

UT SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL CENTER

PINNACLE AWARDS

Reminder: Nominations for UTSW Pinnacle Awards closing April 8

Don't miss your chance to recognize outstanding staff members who go above and beyond in support of UT Southwestern's mission in education, research, and clinical care.

The Pinnacle Awards, created in response to employee engagement survey feedback and input from the Employee Advisory Council, honor those whose exceptional contributions across campus embody UTSW's core values of excellence, innovation, teamwork, and compassion.

The awards will be presented in six categories:

- UT Southwestern Distinguished Service Award
- Spirit of UT Southwestern Award
- Pinnacle Award for Excellence
- Pinnacle Award for Innovation
- Pinnacle Award for Teamwork
- Pinnacle Award for Compassion

Nominations are open through April 8. Visit the Pinnacle Awards website for details, criteria, and submission information.

A ceremony to recognize the recipients will be held on June 17 at the Tom and Lula Gooch Auditorium, with a reception to follow on Seldin Plaza.

[Pinnacle Awards website](#)

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Update: Agreement reached with BCBSTX

As communicated in a message to the campus community on Friday evening, we want to reiterate that Southwestern Health Resources (SWHR), which negotiates on behalf of UT Southwestern and Texas Health Resources, has secured a new three-year agreement with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Texas (BCBSTX).

UTSW and Texas Health care teams and hospitals, as well as providers included in SWHR's clinically integrated network, are in network for BCBSTX plans retroactive to April 1.

Appointments will be covered at in-network rates. You can keep your existing appointments and schedule new ones. Please be aware that BCBSTX has notified us that it may take several weeks for its systems to update. If you receive an erroneous message stating that UTSW or Texas Health is out of network or you are quoted out-of-network rates, please be assured that in-network rates apply.

Visit the [patient care website](#) to find answers to other questions you may have.

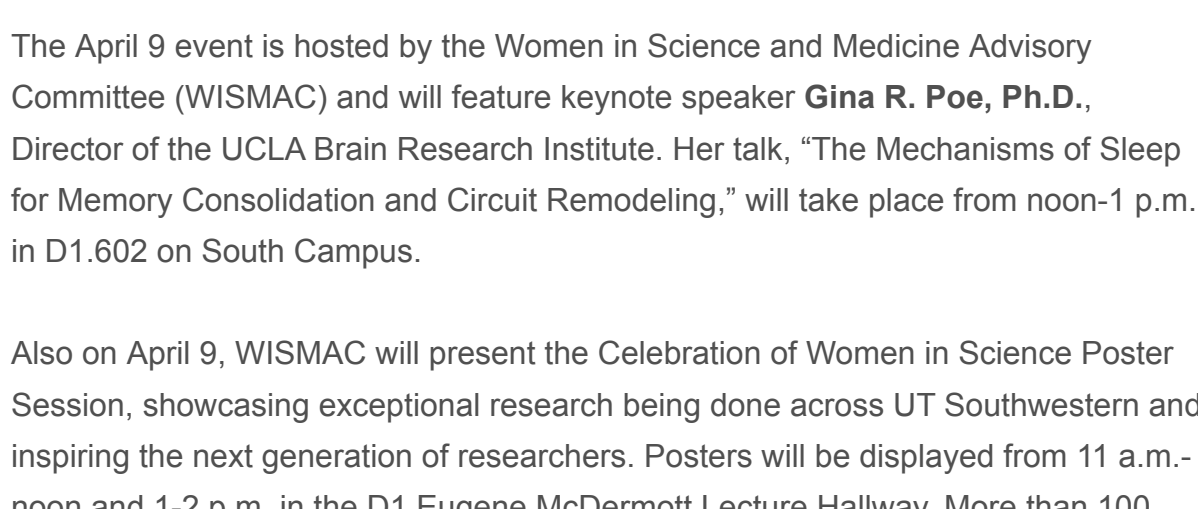
Celebration of Excellence: Registration open

Don't forget to reserve your spot to attend the UTSW Health System's Celebration of Excellence (CoE) on May 2. [Register now](#) to attend and learn about examples of innovation and improvement in our hospitals and clinics across five categories: People, Safety, Quality, Service, and Financial Stewardship.

