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Media Advisory: NIH Office of Research on Women's Health to Hold Virtual Meetings to Help Advance Careers in Women's Health Research and Knowledge About How Sex and Gender Affect Health and Disease

WHAT: The National Institutes of Health's Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH) will hold:

- The Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health (BIRCWH) Annual Meeting
- The Specialized Centers of Research Excellence on Sex Differences (SCORE) Annual Meeting keynote address

The meetings will take place on Dec. 13-14, 2021. Audience members can attend the live-streamed events virtually or watch the recorded videocasts when they are made available after the meetings. See below for details on each event, including links to registration pages, links to videocasts, and more information.

The Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health (BIRCWH) Annual Meeting will give junior investigators a chance to network with senior investigators and allow BIRCWH (pronounced "birch") Scholars to present their research findings related to the influences of sex and gender on health and disease.

WHEN & WHERE: The meeting will be held virtually on Dec. 13, 2021, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. EST.

Registration link: <https://bit.ly/3piPbdQ>

Videocast link: <https://bit.ly/3otKK13>

WHO: Speakers for the event include:

- Molly L. Carnes, M.D., M.S.—Virginia Valian Professor in the Departments of Medicine, Psychiatry, and Industrial and Systems Engineering, Director of the Center for Women's Health Research, and Co-Director of the Women in Science &

Engineering Leadership Institute (WISELI) at the University of Wisconsin–Madison—will give the 5th Ruth L. Kirschstein Memorial Lectureship (10:15–11 a.m.).

- Claire Pomeroy, M.D., M.B.A., President of the Albert and Mary Lasker Foundation, will give the Legacy of Leadership Lecture (12:10–12:55 p.m.).

All participants can share thoughts during the event via Twitter using #2021BIRCWH.

For more information, please visit <https://bit.ly/3bJhThR>.

The Specialized Centers of Research Excellence on Sex Differences (SCORE) Annual Meeting keynote address is directed to SCORE centers and is open to the public; the rest of the meeting will be for SCORE investigators only. The SCORE program is the only NIH cooperative agreement program supporting disease-agnostic research on sex differences. Each center serves as a national resource for translational research to identify the role of biological sex differences in the health of women.

WHEN & WHERE: The keynote address will be held virtually on Dec. 14, 2021, from 10:15 a.m. to 11 a.m. EST.

Registration link: <https://bit.ly/31kF1Sh>

Videocast link: <https://bit.ly/3onhiK2>

WHO: This year’s program will include the following:

- Janine Austin Clayton, M.D., FARVO, Director of ORWH, will give opening remarks.
- Tracy L. Bale, Ph.D., Professor of Pharmacology and Psychiatry at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, will present the keynote address, titled “Extracellular Vesicles as Stress Signals: Identifying Novel Biomarkers in Maternal and Fetal Health.”

All participants can share thoughts during the event via Twitter using #SCORE2021.

For more information, please visit <https://go.usa.gov/xepMr>.

LEARN MORE: For more information on the BIRCWH program, visit <https://bit.ly/3djnNqQ>. For more information on the SCORE program, visit <https://go.usa.gov/xepMx>.

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