

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



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Message from the Assembly Chair

Welcome to our Spring 2022 BSHSR Newsletter. I hope everyone is safe and healthy as we move into the third year of living with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our newsletter offers updates on the work accomplished by our BSHSR committees and working groups. What is remarkable is that despite the challenges of the past year, so much has been accomplished. The excitement for the opportunity to reconnect in San Francisco mid-May is palpable and as of the end of March already 7000 have registered for the in-person event! Program Chairs **Erin Koss and Valerie Press** highlight the symposia and poster sessions of BSHSR members with topics ranging from the burnout that has been accelerated by COVID-19 through the non-COVID health impacts associated with the pandemic. The seven **Meet the Expert** sessions offer opportunities for advice. Our Planning Committee, led by **Curt Weiss**, continues to support the development of exceptionally strong project applications. This year we added one new project and two renewals to the portfolio of successful applications along with publication of the *Research Statement on Enhancing Recruitment and Retention of Minority Populations for Clinical Research*. This is a great time to begin thinking about potential *new* projects. Project applications are generally available in June or July on the ATS website, with a deadline for submission typically in late July. If you have an idea for a new project, please contact either Curt (current chair) or Katie Artis, the incoming chair of the Planning Committee, or reach out to them in San Francisco.

Here’s a few other highlights in this newsletter. **Rosemary Adamson**, chair of the **Section on Medical Education (SoME)** provides an overview of the many ways SOME members innovate and refine new opportunities for learning and collaboration among ATS educators. Of note, this has been the inaugural year of the **Alison Clay Early Career Educator Award** – a new way to recognize promising EC educators making significant contributions to education in pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine. **Kevin Wilson** offers an overview of the **Evidence Synthesis Methodology Work Group**. In its 9th year, the ESM-WG has enrolled 48 trainees. Since the ESM-WG’s effort continues to shift toward the ATS Guideline Methodology Training Program and away from ATS projects and evidence synthesis collaborations, the **Documents Development and Implementation Committee (DDIC)** will become the new home of the training program. I’m sure you’ll enjoy reading Kevin’s update to see just how vital this program has become to increasing expertise in methodology across the pillars of ATS.

As an assembly, the BSHSR continues to punch well above our weight with an abundance of leadership opportunities for early-career trainees. I invite you to review the reports of all our committee and working group leaders to see the wide range of activities with which our members are very actively involved. For **PhD scientists** in our assembly, please see the update from the PhD Working Group, led by **Jean-Marie Bruzzese**. There will be a reception for PhD ATS members on Sunday, May 15th from 3 – 5 pm in the Science and Innovation Center as part of broader ATS efforts to increase PhD membership within ATS and advocate for early- and mid-career PhD investigators. Look for news on events being planned for the summer and fall by **Nancy Stewart** and **Chris Worsham** who lead the **Early Career**

Professionals Working Group.


It has been a great honor to serve as your Chair for the last two years. In May, we will welcome our new Chair, **Renda Wiener, MD MPH**. Renda is the Associate Director of the Center for Healthcare Organization & Implementation Research in the VA Boston Healthcare System, and Professor of Medicine in the Pulmonary Center at Boston University. She's at the forefront of leading patient-centered strategies to help us de-implement harmful strategies in pulmonary and critical care and optimize benefits in lung cancer screening and evaluation. I've had the pleasure of working closely with her over the past year, and I am really looking forward to the energy and vision she brings to our assembly as we reconnect and return to more in-person events. I would like to also take the opportunity to thank my outstanding colleagues on the BSHSR Executive Committee who have really brought their creativity and strengths to the table to accomplish so much over the past year. Looking forward to seeing you in San Fran at our BSHSR Assembly Meeting on Sunday evening from 5-7pm (note new time).

Assembly Chair
Susan J. Bartlett, PhD

BSHSR Membership Meeting

Sunday, May 15, 2022
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Building: Moscone Center West
Room: 3010/3012
Floor: Level 3

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Planning Committee

Curtis Weiss, MD (Chair)

The BSHSR Assembly Planning Committee is pleased to report on another successful year as our Assembly members work to advance the mission of ATS with newly funded, renewed, and published projects. In spite of the ongoing challenges imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, we have maintained our outstanding representation and unique contribution to ATS this year through important ATS projects. For FY2022 we received support for one new project and two renewal projects, while one project was published.

