

Assembly on Respiratory Structure and Function (RSF) Newsletter



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Message from the Assembly Chair

Dear Members:

Within the last year, rapid changes in funding and policy related to science and healthcare have left many of us in the Respiratory Structure-Function Assembly (RSF) searching for mooring. During these times it's essential that we continue to collaborate and support one another, create new cutting-edge science and translational medicine, and remain at the forefront of innovation and translation in respiratory medicine. The 2026 ATS International Conference and our Assembly Membership Meeting is one of the many ways that we can ensure trainees and younger members make and retain the networking connections that will benefit their future careers. The RSF has led respiratory science for over a half-decade, and we will continue this in 2026. Here we share with you the strong state of the Respiratory Structure and Function Assembly.

The RSF Assembly brings together basic and applied scientists, translational and clinical investigators, and clinicians who share an interest in advancing scientific discovery and patient care in respiratory health. We were one of the earliest ATS assemblies, established in the 1970's. Some of the best respiratory science and medicine have come from RSF and will continue to do so. The scientific scope of our Assembly is one of the broadest among ATS Assemblies and our members have diverse interests—from refinement of pulmonary function testing to airway physiology and biology to innovative biomarkers and translational imaging. It is up to us to continue to combine lung structure and lung function to improve lives.

The RSF Assembly has more than 3,100 members (1224 primary and 1965 secondary) from 107 different countries; our membership is geographically diverse and represents the diversity of our science, our degrees, and our academic titles. We are clinicians, scientists, allied health professionals, and combinations of each, at all career stages. We are at academic institutions, in private industry, in government, and other non-profit sectors. We are proud of this breadth, and we all consider RSF a scientific home. Each year RSF members participate in the ATS-wide Mentorship Program, a venture that matches junior members with experienced mentors who can provide career guidance and advice, at all levels. Perhaps most importantly, our younger members will make the most important future discoveries, will improve respiratory health, and will become the future leaders of ATS within a few short years; we must support their advancement and success, particularly in times of temporary adversity.

The 2026 Conference will be the largest since the COVID pandemic. The RSF Assembly will have a robust program—this year consisting of 4 Mini-symposia (oral presentations), 5 poster-discussion sessions, 3 Rapid Poster-Discussion, and 8 Thematic poster sessions. These are in addition to the our Meet the Expert session, and Postgraduate Course. We are proud of the scientific contributions of our members, and grateful for the high-quality programming of abstracts by members of the Programming Committee led by Rodney Britt, PhD and Peter Niedbalski, PhD. The Science Core ensures basic-science representation at the Annual Meeting and helps direct future ATS topics—led this year by Janette Burgess, PhD and Ajay Nayak, PhD.

A continuing highlight is the RSF leadership of the PhD and Basic and Translational Scientists Working Group, which is cross-assembly and is a grass-roots base for basic and translational science. Co-chairs Jarrod Barnes, PhD and Claudia Staab-Weijnitz, PhD, have been excellent leaders of this group, which will hopefully become an ATS Section within the next year or two. This Working Group collaborates closely with both the Early Career Professionals Group, led by Alane Dy PhD, and Thu Tran, DO, and with the Science and Innovation Center (SIC), led by Hadi Nia, PhD and Adam Haber, PhD. (The SIC is becoming part of the Networking Supercenter, which will serve the same

basic function.) Each of these groups works hard to advance the career goals of PhD and MD scientists by providing forums for scientific exchange and networking at the International Conference and various initiatives during the year.

Our Web Director, Kimberley Wang, PhD continues to expand our social media presence and showcase RSF topics with frequent web-based scientific events, like the most recent update and commentary from editors of AJP-Lung. Kimberley has also done an excellent job with regular highlights of journal articles authored by RSF members.

