



Research Round-Up

CF-AIR and CF@LANTA

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Note from the Director, Dr. Nael McCarty

Dear CF-AIR members,

I hope this finds you well, enjoying summer, and kicking a** in the lab. This edition of the Roundup covers June and July. We will be back to the normal cadence starting next month.

The one major piece of news for me to bring to your awareness is that we are very sad to announce that we are losing Dr. Ben Kopp, who is being recruited back to Nationwide Children's/Ohio State University, from which we recruited him three years ago. Ben is returning, but not at the same level, and for both family and professional reasons: he will become the Chief of the Pulmonology Division, a wonderful leadership role for him! He states that he appreciates everyone's tremendous comradery here and the collaborations he has established in Georgia, and hopes to continue these efforts. He says that he will miss this great team, and that "the people here in Atlanta are truly special!" We wish him and his family the very best.

-Nael

CF-AIR Research Workshop Seminar Series, July/August 2025

Date	Time	Type	Presenter
Thurs. 7/31/25	1-2 PM	Journal Club	Sam Durfey, PhD
Thurs. 8/7/25	1-2 PM	Journal Club	Collin Leese-Thompson
Thurs. 8/14/25	1-2 PM	Journal Club	Kelsey Brew
Thurs. 8/21/25	1-2 PM	Research Highlight	Miquéias Lopes Pacheco, PhD
Thurs. 8/28/25	1-2 PM	Social/Trainee Focused	Birthdays/Rapid Fire Training

[Click here for the complete Seminar Series schedule](#)



Thank you to our June Research Workshop Seminar Series speakers

Leanne West (Georgia Tech) and Dr. Kathryn Oliver.
Many thanks to all who attended in-person or virtually.
We look forward to seeing you all again soon!



Mark your calendar for the upcoming CF-AIR Research Retreat

Sharing Science, Building Community

Friday, September 19th

9 AM-3 PM

Children's Support Building

Details and agenda can be found [here](#).

Click [here](#) to register!



Submit your Research Wows!

We want to hear about your research successes! Scan the QR code to submit your Research Wows or contact Megan Stewart (megan.stewart@emory.edu).



Spotlight on CF Scholars

**Applications Now Open for the
2025–2027 CF Scholars Cohort
Deadline is August 8, 2025**

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This two-year program is designed to support emerging leaders in CF research and offers mentorship, training, and a collaborative research community.

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