The new project that was approved is Defining Time-Limited Trials in Critical Care led by Jacqueline Kruser. This project was submitted with our Assembly as the primary sponsor. Both projects submitted for renewal through our Assembly were approved. These are An Official ATS Policy Statement: Palliative Care Early in the Care Continuum among Patients with Respiratory Disease with a Focus on Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, Interstitial Lung Disease and Lung Cancer led by Donald Sullivan, and An Official ATS/VA HSR&D Research Statement: Promoting Research on Implementing Shared Decision-Making for Lung Cancer Screening led by Renda Wiener.

I am pleased to report that the following projects successfully completed their work and were published in the past year: *Enhancing Recruitment and Retention of Minority Populations for Clinical Research in Pulmonary, Critical Care, and Sleep Medicine: An Official American Thoracic Society Research Statement* led by Neeta Thakur, Fernando Holguin, and Jennifer Alvidrez (Am J Respir Crit Care Med 2021;204(3):e26-e50).

The BSHSR Assembly continues to help lead the ATS through its successful projects. We look forward to another highly productive year starting our new project, completing current projects, and identifying and developing ideas for future projects for FY2023. This is a great time to start thinking about potential new project ideas. Project proposal instructions

and applications are generally available in June or July on the ATS website, with submission typically in late July. If you have an idea for a new project, please contact the Chair of the Planning Committee, Dr. Curtis Weiss, at cweiss@northshore.org.

Submit an Assembly/Committee Project Application for Funding in FY2023!

We are happy to announce that ATS will once again accept **NEW Assembly/Committee Projects for FY2023**. All interested applicants should begin developing their ideas for Assembly/Committee Project Applications.

Applications will be available on the ATS website at www.thoracic.org

Please consider submitting an application for an Assembly/Committee project. If you have a suggestion for a project application and you need assistance, please contact your **Assembly Planning Committee Chair Curtis Weiss, MD, MS at cweiss@northshore.org**

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Program Committee

Erin Kross, MD & Valerie Press, MD, MPH (Chairs)

The BSHSR Program Committee recently completed the scheduling of programs for the 2022 ATS International Conference. Committee members reviewed over 350 original abstracts and have created a terrific program for the conference. We are thrilled with the diverse programming and the ability to highlight the breadth and depth of our BSHSR membership.

We have programmed 5 mini-symposia:

- Improving care for patients with lung disease or critical illness disease through training and evaluation
- Quality of care, health disparities, and healthcare utilization among patients with asthma or COPD
- Topics in critical care: palliative care, decision-making, and sepsis
- Burnout, disparities, and outcomes of the COVID-19 pandemic
- Evaluating and treating patients with lung disorders

We have programmed 1 RAPiD poster session and 5 poster discussion sessions:

- Impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on health disparities, patients, families, clinicians, and systems (RAPiD)
- Professional training and stakeholder perspectives in chronic and serious illness
- Influence of systems and society on healthcare and healthcare delivery
- Using analog or technology tools to evaluate and intervene to improve healthcare delivery

- Risk factors and predictors in critical illness and chronic respiratory diseases
- Topics in behavioral science and health services research

We have programmed 7 thematic poster sessions:

- Topics in health services research and self-management for patients with obstructive lung disease
- Topics in tobacco and e-cigarettes
- Global impact of the COVID-19 pandemic
- Sleep-related health services research
- Advancements in medical education and professional development
- Topics in critical care and respiratory failure
- Hot topics in behavioral sciences and health service research

In addition, we have programmed two Scientific Symposia including one on Tuesday afternoon titled “Priorities from a joint-society ATS policy statement on palliative care in serious respiratory disease” and one on Wednesday morning titled “Non-COVID-19 health impacts of the pandemic: Applying lessons to improve respiratory health”. We think these Symposia will be of great interest to the members of our BSHSR assembly and to the wider ATS community.

We are excited to be able to present a Post-Graduate Course: “Fundamentals of Writing Successful Research Project Grants: Rising to the Next Level (FUND-R)” on Saturday, May 14, 2022.