The RSF Executive Committee meets monthly and is comprised of the chairs and co-chairs of the Program Committee, Web Committee, Early-Careers Working Group, Basic and Translational Sciences Working Group, SIC, and Science Core (all mentioned above), but also the Planning Committee (led Laura Walkup PhD and Brad Smith PhD) and the Nominating Committee (Janette Burgess PhD), which are both invaluable to continuity and leadership within the Assembly. We have the latter to thank (along with ATS voters!) for ensuring continuity of leadership and for nominating our excellent incoming Assembly Chair, Matthew Drake, MD, who will begin his role at the end of the Assembly Meeting in Orlando. Matt is an outstanding and well-established leader in Pulmonary Medicine; he is currently the Pulmonary Division Chief at OHSU in Portland and runs an NIH-funded lab that focuses on airway biology.

We celebrate and congratulate the recipients of the RSF Assembly Awards, the ATS Abstract Scholarship Awards, the Rising Star Awards, and the Stuart J. Hirst Abstract Excellence Award. These winners will be announced at the RSF Membership Meeting (5-7 pm, May 17, 2026). Please come to the Membership meeting in person—there will be bingo!

It is a true honor to have served as your Assembly Chair these past two years and your representative on the ATS Council (which I will co-chair over the next year). While the past year has had nontrivial challenges for many of us, including myself, I believe the most important thing we can do is stand for science and translational medicine by staying true to our scientific and clinical principles—by continuing to innovate, create new knowledge, and share this in person at the International Meeting. Further, by continuing to provide scientific and networking opportunities for our younger members, we ensure a stronger long-term future for science and for our Assembly.

Jason C. Woods, PhD.
RSF Assembly Chair

Assembly on Respiratory Structure & Function (RSF)

Membership Meeting

Sunday, May 17, 2026

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Orange County Convention Center (Level III, West Concourse)

Room: W311E-H

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Janette K. Burgess, PhD (Chair)

Once again, the nominating committee has had the enjoyable task of identifying and recruiting nominees to stand for election for RSF positions this year. The committee worked hard to prepare a full slate of excellent RSF candidates to stand as nominees for the open positions of Program Committee Chair-Elect and two Nominating Committee Members. We thank our colleagues who accepted the nomination for running for these important Assembly positions. Their interest in the health of the Assembly, as reflected in their willingness to engage in the leadership positions, makes the role of serving as a member of the nominating committee a very rewarding one. The election has recently been completed, and it was rewarding to see the increased participation in voting by RSF members, in comparison to recent years, reflecting the current engagement of our active members. The new officers will be announced during the RSF Assembly Membership Meeting in Orlando on **Sunday, May 17, 2026, from 5-7 PM**, so be sure to attend!

I am extremely grateful to the current Nominating Committee members, Drs. Sonali Bos and Rachel Clifford, for their dedication to the nomination process and for reaching out to the candidates. It is always a pleasure to work with strong and insightful RSF colleagues for the benefit of our Assembly. As my tenure as Committee Chair for the RSF Nominating Committee comes to an end in May I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the colleagues I have had the privilege to work with throughout my time in Leadership positions within RSF. Our Assembly is a strong, collaborative and supportive network of like-minded individuals, that I am proud to be a part of.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Rodney Britt Jr, PhD, ATSF (Chair) and Peter Niedbalski, PhD (Chair-Elect)

RSF Program Committee members have been hard at work this fall and winter reviewing, scoring and programming abstracts for ATS 2026 in Orlando, FL. Abstract submissions to RSF continue to be robust. In total, we received 384 abstract submissions in total for ATS 2026, including 300 scientific abstracts, 58 case reports, and 26 late breaking abstracts. Many thanks to our committee members for their service and invaluable input in generating the exciting sessions programmed for this year's conference.

The top RSF trainee/student abstracts will receive ATS Scholarship Awards and the Stuart J. Hirst Award for the top abstract in the area of airway biology and physiology has been selected; winners will be announced at the RSF membership meeting at the International Conference in May.

