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FLORIDA-CALIFORNIA HEALTH EQUITY CENTER

Newsletter of the Florida-California Cancer
Research, Education and Engagement (CaRE2) Health Equity Center

Welcome to the Fall 2021 issue of the Florida-California Cancer Research Education & Engagement (CaRE2) Health Equity Center Newsletter! The CaRE2 Health Equity Center partnership of Florida A&M University (FAMU), the University of Florida (UF), and the University of Southern California (USC).

FAMU's First Postbac

FAMU is pleased to welcome Matthew Gregory to our campus. He is a recent college graduate of Concordia University Texas with cum laude honors. He recently received his Bachelor's in Biology along with a minor in Chemistry. Currently, as a CaRE2 trainee, he will work in Dr. Lamangos' lab engaged in the Lamango/Offringa/Huang CaRE2 lung cancer project. Read more on Page #2



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Introduction of OUR 2021 POSTBAC TRAINEES



Nadine Belony

is a first-generation college graduate with magna cum laude honors from Fort Lauderdale, FL. She recently earned her Bachelors in Biology with a concentration in Pre-medicine from Florida A&M University. She will be carrying out Postbaccalaureate research at UF in the coming year.



Alex Hightower

is San Diego native and Spring 2021 magna cum laude graduate of Florida A&M University, where she earned her BS in Biology Pre-Medicine. She will be working as a post-baccalaureate trainee at the University of Southern California, focusing on the role of epigenetics in prostate cancer of African ancestry.



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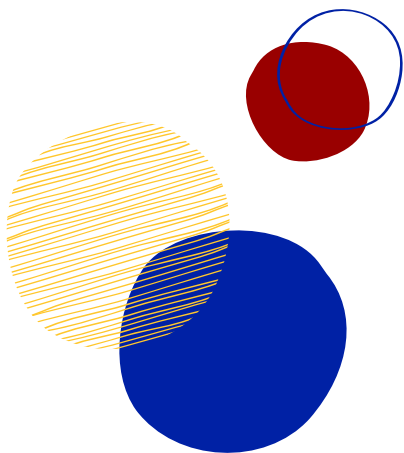
is a recent graduate of the University of Central Florida, where she received her degree in Health Science (Pre-Clinical track). She is a CaRE2 Post-baccalaureate trainee at the University of Florida College of Pharmacy researching 3D bio-printing with Dr. Huang.



Pedro Fernandes

is a first-generation pre-medicine graduate with a BS in Biological Sciences and a BA in Natural & Applied Sciences from Miami, FL. He graduated through the FIU Honors College and QBIC Program. As a CaRE2 post-baccalaureate trainee, he will be working on lung organoids in the Offringa lab at the Norris Comprehensive Cancer Center at the Keck School of Medicine at USC.

(Click "Our 2021 Postbac Trainees" to read full profiles on our website!)



Meet New CaRE2 Pilot Projects

Prostate Team



**Sarah Buxbaum,
Ph.D.**
FAMU



Sara Falzarano, MD
UF



Suhm Rhie, Ph.D.
USC

Lung Team



**Nazarius S. Lamango,
Ph.D.**
FAMU



Yong Huang, Ph.D.
UF



Ite A. Offringa, Ph.D.
USC

Pancreas Team



Edward Agyare, Ph.D.
FAMU

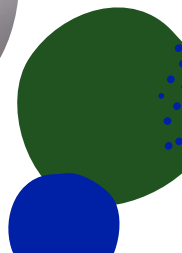


Sherise Rogers, MD
UF



Bo Han, Ph.D.
USC

(Click project names to navigate to our site and learn more!)



SPOTLIGHTS

PRESENTATIONS

- **Katya M. Marcia** presented a virtual poster at the 14th AACR Health Disparities Conference.
- **Dr. Nkafu Bechem Ndemazie** presented a virtual poster at the AACR Virtual Special Conference on Pancreatic Cancer.
- **Shasline Gedeon** presented a virtual poster at the 14th AACR Health Disparities Conference.
- **Dr. Renee Reams** presented a virtual poster for AACR Health Disparities Conference.
- **Adrianna Inkam** presented a virtual poster at the AACR Virtual Special Conference on Pancreatic Cancer.

PUBLICATIONS

- **PEC Core** “Assessing collaboration among team scientists within a triadic center partnership”
- **COC Core** “Prostate Cancer Walk Promotes Early Detection”
- **AC/COC Core** “Cancer Health Disparities: The ReTOOL Programme Findings”

(Click core to read publication)

AWARDS

- **Meg Awunti** received the 2021 AACR Health Disparities Student and Early Career Investigator Scholarship Award.
- **Dr. Marianna Stern** was appointed to the 2021 AACR inaugural Cancer Prevention working group.
- **Telkevia Mackey** received the 2021-2022 David E. and Mary J. Pollard Scholarship.



BREAST CANCER ADVOCACY

“October is Breast Cancer Awareness month. Raising awareness and understanding breast cancer risks, early signs/symptoms is fundamental and part of a public health approach to disseminate community health education.”

Pictured above is Dr. Carolina Aristizabal on Univision34 television network.



PACHE MEETING

Dr. Bereket Mochona, FAMU REC Core Leader, and Destiny Gordon, UF Cohort Postbac are pictured giving a presentation at the 2021 PACHE Meeting.

NATIONAL CANCER ADVISORY BOARD

On September 15, 2021 Dr. John Carpten was appointed as Chair to President Biden's National Cancer Advisory Board.

(Click picture to see appointment)



YEAR 3

CENTER ACHIEVEMENTS



IMPORTANT DATES

DATE/TIME	EVENT	NOTES
March 2022	Cancer Citizen Scientist (CCS) Program	For more information or to apply, please call Eduardo Ibarra at 323-598-7971 or email: lbarrae@usc.edu
April 8-13, 2022	2022 AACR Conference	New Orleans, Louisiana
April 23, 2022	ProTalks 2nd Annual Grill Masters	For more info contact Lynn Turpin at (904) 534-6628 or visit https://www.facebook.com/ProtalksCares2K
TBD	Webinar	Dr. Renee Reams: Prostate Cancer Research Among Minority Men



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