This year, based on the success of last year, instead of “Meet the Professor” and “Sunrise Seminars” the conference is hosting “Meet the Expert” sessions. Our assembly has four “Meet the Expert” sessions programmed at the conference:

- Relationship advice: Optimizing the mentor-mentee relationship, presented by Drs. Timothy Dempsey, Jeremy Richards, Kelly Pennington, and Emer Kelly
- Caring for older adults with serious respiratory illness through Geripulm, presented by Drs. Anand Iyer and Leah Witt
- Guardians of space: Leveraging psychological safety for learning success, presented by Drs. Wade Brown, May Lee, Lekshmi Santhosh, and Nancy Stewart
- Avoiding bias when analyzing longitudinal patient trajectories: Not all repeated measures data is created equally, presented by Dr. Megan Neely

Our assembly programming includes 3 additional Meet the Expert sessions as part of a Medical Education Seminar Series:

- Beyond the individual: Team cognition in critical care, presented by Drs. Abdullah Alismail, Lauren Blackwell, Sugeet Jagpal, and Jared Chiarchiaro

- Advocacy across the spectrum: Harnessing our influence and expertise to promote individual health and community well-being, presented by Drs. May Lee, Kathleen Doo, and Sherie Gause
- Integrating evidence-based medicine into clinical teaching, presented by Drs. Lisa Vande Vusse, Karen Hinkle, and Erin Camac

We look forward to seeing everyone in person in San Francisco. We hope you are able to engage in the diverse content. Thank you to our Program Committee members for all of their hard work to review for the scientific sessions and abstracts, as well as their input into the programming, especially during the pandemic when many are stretched very thin!

It is not too early to begin planning for 2023. We hope to see at our Program Committee planning meeting on **Tuesday, May 17th, at 6:30 am**. Please join us then to help shape future programming and sessions!

Please reach out to Dr. Erin Kross with any questions about the 2022-2023 Program Committee at: ekross@uw.edu

ATS 2022 International Conference Assembly on Behavioral Sciences and Health Services Research (BSHR) Sessions

Session Code	Session Title	Session Type	Session Date	Session Start Time	Session End Time
PG8	FUNDAMENTALS OF WRITING SUCCESSFUL RESEARCH PROJECT GRANTS: RISING TO THE NEXT LEVEL - FUND-R	Postgraduate Course	5/14/2022	8:00 AM	4:00 PM
ME2	"RELATIONSHIP ADVICE": OPTIMIZING THE MENTOR-MENTEE RELATIONSHIP	Meet the Expert	5/15/2022	7:00 AM	8:00 AM
A13	IMPROVING CARE FOR PATIENTS WITH LUNG DISEASE OR CRITICAL ILLNESS THROUGH TRAINING AND EVALUATION	Mini Symposium	5/15/2022	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
A21	IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC ON HEALTH DISPARITIES, PATIENTS, FAMILIES, CLINICIANS, AND SYSTEMS	RAPiD: Rapid Abstract Poster Discussion Session	5/15/2022	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
A34	TOPICS IN HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH AND SELF-MANAGEMENT FOR PATIENTS WITH OBSTRUCTIVE LUNG DISEASE	Thematic Poster Session	5/15/2022	9:30 AM	3:45 PM
A35	TOPICS IN TOBACCO AND E-CIGARETTES	Thematic Poster Session	5/15/2022	9:30 AM	3:45 PM
ME5	CARING FOR OLDER ADULTS WITH SERIOUS RESPIRATORY ILLNESS THROUGH GERIPULM	Meet the Expert	5/15/2022	10:45 AM	11:45 AM
ME101	MEDICAL EDUCATION SEMINAR SERIES: Beyond the Individual: Team Cognition in Critical Care	Meet the Expert	5/15/2022	12:15 PM	1:15 PM
A93	QUALITY OF CARE, HEALTH DISPARITIES, AND HEALTHCARE UTILIZATION AMONG PATIENTS WITH ASTHMA OR COPD	Mini Symposium	5/15/2022	2:15 PM	3:45 PM
B16	TOPICS IN CRITICAL CARE: SEPSIS, PALLIATIVE CARE, AND DECISION-MAKING	Mini Symposium	5/16/2022	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
B34	GLOBAL IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC	Thematic Poster Session	5/16/2022	9:30 AM	3:45 PM
B35	SLEEP RELATED HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH	Thematic Poster Session	5/16/2022	9:30 AM	3:45 PM

