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## David Rockefeller provides \$25 million for Hospital Trustees Fisher and Carson make leadership gifts of \$10 million each

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David Rockefeller, honorary chairman of the RU board of trustees, has pledged \$25 million in support of a major modernization and expansion of the Rockefeller University Hospital. The largest single gift in the university's history, Rockefeller's commitment is a leadership contribution to RU's Centennial Campaign, which will be publicly launched in 2000. The gift was announced on Tues., Dec. 7, by Richard M. Furlaud, chairman of the board emeritus and chairman of the Rockefeller University Council, at a Council-sponsored event, "The Emergence of Modern Philanthropy: The Rockefeller Story." (See article, page 3.)

David Rockefeller's gift will help transform the Hospital into a facility that meets the challenges and opportunities of the emerging age of molecular medicine. The revitalization of the Hospital is a cornerstone of the university's new Academic Plan, which reaffirms that translating basic research into clinical applications is a central part of RU's mission.

In announcing the pledge, Furlaud remarked, "Over the years, David's leadership and commitment to the university have been tremendously important to the growth of this marvelous institution. To me, David is the personification of the enlightened philanthropist, because in addition to financial support, he gives generously of his time, talents and energy.

His impact has been enormous."

A trustee since 1941, Rockefeller served as the board's chairman from 1950 to 1975 and as chairman of its executive committee from 1975 to 1995, when he became honorary chairman and life trustee. He also is honorary chairman of the RU Council, which he helped to establish in the 1970s and led for many years. Rockefeller's latest commitment brings his own lifetime giving to the university to more than \$60 million. The gifts he has played a role in generating greatly exceed that amount.

According to President Arnold J. Levine, plans for the Hospital include extensive renovations, as well as the recruitment of several clinically oriented researchers to establish new laboratories, creation of core facilities and strengthening of the Clinical Scholars Program. "Our goals for the Hospital are ambitious," says Levine, "and the cost of realizing them is estimated at more than \$60 million. We have only been able to think on this scale because of David's magnificent commitment."

At the meeting, Levine announced four additional leadership gifts to the university's Centennial Campaign. These include \$10 million from Chairman of the Board Richard Fisher and his wife, Jeanne Donovan Fisher; \$10 million from trustee Russell Carson, his wife, Council member Judith Carson, and their daughter, Cecily;

\$6 million from Robert and Harriet Heilbrunn; and \$12.5 million from the Strang Cancer Prevention Center.

The commitment made by Richard Fisher and Jeanne Donovan Fisher will provide \$7 million to help finish the three remaining floors in the John D. Rockefeller Jr. and David Rockefeller Research Building.

It will also provide \$3 million to endow a professorship for a new faculty recruit. The Carson family's \$10 million gift will fund new RU research initiatives. Carson is vice chairman of the RU Board and chair of the Development Steering Committee. His wife, Judith, serves on the RU Council Executive Committee.

According to Levine, these two gifts represent "stunning acts of leadership and commitment on the part of our board chairman and our vice chairman. Their pledges will be of enormous help to us in funding essential resources as we seek to recruit 15 to 24 new faculty members over the next five years and meet the other



David Rockefeller acknowledges the appreciation of the RU Council for his gift of \$25 million at the Tues., Dec. 7, centennial lecture. Photo by Paul Schneck.

goals of our Academic Plan."

The Heilbrunns' \$6 million gift and the \$12.5 million commitment from the Strang Cancer Prevention Center are helping to strengthen cancer research on the RU campus. In announcing the contributions at the RU Council meeting, Levine publicly thanked the Heilbrunns, who are both members of the Council. He also recognized Council member Jack Fishman, a former RU professor who played a critical role in bringing about the Strang gift.

The Centennial Campaign is still in its early stages, and the board plans to announce additional gifts, as well as a goal, in the late spring.

## King awards medal to Blobel



Professor Günter Blobel with King of Sweden Carl XVI Gustaf at the Nobel award ceremony Fri., Dec. 10. Photo Copyright 1999 The Nobel Foundation. Photo by Hans Mehlin.

