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Equity Driven Open Science Policies in Biomedical Research: A New Model for Drug Discovery in Rare Diseases?

Speaker: *Dr Rachel Harding (Huntington's Disease Society of America Career Development Fellow; Huntington's disease research team leader at the Structural Genomics Consortium, U of Toronto)*

10:30 - 11:00am

Drug discovery too often focuses on the bottom line rather than on the people who the development of new medicines might benefit, or the other stakeholders in the research process. Self-serving and conservative approaches to biomedical research have left an innovation gap, so many disease communities have unmet therapeutic needs, in particular rare disease populations. I will argue that open science policies can better serve these stakeholders and innovative intellectual policies can help develop a more equitable drug discovery process which benefits those in need, not just shareholders.



11:00am - 12 noon

This presentation will be followed by a panel discussion on open science with faculty panelists Dr. David Feinberg (Associate Professor, Dept. of Psychology, Neuroscience & Behaviour) and Dr. Harding and graduate student panelists Aadil Bharwani (MD-PhD candidate, Dept. of Medicine) and Mike Galang (PhD candidate, Dept. of Psychology, Neuroscience & Behaviour)

Registration not required. Light refreshments will be provided.

**October 24, 2019 - Mills Library, 1st floor,
Sherman Centre for Digital Scholarship**

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