ME102	MEDICAL EDUCATION SEMINAR SERIES: Advocacy Across the Spectrum: Harnessing Our Influence and Expertise to Promote Individual Health and Community Well-Being	Meet the Expert	5/16/2022	12:15 PM	1:15 PM
B102	PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND STAKEHOLDER PERSPECTIVES IN CHRONIC AND SERIOUS ILLNESS	Poster Discussion Session	5/16/2022	2:15 PM	3:45 PM
C14	BURNOUT, DISPARITIES, AND OUTCOMES OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC	Mini Symposium	5/17/2022	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
C22	INFLUENCE OF SYSTEMS AND SOCIETY ON HEALTHCARE AND HEALTHCARE DELIVERY	Poster Discussion Session	5/17/2022	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
C34	ADVANCEMENTS IN MEDICAL EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	Thematic Poster Session	5/17/2022	9:30 AM	3:45 PM
C35	TOPICS IN CRITICAL CARE AND RESPIRATORY FAILURE	Thematic Poster Session	5/17/2022	9:30 AM	3:45 PM
C36	HOT TOPICS IN BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES AND HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH	Thematic Poster Session	5/17/2022	9:30 AM	3:45 PM
ME33	AVOIDING BIAS WHEN ANALYZING LONGITUDINAL PATIENT TRAJECTORIES: NOT ALL REPEATED MEASURES DATA IS CREATED EQUALLY	Meet the Expert	5/17/2022	10:45 AM	11:45 AM
ME103	MEDICAL EDUCATION SEMINAR SERIES: Integrating Evidence-Based Medicine into Clinical Teaching	Meet the Expert	5/17/2022	12:15 PM	1:15 PM
C102	USING ANALOG OR TECHNOLOGY TOOLS TO EVALUATE AND INTERVENE TO IMPROVE HEALTHCARE DELIVERY	Poster Discussion Session	5/17/2022	2:15 PM	3:45 PM
C89	PRIORITIES FROM A JOINT-SOCIETY ATS POLICY STATEMENT ON PALLIATIVE CARE IN SERIOUS RESPIRATORY ILLNESS	Scientific Symposium	5/17/2022	2:15 PM	3:45 PM
D13	EVALUATING AND TREATING PATIENTS WITH LUNG DISORDERS	Mini Symposium	5/18/2022	8:15 AM	9:45 AM
D21	RISK FACTORS AND PREDICTORS IN CRITICAL ILLNESS AND CHRONIC RESPIRATORY DISEASES	Poster Discussion Session	5/18/2022	8:15 AM	9:45 AM
D11	NON-COVID-19 HEALTH IMPACTS OF THE PANDEMIC: APPLYING LESSONS TO IMPROVE RESPIRATORY HEALTH	Scientific Symposium	5/18/2022	8:15 AM	9:45 AM
D102	TOPICS IN BEHAVIORAL SCIENCE AND HEALTH SERVICE RESEARCH	Poster Discussion Session	5/18/2022	12:45 PM	2:15 PM

**ATS 2022 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
ADDITIONAL SESSIONS OF INTEREST**

Session Code	Session Title	Session Type	Session Date	Session Start	Session End
A1	CLINICAL YEAR IN REVIEW 1	Scientific Symposium	5/15/2022	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
A11	TACKLING HEALTH DISPARITIES: HOW DO WE TALK AND TEACH ABOUT THEM?	Scientific Symposium	5/15/2022	9:30 AM	11:00 AM

