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Community Engagement Speaker Series (March 25) Public Engagement in Health Research: Consumer and Community Engagement, by Professor Krista Lunder, University of Washington. The topic of this seminar is “The Ethics of Engaging Consumers in Health Research.” An overview of the role of community engagement in health research, with a focus on the U.S. Department of Defense’s Health Effectiveness Decision Evaluation (HDE) program. The seminar will highlight key ethical considerations to be addressed in consumer engagement activities. Registration is required. For more information, email cctst@uc.edu. Attendees can also access a recording of the seminar at http://cctst.uc.edu/.

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Empirical bioethics involves the measurement and evaluation of ethical principles. Speakers included Dr. Brian Lang, MGA, head, Department of Social Medicine, Harvard Medical School, and Dr. Donald Schwarz, MD, MPH, health commissioner, City of Cincinnati. Dr. Levin’s research focuses on (1) the development of genomic medicine for discovering new drugs, treatments, and preventive health strategies (2) the implications of this push for clinician-investigators and patient-participants. His slides are available at http://cctst.uc.edu/.

Choice (Not) to Receive Medically Actionable Genomic Research Results

The CCHMC Ethics Center and CCTST hosted a research ethics special seminar March 4. The impact of genomic medicine on patients' autonomy was discussed by Dr. Armand &Antommaria, MD, PhD. The seminar included a discussion of the desire of patients to access their own genetic information, the role of clinicians in making decisions, and the potential for increased communication between patients and providers. The seminar also featured a discussion about the challenges of using genomic information in clinical settings. Dr. Antommaria’s slides are available at http://cctst.uc.edu/.

Nearly 110 participants from 10 states braved the elements to participate in a special seminar, “Estimation of Exposure Time Trends Using Nonlinear Segmented Models.” The seminar was held in the University Hall. She will discuss her research on the estimation of exposure time trends using nonlinear segmented models. Admission is free and registration is not required.

Ample time will be provided for questions and discussion following the presentations. Schwarz and Lang will also participate in a panel discussion. Free and open to the public. For more information, contact the CCHMC Ethics Center Director at 513-584-6453 or email cctst@uc.edu.

Meet the Methodologist: Linda Levin, PhD

Linda Levin, PhD, is an associate professor in the Department of Biomedical Informatics, The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. CCHMC Location: University Hall. She will discuss her research on the estimation of exposure time trends using nonlinear segmented models. Admission is free and registration is not required.

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