RSF Program content for 2026 Annual Scientific Meeting:

ATS 2026 International Conference Assembly on Respiratory Structure and Function (RSF) Sessions				
Session Code	Session Title	Session Type	Session Date	Session Time
PG6	BEST PRACTICES IN PULMONARY FUNCTION TESTING	Postgraduate Course	5/15/2026	8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
A6	THE OBESE LUNG MICROENVIRONMENT: NEW INSIGHTS INTO ASTHMA PATHWAYS AND THERAPEUTIC TARGETS	Scientific Symposium	5/17/2026	9:15 AM - 10:45 AM
A20	A PICTURE PAINTS A THOUSAND WORDS: IMAGING PULMONARY STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION	Mini Symposium	5/17/2026	9:15 AM - 11:15 AM
A76	INTERROGATING NOVEL MECHANISMS IN CHRONIC AIRWAY DISEASE	Thematic Poster Session	5/17/2026	9:15 AM - 4:15 PM
A77	NEURO-RESPIRATORY INTERACTIONS: A CRITICAL CONNECTION	Thematic Poster Session	5/17/2026	9:15 AM - 4:15 PM
A78	CASE REPORTS IN LUNG STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION I	Thematic Poster Session	5/17/2026	9:15 AM - 4:15 PM

A110	CLOSING THE GAP: ADVANCES IN PULMONARY FIBROSIS	Poster Discussion Session	5/17/2026	2:15 PM - 4:15 PM
B29	THE LATEST IN AIRWAY SYMPTOMS AND DISEASE	Poster Discussion Session	5/18/2026	9:15 AM - 11:15 AM
B78	STRUCTURAL AND FUNCTIONAL INSIGHT INTO COPD	Thematic Poster Session	5/18/2026	9:15 AM - 4:15 PM
B79	PULMONARY FIBROSIS: BENCH TO BEDSIDE	Thematic Poster Session	5/18/2026	9:15 AM - 4:15 PM
B80-1	CASE REPORTS IN LUNG STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION II	Thematic Poster Session	5/18/2026	9:15 AM - 4:15 PM
B85	BEYOND -OMICS: CONNECTING MOLECULAR BIOLOGY TO CELL PATHOPHYSIOLOGY USING SPATIO-TEMPORAL MULTI-MODAL IMAGING	Basic Science Core	5/18/2026	2:15 PM - 3:45 PM
B101	DECODING DISEASE: BIOMARKERS, PHENOTYPES, AND PRECISION MEDICINE	Mini Symposium	5/18/2026	2:15 PM - 4:15 PM
B110	THE NEW FRONTIER IS HERE: AI IN PULMONARY MEDICINE	RAPiD Poster Discussion Session	5/18/2026	2:15 PM - 4:15 PM
C8	SEEING THE DIFFERENCE: USING IMAGING TO DEFINE COPD SUBGROUPS	Scientific Symposium	5/19/2026	9:15 AM - 10:45 AM
C20	THE NEXT TOP MODEL: NOVEL LUNG MODELS FOR INVESTIGATING PULMONARY HEALTH AND DISEASE	Mini Symposium	5/19/2026	9:15 AM - 11:15 AM
C72	NOVEL APPROACHES IN RESPIRATORY PHYSIOLOGY AND FUNCTION	Thematic Poster Session	5/19/2026	9:15 AM - 4:15 PM
C73	SEEING IS BELIEVING: NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN LUNG IMAGING	Thematic Poster Session	5/19/2026	9:15 AM - 4:15 PM
C74	THE LUNG UNDER SIEGE: INFLAMMATION AND INFECTION	Thematic Poster Session	5/19/2026	9:15 AM - 4:15 PM
C108	STRUCTURE MEETS FUNCTION: MEASUREMENTS OF THE LUNG	Poster Discussion Session	5/19/2026	2:15 PM - 4:15 PM
C99	UNRAVELING AIRWAY BIOLOGY: NEW INSIGHTS INTO DISEASE	Mini Symposium	5/19/2026	2:15 PM - 4:15 PM
D19	THE NEXT GENERATION: NOVEL TARGETS AND THERAPIES FOR CHRONIC LUNG DISEASE	Mini Symposium	5/20/2026	8:15 AM - 10:15 AM
D30	DIVING DEEPER INTO COPD STRUCTURE AND FUNCTION	Poster Discussion Session	5/20/2026	8:15 AM - 10:15 AM
D109	NOVEL INSIGHTS INTO PULMONARY VASCULAR DISEASES	Poster Discussion Session	5/20/2026	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
D96	STICKY SITUATIONS: MUCUS PLUGGING IN PULMONARY DISEASE	Mini Symposium	5/20/2026	11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
D86	LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION: INTERCELLULAR COMMUNICATION DRIVING LUNG DISEASE	Scientific Symposium	5/20/2026	11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Laura Walkup, PhD (Chair) & Bradford J. Smith, Ph.D, Planning Committee (Co-Chair)