A2	JAMA AND THE NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL OF MEDICINE. DISCUSSION ON THE EDGE: REPORTS OF RECENTLY PUBLISHED PULMONARY RESEARCH	Scientific Symposium	5/15/2022	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
A3	FELLOWS CASE CONFERENCE	Scientific Symposium	5/15/2022	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
A5	CROSSTALK OF SENESCENT CELLS WITH THE MICROENVIRONMENT: IT TAKES TWO TO TELL A STORY	Scientific Symposium	5/15/2022	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
CC1	CRITICAL CARE CLINICAL CORE CURRICULUM	Scientific Symposium	5/15/2022	11:30 AM	1:00 PM
PCC1	PEDIATRIC CLINICAL CORE CURRICULUM	Scientific Symposium	5/15/2022	12:00 PM	1:00 PM
A83	GREAT CASES: CLINICAL, RADIOLOGIC, AND PATHOLOGIC CORRELATIONS BY MASTER CLINICIANS	Scientific Symposium	5/15/2022	2:15 PM	3:45 PM
A84	THE NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL OF MEDICINE AND JAMA. DISCUSSION ON THE EDGE: REPORTS OF RECENTLY PUBLISHED CRITICAL CARE RESEARCH	Scientific Symposium	5/15/2022	2:15 PM	3:45 PM
A85	DEVELOPMENT AND WOUND HEALING: WHERE SENESCENCE IS THE SILVER LINING	Scientific Symposium	5/15/2022	2:15 PM	3:45 PM
A90	RECENT ATS CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES	Scientific Symposium	5/15/2022	2:15 PM	3:45 PM
B1	CLINICAL YEAR IN REVIEW 2	Scientific Symposium	5/16/2022	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
B12	CLINICAL TRIALS SESSION	Scientific Symposium	5/16/2022	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
B13	INSIGHTS INTO MECHANISMS AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS OF HIV ASSOCIATED LUNG DISEASE	Scientific Symposium	5/16/2022	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
CC2	PULMONARY CLINICAL CORE CURRICULUM	Scientific Symposium	5/16/2022	11:30 AM	1:00 PM
PCC2	PEDIATRIC CLINICAL CORE CURRICULUM	Scientific Symposium	5/16/2022	12:00 PM	1:00 PM
B88	INCLUDING ALL FOR RESPIRATORY HEALTH	Scientific Symposium	5/16/2022	2:15 PM	3:45 PM
B91	PUBLISHING THE BEST SCIENCE: THE COMPREHENSIVE SPECTRUM PROVIDED BY THE ATS FAMILY OF JOURNALS	Scientific Symposium	5/16/2022	2:15 PM	3:45 PM
CC3	CRITICAL CARE CLINICAL CORE CURRICULUM	Scientific Symposium	5/16/2022	2:15 PM	3:45 PM
C1	CLINICAL YEAR IN REVIEW 3	Scientific Symposium	5/17/2022	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
C11	USE OF NOVEL TECHNOLOGIES TO IMPROVE CLINICAL TRAINING AND ENHANCE PATIENT SAFETY	Scientific Symposium	5/17/2022	9:30 AM	11:00 AM
PCC3	PEDIATRIC CLINICAL CORE CURRICULUM	Scientific Symposium	5/17/2022	12:00 PM	1:00 PM
C90	MORE THAN MAKING UP FOR LOST TIME: CAREER DEVELOPMENT AFTER COVID-19	Scientific Symposium	5/17/2022	2:15 PM	3:45 PM
CC4	PULMONARY CLINICAL CORE CURRICULUM	Scientific Symposium	5/17/2022	2:15 PM	3:45 PM
D1	CLINICAL YEAR IN REVIEW 4	Scientific Symposium	5/18/2022	8:15 AM	9:45 AM

D5	THE IMPACT OF FLAVORED NICOTINE PRODUCTS: BIOLOGY, BEHAVIOR AND THE "BAN"	Scientific Symposium	5/18/2022	8:15 AM	9:45 AM
CC5	SLEEP CLINICAL CORE CURRICULUM	Scientific Symposium	5/18/2022	10:45 AM	12:15 PM
CC6	SLEEP CLINICAL CORE CURRICULUM	Scientific Symposium	5/18/2022	12:45 PM	2:15 PM

Web Committee

Laura Myers, MD, MPH (Web Director)

The Web Committee continues to support members by tweeting about newly published articles by members each Friday. We have produced a **Breathe Easy** podcast on the interface of law enforcement in the intensive care unit which was based on an AnnalsATS provocations paper and has gotten great feedback thus far. We also are recording an interview with J. Randall Curtis about his experience to date with ALS, which we anticipate will be informative and meaningful. We encourage all to listen. If BSHSR members want to host a journal club, please don't hesitate to reach out to me with ideas/suggestions. Also, we accept one apprentice per year so hope fellows will apply to be an apprentice with us. It's a great opportunity for fellows to get involved in BSHSR. Please consider joining the >1600 people who **follow us on Twitter at @ATS_BSHSR**.



