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Collaborating for the Advancement of Interdisciplinary Research in Benign Urology

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## CAIRIBU Meeting 2022: In-Person at Last!

*Wed., November 30 through Fri., December 2  
North Bethesda Marriott Hotel & Conference Center*

**All CAIRIBU investigators and trainees from current CAIRIBU  
Centers and Programs are expected to participate**

- REGISTER [HERE](#) | BOOK HOTEL [HERE](#) (group rate available only through 11/08)
- Hotel accessibility info [HERE](#)
- **TRAINEE/ESI PRE-MEETING:** All CAIRIBU trainees and early-stage investigators (ESIs) are encouraged to attend, Wednesday, Nov. 30, 9:00 AM to 12 noon
  - REGISTER [HERE](#) | AGENDA [HERE](#)
  - Learn from NIDDK Program Officers about GUDMAP, RBK, KPMP
  - Learn about resources available in the NIDDK Biorepository
  - Learn about dkNET and its research resources
  - Learn from successful former trainees about their career transitions
- **POSTER SESSIONS:** 45 abstracts will be presented as posters. For poster session assignments, go [HERE](#).
- **NETWORKING & INTERACTIONS SESSIONS:** Time and space for small group networking will be available Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Form your own collaborative discussion group OR join a pre-planned session:
  - **CV and Biosketch Writing Clinic** - Dr. Maria Hadjifrangiskou and other established investigators will be "on call" to provide feedback on your CVs and biosketches to make them optimally competitive. BRING YOUR CVs and BIOSKETCHES WITH YOU!
  - **NIH Diversity Supplements** - Join Dr. Victoria Spruance, Program Director in the NIH/NIDDK Division of Kidney, Urologic, and Hematologic Diseases (KUH). Her portfolio includes research training programs that support undergraduate, pre-doctoral, and post-doctoral trainees. These programs are aimed at recruiting and retaining diverse and highly trained investigators that will address the biomedical research challenges facing our nation.
  - **Urinary Microbiota Research** - Dr. Michael Neugent, postdoctoral researcher in Dr. Nicole DeNisco's lab at the University of Texas Dallas and part of the Urobiome Research Interest Group that formed after a CAIRIBU Connections event in July 2021, will be a discussion leader.
  - **Ideas for other small group discussions include:** women in urology research, neuroanatomy of the bladder, and aging in the urinary tract. Bring your idea for a group!
- **KEYNOTE & FEATURED SPEAKERS:** Geolani Dy, MD (Oregon Health & Science University), Kevin McVary, MD (Loyola University Chicago), Ramy Goueli, MD (UTSW), and Rob Star, MD (Director of the NIH/NIDDK Division of Kidney, Urologist, and Hematologic Diseases). Other presenters during the meeting include investigators and trainees from CAIRIBU-affiliated O'Brien Centers, P20 Centers, and K12 Career Development Programs.

# Funding



## CAIRIBU Collaboration Awards

The CAIRIBU Interactions Core now requests applications for CAIRIBU Collaboration Awards, each up to \$50,000 direct costs for one year. Up to 2 awards will be given. **DEADLINE is December 9, 2022.** Specific goals for both the research team and the research strategy are outlined [HERE](#).



## Innovative Science Accelerator Program

The ISAC Program funds innovative, high-risk/high-reward, cutting-edge, and potentially paradigm-shifting research that accelerates innovation in the areas of science of interest to the Kidney-Urologic-Hematologic research communities. ISAC awards are NOT for pilot & feasibility projects. **Three-page applications may request up to \$100,000 (direct + indirect costs) Total Costs for one year.** NEXT SUBMISSION DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 15. More information [HERE](#).

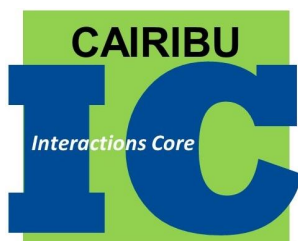


## Congratulations to CAIRIBU K12 Scholar Feranmi Okanlami for Receiving a \$1 Million Craig H. Neilsen Award!

Feranmi Okanlami, MD, MS, a K12 Scholar in the University of Michigan CAIRIBU KUroEpi Program (led by Co-PIs Aruna Sarma, PhD and Quentin Clemens, MD), received the million-dollar award in October during a surprise visit to Ann Arbor by Good Morning America host Robin Roberts. Dr. Okanlami is also the director of Disability Services and Adaptive Sports at the University of Michigan. Congratulations!

[READ MORE](#)

# Your Input Needed!



## CAIRIBU Census

**All CAIRIBU-affiliated investigators and trainees are expected to complete the census**

Census link [HERE](#) (takes a little more than 5 min for most)

Data collected will help us understand demographic and research-related details about CAIRIBU investigators and trainees and the workforce of investigators who study non-malignant urologic diseases and disorders. Data will also be used to identify and address any instances of real or apparent inequities and to identify groups within CAIRIBU who may be eligible for specific opportunities that may arise, for example grant applications and speaker opportunities. **Data collected are confidential**; the CAIRIBU Interactions Core is bound by and adheres to all NIH-guidelines for protecting investigators' demographic information. Guidance and approval from the UW-Madison Health Sciences IRB was obtained. All analyses related to gender, race, ethnicity, disability, and/or disadvantaged background will report aggregate statistical findings only and will not identify individuals. [COMPLETE THE CENSUS NOW](#).

