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Media Advisory: NIH Office of Research on Women's Health to Hold Virtual Meeting Series on Advances in Women's Health, Sex and Gender in Health and Disease, and the Advancement of Women in Biomedical Careers

WHAT: The NIH Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH) will hold the ORWH 30th Anniversary Virtual Meeting Series: Advancing the Health of Women Through Science. The series consists of three events:

- The Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health (BIRCWH) Annual Meeting
- The ORWH 30th Anniversary Scientific Symposium
- The Specialized Centers of Research Excellence on Sex Differences (SCORE) Annual Meeting Keynote Address

The meetings will take place December 14, 15, and 16, 2020. Audience members can attend the livestreamed 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, videocasts, and more information.

The Building Interdisciplinary Research Careers in Women's Health (BIRCWH) Annual Meeting will focus on mentoring young investigators, allow BIRCWH (pronounced "birch") Scholars to present their research findings, and celebrate the 20th anniversary of the program.

WHEN & WHERE: Held virtually on December 14, 2020, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. ET.

Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/32D6vA1>

Videocast Link: <https://videocast.nih.gov/watch=40059>

WHO: Highlights of this year's program include the following:

- Patricia E. Molina, M.D., Ph.D., the Richard Ashman Professor in Physiology at the Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans, will give the 4th Ruth L. Kirschstein Memorial Lectureship (10:15 a.m.–11:00 a.m.).

- The 2020 Annual BIRCWH Meeting will also include a plenary session featuring presentations on research findings by leading BIRCWH Scholars (11:00 a.m.–12:05 p.m.). Topics include sex differences in cardiovascular health among U.S. adults, oxytocin administration in low-risk labor and birth, and neurobiological links to the experience of pain from stimuli that are not normally painful and anxiety-related behaviors.
- Claire Sterk, Ph.D., President Emerita and Charles Howard Candler Professor of Public Health at Emory University, will give a Legacy of Leadership lecture in honor of BIRCWH’s 20th anniversary (12:15 p.m.–1:00 p.m.).
- The virtual BIRCWH poster session and informal virtual networking session will follow (1:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m.).

For a detailed agenda, please visit <https://go.usa.gov/x7HpQ>.

All participants can share thoughts during the event via Twitter: #2020BIRCWH

The ORWH 30th Anniversary Scientific Symposium, “Advancing the Health of Women Through Science,” will be a full-day symposium to mark the 30th anniversary of ORWH. The symposium will cover a wide range of topics, including women’s mental health, environmental factors affecting women’s health, pain management for women, and sex as a biological variable.

WHEN & WHERE: Held virtually on December 15, 2020, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. ET.

Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/35pLdYt>

Videocast Link: <https://videocast.nih.gov/watch=40060>

WHO: Highlights of this year’s program include the following:

- Janine Austin Clayton, M.D., Director of ORWH, will welcome participants and provide opening remarks (9:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.).
- NIH Director Francis Collins, M.D., Ph.D., will mark the 30th anniversary of ORWH with remarks on advances in women’s health research (10:00 a.m.–10:15 a.m.).
- Pauline M Maki, Ph.D., Professor of Psychiatry, Psychology, and Obstetrics & Gynecology and Director of the Women’s Mental Health Research Program at the University of Illinois at Chicago, will give the morning keynote address, titled “Women’s Mental Health Across the Life Course” (10:15 a.m.–10:45 a.m.).
- A panel discussion on sex as a biological variable (SABV) will be followed by a Q&A session (1:20 p.m.–2:35 p.m.).
- A panel of leaders from across NIH will give their perspectives on women’s health research (2:35 p.m.–4:05 p.m.).
- Mary Woolley, M.A., President of Research!America, will give the afternoon keynote address, titled “Meeting the Moment” (4:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m.).

For a detailed agenda, please visit <https://go.usa.gov/x7Hpr>.

All participants can share thoughts during the event via Twitter: #ORWHturns30

The Specialized Centers of Research Excellence on Sex Differences (SCORE) Annual Meeting Keynote Address will highlight the importance of reporting sex-based findings in research articles. This talk will be beneficial to researchers, writers, editors, and general readers of biomedical science.

WHEN & WHERE: Held virtually on December 16, 2020, from 10:40 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. ET.

Registration Link: <https://bit.ly/36t3a7L>

Videocast Link: <https://videocast.nih.gov/watch=40061>

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

- Janine Austin Clayton, M.D., Director of ORWH, will give opening remarks.
- Jocalyn Clark, Ph.D., Executive Editor of *The Lancet*, will present the keynote address, titled "Sex Differences Research and the Health of Women: An Editor's Perspective."

All participants can share thoughts during the event via Twitter: #SCORE2020

LEARN MORE: Information on the ORWH 30th Anniversary Virtual Meeting Series can be found on the ORWH 30th anniversary webpage: <https://orwh.od.nih.gov/orwh-anniversary>.

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About ORWH: ORWH serves as the focal point for women's health research at NIH. It is the first Public Health Service office dedicated specifically to promoting women's health research within, as well as beyond, the NIH scientific community. The office also fosters the recruitment, retention, reentry, and advancement of women in biomedical careers. For more information about ORWH, visit www.nih.gov/women.

About NIH: NIH, the nation's medical research agency, includes 27 Institutes and Centers and is a component of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. NIH is the primary federal agency conducting and supporting basic, clinical, and translational medical research and is investigating the causes, treatments, and cures for both common and rare diseases. For more information about NIH and its programs, visit www.nih.gov.

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