

RITA ALLEN FOUNDATION SCHOLARS MEETING

June 22-23, 2011

Bloomberg Lecture Hall
Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey

MEETING SCHEDULE

Wednesday, June 22

- 10:15 – 10:30 a.m.** **WELCOME & INTRODUCTION**
Elizabeth G. Christopherson, President and CEO
Rita Allen Foundation
- 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.** **Arnold J. Levine**
The Simons Center for Systems Biology, Institute for Advanced Study
The p53 family of genes regulates germ line genomic stability resulting in enhanced rates of genetic disorders, egg development, autism and cancers
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** **Jeremy Dittman**
Weill Cornell Medical College
Dissecting the roles of complexin in the control of synaptic transmission
- 12:00 – 12:30 p.m.** **Aaron Gitler**
University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine
A yeast functional screen predicts new ALS disease genes
- 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.** **LUNCH** – Institute Dining Hall
- 2:00 – 2:30 p.m.** **Steven Prescott**
University of Pittsburgh
Neuropathic changes in neuronal excitability in the periphery and spinal cord
- 2:30 – 3:00 p.m.** **Theodore Price**
University of Arizona
A spinally encoded, PKM ζ -dependent engram for chronic pain

Thursday, June 23

- 2:00 – 2:30 p.m.** **Ben Black**
University of Pennsylvania
Marking and Maintaining Centromere Location and the Histone Variant CENP-A
- 2:30 – 3:00 p.m.** **Samara Reck-Peterson**
Harvard Medical School
DNA Nanotechnology Tools to Probe the Mechanism of Molecular Motors
- 3:00 – 3:30 p.m.** **Sohail Tavazoie**
The Rockefeller University
Discovery and characterization of endogenous metastasis suppressor microRNAs
- 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.** **TEA** – Fuld Hall Common Room
- 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.** **Christopher A. Walsh**
Harvard Medical School, Children's Hospital Boston, Howard Hughes Medical Institute
Intrinsic and extrinsic regulation of neurogenesis in the cerebral cortex