session Type	Session Date	Session Time
A23	MORE THAN INHALERS: DETERMINANTS OF COPD CARE AND OUTCOMES	Poster Discussion Session	5/17/2026	9:15 AM - 11:15 AM
A24	ALGORITHMS IN ACTION: APPLICATIONS OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE ACROSS PULMONARY DISEASES	RAPiD Poster Discussion Session	5/17/2026	9:15 AM - 11:15 AM
A36	WHEN CONTROLLERS DON'T CONTROL: ASTHMA CARE IN THE REAL WORLD	Thematic Poster Session	5/17/2026	9:15 AM - 4:15 PM
A37	UNDER PRESSURE: CARDIOPULMONARY DISEASES, DIAGNOSES, AND MANAGEMENT	Thematic Poster Session	5/17/2026	9:15 AM - 4:15 PM
A38	FROM SMOKING TO SCANS: TOBACCO USE AND LUNG CANCER DETECTION	Thematic Poster Session	5/17/2026	9:15 AM - 4:15 PM
ME101	COMMUNICATING AND TEACHING ABOUT UNCERTAINTY IN CLINICAL, EDUCATION, AND RESEARCH SETTINGS	Medical Education Seminar	5/17/2026	10:45 AM - 11:45 AM
MTE2	A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO USING GENERATIVE AI IN RESEARCH	Meet the Expert	5/17/2026	10:45 AM - 11:45 AM
A94	CARE WITHOUT BORDERS: PULMONARY HEALTH IN COMMUNITIES AROUND THE WORLD	Mini Symposium	5/17/2026	2:15 PM - 4:15 PM
ME102	ICU ROUNDS AS LEARNING LABS: PRACTICAL STRATEGIES FOR THE ICU EDUCATOR	Medical Education Seminar	5/18/2026	10:45 AM - 11:45 AM
B7	CARE OF THE UNDOCUMENTED MIGRANT	Scientific Symposium	5/18/2026	9:15 AM - 10:45 AM
B16	FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA: USING NATIONAL DATA TO EXAMINE ASTHMA AND COPD	Mini Symposium	5/18/2026	9:15 AM - 11:15 AM
B37	UNMASKING SLEEP APNEA: DIAGNOSIS, TREATMENT, AND FOLLOW-UP	Thematic Poster Session	5/18/2026	9:15 AM - 4:15 PM
B38	TRAINING THAT TRANSLATES: EDUCATION AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT IN PULMONARY AND CRITICAL CARE	Thematic Poster Session	5/18/2026	9:15 AM - 4:15 PM
B39	BREATH AND BURDEN: DIFFUSE LUNG DISEASES AND DAILY LIFE	Thematic Poster Session	5/18/2026	9:15 AM - 4:15 PM
B40	BSHSR LATE-BREAKING ABSTRACTS	Thematic Poster Session	5/18/2026	9:15 AM - 4:15 PM
B94	BEYOND THE EXACERBATION: SYSTEMS, COSTS, AND RECOVERY IN OBSTRUCTIVE LUNG DISEASES	Mini Symposium	5/18/2026	2:15 PM - 4:15 PM
C9	SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF RECOVERY	Scientific Symposium	5/19/2026	9:15 AM - 10:45 AM
C16	MARKETS AND MANDATES: HEALTH POLICY AND PULMONARY OUTCOMES	Mini Symposium	5/19/2026	9:15 AM - 11:15 AM
C22	DELAYS, DETOURS, AND DECISIONS: EXAMINING CRITICAL CARE DELIVERY AND OUTCOMES	Poster Discussion Session	5/19/2026	9:15 AM - 11:15 AM
C35	COPD BEYOND THE CLINIC: CARE, CONTEXT, AND CONSEQUENCES	Thematic Poster Session	5/19/2026	9:15 AM - 4:15 PM
C36	WORDS, WIRES, AND WISDOM: COMMUNICATION AND CARE IN THE ICU	Thematic Poster Session	5/19/2026	9:15 AM - 4:15 PM
C37	MOVING FROM CRISIS TO CONFIDENCE: COVID, VACCINES, AND LUNG HEALTH	Thematic Poster Session	5/19/2026	9:15 AM - 4:15 PM
C38	LIVING WITH LUNG DISEASE WORLDWIDE: CARE, BURDEN, AND ADAPTATION	Thematic Poster Session	5/19/2026	9:15 AM - 4:15 PM
ME103	BLENDING TRADITION AND TECH: NAVIGATING LEARNING RESOURCES IN THE DIGITAL AGE	Medical Education Seminar	5/19/2026	10:45 AM - 11:45 AM
C91	PRIMARY PALLIATIVE CARE IN PULMONARY-CRITICAL CARE MEDICINE: A 'PALLIPULM' FRAMEWORK FOR EDUCATION, PRACTICE, AND POLICY	Scientific Symposium	5/19/2026	2:15 PM - 3:45 PM
C102	FROM KNOWING TO DOING: EDUCATING AND IMPLEMENTING EVIDENCE-BASED PULMONARY CARE	Poster Discussion Session	5/19/2026	2:15 PM - 4:15 PM