This year's featured keynote speaker will be **Thomas Lee, M.D., M.Sc.**, Chief Medical Officer of Press Ganey and a Senior Physician at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. His talk will focus on social capital – the role of trust and teamwork in high quality care.

Other scheduled speakers include **Daniel K. Podolsky, M.D.**, President of UT Southwestern, **Jonathan Efron, M.D.**, Executive Vice President for Health System Affairs, and **Will Daniel, M.D.**, Vice President and Chief Quality Officer.

All faculty, staff, and learners are encouraged to drop by as schedules allow during the day to listen to the speakers, hear a fireside chat with Dr. Lee, visit the improvement project poster session, and see the award presentations ([event schedule](#)).

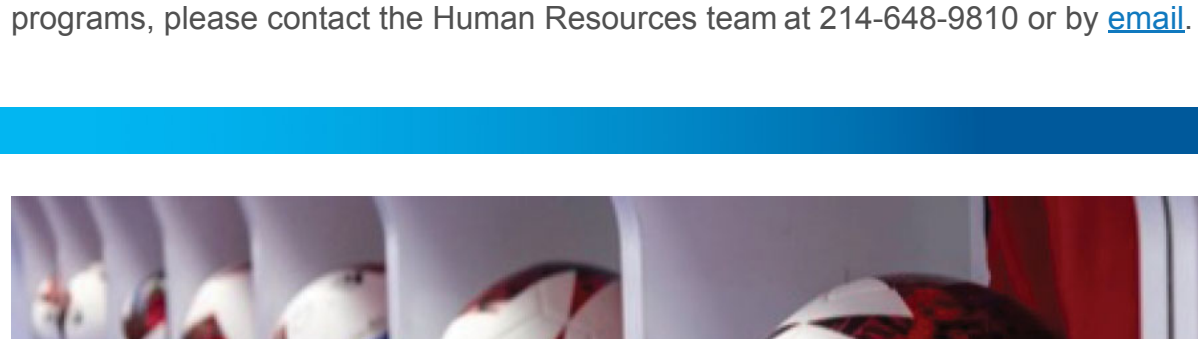
[CoE registration](#)


Showcasing exceptional women in science and medicine

The entire campus community is invited to the Carole Mendelson, Ph.D., Visiting Professorship Lecture which honors the memory of **Carole Mendelson, Ph.D.**, a UTSW endocrinology leader and passionate advocate for the advancement of women in science, who died in 2023.

The April 9 event is hosted by the Women in Science and Medicine Advisory Committee (WISMAC) and will feature keynote speaker **Gina R. Poe, Ph.D.**, Director of the UCLA Brain Research Institute. Her talk, "The Mechanisms of Sleep for Memory Consolidation and Circuit Remodeling," will take place from noon-1 p.m. in D1.602 on South Campus.

Also on April 9, WISMAC will present the Celebration of Women in Science Poster Session, showcasing exceptional research being done across UT Southwestern and inspiring the next generation of researchers. Posters will be displayed from 11 a.m.-noon and 1-2 p.m. in the D1 Eugene McDermott Lecture Hallway. More than 100 posters will be featured this year, and refreshments will be provided.

[Register to attend the talk](#)


America Saves Week: April 7-11

Since 2007, America Saves Week has been an annual campaign focused on financial wellness. It's a great opportunity to do a financial check-in, set savings goals, and create a plan to save for your future dreams.

Each day during America Saves Week, you can join a daily webinar focused on a different topic related to financial wellness:

- April 7, noon-1 p.m.: [Identify and Prioritize Your Saving Goals](#)
- April 8, 11 a.m.-noon: [Six Tips for Spring Cleaning Your Finances](#)
- April 9, 11 a.m.-noon: [Quarterly Economic and Market Update](#)
- April 10, 11 a.m.-noon: [Take Charge of Uncertainty \(Market Volatility\)](#)
- April 11, 11 a.m.-noon: [Inflation Implications](#)

If you have questions about America Saves Week or other employee wellness programs, please contact the Human Resources team at 214-648-9810 or by [email](#).



