

The Air We Breathe

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8:45-10:00 A.M.

The George and Dolores Eccles Institute of Human Genetics, Auditorium

The Clifford C. Snyder, M.D. and Mary Snyder Lecture



Devra Lee Davis, Ph.D., M.P.H.

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Dr. Davis is a leading epidemiologist, public health expert, and researcher on the environmental causes of cancer and chronic diseases. Dr. Davis holds a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago and an M.P.H. from the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health. She is Director of the world's first Center for Environmental Oncology located at the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute and served as a Lead Author of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, the group awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007.

Her book, *When Smoke Ran Like Water* (2002, Basic Books) has been described by the Toronto Globe & Mail as "the most readable exposé of the hidden costs of pollution since *Silent Spring*." In it, Dr. Davis confronts both public triumphs and private failures in the battle against environmental pollution. She reports on the deadly London smog of 1952 (when deaths were falsely attributed to influenza); behind-the-scenes machinations by oil companies and auto manufacturers to keep lead in gasoline; and the pollution that killed many in her own family and forced others - survivors of the 1948 smog emergency in Donora, Pennsylvania - to live out their lives with damaged health. Dr. Davis was a National Book Awards finalist for *When Smoke Ran Like Water* and is also the author of *The Secret History of the War on Cancer* (2007, Basic Books).

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