Since 1901, most of the Nobel Prizes have been presented to the laureates at ceremonies on December 10, the anniversary of Alfred Nobel's death. In keeping with that tradition, last Friday Professor Günter Blobel received his prize at ceremonies at the Stockholm Concert Hall in Stockholm, Sweden.

Ralf Pettersson, chairman of the Nobel Committee for physiology or medicine read the presentation, ending with, "Günter Blobel, your discovery that proteins contain built-in signals that direct them to their correct destination within cells and across membranes has had a profound impact on our understanding of how a cell and its organelles are assembled and maintained. Your work has also laid the foundation for modern molecular cell biology. On behalf of the Nobel Assembly at Karolinska Institute I wish to convey to you my warmest congratulations and I now ask you to step forward to receive your Nobel Prize from the hands of His Majesty the King."

Earlier in the week, Blobel lectured about the science behind the prize, complete with a Powerpoint presentation. The talk was webcast live. "His talk was brilliant, and afterwards he got a standing ovation. I have never seen that before—it was a true joy to be there," says Hans Mehlin, webmaster for the Nobel Foundation and the person in charge of organizing the live webcasts.

An animated summary of Blobel's research and models can be seen on the Rockefeller homepage or at: <http://www.rockefeller.edu/pubinfo/proteintarget.html>.

To see the on-demand versions of the Nobel lectures or the awards ceremony, go to <http://www.nobel.se>.

## Matthew Albert is the second consecutive RU graduate to receive top dissertation award

Rockefeller University biomedical fellow Matthew Albert has received the 1999 Council of Graduate Schools (CGS)/University Microfilms International (UMI) Distinguished Dissertation Award in the Field of Biological and Life Sciences. Albert is the second consecutive Rockefeller graduate to win the biological sciences award. The award was given for the doctoral research that Albert, a 1999 graduate, conducted with Associate Professor and Head of Laboratory Robert Darnell and Associate Professor for Clinical Investigation Nina Bhardwaj.

The award, consisting of an honorarium and a citation certificate, was presented to Albert during a luncheon at the annual meeting of the CGS on Thurs., Dec. 2, for his doctoral thesis entitled "Resurrecting the Dead: Dendritic Cells Cross-present Antigen Derived from Apoptotic Cells for the Induction of Viral and Tumor-specific Cytotoxic T Lymphocytes."

In 1997, Firdaus Dhabhar ('96), also received the prize for his thesis, which showed that under certain conditions a stressful experience might boost an organism's immune response.

"The awarding of this honor to two of our graduates sends a clear message of the caliber of our graduate program and the talented students we recruit," says Fred Cross, dean of graduate and postgraduate

studies. "Both Firdaus and Matthew should be congratulated on their fine work."

Albert's research focused on a rare debilitating brain disease called paraneoplastic cerebellar degeneration (PCD). Working at the bedside of patients with PCD, Albert and his faculty advisors found that these patients had the remarkable ability to fight cancer; many of them did not even know that they had cancer until they were diagnosed with the brain disorder. He uncovered a novel mechanism by which the immune system activates killer T cells. Published in the prestigious scientific journal *Nature Medicine* in November 1998, the results of this work may enable Albert and other scientists to reproduce in PCD patients' immune response and develop more effective treatments for cancer and other diseases of the immune system.

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## Campus to celebrate holidays next Thursday

The Rockefeller University campus community is invited to partake in a holiday celebration on Thurs., Dec. 23, at 2:30 p.m. This year's party takes place on two floors of the Weiss Building: the lobby, location of a family-friendly "winter wonderland," and the 17th floor, which will be the setting for dancing and other holiday cheer. All RU employees are permitted to bring their children plus one adult guest.

The idea of hosting the party on two floors came about because the party has grown over the years. "The university decided to double the party space this year," says Julie Ranton-Francis, director of special events, "so that people could feel comfortable and unhurried and enjoy an even wider variety of events."

