

New York State SOCRA Chapter Clinical Research Program
Open to the Public (Registration Required/Catering Fee)
Friday, July 14, 2023, 7:45 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.
The Lodge Skaneateles, 4355 State Street Rd, Skaneateles Falls, NY

Speaker Bio's

Rebecca Dahl received her master's degree from the University of Arizona and her doctorate from the University of Washington. She has been instrumental in developing numerous educational presentations for faculty, students and staff. For example, a monthly program was implemented at Stony Brook University in order to provide an educational platform for members of the research community. Additionally, she has assisted in the development of websites both at the University of Arizona and Stony Brook University that included training and instruction for faculty and staff.

Dr. Joseph Domachowske is Professor of Pediatrics and Professor of Microbiology and Immunology at Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, New York. There he serves as the Director of the Maternal-Child and Pediatric Global Health Program at the Institute for Global Health and Translational Science. His research is focused on broadening the understanding and reducing the morbidity of respiratory viral infections in newborns, infants and young children. He has served as PI on more than 60 clinical trials, the majority of which evaluated the safety and efficacy of new immunization candidates across vulnerable populations, including newborns, infants, young children and pregnant women. Currently, he and his top-notch team of clinical research assistants are involved in clinical trials designed to evaluate novel investigational vaccines for the prevention of RSV, congenital CMV, varicella, invasive meningococcal infection, and COVID19. His career efforts to date have contributed to the FDA licensure and/or emergency use authorization of 18 new vaccines and have led to the publication of more than 150 scientific papers in high impact journals including the New England Journal of Medicine, the Lancet, Pediatrics, Journal of Infectious Diseases, and Vaccine.

Paul Felckowski has been a CRA for over 22 years working for multiple Sponsors (large and small pharma), CROs and as an Independent Contractor across multiple therapeutic areas with primary focus in neurology, immunology, transplant and dermatology. In addition to CRA I have also been a Clinical Study Manager and CRA Manager. I have been with Novartis for over 3 years as an Expert CRA including Lead CRA, SME for multiple systems and training / mentoring new CRAs.

Thomas John, Ph.D. (Syracuse University, '04) has been working in statistical analyses and teaching mathematics/statistics for the last two decades. He has authored/co-authored several journal articles. He was the lead statistician at a market research consulting firm from 2004-10. Since 2010, he has been dividing his time between teaching and independent consulting.

Dr. Alexander Montes is a Postdoctoral Associate at the University of Rochester NCORP research base, where he works on managing data and the ethics of conducting clinical trials. Dr. Montes grew up in Rochester, NY and got a B.A. in Philosophy and in History from the University of Rochester and a Ph.D. in philosophy from Boston College. His main interests are the ethics of freedom and informed consent, data ethics, virtue ethics, and phenomenology.

Jessica Rowe, MA, MS, CCRP, CIP is currently the Associate Director for Yale University Human Research Protection Program (HRPP) and Yale Center for Clinical Investigation-RCQ (YCCI-RCQ). In this position she is responsible for the HRPP/YCCI joint compliance program, HRPP assurance, education and training, accreditation, quality assurance activities and complex regulatory and compliance issues. Previously, Ms. Rowe was the HRPP Director for WellSpan Health (WSH) overseeing all aspects of a community healthcare



system HRPP. Prior to joining WSH, Jessica was with the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) for 13 years. During her tenure she held numerous positions in the research field. She serves as an IRB member for the UMB Institutional Review Board (IRB) and previously sat on several research review committees. Jessica is current Chair of the Southern Pennsylvania Society of Clinical Research Associates (SOCRA) Chapter, SOCRA Board member, and incoming President. Ms. Rowe is a member of The Consortium to Advance Effective Research Ethics Oversight (AEREO) and adjunct instructor for the UMB Graduate School. She has extensive experience in human subject research compliance, IRB, quality assessment, clinical trial management and coordination. Ms. Rowe is a Certified Clinical Research Professional (CCRP) and Certified IRB Profession (CIP) and holds a graduate certificate in Research Ethics from the University of Maryland, Baltimore. She is passionate about human subject protections and enjoys teaching and educating on all topics related to research, but particularly research ethics and protections.

Scott Wehage, MS, CCRP has been working in clinical research for most of his 30 year career. Scott has worked in clinical research labs, on Investigator-Initiated trials at Johns Hopkins University, School of Medicine, and on device trials at both Becton Dickinson and Specific Diagnostics/bioMerieux. Scott was part of the trial team to run the first clinical trial for a new device for Specific Diagnostics. Scott is the Chapter Co-Chairperson for the Baltimore SoCRA Chapter and part of the SoCRA exam writing team. He has been a SoCRA member since 2011.