



2026 Annual Research Forum

The Warren Alpert Medical School
222 Richmond Street
Providence, RI 20912
Lecture Hall – Room 170

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Friday, May 29, 2026

AGENDA

- 8:15am - 8:45am REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
- 8:45am - 8:55am WELCOME ADDRESS
Curt Beckwith, MD and Debbie Cheng, ScD
CFAR Co-Directors
- 9:00am - 9:55am OPENING KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Wilmot James, PhD
Professor of the Practice of Health Services, Policy and Practice, Brown University
When Misinformation has Mortal Consequences - the Life and Times of HIV in Southern Africa
- 10:00am - 10:30am CFAR DEVELOPMENTAL AWARDEE PRESENTATION
Adam R. Aluisio, MD, MSc, DTM&H
Associate Professor of Emergency Medicine, Brown University
Pilot Data to Inform Same-Day HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Initiation During Emergency Care Encounters in Nairobi, Kenya
- 10:30am - 11:00am CFAR DEVELOPMENTAL AWARDEE PRESENTATION
Florian Douam, PhD
Assistant Professor of Virology, Immunology and Microbiology; Assistant Professor of Materials Science and Engineering; Core Investigator at the National Emerging Infectious Diseases Laboratories, Boston University
Humanized Mouse Models to Study Virus-Induced Impairment of Vaccine Responses
- 11:00am - 11:15am BREAK
- 11:15am - 11:45am CFAR DEVELOPMENTAL AWARDEE PRESENTATION
Xueling Wu, PhD
Associate Professor of Medicine, Infectious Diseases, Boston Medical Center, Boston University
Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine
Anti-HIV ADCC and ADCP functions mediated by monoclonal antibodies

- 11:45am - 12:15pm CFAR DEVELOPMENTAL AWARDEE PRESENTATION
Brandon del Pozo, PhD, MPA, MA
Assistant Professor of Medicine, and Health Services, Policy, and Practice (Research), Brown University
It's Not for the Syringe. It's Never for the Syringe." Discretionary Enforcement of Felony Syringe Possession by Indianapolis Metropolitan Police Officers
- 12:15pm - 1:45pm LUNCH & BREAKOUT SESSION
1. CFAR Community Engaged Research (Room 270)
Paul Goulet, C-CERC Chair
Ray Joseph, C-CERC Vice-Chair
2. Oral Health Initiatives (Room 280)
Curt Beckwith, MD
Michelle Henshaw, DDS, MPH
- 1:45pm - 2:45pm CLOSING KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Nahid Bhadelia, MD, MALD
Founding Director, CEID; Founding Director, BEACON; Associate Professor, Infectious Diseases, Boston University School of Medicine; Adjunct Associate Professor, Global Health Security Boston University Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies
Charting A Path to the Future of Public Health and Global Health Security
- 2:45pm - 3:00pm CLOSING REMARKS
Curt Beckwith, MD and Debbie Cheng, ScD
CFAR Co-Directors
- 3:30pm - 5:30pm SOCIAL HOUR
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