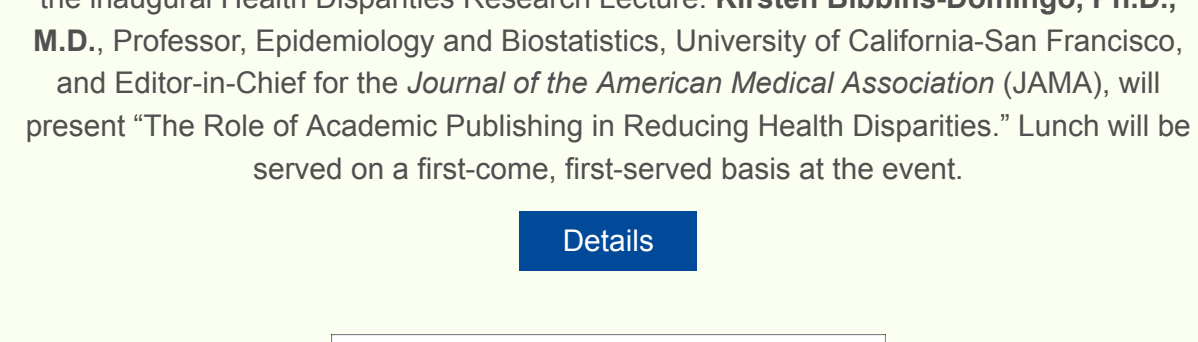
Want to be an FC Dallas player for a night?

Calling all soccer fans! If you're interested in a chance to win an unforgettable night at FC Dallas Fantasy Camp, **fill out the form linked below at 3 p.m. today.** Please note: If you have participated in fantasy camp before, you are not eligible for this year's event.

The first 10 employees to sign up will get an exclusive behind-the-scenes tour of Toyota Stadium in Frisco and the FC Dallas locker room. Then, you'll suit up in an FC Dallas jersey with UTSW branding and take part in drills alongside FC Dallas players and coaches.

The event, on Monday, May 19, from 5:30 to 8 p.m., will also feature dinner with colleagues from UT Southwestern and Children's Health, the Official Health Care Partners of FC Dallas.

Don't miss your chance to be part of this amazing experience! [Contact](#) the Brand Team with any questions.

[Fantasy Camp signup at 3 p.m. today](#)


Need help with a systematic review?

Whether you're new to systematic reviews or other types of evidence synthesis, or simply need a refresher, the Health Sciences Digital Library and Learning Center is here to help!

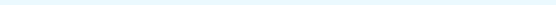
This spring, the team's instructors are offering a three-part series that will guide you through the entire evidence synthesis process – from PICO question formulation and protocol development to systematic searching, data extraction, and synthesis. The sessions will also highlight key databases and tools to help streamline your project.

Use the links below to register for individual sessions, which run from 1-2 p.m. If you miss a session, you can still register to receive the recording.

- [Part 1: From PICO to Protocol](#) (recording available now)
- [Part 2: Systematic Searching Techniques](#) (April 8)
- [Part 3: Screening, Extracting, and Synthesis](#) (April 22)

If you have questions, please [email](#) the Library staff.

Insider Guide



Health Disparities Research Lecture Series: Kirsten Bibbins-Domingo, Ph.D., M.D.

Noon-1 p.m., April 16
Hybrid, South Campus, D1.602

Join the Office for Institutional Opportunity and the O'Donnell School of Public Health for the inaugural Health Disparities Research Lecture. **Kirsten Bibbins-Domingo, Ph.D., M.D.**, Professor, Epidemiology and Biostatistics, University of California-San Francisco, and Editor-in-Chief for the *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)*, will present "The Role of Academic Publishing in Reducing Health Disparities." Lunch will be served on a first-come, first-served basis at the event.

[Details](#)

March for Babies with UTSW Stork Squad

9:30 a.m., May 3
Levy Event Plaza, Irving

The UT Southwestern Stork Squad invites employees and their friends and family to show your support for research and programs to prevent preterm birth, birth defects, and infant mortality. Participants will receive a UTSW Stork Squad T-shirt (while supplies last), take part in a group photo, and walk together for a great cause!

Reach out via email to [Madison McEwen](#) with questions.

[Register](#)

UTSW Events Calendar

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