



Todd G. Nick, PhD
1964-2015

As an undergraduate zoology major, Todd's advisors encouraged him to pursue a career in statistical genetics. Following their advice, he completed a PhD degree in Biometry at LSU in 1992. After graduation, he was appointed as an Assistant Professor (1993) and Associate Professor of Health Sciences with tenure (1998) at the University of Mississippi Medical Center.

Todd joined Cincinnati Children's Hospital in 2005 as a tenured, full Professor in what is now the Division of Biostatistics and Epidemiology with a joint appointment in the Division of Human Genetics, where he continued his work with students, faculty, and staff across the medical center. In 2009, Todd assumed the role of Director of Biostatistics in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. Throughout his career, he remained active in the American Statistical Association with key leadership roles in the Sections on Statistical Consulting and Teaching of Statistics in the Health Sciences.

Soon after moving to Little Rock, Todd was diagnosed with cancer. He embraced his challenges with courage, grace, and determination. His boundless energy, positive attitude, and passion for life continue to touch the hearts and souls of colleagues nationwide. Todd's memory will live on within us and will encourage us to be the best consultants, teachers, and mentors we can possibly be, for years to come.

Schedule of Speakers

1:00 Opening Remarks

Rick Ittenbach, PhD
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center

1:10 Welcome

Maurizio Macaluso, MD, DrPH
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center

1:15 Todd and Me and the ASA

Stephen Looney, PhD
Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University

1:30 Predictors of Methylphenidate

Tanya Froelich, MD
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center

1:45 Predicting the Future in Sports Medicine

Greg Myer, PhD
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center

2:00 Generations in Families Talking Safe Sleep

Shasha Bai, PhD
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences

2:15 Break

2:30 Grants, Stats and Chance

Shannon Saldana, PharmD
Intermountain Primary Children's Hospital
Salt Lake City, Utah

2:45 A Partner in Crucial Conversations

Cynthia A. Prows, MS
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center

3:00 Classification of Persons with Traumatic Brain Injury

Mark Sherer, PhD
TIRR Memorial Hermann, Houston, TX

3:15 Memorial Lecture and Keynote - Methods for Differential Methylation with Next Generation Sequencing

Varghese George, PhD
Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University

4:15 Reception



Varghese George, PhD

Dr. Varghese George is Professor and Chair of the Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology in the Medical College of Georgia at the Augusta University. Dr. George has a well-established track record of graduate teaching and mentoring, and methodological and collaborative research in Biostatistics, Statistical Genomics and Genetic Epidemiology. He received his doctorate in Statistics from the University of Missouri-Columbia, followed by his post-doctoral fellowship in Statistical Genetics and Genetic Epidemiology at the Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans under Professor Robert Elston. He continued his career as faculty in the Department of Biometry and Genetics at LSUHSC, in the Division of Biostatistics at the Medical College of Wisconsin, and in the Department of Biostatistics at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, prior to joining the Medical College of Georgia in 2005.

Dr. George is a Fellow of the American Statistical Association, and an elected member of the International Statistical Institute. Most recently, his research has been focusing on developing statistical and computational methods for next-generation sequencing data and for exploring epigenetic variations in complex diseases. Dr. George is also actively involved in many collaborative research projects.

Todd G. Nick Memorial Lecture and Symposium in Biostatistics and Epidemiology

Presenting

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Department of Biostatistics and
Epidemiology
Medical College of
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***“Methods for Differential Methylation
with Next Generation Sequencing”***

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