# VIRTUAL EVENTS



## CAIRIBU GRADUATE STUDENT SEMINAR

VIRTUAL - Wed., December 7, 1:00 PM Eastern  
(12 noon Central | 10 AM Pacific)



Pragma Saxena, graduate student at Michigan State University, will describe her doctoral research. All are welcome; Zoom link [HERE](#). Pragma earned a B.S in Pharmacy at the University of Delhi in India. She began her doctoral studies in 2019. Her mentor at Michigan State University is Nathan Tykocki, PhD, Assistant Professor of Pharmacy & Toxicology and a Co-Investigator of the Beaumont Health-Oakland University P20 Exploratory Center (Co-PIs, Bernadette Zwaans, PhD and Michael Chancellor, MD).



## CAIRIBU WRITING CLUB - Last one!!! Drop in...

VIRTUAL - Wed., November 16, 5:00 PM Eastern  
(4 PM Central | 2 PM Pacific)

Stakeholder and community engagement in research is a top NIH priority and that of other funding agencies as well. All are invited. Zoom link available [HERE](#). Even investigators in basic science are encouraged to include community engagement strategies in their research proposals. Drop in to learn tips for writing an engagement plan - for involving patients, their families, clinicians, other scientists, funders, or other community members. Session is led by stakeholder/community engagement expert Gay Thomas, MA. She has helped 100s of biomedical researchers who have gone on to obtain funding from NIH, PCORI, and other funding agencies. For more information or to connect directly with Gay, write to [Gay@GRThomasAdvisors.com](mailto:Gay@GRThomasAdvisors.com).

# EVENTS CALENDAR

- Nov 2: [CAIRIBU Graduate Student Seminar: Malique Jones](#) (1 PM Eastern, virtual)
- Nov 10: [ALL CAIRIBU Community Leaders Meeting](#) (4 PM Eastern, virtual)
- Nov 10-13: [Society for Basic Urologic Research Meeting](#) (in-person, Orlando, FL)
- Nov 16: [CAIRIBU ARCTICS Community Forum: Research Resources](#) (1 PM Eastern, virtual)
- Nov 16: [Planning for Stakeholder/Community Engagement in Your Research](#) (5 PM Eastern, virtual)
- Nov 30-Dec 2: [Annual CAIRIBU Meeting](#) (in-person, Bethesda, MD)
- Dec 7: [CAIRIBU Graduate Student Seminar: Pragma Saxena](#) (1 PM Eastern, virtual)
- Dec 8: [CAIRIBU O'Brien Center Leaders Meeting](#) (4 PM Eastern, virtual)

In 2023, virtual CAIRIBU K12 Scholar Seminars start up again; watch for details. Virtual Graduate Student Seminars will continue in 2023 beginning in January. Check the [Events Listing](#) on the CAIRIBU website for updates and other announcements



## Events, Jobs, News

Check the [CAIRIBU Kiosk](#) frequently for updates. Are you an investigator looking for a postdoc or fellow? Let the CAIRIBU Interactions Core know. We will post it on the website and use our social media connections to promote it.



## HAVE YOU READ?

Are you aware of the newest research from investigators and trainees in the CAIRIBU Community? The list is updated monthly and available on the CAIRIBU website [HERE](#).



## HAVE YOU WATCHED?

The [CAIRIBU YouTube Channel](#) features video presentations by CAIRIBU K12 Scholars and from CAIRIBU Catalyst Conversations, CAIRIBU ARCTICS forums, and other presentations/events.



Email the CAIRIBU Interactions Core

### George M. O'Brien (U54) Urology Cooperative Research Centers Program

- University of Wisconsin-Madison (2014-2019 and 2019-2024)
- Columbia University (2014-2019 and 2020-2025)
- Stanford University (2021-2026)

### Multidisciplinary Urologic Research (KURe) Career Development Programs (K12)

- Duke University
- University of Wisconsin-Madison

### Urological Epidemiology (KUroEpi) Institutional Research Career Development Programs (K12)

- UCSF-Kaiser Permanente
- University of Michigan

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### FORWARD P20 Urology Centers

- Mayo Clinic Rochester (2022-2025)
- Duke University (2022-2025)

### Exploratory Centers (P20) for Interdisciplinary Research in Benign Urology

- William Beaumont School of Medicine, Oakland University (2021-2023)
- Children's Hospital of Philadelphia-University of Pennsylvania (2020-2022)
- Medical College of Wisconsin (2020-2022)
- University of Alabama at Birmingham (2018-2020 and 2020-2022)

Links to websites for all CAIRIBU Centers and Programs are on the CAIRIBU website [HERE](#)

### Collaborating for the Advancement of Interdisciplinary Research in Benign Urology

CAIRIBU is a community of NIDDK-funded Centers and Programs whose overarching objectives are to address the gaps in knowledge related to epidemiology, etiology, development, progression, and expression of benign urologic conditions and to train the next generation of leaders in benign urology research

Learn More Here