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The Women’s Board
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Monday, September 28, 2015

Please join us for a panel discussion

Discovery Science & Human Health: What’s at Stake?

moderated by
Melina Hale, PhD
Dean for Faculty Affairs in the Division of the Biological Sciences
William Rainey Harper Professor of Organismal Biology and Anatomy
and the College

with introductory remarks by
Kenneth S. Polonsky, MD
Executive Vice President for Medical Affairs
Dean, Division of the Biological Sciences
and the Pritzker School of Medicine
Richard T. Crane Distinguished Service Professor of Medicine

The Chicago Club
81 East Van Buren Street
Chicago, Illinois

11:30 a.m. Lunch
12:00 p.m. Lecture

Please respond by Monday, September 21, 2015.
Kenneth S. Polonsky, MD, is the executive vice president for medical affairs, dean of the Division of the Biological Sciences and the Pritzker School of Medicine, and the Richard T. Crane Distinguished Service Professor of Medicine. A prominent diabetes researcher, physician, and educator, he oversees the University’s research and education programs in the biological sciences and medicine. He graduated cum laude from the University of Witwatersrand Medical School (1973) and completed a fellowship in endocrinology at the University of Chicago in 1978 before returning to Chicago in 2010 where he has since held his current role.

Melina Hale, PhD, is dean for faculty affairs in the Division of the Biological Sciences and the William Rainey Harper Professor of Organismal Biology and Anatomy and the College. She studies the organization and evolution of the brain circuitry that drives movement. In 2014, the University of Chicago Medicine named her its first dean for faculty affairs focused on basic science. She is also chair of the Research Resources Oversight Committee, which oversees core facilities of the Division of the Biological Sciences, and works with faculty across the University as the spokesperson for the Committee of the Council of the University Senate. She also serves on the University of Chicago Marine Biological Laboratories Faculty Advisory Committee and the College Council. She earned her PhD in organismal biology and anatomy from the University of Chicago.

Sarah Cobey, PhD, is assistant professor of ecology and evolution. She investigates our ability to forecast evolution and develops optimal vaccination strategies against pathogens such as influenza. She recently received the National Institutes of Health Director’s New Innovator Award—the most prestigious of its kind in the country—to help develop optimal vaccination strategies: she was one of 50 investigators from around the country selected for this award. She received her PhD in ecology and evolutionary biology from the University of Michigan and her BA from Princeton University.

D. Allan Drummond, PhD, is assistant professor of biochemistry and molecular biology. He studies how cells respond to stress. His work has important implications for improving diagnoses and therapies for neurodegenerative diseases such as Huntington’s, Alzheimer’s, Parkinson’s, ALS, and dementia. Named a Pew Scholar and a Sloan Research Fellow, he received his PhD in computation and neural systems from the California Institute of Technology and his BSE from Princeton University in mechanical and aerospace engineering.

Vincent Lynch, PhD, is assistant professor of human genetics. He seeks to understand how evolution works at the genetic level. His innovative work to understand the evolution of pregnancy in mammals may help prevent the intractable problem of preterm birth. He is a co-investigator at the March of Dimes Prematurity Research Center led by the University of Chicago and received his MS, PhD, and postdoctoral degrees in evolutionary biology from Yale University.

Join our panelists

Sarah Cobey, PhD
Assistant Professor, Ecology and Evolution

Vincent Lynch, PhD
Assistant Professor, Human Genetics

D. Allan Drummond, PhD
Assistant Professor, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

for their discussion

Discovery Science & Human Health: What’s at Stake?

What is basic medical research, why is it important, and is it at risk?

Join researchers from an array of biomedical disciplines to explore these questions—and to learn how their quest for knowledge is laying the groundwork for advancing the health and future well-being of humankind.