D12	INEQUITIES BY DESIGN: SOCIAL AND STRUCTURAL DRIVERS OF PULMONARY HEALTH	Mini Symposium	5/20/2026	8:15 AM - 10:15 AM
D22	FROM SCREENING TO SURVIVAL: UNEQUAL PATHS IN PULMONARY CARE	Poster Discussion Session	5/20/2026	8:15 AM - 10:15 AM
D9	THE SCIENCE OF PALLIATIVE CARE IN THE ICU: HIGH HOPE, MIXED RESULTS	Scientific Symposium	5/20/2026	8:15 AM - 9:45 AM
D102	METHODS, MEASUREMENT, AND MEANING: CROSS-CUTTING CHALLENGES IN PULMONARY CARE	Poster Discussion Session	5/20/2026	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

WEB COMMITTEE

Amanda Marie Wilson, PhD (Web Director)

The Web Committee has been actively promoting the excellent work of BSHSR members on BlueSky. We recently produced a podcast led by Dr. Amanda Wilson PhD who interviewed Dr. Lauren Kearney, MD on her strategies for success in community engaged research and making the most of ATS membership. You can find it here: <https://assemblies-and-sections.transistor.fm/episodes/ats-membership-as-an-early-stage-investigator-finding-your-path-through-the-power-of-networking>

We are a growing committee and are particularly interested in participation from early-career BSHSR members, for whom production of podcasts and journal clubs can be a great way to get involved with the ATS and leaders in the field.

Interested in joining the Web Committee? Have an idea for a podcast episode or want us to give a shoutout to a BSHSR member on BlueSky?

Feel free to reach out to me at amwilson2@arizona.edu.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Renda Soylemez Wiener, MD, MPH, ATSF (Chair)

The BSHSR Nominating Committee is responsible for identifying candidates for elected leadership positions within the BSHSR Assembly, including the Assembly Chair-Elect, Program Committee Chair-Elect, and Nominating Committee members. We are always looking for energetic folks who feel passionate about ATS and BSHSR and want to get involved! If you personally have an interest in becoming involved in BSHSR leadership, or would like to nominate a colleague, please feel free to contact me (Rwiener@bu.edu) and/or use the ATS Get Involved form (<https://site.thoracic.org/about-us/get-involved-with-ats-your-voice-matters>). As always, this year's newly elected Assembly leaders will be announced at the BSHSR Business meeting at the ATS 2026 international conference.

EARLY CAREER PROFESSIONALS WORKING GROUP

Kari Gillmeyer, MD, MS, and Snigdha Jain, MD, MHS
(Co-Chairs)

The Early Career Professional Working Group (ECPWG) welcomed several new members over the past year and developed several new initiatives, including creating a repository of BSHSR early career members to facilitate early career member involvement in BSHSR activities and the International Conference, and developing a Best Practices guide to support mentors and mentees within the Mentoring Program. Applications for the [Apprenticeship Program](#) close February 6. If you are interested in joining the BSHSR Planning, Program, or Web Committees as an apprentice, please submit your application [here](#). Applications for the Mentoring Program are also open. If you are interested in being either a mentor or mentee, submit your applications [here](#) by March 17. We will hold an informal meet-and-greet at ATS 2026. To hear about the conference social event and other BSHSR ECPWG activities, or to join the ECGWP, contact Kari Gillmeyer (kgill@bu.edu) or Snigdha Jain (Snigdha.Jain@yale.edu).