Section on Medical Education (SoME)

Rosemary Adamson, MBBS (Section Chair)

The SoME executive committee and our members have remained very busy this year creating opportunities for learning and collaboration for ATS medical educators. The web group was led by Sheetal Gandotra, who oversaw the Section's online presence, and made sure our Section webpages are up to date and informative. Allison Greco led the social media group who have amazingly tweeted almost every day highlighting articles, resources, and ideas following their daily themes: Mindful Mondays, Tech Tuesdays, Wednesday Wisdom, Thursday Thoughts, Feature Friday, Spotlight Saturdays. I highly recommend following them [@ATSMedEd](#) and feel free to contact Allie if you'd like to host the SoME Twitter account for a month (allison.greco@nyulangone.org). Rama El-yafawi led the WEAR (What Educators are Reading) blog, publishing a new piece each month for which a SOME member interviews an author of a high-yield med ed journal article. If you, or someone you know, would like the opportunity to interview a medical educator to write a blog post, contact Rama (relyafawi@gmail.com).

The TIME (Trainees Interested in Medical Education) group has been extremely active this year under the leadership of Laura Chiel and Rick Koubeck. They've added vice-chairs for Programming (Jenn Duke), Outreach (David Shore) and Pediatrics (Kristen Richard). The group has been working with the ATS Training Committee to record podcasts related to the ATS Fellows Reading List, which are going to be a fantastic resource for PCCSM fellows (and all ATS members), and they are developing plans for a series of webinars focused on trainees' needs.

Jared Chiarchiaro is our planning lead, presiding over the award of the inaugural ATS SOME Medical Education Research Grant last year, as well the Alison Clay Early Career Educator Award. Tim Amass has led our mentoring program which suffered from technical glitches last year, but this year will allow ATS members to request to receive mentoring or be a mentor for both their preferred clinical/research area AND medical education.

Diana Kelm has organized webinars this year and we hosted two webinars about virtual interviewing in the fall. The Section will be hosting its first journal club webinar on March 28th, reviewing the paper "They Don't See a Lot of People My Color: A Mixed Methods Study of Racial/Ethnic Stereotype Threat Among Medical Students on Core Clerkships" along with the study's first and last author. If that date has not passed by the time this newsletter is released, you can click [here](#) to register, and if it has passed, you can find the recording [here](#).

Stacey Kassutto led our International Conference programming committee this year and we are thrilled to have some great sessions programmed. In particular, we are super excited for the return of the three noontime Medical Education Seminars at ATS 2022, and thank the BSHSR programming committee chairs for their help and support. If you want to know which sessions to attend at the conference this year, watch out for the Medical Educators Roadmap that we'll release soon.

The Section has two working groups. The International Medical Education working group, co-chaired by Juliana Ferreira and Jeremy Richards, hosted a Twitter chat for International Medical Educators in February and is working on a needs assessment of ATS International Medical Educators. The Project Leadership working group, chaired by Diana Kelm, has 12 pods, each of which functions like mini-working groups, developing multi-institution scholarly activities. Due to the incredible success of this working group in developing scholarship, when this working group concludes its time in May 2023, we are going to transition the role of chair of this group to a SOME executive committee position, to continue the Section's pod approach to collaborative scholarship.

We will hold our annual business meeting on Monday, May 16th, 1:15-2:15 PDT both in-person in San Francisco and online. Please hold this time on your calendar and plan to join us if you will be in San Francisco. We will also hold a meeting dedicated to discussing programming for ATS 2023 online on Monday, May 23, 1-2 pm PDT, 4-5 pm EDT. Please click [here](#) to register. There will be opportunities at both of these events for SOME members to get involved in our activities, but you are always welcome to email me (adamsonr@uw.edu) or any of the SOME executive committees. We'd love to get to know you and see how we can work together.

Evidence Synthesis Guideline Methodology Training Program

Kevin Wilson, MD, & Narayan Iyer, MD (Co-Chairs)

The mission of the Evidence Synthesis Methodology Working Group (ESM-WG) is to provide a venue for ATS members who are interested in systematic reviews and/or clinical practice guideline methodology to collaborate and learn from one another. The ESM-WG has three missions: to serve as a home to the ATS Guideline Methodology Training Program, conduct ATS projects, and facilitate evidence synthesis collaboration. The ESM-WG's efforts have focused on the ATS Guideline Methodology Training Program over the past year, a reflection of increased interest and demand.

