

# **2022 RCMI Program National Conference Investigator Development Workshop**

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## **Specific Aims Page 101**

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Wednesday, March 16, 2022

2:30 – 4:00 PM Eastern

**Register for the Workshop at  
[https://www.rcmi-cc.org/  
registration/](https://www.rcmi-cc.org/registration/).**

The purpose of this interactive workshop is to provide useful insights into the preparation of a compelling Specific Aims page, which serves as the executive summary of all NIH grant applications. Participants will be guided on how to structure the Specific Aims page and how to overcome common pitfalls and to avoid careless mistakes.

*In advance of the workshop, questions  
can be sent to: [ryanagih@hawaii.edu](mailto:ryanagih@hawaii.edu)*

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Dr. Jones, who received a PhD in biomedical science from the University of North Texas Health Science Center (UNTHSC), conducts biomedical and health disparity research to identify mechanisms of disease pathogenesis in cancer, infectious, and inflammatory diseases that disproportionately affect underrepresented minority populations. Dr. Jones is a recipient of the UNTHSC Outstanding Graduate Faculty Award and National Role Model Award. He believes strongly in promoting continuing education and professional development for postdoctoral fellows and early-stage faculty. As such, he has taken a keen interest in developing mentoring and professional development skills through active training within the National Research Mentoring Network (NRMN). As a certified master facilitator, Dr. Jones provides training in best mentoring and professional development practices across the country. Dr. Jones directs the NRMN Professional Development Program, NRMN STAR at UNTHSC, and is Principal Investigator of two summer undergraduate research training programs, funded by the National Institute of Drug Abuse and the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute.



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As a social epidemiologist and gerontologist, Dr. Thorpe's research focuses on how race, socioeconomic status, and segregation influence health and well-being for African Americans, particularly African American men. He is the recipient of numerous awards that recognize his commitment and valuable contributions to student and faculty mentoring, including the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Advising, Mentoring, and Teaching Recognition Award, the inaugural 2018 NHLBI Obesity Health Disparities PRIDE Mentoring Award, the 2020 Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health Dean's Award of Distinction in Faculty Mentoring, and the 2020 Minority Issues in Gerontology Outstanding Mentorship Award. Dr. Thorpe earned a bachelor's in theoretical mathematics from Florida A&M University, a master's in statistics and a PhD in clinical epidemiology with a graduate minor in gerontology from Purdue University.