Dear RSF members,

We hope you have had a good year! We would like to update you on the Planning Committee's activities.

ATS Project Applications: One major role of the Planning Committee is to perform preliminary review of ATS Project Applications from RSF members and provide constructive feedback to strengthen applications before revision and submission to the ATS Project Review Committee (PRC). Projects generally result in publication of ATS-endorsed documents

that provide guidelines for pulmonary research or clinical practice. Examples of recent RSF-led projects include technical standards for single-breath CO measurement and a workshop on quantitative imaging to assess pulmonary pathophysiology. While ATS projects tend to skew toward clinical topics, the strength of the RSF Assembly is our expertise and contributions in the basic sciences. In the upcoming year, we aim to increase the number of basic-science projects submitted by members of the RSF Assembly. Do you have an idea for a research practice or methodology that should be publicized and promoted? Please contact us as soon as possible, and in advance of the end of July deadline, to discuss submission of a project proposal.

RSF Assembly Awards: The other major committee role is to review nominations for the RSF Assembly Awards (except the abstract awards). The RSF Awards recognize the research, clinical practice, and mentoring contributions of RSF members across all career stages and areas of professional interest. This year we were fortunate to have 13 nominations across the 5 awards. Please be aware that nominations for the senior awards typically include three or more letters of support, thus require some advance planning to assemble ahead of the end of December deadline. Join us at the RSF Membership Meeting at this year's International Conference to celebrate the newest RSF award winners!

Finally, the Planning Committee participates in the RSF Apprenticeship Program in coordination with the RSF Early Career Professionals (ECP) Working Group. Early-career RSF members may apply each January for the apprentice position on the Planning Committee. The apprentice serves as a full, voting member of the committee, thus observes and participates in the operations of the Assembly. It's a great opportunity for early-career professionals to increase their involvement in the RSF Assembly!

We look forward to seeing you in sunny Orlando!

Laura L. Walkup, Ph.D., Planning Committee Chair (laura.walkup@cchmc.org)

Bradford J. Smith, Ph.D, Planning Committee Co-Chair (bradford.smith@ucdenver.edu)

Assembly/Committee Project Applications for 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, Laura Walkup, PhD**, at laura.walkup@cchmc.org

For questions regarding submissions, please see the Project Application Resource Center, or contact Miriam Rodriguez at: (212)315-8639 or mrodriguez@thoracic.org

EARLY CAREER PROFESSIONALS WORKING GROUP REPORT

Alane Dy, PhD, MSPH (Chair) & Thu Tran, DO (Co-Chair)

The mission of the Early Career Professionals Working Group (ECPWG) of the Assembly on Respiratory Structure and Function (RSF) is to create opportunities for graduate students, postdocs, clinical fellows and junior faculty and professionals towards increasing their visibility and involvement within the ATS and the broader scientific community. The ECPWG provides tools, resources and programs geared towards the professional development and career advancement of its assembly members.

