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Program

8:15 A.M.-11:45 A.M. Location: The George S. and Dolores Doré Eccles Institute of Human Genetics, Auditorium

8:15 A.M.-8:45 A.M. Continental Breakfast and Social in Genetics Atrium

8:45 A.M.-10:00 A.M. Welcome and Introduction
Joan M. Gregory, M.L.S., AHIP, Head of Technical Services, Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library

The Clifford C. Snyder, M.D. and Mary Snyder Lecture
Devra Lee Davis, Ph.D., M.P.H., Director, Center for Environmental Oncology, University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute
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10:00 A.M.-10:15 A.M. Short Break and Conversation with Jean P. Shipman, M.S.L.S., AHIP
Director, Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library

10:15 A.M.-10:25 A.M. Tribute to Nina E. Dougherty, M.A.—Librarian and Environmental Champion
Mary E. Youngkin, M.L.S., Head of Public Services, Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library

10:25 A.M.-11:15 A.M. Meet the Experts—Panel Discussion
Moderator: Joan M. Gregory, M.L.S, AHIP
Panelists: Devra Lee Davis, Ph.D., M.P.H.
Craig B. Forster, Ph.D., PGeol
Brian J. Moench, M.D.
John M. Veranth, Ph.D.

11:15-11:45 A.M. Conversation—Effectively Searching the Environmental Literature
Devra Lee Davis, Ph.D., M.P.H.

Invited Exhibits and Demonstrations

11:45 A.M.-1:00 P.M. Location: Spencer F. and Cleneo P. Eccles Health Sciences Education Building
2nd floor Atrium—Light refreshments will be available

- American Lung Association of Utah: http://www.lungutah.org/
- Environmental Epidemiology, Utah Department of Health: http://health.utah.gov/epi/enviroepi/
- National Network of Libraries of Medicine MidContinental Region: http://nnlm.gov/mcr/
- Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library: http://library.med.utah.edu
- University of Utah Health Sciences Bookstore: http://www.hsstore.utah.edu/home.aspx
- Utah Chapter Sierra Club: http://utah.sierrachub.org/
- Utah Clean Energy: http://utahealtheenergy.org/
- Utah Division of Air Quality: http://www.airquality.utah.gov/
- Utah Moms For Clean Air: http://www.utahmomsforcleanair.org/
- Utah Physicians for a Healthy Environment: http://www.uphe.org/
- Utahealthnet: http://utahealthnet.org/
The Clifford C. Snyder, M.D. and Mary Snyder Lecturer

Devra Lee Davis, Ph.D., M.P.H.
Director, Center for Environmental Oncology, University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute

Panelists and Moderators

Craig B. Forster Ph.D., PGeol
Director, Office of Sustainability, and Research Associate Professor of Urban Planning, University of Utah

Joan M. Gregory, M.L.S., AHIP
Head of Technical Services, Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library, University of Utah

Brian J. Moench, M.D.
Founder and President, Utah Physicians for a Healthy Environment (UPHE), and Anesthesiologist, LDS Hospital

John M. Veranth, Ph.D.
Research Associate Professor, Pharmacology and Toxicology, College of Pharmacy, University of Utah

Mary E. Youngkin, M.L.S.
Head of Public Services, Spencer S. Eccles Health Sciences Library, University of Utah

Biography

Devra Lee 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).

Meet the Experts—Panel Discussion

Panelists will respond to remarks made by Dr. Davis and discuss issues related to clean air in Utah. Participating panelists are currently involved with organizations that have a focus on protecting the health and well-being of citizens by promoting science-based education and interventions that result in progressive, measurable improvements to the environment. Of equal importance, panelists will review strategies used to educate and increase public awareness of the health effects of air pollution.

Panel moderator is Joan M. Gregory (Eccles Health Sciences Library); panelists include Devra Lee Davis, Craig B. Forster, (U’s Office of Sustainability), Brian J. Moench (UPHE), and John M. Veranth (College of Pharmacy).

Effectively Searching the Environmental Literature: a Conversation

The focus of this session is to engage Dr. Devra Lee Davis in a conversation about strategies she has found to be effective for finding information, searching the environmental and public health literature, keeping up-to-date, and assessing and evaluating the evidence.

Exhibits and Demonstrations

InfoFair 2008 will host exhibits and demonstrations from 11:45 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. in the atrium on the 2nd floor of the University of Utah Student Center with the goal of providing up-to-date health sciences information. Past InfoFairs have focused on computer services, applications and resources as well as the future of computing in the health sciences.

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

Dr. Clifford C. Snyder, former Professor of Surgery, founded the Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at the University of Utah School of Medicine in 1967. He served as chair of that division until 1985 when he was appointed Professor Emeritus of Surgery and Associate Dean, School of Medicine. Throughout his career, Dr. Snyder was an ardent supporter of the Eccles Health Sciences Library. Dr. Snyder's endowment of The Clifford C. Snyder, M.D. and Mary Snyder Lectureship provides funding for the InfoFair featured presentation. Sadly, Dr. Snyder passed away June 15, 2007.

About InfoFair

InfoFair is an annual event at the University of Utah Health Sciences Center with the goal of providing up-to-date health sciences information. Past InfoFairs have focused on computer services, applications and resources as well as the future of computing in the health sciences.

Questions

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