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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023

OPEN SESSION

10:30am–10:45am ET

Opening Remarks and Introductions

Robert Dysko, University of Michigan

Barbara Natterson-Horowitz, University of California Los Angeles

10:45am–12:30pm ET

Keynote Discussions: Contributions of Research with Animals to Biological and Health Sciences

During this discussion, speakers will describe how research with animals broadly can be relevant to elucidating fundamental biological processes and applications for animal and human health. Following formal presentations by the keynote speakers, board members will have opportunities to engage in interactive dialogue with both.

Moderator

Robert Dysko, University of Michigan

Speakers

What dogs wish we knew about their diseases, morphology and behavior

Elaine A. Ostrander, National Human Genome Research Institute

Studying the dynamics of pathogens in reservoir hosts to understand spillover risk

Raina Plowright, Cornell University

12:30pm–1:15pm ET

Lunch

1:15pm–4:15pm ET

Panel Discussion: Frontiers in Animal Health Sciences, Conservation, and Research

During this discussion, speakers will discuss different contexts for research with animals, including those involved in research, zoos and aquaria, and wild and semi-wild environments. Various scientific and animal welfare issues will be raised during the formal presentations and discussions with board members and other panelists.

Moderator

Barbara Natterson-Horowitz, University of California Los Angeles

Speakers

Perspectives on the Care and Welfare of Research Animals
F. Claire Hankenson, University of Pennsylvania

The Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Case Study: Applying Navy Dolphin Medicine to Conservation Medicine for Small Cetaceans
Cynthia Smith, National Marine Mammal Foundation

One health surveillance to detect and understand zoonotic risk in wildlife, domestic animals and people
Tracey Goldstein, One Health Institute at Colorado State University

Beyond Fences: Policy Options for Wildlife, Livelihoods and Transboundary Animal Disease Management in Southern Africa
Steve Osofsky, Cornell Wildlife Health Center at Cornell University

International Policy and U.S. leadership: Examples of Foreign Policy Intersections and Impacts
Rowena Watson, U.S. Department of State

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Additional reading material from Rowena Watson: TBA

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Keynote Discussions: Contributions of Research with Animals to Biological and Health Sciences

Elaine A. Ostrander is Chief and Distinguished Senior Investigator of the Cancer Genetics and Comparative Genomics Branch at the National Human Genome Research Institute of NIH. She also heads the Section of Comparative Genetics. She received her Ph.D. from the Oregon Health and Science University and did her initial postdoctoral training at Harvard and UC Berkeley. She then went to the Lawrence Berkeley National Labs where, with collaborators, she began the canine genome project, assembling the foundational resources needed to navigate the canine genome. Dr. Ostrander joined the faculty of the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center and University of Washington in 1993, rising to the rank of Member in the Human Biology and Clinical Research Divisions, and head of the Genetics Program. She moved to NIH in 2004 to assume a position of Chief and Senior Investigator at NHGRI.

Raina Plowright is the Rudolf J. and Katharine L. Steffen Professor at Cornell University and a Cornell Atkinson Scholar at the Cornell Atkinson Center for Sustainability. Dr. Plowright's research helps develop the science of pandemic prevention through delineation of the mechanisms of cross-species transmission (spillover), environmental drivers of spillover, the dynamics of viral pathogens in reservoir hosts, and prevention of spillover through ecological interventions. Her research involves field, laboratory, and modeling studies of henipaviruses, and coronaviruses in bats in Australia, Asia, and Africa. She was elected to the National Academy of Medicine and the American Association for the Advancement of Science and has been a Fulbright Fellow, an Australian Centenary Scholar, a DARPA Young Faculty Awardee, and a David H. Smith Fellow in Conservation Research. She is currently serving on the US National Academies committee for Countering Zoonotic Spillover, and she is a co-chair of the Lancet Commission on Prevention of Viral Spillover.

Panel Discussion: Frontiers in Animal Health Sciences, Conservation, and Research

Tracey Goldstein, PhD, is the Director of the One Health Institute and Professor in the Department of Microbiology, Immunology and Pathology at Colorado State University Immunology and Microbiology and Associate. Prior to joining Colorado State University, she was the Division Chief of the Emerging Threats Division, Bureau for Global Health at USAID since 2020, where she led the Global Health Security Program working with partner countries and the global community to build better preparedness for future emerging infectious disease threats. In her previous position she was a Professor in the Department of Pathology, Immunology and Microbiology and Associate Director of the One Health Institute at the University of California, Davis. At UC Davis, she managed a research program understanding the health of people, wildlife and the environment; as well as a marine mammal virology diagnostic service and served as the Co-Principal Investigator for the 10-year global PREDICT project. She is the Chair of the NOAA Fisheries Working Group on Marine Mammal Unusual Mortality Events. She continues to study health and diseases in marine mammal and other wildlife populations, and understanding the risk of spillover to people.

F. Claire Hankenson, DVM, MS, DACLAM is the Associate Vice Provost for Research and Executive Director of University Laboratory Animal Resources at the University of Pennsylvania. She serves as the Attending Veterinarian and holds a faculty position as Professor of Laboratory Animal Medicine within the Department of Pathobiology at the School of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Hankenson obtained her veterinary degree from Purdue University, completed her graduate work and residency at the University of Washington and then became a Diplomate of the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine (ACLAM) in 2002. Dr. Hankenson has been active on committees within AALAS since 2002, served on the Executive Board for ACLAM, including ACLAM President in 2015, and is an ad-hoc specialist with AAALAC. In addition, she is the immediate Past Chair of the PRIM&R Board of Directors. From 2019-2021, she participated as one of two veterinarians on the NIH Advisory Committee to the Director (ACD) Working Group (WG) on Enhancing Reproducibility and Rigor in Animal Research.

Steven A. Osofsky, DVM, works on developing and helping to apply science-based landscape scale approaches to conservation, particularly in terms of policy guidance to address challenges at the interface of wildlife, agriculture and other types of land use, and people. Dr. Osofsky, the Jay Hyman Professor of Wildlife Health & Health Policy at Cornell University's College of Veterinary Medicine, is one of the pioneers of the One Health movement, having led the drafting of the core [Manhattan Principles on One World, One Health](#) in 2004. He has developed, launched and managed some of the first major applied One Health programs, including the AHEAD ([Animal & Human Health for the Environment And](#)

[Development](#)) Program (launched in South Africa in 2003) and the HEAL (Health & Ecosystems: Analysis of Linkages) Program (launched in 2009), which became the Planetary Health Alliance in 2016. As the only veterinarian serving on [The Rockefeller Foundation-Lancet Commission on Planetary Health](#), he was able to bring his range of practical experiences (from both health and environmental conservation perspectives) to the task of shaping the highly interdisciplinary conceptual approach underpinning the field of Planetary Health. Professor Osofsky previously held senior positions at the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), as well as with the Government of Botswana. He was also honored to serve as an American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Science and Diplomacy Fellow, working as a Biodiversity Program Specialist at the U. S. Agency for International Development (USAID). Steve is also shepherding the University's new [Cornell Wildlife Health Center](#).

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