Assembly Mentoring Programs' Meeting Spot

Struggling to find a quiet location to meet with your mentor? The Assembly Mentoring Programs is offering a meeting spot exclusively for mentors and mentee to meet.

Hyatt Regency Orlando – Celebration 10

Sunday, May 17th – Monday, May 18 from 7 am to 7 pm

Please note, this space is exclusively for Mentoring Program participants*

ATS Contact- Tiana Lino at tlino@thoracic.org

PhD and Basic & Translational Scientist Working Group

Jean-Marie Bruzzese, PhD (Representative)

During the past year, the PBTS WG has met monthly to discuss issues of importance to (1) non-clinical ATS members (i.e., Ph.D scientists) and (2) research-intensive physician-scientists. We have been extraordinarily active in developing programs for this constituency as well devising strategies to recruit more Ph.D. scientists to the Society. We have also been active in promoting our mission, which is "to advocate for science and discovery by promoting basic/translational research throughout all channels of the ATS." Below are highlights of just some of our successes.

- We continue to advocate for parity for Ph.D. scientists in terms of membership and International Conference registration fees.
- We collaborated with other ATS members to offer the **ATS 2026 New Faculty Boot Camp (NFBC)** for early career scientists. This boot camp is offered immediately prior to the start of the ATS 2026 International Conference (May 15-16) and offers a Ph.D. Scientist Track, which focuses on the unique challenges and opportunities of academic medicine
- We will be distributing a survey of research-oriented attendees at the 2026 International Conference. Please look for it and complete it as this helps us advocate for Ph.D. scientists with ATS leadership

Reception for PhDs & Other Basic Science Researchers

Sunday, May 18th from 3 - 5 p.m.

**Moscone Convention Center
South Terrace (South Building, Level 3)**

The reception will provide an intimate setting for networking while also allowing guests to mingle. Cocktails will be provided.

Register Here: [Reception for PhDs and Other Basic Science Research | Education - Sessions - Session Detail | ATS 2026](#)

The Section on Medical Education (SoME)

Lekshmi Santosh, MMD, MAEd. (Chair)

The ATS Section on Medical Education (SOME) has had a highly productive year and we are excited to see you at **ATS 2026 in Orlando on Sunday, May 17th at Noon for our SOME Business Meeting which will be new and interactive this year!** We are excited to have programmed sections across the IC, Networking Super Center, Meet the Expert Seminars, and Post-Grad Courses, a testament to the Section's growing impact. We will publish the **MedEd Roadmap** soon to help members navigate all this programming! For non-IC Programming, SOME has rolled out a rich webinar

calendar this year covering topics like *Building a Medical Education Portfolio*, *Professional Identity Formation*, *ACGME Clinician Educator Milestones*, and *How to Publish "How I Teach" Papers*. Meanwhile, the SOME Pods are still actively collaborating and pursuing scholarship in their various domains. We are off to a terrific start, and we can't wait to connect with you in Orlando and beyond!

2026 Respiratory Health Awards BSHSR Assembly Colleagues - don't miss this!

Congratulations to the recipients of the 2026 Respiratory Health Awards! 🎉



Public Service Award – Tyra Bryant-Stephens, MD

Opening Ceremony – Saturday, May 16- 4:15 - 5:30 p.m.

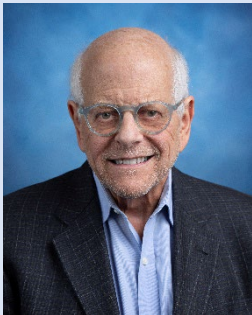
Room: Orange County Convention Center - Chapin Theater (Level III - West Concourse)



Distinguished Achievement Award - Lynn B. Gerald PhD, MSPH

Plenary Session – Tuesday, May 19 - 11:45 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Orange County Convention Center - Chapin Theater (Level III - West Concourse)