For 2025, 8 virtual meetings were held averaging 6 attendees for each meeting. We held an in-person meeting at the ATS International Conference in San Francisco last May 2025, which provided our group an opportunity to brainstorm ideas for types of resources and programs we would like to provide our junior assembly members for the year. We will be meeting in-person once again at the upcoming international conference in Orlando, May 2026.

Abstract writing guide. This is an excellent reference for those who are considering submitting abstracts for presentation at the ATS International Conference. This preparation and writing guide has been updated and can be found here: [RSF Abstract Preparation Guide](#). To complement the written guide, we are introducing our new [Abstract Writing Flowchart](#), a visual tool that echoes the core steps of the writing guide.

Poster presentation guide. This guide is a helpful resource especially for junior trainees attending a conference for the first time. It includes helpful templates and suggestions for poster layout. The guide can be found on the assembly website.

Apprenticeship program. The Apprenticeship Program provides early career assembly members a mentored introduction to the activities that shape the future of the ATS. One apprentice is chosen each year for each of the 3 committees: program committee, planning committee and web committee. Three apprentices, *Jacob Herrmann, PhD* (Planning Committee), *Robert Wharton, MD* (Program Committee), and *Sanjana Mahadev Bhat, PhD* (Web Committee), have had opportunities to work with their respective committees this past year. Applications closed on February 6, 2026 this year and we look forward to evaluating these applications soon.

Mentoring program. The ATS RSF Mentoring Program facilitates networking opportunities between early career professionals and senior assembly members. Deadline to sign up to be a potential mentee or mentor is March 6, 2026. Mentor-mentee pairs will have the chance to meet in-person at ATS 2026 in Orlando, FL. We matched 1 mentor-mentee pair the previous year and look forward to evaluating applications once again this year.

ECP highlights. We are very honored to be working with the RSF Web Committee to help highlight 14 early career professionals in 2025. Their profiles can be viewed here: [ECP Highlights](#). This is a great way to showcase the research and scientific achievements of junior RSF members. To learn more, please contact Carolyn Wang of the Web Committee (carolyn.wang@hli.ubc.ca).

Journal clubs. Our series of journal clubs continue to focus on featuring published work by early career professionals. This offers a venue for feedback from a panel of invited field-specific experts and facilitates discussion among RSF assembly members. We welcome anyone interested in presenting their research for this journal club to contact our Niyati Borkar (Borkar.Niyati@mayo.edu). In addition, we launched a new webinar in April 2024 intended to bridge the gap between basic science research and clinical applications by featuring published work by an early career professional and at the same time inviting a clinical expert to provide insights on its potential applications. We just hosted the 2nd episode of this series last September 2025. Plans are underway for the 3rd episode this year. Please stay tuned for our announcement. We encourage interested basic scientists and clinicians to contact Thu Tran (Thu.tran@uth.tmc.edu) or Alane Dy (dy.alaneblythe@gmail.com) for more information.

Finally, we congratulate our incoming chair, Thu Tran. She will begin her tenure in May 2026.

WEB COMMITTEE REPORT

Kimberley C.W. Wang, Ph.D., ATSF (Web Director)

Since the 2025 International Conference, the Web Committee, comprised of eight members, has continued to keep the Assembly informed of RSF-specific announcements and events through LinkedIn and the Assembly website. We were also pleased to welcome our new Web Committee apprentice for the 2025–2026 cycle, Sanjana Mahadev Bhat, Ph.D. As of March 2025, the Assembly's social media presence continues to grow, with 131 followers on [LinkedIn](#) and 64 followers on [Bluesky](#). We extend our sincere thanks to the Committee members who administered these platforms over the past year: Kimberley C.W. Wang, Ph.D., ATSF (LinkedIn), and Carolyn J. Wang, Ph.D. (Bluesky).

