

# RESEARCH DAY

FRIDAY, APRIL 24, 2026

## AGENDA



8:00 - 8:30 AM	<b>Breakfast</b>
8:30 - 8:45 AM	<b>Opening Remarks:</b> Dr. Dawn Misra, Chair, Professor, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics
8:45 - 9:30 AM	<b>Keynote Speaker: Dr. Allison Kuipers</b> , Associate Professor of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, Doug Meijer Medical Innovation  <i>"Leveraging Epidemiologic Studies in Translational Cardiovascular Research: the Tobago Health Studies"</i>
9:30 - 10:15 AM	<b>Biostatistics Presentations</b>  <b>Hao Wu, PhD Student</b> - <i>"Improving Polygenic Score Prediction for Underrepresented Groups through Transfer Learning"</i> .  <b>Azam Najaf Kouchak, Postdoctoral Researcher</b> - <i>"Double-Robust Estimation of the Average Treatment Effect in Case-Control Studies Using Weighted Targeted Maximum Likelihood Estimation."</i>
10:15 - 11:15 AM	<b>Poster Session</b>
11:15 - 12:00 PM	<b>Epidemiology Presentations</b>  <b>Yinglin Dai, PhD Student</b> - <i>"Vitamin D deficiency and the odds of bacterial vaginosis among US women: Results from NHANES 2001-2004."</i>  <b>Jonathan Odingo, PhD Student</b> - <i>"Screened Out: Citizenship, Disparities, and the Puzzle of Cancer Prevention Across Citizenship Lines"</i>
12:00 - 12:45 PM	<b>Lunch</b>
12:45 - 1:00 PM	<b>Awards and Closing Remarks</b>