Upon entering the Weiss Building, guests will be greeted by Victorian carolers and butlers providing mulled wine,

cider and hors d'oeuvres. The Weiss Cafe menu will include Viennese pastries, an Asian-food station and a carving station.

In the west side of the main dining room on the lobby level, children will be enchanted by a "winter wonderland"; the area will include such activities as storytelling, crafts, magic tricks, face painting and decorating gingerbread cookies. In the southeast corner of the dining room, revelers can enjoy Media Resource Service Center's Albert Sargenti and his jazz quartet.

Up on the 17th floor, DJ Fazeer Ogeer of Maintenance will spin dance tunes. Tables will be arranged cabaret-style around the dance floor. Dining options will include a Mexican buffet, French crepes and carving stations. As part of the holiday cheer, the 17th floor also will feature beer, wine and soft drinks. Come celebrate with friends and family.

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tem. Albert went on to publish half a dozen articles as a first author in such scientific journals as *Nature*, *Nature Medicine*, *Journal of Experimental Medicine* and *The Immunologist*. He contributed a chapter to the book *Phagocytes: The Host*, and he and Darnell are co-authors of a paper in press in the *Annals of Neurology*.



From left to right: Matthew Albert, winner of the CGS/UMI Dissertation Award for Biological and Life Sciences; Karen Redrobe Beckman, Princeton, Humanities winner, and a UMI representative. Photo by Marguerite Mangin.

At the CGS luncheon, Albert discussed his career as a Rockefeller University graduate student, describing the human element of his research, working with PCD patients in the RU Hospital. Afterward, Albert says, "one woman came up to me in tears because her mother had what sounded like paraneoplastic disease, and she never received the correct diagnosis."

Albert also touched on the role that the university plays in shaping the experience of all its graduate students.

"At Rockefeller, we are active participants in the scientific process, at the highest level; we are nurtured and supported in our desire to explore," Albert said. "I think the most striking aspect of the Rockefeller community is the complete lack of protocol or hierarchy, offering a

chance for students and faculty to interact freely, in an open and meaningful way.

"To educators and directors of graduate programs, I challenge you to nurture students at the level I experienced at Rockefeller," Albert concluded. "And to trust that by creating an open and supportive community it will be possible to find the humility that keeps our creative spirit alive."

"It was a treat listening to Matthew bridge philosophy and scientific and clinical inquiry," says Associate Dean Marguerite Mangin, who attended the luncheon.

Albert received a bachelor of science degree in solid state chemistry from Brown University. He came to Rockefeller as part of the joint M.D./Ph.D. program with the Weill Medical College of Cornell University and Sloan-Kettering Institute. Currently he is continuing studies toward his medical degree at Cornell, which he expects to complete in May 2000. After medical school, Albert plans to continue his research in Darnell's lab.

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Sponsored jointly by the CGS and UMI, and first presented in 1981, the distinguished dissertation awards are made to individuals who, in the opinion of the award committee, have completed dissertations representing original work that makes an unusually significant contribution to the discipline.

## Potpourri

### Parking announcement

The 66th St. parking lot, north of the tennis court, will be closed this Friday evening, Dec. 17, until early Mon., Dec. 20, due to construction in the Bronk Laboratory area.

If you park in this lot (D and PM stickers), please remove your car by midnight Fri., Dec. 17.

Please note that there will be no parking for visitors or guests during this period either.

### Toys for Tots

For five consecutive years, Media Resources has sponsored the Toys for Tots program each holiday season. Hundreds of toys have been donated through the generosity of RU employees. This year, you can help by donating a new unwrapped toy. It will make an underprivileged child very happy. The Toys for Tots drop-off is located in the Weiss Lobby. The last day of the toy drive is Fri., Dec. 17.

### News&Notes schedule

The next edition of *News&Notes* will be published Fri., Jan. 7. The deadline for submission of text is Thurs, Dec. 23. Happy holidays.