We are also grateful to Carolyn J. Wang, Ph.D., Artur Z. Santos, B.A., and Vipula Bataduwaarachchi, M.B.B.S., for organizing the Assembly's Early Career Professional (ECP) Highlights Series. Through this initiative, the Assembly was introduced to 12 RSF ECPs across mid-2025 and mid-2026, showcasing the breadth of emerging talent within our community. Their profiles are available on the Assembly [website](#).

Over the past year, RSF sponsored 10 webinars, all of which are available as recordings on our [Youtube channel](#):

- September 9, 2025 – Journal Club: *Asthma and Lower Airway Disease: Neuroplasticity and Neuroimmune Interactions in Fatal Asthma*
- September 16, 2025 – Early Career Professionals Working Group Webinar: *Bridging Gaps Between Basic Science and Clinical Applications*
- October 9, 2025 – 2025 Joseph R. Rodarte Award for Scientific Distinction Winner Webinar: *The Role of Airway Smooth Muscle in Deep Inspiration-Induced Bronchodilation and Bronchoprotection*
- October 20, 2025 – Journal Club: *Asthma Under the Microscope: A Single-Cell Spatial View of the Airway Wall*
- November 25, 2025 – 2025 Robert Crapo Memorial Award for Innovative Research Methodologies Winner Webinar: *Modeling Respiratory Infection in Infants*
- January 30, 2026 – Journal Club: *Cell-Population-Resolved Multiomics Analysis of the Developing Lung*

- February 2, 2026 – 2025 Ann Woolcock Memorial Award Winner Webinar: *Preclinical Tools for Respiratory Diseases: Investigating Lung Structure and Function in Discovery Pipelines*
- February 10, 2026 – PhD and Basic Translational Scientist Working Group Webinar: *Inside the Editorial Office: Peer Review and Editorial Board Training for Early Career Scientists*
- February 26, 2026 – Cross-Assembly Webinar: *Science Communication in an Era of Skepticism*
- March 5, 2026 – 2025 Solbert Permutt Trailblazer Award Winner Webinar: *Biochemical and Biomechanical Changes in the Tissue Microenvironment and Their Impact on Chronic Lung Diseases*

In support of our ongoing efforts to highlight the accomplishments of Assembly members, we encourage you to share brief descriptions of professional achievements such as promotions or tenure announcements, ATS Fellow status, awards, grants, or notable publications. These highlights may be featured on the Assembly’s social media platforms. Please send submissions to rsf@thoracic.org.

Finally, we are always seeking enthusiastic Assembly members at all career stages to join the Web Committee. No technical expertise is required, only a willingness to contribute ideas that enhance the Assembly’s website and expand RSF’s digital presence. If you are interested, please contact us at rsf@thoracic.org.

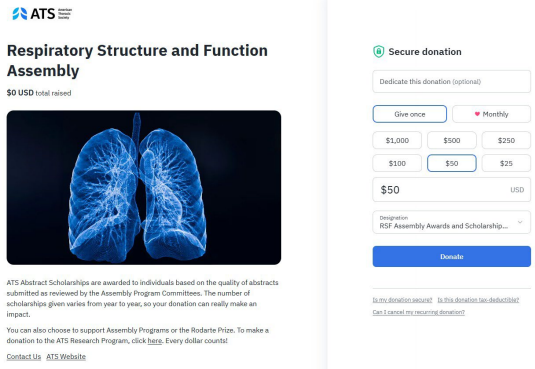
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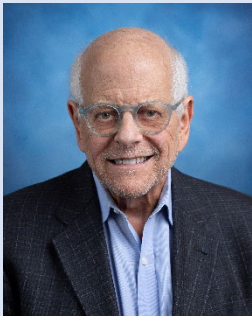
Congratulations to the recipients of the 2026 Respiratory Health Awards! 🎉



Edward Livingston Trudeau Medalist– Charles G. Irvin, PhD, ATSF

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

Room: 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

Special 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

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 & 0-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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