The training program is in its ninth year and has enrolled 48 trainees (i.e., "Methodology Scholars"). Last year's class was deferred due to the pandemic, but now joins this year's class with the resumption of normal operations. New Scholars include Hayley Barnes (Alfred Hospital, University of Melbourne), Brian Erstad (University of Arizona), Scott Helgeson (Mayo

Clinic Jacksonville), An Ho (St. Louis University), Ioannis Konstantinidis (University of Pittsburgh), Allison Lambert (Washington State University), Hayley Lewthwaite (University of Southern Australia), and Sanket Thakore (Yale University).

Individuals who are selected to participate in the program attend a workshop that introduces the steps of guideline development. Following the workshop, the Scholars are eligible for assignment to an actual ATS clinical practice guideline committee. They work under the mentorship of an experienced methodologist to provide methodological support to the committee. The Scholars are authors on the guidelines that they support and publish systematic reviews performed in the context of guideline development, often as first authors. After participating in one or two guidelines, most Scholars are ready to venture out as independent methodologists.

The Documents Development and Implementation Committee (DDIC) plans to build upon the successes of the ATS Guideline Methodology Training Program during the coming years. An article is being prepared for publication in an ATS journal that describes the program in detail. The DDIC plans to derive a list of core competencies that Scholars must master to graduate from the training program and to develop an assessment strategy, likely a combination of a written test and evaluation by the mentor. Once such metrics are established, the DDIC hopes to collaborate with ATS' leadership to investigate the creation of an ATS certification for guideline methodology.

Participation in the program is competitive. For information about the program or to apply, please contact Kevin Wilson, MD at kwilson@thoracic.org. Alternatively, you may attend an informational workshop that will be held virtually over the summer, the date and time of which will be forthcoming.

Early Career Professionals Working Group

Nancy Stewart, DO, MS, & Chris Worsham, MD (co-Chairs)

As a group of early-career professionals, we continue to try and grow. We are a small but mighty group always open to welcoming new members. We participated in the Junior Researcher Happy Hour hosted by the SRN Assembly recently which was a great success. We are grateful two of our junior research members participated and provided guidance to those attendees. We also successfully completed the mentor/mentee match and the apprentice program match, both of which are coming up again soon! Thank you to all the mentors for signing up and supporting early career professionals. We hope to plan future events following the International Conference. Please be on the lookout for these and spread the word we are welcoming new members! For more information contact Christ at CWORSHAM@mgh.harvard.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 and two receptions.

Moscone Center West

(Room: Overlook 3018, Floor: Level 3)

Sunday, May 15 – Monday, May 16, 2022, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Join us at the Mentoring Receptions:

Sunday, May 15 – Monday, May 16, 2022, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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

ATS Contact- Nicole Feijoo at NFeijoo@thoracic.org

PhD Scientists Working Group

Jean Marie Bruzzese, PhD (Representative)

I am pleased to represent our assembly in this working group, which is comprised of non-clinicians from each of the Assemblies who advocate for the need of PhD researchers within the ATS. We provide a research voice toward Society-wide issues; promote diversity, equity, and inclusion the Society; and advocate for early- and mid-career investigators. One of our recent efforts is to increase PhD membership within ATS by surveying non-ATS PhD investigators who attend the annual conference this year to learn what we can do to make ATS a home for them.

Please join us in San Francisco for two exciting events:

- PhD Reception on Sunday, May 15th from 3 – 5 pm in the Science and Innovation Center (SIC) at the Convention Center, Room 155 (South Building, Upper Mezzanine). Enjoy a cocktail as you network and mingle at this free event. For more information and to register in advance for the reception below.
- Panel discussion on T32 submissions on Tuesday, May 17th from 10 – 11 am in the Science and Innovation Center (SIC)

Third Reception for PhDs & Other Basic Science Researchers

Sunday, May 15 from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. The reception will be held in the Science and Innovation Center (SIC) at the Moscone Convention Center (Room: 155, South, Upper Mezzanine). There will be food provided and activities during the event will include an opportunity to get to meet and network with other scientists, to engage with leaders from the ATS and assemblies and to provide feedback regarding activities or programs that ATS could offer to benefit the basic and translational science members, especially those who are not also clinicians.

Register Here: <https://conference.thoracic.org/program/events/reception-phd-other-basic-science-researchers.php>