### Campus Sweatshirt Shop open for business

Just in time for the holidays, the Sweatshirt Shop will be open through Thurs., Dec. 23, from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. Holiday wrapping paper will be available along with other RU logo merchandise. And for every \$25 you spend, you will receive \$4 off the total. Stop by and browse.

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## Centennial lecture moments



Richard Fisher and Jeanne Donovan Fisher were thanked for their \$10 million pledge to the university at the Tues., Dec. 7, centennial lecture, "The Emergence of Modern Philanthropy: The Rockefeller Story," which was held in Caspary Auditorium. Photo by Paul Schneck.

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William O. Baker, chairman of the board emeritus, talked with Roy Vagelos, former RU trustee and past chairman and CEO of Merck & Co. Photo by Paul Schneck.

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Martha Stewart of Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia, Inc. stopped to have her picture taken with a bust of John D. Rockefeller Sr. Photo by Paul Schneck.

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# Titan author discusses "The Emergence of Modern Philanthropy: The Rockefeller Story"



John D. Rockefeller Sr. and John D. Rockefeller Jr. walking on Fifth Ave., New York City, Dec. 1921. Photo courtesy of the Rockefeller Archive Center.

John D. Rockefeller Sr.'s philanthropy helped create a paradigm of giving for the 20th century. His hallmark "business of philanthropy" created institutions whose contributions to society are as vital today as they were during their progenitor's lifetime. This paradigm and its relevancy toward contemporary philanthropic practices were the subject of a program presented Tues., Dec. 7, for the RU Council—an international advisory group of leaders in business and industry, education, law, finance and many other fields.

Ron Chernow, author of *Titan: The Life of John D. Rockefeller, Sr.*, was the featured speaker on the program, which was titled "The Emergence of Modern Philanthropy: The Rockefeller Story." A panel discussion followed Chernow's presentation, with Rockefeller family historian Peter Johnson, historian of philanthropy James Allen Smith, Honorary RU Chairman and Life Trustee David Rockefeller and RU President Arnold J. Levine.

Chernow, a leading economic historian, lecturer, essayist and radio commentator, holds degrees in English literature from Yale College and Cambridge University. In addition to *Titan*, which was published in 1998, Chernow's book credits include *The House of Morgan*, which won a 1990 National Book Award, and *The Warburgs*.

John D. Rockefeller Sr. amassed the largest fortune in history with the profits of his Standard Oil Company. He was also a devout Baptist. Writers both during Rockefeller's lifetime and since have commented on the incongruity of his hard-nosed business strategies with his piety and philanthropy. "A lot of people imagined that Rockefeller gave away the money because he was plotting to capitalize on the favorable publicity in order to purchase a good name," Chernow said. Yet, as the author went on to explain, this was not the case.

Rockefeller himself saw no contradiction between his wealth and his religious convictions. "He saw his life as one piece, animated by the same high-minded principles that he had absorbed in the Baptist Church," said Chernow. Early in his life Rockefeller took to heart the preaching of a Cleveland minister: "Get money, get it honestly and then give it

wisely." And giving wisely, he felt, was a great responsibility.

In fact, Rockefeller had begun tithing to the Baptist Church by age 20, a practice he maintained throughout his life. According to Chernow, "His philanthropy was not an anecdote. It was something that sprang from a deeply held religious worldview. To his mind, the Rockefeller Foundation, no less than Standard Oil, formed part of the same divinely sanctioned plan."

As he gained wealth and fame, Rockefeller was besieged by requests for money—he received as many as a half million letters a year. "People wrote to Rockefeller to ask for money the way that small children write to Santa Claus," Chernow said.

To deal with this volume of requests, and to achieve what he believed to be the greatest benefit with his philanthropy, Rockefeller applied his prodigious managerial skills—he developed a "business of benevolence."