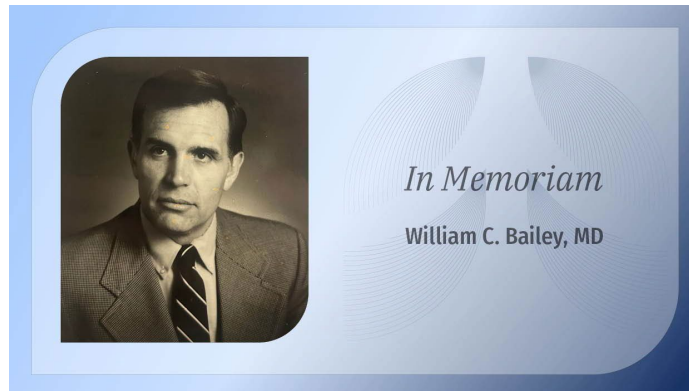


Don't Miss the 2026 Amberson Lecture - Sunday, May 17- 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.
Orange County Convention Center - Chapin Theater (Level III - West Concourse)

J. Burns Amberson Lecture – Marc Peters-Golden, MD

Cyclic AMP vs. Fibrosis: Harnessing Homeostasis and the Power of Pleiotropy

In Memoriam



William C. Bailey, MD, a distinguished clinician-scientist and passionate advocate for lung health, passed away peacefully, leaving a profound legacy of compassionate care, transformative research, and devoted mentorship.

*Dr. Bailey served on the faculty of the **University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB)** for more than 42 years, including 36 years in the Division of Pulmonary, Allergy & Critical Care Medicine. As the founding director of the **UAB Lung Health Center**, he forged a pioneering research and clinical program dedicated to the study and treatment of asthma, smoking cessation, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and tuberculosis. His work helped expand understanding of lung disease and improve care for countless patients and communities.*

Renowned for his scientific rigor and collaborative spirit, Dr. Bailey's contributions to pulmonary medicine were recognized with numerous honors, including prestigious institutional and national awards for research excellence, teaching, and mentorship. His commitment to training the next generation of physicians and investigators was reflected in the many trainees he guided—more than fifty mentees whose careers he shaped with encouragement, insight, and care.

*Dr. Bailey was a dedicated member of the **American Thoracic Society (ATS)** for decades. He served with distinction on the **ATS Foundation Board of Trustees** and made significant contributions to the Society's mission through his work on the **Tobacco Action Committee**. His longstanding philanthropy included early and generous support for the **Clinical Training Fund** and the **Ziskind Clinical Research Scholar Award**—a recognition that celebrates pulmonary and critical care fellows who exemplify excellence in clinical research. The Ziskind Award, named in honor of Morton Ziskind, MD, reflects a legacy of inspiring trainees and fostering meaningful learning experiences at the ATS International Conference. Dr. Bailey's support helped sustain those traditions and expanded opportunities for emerging investigators across the field.*

Colleagues and friends remember Dr. Bailey as a deeply thoughtful clinician, a tireless researcher, and a mentor whose influence extended far beyond the walls of the hospital and laboratory. He was known for his warmth, integrity, and the profound respect he held for his patients and trainees alike. He is survived by family, friends, and the many students, fellows, and collaborators whose lives were enriched by his generosity of spirit and intellectual curiosity. Dr. Bailey's legacy endures in the knowledge he helped advance, the clinicians and scientists he inspired, and in the improved respiratory health of patients throughout Alabama and beyond.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to the Ziskind Clinical Training Fund.

Note: The American Thoracic Society improves global health by advancing research, patient care, and public health in pulmonary disease, critical illness, and sleep disorders. Your gift is tax deductible.

Advocacy Sessions

Special Topic Sessions 12-1:15		
Sunday, May 17		
Session Code:	Session Title	Speakers
SPS3	Advocating for Clean Air and a Better Climate - ATS Efforts in Environmental Health and What You Can Do	Alison Lee MD MS, Nick Nassikas MD
SPS4	Next Generation MDI Inhalers – Opportunities and Implementation Challenges	Mary Rice MD, William Feldman MD, Jyothi Tirumalasetty MD
SPS5	Coding and Billing Advocacy for ATS members	Dr. Frye, Dr. Ahasic
SPS6	Pediatric Pulmonary Advocacy in Action	Christy Sadreameli, Folashade Afolabi, Anna Volerman Beaser, Angela Metcalf, Devika Rao
MONDAY, MAY 18		
SPS11	Preserving the Pathway – Early Career Professionals Road to Research	Siri Vaeth, MSW, Hara Levy, MD, MMSc Andrew Herrin
SPS13	Clearing the Air: Mobilizing Tobacco Advocacy	Anne Melzer, MD, Sven Jordt, PhD,
SPS15	Navigating Health Policy in a Changing Landscape: Coverage, Workforce, and Advocacy	Andrew Herrin, Sharron Crowder, PhD, RN, ATSF, FAAN, Nicholas Kolaitis, MD, MAS, Mary McGowan, Denise Kent, PhD, APRN
SPS16	Florida and its Critical Needs	Michael D. Schweitzer, MD, Amanda Kovacich, William Miller

