

“Nature, Nurture and the Neuroscience of Parenthood”

SPEAKER



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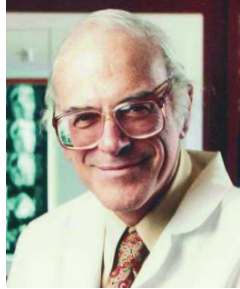
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Institute, Columbia University*

Wednesday, June 3, 2026 | 4 p.m.

Alumni Auditorium

630 W. 168th Street | 1st Floor

The John Lindenbaum Memorial Lecture Series



Dr. John Lindenbaum was a widely acclaimed hematologist, gifted teacher, great mentor and an integral part of then Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center. Dr. Lindenbaum's contributions as a clinical investigator were many and encompassed a variety of disciplines. His primary interest was focused on abnormalities of vitamin B12 and folic acid metabolism. Other contributions included the first clinical description of halothane-induced hepatic necrosis, which he reported while still a resident, the first analysis of the clinical course of cholera in 769 children, studies of tropical enteropathy in Bangladesh and New York, and much more.

Dr. Lindenbaum's interests went well beyond medicine. He cared deeply about societal inequities and injustices and in medicine in particular. He knew about the history of jazz (and listened to it), as well as classical music and modern art. He spoke French and Italian well. He was an avid birdwatcher and a passionate mushroom collector.

Just before his death in June 1997, he bestowed a gift to what is now Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons to establish an annual lecture given by a distinguished scientist. This lecture series has provided the VP&S community with the opportunity to host extraordinary scientists from all over the country and to facilitate mentoring opportunities for VP&S students, trainees, and faculty.

2026 Speaker



Bianca Jones Marlin, PhD, is a neuroscientist and Howard Hughes Medical Institute Freeman Hrabowski Scholar and Herbert and Florence Irving Assistant Professor of Cell Research at Columbia University's Zuckerman Institute. Her research investigates how organisms unlock innate behaviors at appropriate times, and how learned information is passed to subsequent generations via intergenerational epigenetic inheritance. The Marlin Lab combines molecular genetics, neural imaging, and behavior to uncover the mechanisms by which learning and emotion are biologically transmitted from neurons of the parent to neurons of their offspring—providing insight into how learned behavior in the parent can become innate in the offspring.

The Annual John Lindenbaum Memorial Lecture Series

2025

Wafaa El-Sadr, MD, MPH, MPA

Executive Vice President, Columbia Global Director, ICAP at Columbia University
University Professor of Epidemiology and Medicine
Mathilde Krim-amfAR Chair of Global Health
Columbia University

2024

Tracy L. Johnson, PhD

Keith and Cecilia Terasaki Presidential Endowed Chair, Professor, Molecular, Cell, and Developmental Biology, Dean, Life Sciences, University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

2023

Freeman Hrabowski, PhD

President Emeritus, The University of Maryland

2022

Marie A. Bernard, MD

Chief Officer for Scientific Workforce Diversity (COSWD), National Institutes of Health (NIH)

2021

John A. Rich, MD, MPH

Professor of Health Management and Policy, Center for Nonviolence and Social Justice, Dornsife School of Public Health, Drexel University

2019

Roderic I. Pettigrew, PhD, MD

CEO, Engineering Health (EnHealth), Health Science Center and College of Engineering, Robert A. Welch Professor and Executive Dean for Engineering Medicine, Colleges of Medicine, Engineering and Houston Methodist Hospital, Texas A&M University

2018

Ana V. Diez Roux, MD, PhD, MPH

Dean and Distinguished Professor of Epidemiology, Drexel University, Dornsife School of Public Health

2017

E. Dale Abel, MD, PhD

Chair/Department Executive Officer and Director, Division of Endocrinology and Metabolism, Department of Internal Medicine
Director, Fraternal Order of Eagles Diabetes Research Center
Professor of Internal Medicine – Endocrinology and Metabolism
Professor of Biochemistry, Biomedical Engineering
University of Iowa, Carver College of Medicine

2016

Kevin Gardner, MD, PhD

Senior Investigator Genetics Branch, DHHS/NIH/NCI/CCR
Acting Scientific Director, DHHS/NIH/NIMHD/DIR

2015

Mary Bassett, MD, MPH

Commissioner of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
Associate Professor of Clinical Epidemiology at the Mailman School of Public Health

2014

Gbenga Ogedegbe, MD, MPH, FACP

Director, Center for Healthful Behavior Change and Professor of Medicine and Population Health, Department of Population Health, New York University School of Medicine

2013

Michelle A. Albert, MD, MPH

Vivian Beaumont Allen Endowed Chair and Professor, Chief, Cardiovascular Medicine, Director of Cardiovascular Research, Howard University

2012

John M. Carethers, MD

John G. Searle Professor and Chair, Department of Internal Medicine, University of Michigan

2011

Jackson T. Wright, MD, PhD, FACP

Director and Professor, Hypertension Research Center, Division of Nephrology and Hypertension, University Hospitals, School of Medicine, Case Western Reserve University

2010

Funmi I. Olopade, MD, FACP

Walter L. Palmer Distinguished Service Professor of Medicine and Human Genetics, Associate Dean for Global Health, Director, Center for Clinical Cancer Genetics & Global Health, University of Chicago Medical Center

2009

Lisa Cooper, MD, MPH

Professor of Medicine, Epidemiology, and Health Policy and Management, Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions

2008

Talmadge E. King, Jr., MD

Julius R. Krevans Distinguished Professorship in Internal Medicine, Chair, Department of Medicine, University of California San Francisco, CA

2007

Neil R. Powe, MD, MPH, MBA

Professor of Medicine, Epidemiology, and Health Policy and Management, Director, Welch Center for Prevention, Epidemiology and Clinical Research, Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions

2006

Lee Riley, MD

Professor, Division of Public Health, Biology, and Epidemiology, University of California, Berkeley

2005

Juanita Merchant, MD, PhD

Associate Professor of Medicine, University of Michigan

1999

Griffin P. Rogers, MD

Director, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, National Institutes of Health

1999

Ivor Benjamin, MD

Associate Professor of Medicine, The University of Texas, Southwestern Medical Center of Dallas

1998

Gary Gibbons, MD

Associate Professor of Medicine, Harvard University