"Rockefeller was no less ingenious and no less determined in giving away the money than he had been in making it," said Chernow. And since there were no foundations or professionals to advise him on how best to spend his money (no one in American history had amassed such a great fortune to require such services), Rockefeller, along with Andrew Carnegie, was forced to forge the field of modern philanthropy. In so doing, he transformed the 19th-century practice of philanthropy—the sentimental donation of small gifts to individuals—into an organized system of rational analyses based on the potential of the requests to succeed and to benefit society in the long term.

Rockefeller focused on "building institutions that would transcend his own contribution and take on a life of their own," explained Chernow. "He did not see himself as the owner of his institution, but rather as the catalyst that was setting in motion an open-ended, self-perpetuating process. He also did not want to foster dependency." His intent was to galvanize the institution into being, then quickly step out of the way, so that the institution could propel itself forward and flourish.

This strategy took shape with Rockefeller's donations to help found Spelman Seminary, later renamed Spelman College, which in 1882 was a small school for emancipated female slaves set up in an Atlanta church basement. He donated funds for the campus site and other facilities, but he made sure that the school would look beyond his help for support. "He kept Spelman in suspense about future donations," said Chernow. "He was a master of creative silence and ambiguity."

Rockefeller applied the same principle to his donations for founding the University of Chicago in the 1890s. In addition, he would not allow the school to be named after him, or use a lamp as its symbol for fear that it might be construed as an advertisement for Standard Oil

kerosene. "He wanted the citizens of Chicago to assume financial responsibility for the school," said Chernow. "He did not envision himself as an eternal parent of the school so much as its midwife."

The Rockefeller Institute for Medical Research was Rockefeller's third foray into institution building, undertaken at the suggestion of Frederick T. Gates, his principal philanthropic advisor. Gates read the most authoritative medical text of the time, William Osler's *Principles and Practice of Medicine*. Osler, he found, described many diseases but few cures.

Gates found this alarming and so he began to advocate for the creation of an institute for medical research. While today medical research is in the mainstream of charitable giving, Chernow explained that at the turn of the 19th century this was an unorthodox idea. "The notion that you could make medical research deliberate instead of serendipitous was considered a completely crazy and quixotic idea," said Chernow. In addition, the common thinking was that it was dangerous to establish universities, which were thought to be filled with "anarchists and social agitators."

Gates thought that research for scientific medicine would be a worthy cause for Rockefeller to support. At European research centers such as the Pasteur Institute and the Koch Institute, scientists were already beginning to unravel the connections between microbes and disease. To Gates, an investment in science seemed the surest way to reduce deaths from pneumonia, tuberculosis and other infectious diseases.

Rockefeller decided to fund his medical research institute in a typically cautious way. He began by committing \$200,000 over a period of 10 years, to be disbursed as research grants. When those projects quickly proved successful—including an effort to help the New York City Health Department reduce bacterial contamination in the city's milk supply—Rockefeller made additional



Ron Chernow (second from right) talks with panelists David Rockefeller (left) and James Allen Smith (second from left) and the program's host, Richard Furlaud, chairman of the RU Council. Photo by Paul Schneck.

donations for purchasing property and building laboratories.

In 1904 and 1905 an epidemic of cerebrospinal meningitis provided the institute's staff with an opportunity to further prove their worth to Rockefeller. Simon Flexner, the institute's director, developed a serum for treating the disease that saved thousands of lives. It was after this success that Rockefeller agreed to fund a research hospital at the insti-

tute, helping to fulfill the institute's founding mission of clinical research.

The panel discussion that followed Chernow's presentation further considered the founding of the university and explored the changing nature of philanthropy in the 20th century. Johnson was the first to add his comments, noting that Rockefeller's son, John D. Rockefeller Jr., was a major force in founding the institute and guiding it through its first half century.



David Rockefeller with President Arnold Levine. Photo by Paul Schneck.