ATS & CAPC CME Learning Series on ATS Ed+ for Clinicians

The ATS and the Center to Advance Palliative Care (CAPC) have partnered up to launch a CME-certified comprehensive [learning series of seven courses on ATS Ed+](#). In the last three months of life, only about 20% of patients with COPD are referred to palliative care services—compared to approximately 60% of patients with cancer.

Free to ATS and CAPC members*, this practical curriculum empowers pulmonary clinicians to relieve complex symptoms, lead confident goals-of-care conversations, and deliver care that truly aligns with what matters most to patients and families. Each module builds on the last to equip clinicians with a clear path and tools to support patients with advanced respiratory illness.

New on ATS Ed+

capc Center to Advance Palliative Care

7 Modules on Palliative Care

Earn CME

Networking Super Center

Networking Super Center - ATS 2026: Learning Studio				
Dates/Times	Sunday, May 17	Monday, May 18	Tuesday, May 19	Wednesday, May 20
7:00 - 8:00 AM	PRDS Ceremony	How to Work with Industry in 2026	From A-to-I & O-to-Omics: An Introductory Field Guide to AI & Omics Research in Lung Diseases	High-Tech, Human-Centered: Practical Strategies for Integrating Ultrasound, AI, and Digital Tools Without Losing the Patient
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	Teaching in the ICU @ Night	Getting Engaged in Clinical Trials: Pathways and Strategies for Budding Trialists	From Science to Storytelling: How to Use Narratives to Advocate for Change	Widen Your Net, Broaden Your Path: Networking and Portfolio Building for Early Career Scientists
10:00- 11:00 AM	Conducting High-Impact Pulmonary Research in Low- and Middle-Income Countries	Elevator Speech Workshop: Sharpening Your Professional Identity	Diagnosing and Addressing Learning Disabilities in Trainees	Models and Techniques to Map the Influence of Extracellular Matrix Across the Lung
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Advocacy Roadmap: A Path to Career and Advocacy integration	AJRCCM, AJRCMB, AnnalsATS, ATS Scholar Combined Journal Talks Journal editors	Legislation, Implementation, Outcomes, and the Path to 50 States: Stock Albuterol Policies	Reliable Lung Sounds: Practical AI at the Point of Care
12:00 - 1:00 PM	Navigating Prior Authorization Challenges and Finding Solutions	Breathe Easy: The Scope of Pediatric Pulmonary Fellowship Training in the United States	Finding Your Team: Networking Across Disciplines for Stronger Science	Survive, Then Thrive: Innovations in Post-ICU Recovery with Team-Based Care
1:00-2:00 PM	Strategies for Success in Leadership	Strategies for Patient Engagement in Research & Clinical Care: PAR Expertise and Support	Who I Am Matters: The Impact of Intersecting Identities on Workforce, Research, and Health Outcomes	
2:00 - 3:00 PM	Resources from the NIGMS Sepsis Human Biospecimens Program	Optimizing Individual Learning in the Multi-Disciplinary ICU: Building Skills & Gaining Competencies	From Labs to Lungs: Translating Respiratory Science for Impact	
3:00 - 4:00 PM	Physician Wellbeing 2.0 (Beyond the Warm and Fuzzy Hour)	Navigating the Early Career: Expert Panel Discussion of Career Development, Mentoring, and Networking	Academic Career as an International Medical Graduate (IMG)	
4:00 - 5:00 PM	Storytelling Series	Storytelling Series	Storytelling Series	
Networking Events: PhD Reception (3-5 p.m.) TEACH (4-5 p.m.) IMG Reception (4-5 p.m.)				

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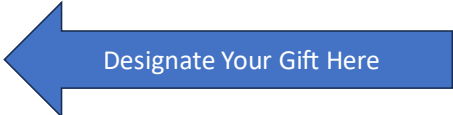
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