Smith observed that John D. Rockefeller Sr.'s approach to philanthropy incorporated many of the changes in the practices of giving at the turn of the century—changes that constituted a "revolution in philanthropy." Gifts were made on a grander scale, reaching beyond the benefactors' local communities and transcending sectarianism. Smith pointed out that the patronage of science by philanthropists was new in the 20th century. He also highlighted how we could benefit from the Rockefeller brand of philanthropy today. "Look at what the Silicon Valley donors are up to and think about the lessons they might derive from Rockefeller's and Carnegie's experience," he said. "These donors have a preference for startups, quick performance and exit strategies. Their philanthropy is shaped by the workplace...rather than by religion, family and friends. How different today's universe is than the one at the turn of the century, and how I wish I could send Frederick Gates to Silicon Valley."

President Levine focused his remarks on the institution's founding board of scientific directors. He pointed out that the Rockefeller family had entrusted the organization and running of the new institute to this small group of pioneering scientists. The decisions they made—with the support of the Rockefeller family—were key to the institution's success and record of discovery.

Throughout the 20th century, the Rockefeller family has remained deeply involved in The Rockefeller University. David Rockefeller attributed the success of his grandfather's philanthropy here in part to that long-term commitment. "Just giving money away by itself is not enough," he said. "It's also necessary to give time and energy—to participate in the institution."

Last week's Council program was attended by nearly 300 people, including several generations of the Rockefeller family, as well as a great-grandson and two granddaughters of Frederick Gates. The program was one of the first in a series to celebrate RU's centennial in 2001.

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**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17**

12:00 p.m. **Chromosome Synapsis and Regulation of Cell Cycle Progression During Meiosis in Yeast.** Shirleen Roeder, Investigator, Howard Hughes Medical Institute, and Professor, Dept. of Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology, Yale U. Molecular Biology Seminar. **116 Rockefeller Research Laboratories, MSKCC, 430 East 67th St. Refreshments at 11:45 a.m.**

12:00 p.m. **Regulation of Apoptosis in Malignant Lymphocytes.** Elaine Schattner, Assistant Professor of Medicine, Division of Hematology-Oncology, WMCCU. Immunology Seminar. **117 Whitney, WMCCU, 1300 York Ave. Contact Michele Lavarde, 746-6452.**

12:00 p.m. **The Cellular Mechanisms for Multidrug Resistance in Tumors.** Sanford Simon, Associate Professor, RU. CFAR Seminar. **Sixth Floor Conference Room, ADARC, 455 First Ave.**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 20**

3:00 p.m. **Jump-starting the Apoptosis Engine in *Drosophila*.** John Abrams, Dept. of Cell Biology, U. of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. Molecular Pharmacology and Therapeutics Seminar. **101 Rockefeller Research Laboratories, MSKCC, 430 E. 67th St.**

4:00 p.m. **The Max Transcription Factor Network: A Growth Industry.** Robert Eisenman, Professor, Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. Seminar in Cancer Biology. **Casparry Auditorium. Contact Jill Benz, 327-8092. All are welcome.**

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28**

10:30 a.m. **Electricity and Biology.** Roderick MacKinnon, Professor, RU, and Investigator, HHMI. Alfred E. Mirsky Christmas Lectures on Science. **Casparry Auditorium. Lunch at 12:00 p.m. Admission by ticket only.**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5**

11:00 a.m. **The Neural Basis of Motion Perception: Direction and Speed.** Jamie Nichols, Postdoctoral Fellow, Dept. of Neurobiology, Stanford U. School of Medicine. Seminar. **305 Weiss.**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 6**

4:00 p.m. **Migration of Leukocytes across Endothelial Cells into the New Millennium.** William A. Muller, Associate Professor of Pathology, WMCCU. LFKRI Research Seminar. **Lower Level Conference Room, New York Blood Center, 310 East 67th St. Tea at 3:45 p.m.**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 11**

1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Modeling Life Processes.** Joel E. Cohen, Professor, RU; George Church, Professor of Genetics, and Director, Lipper Center for Computational Genetics, Harvard Medical School; Peter D. Karp, Director, Bioinformatics Research Group, SRI International; Walter Fontana, Research Professor, Santa Fe Institute, and Member, Institute for Advanced Study; Mitchell Feigenbaum, Professor and Director, of the Center for Studies in Physics and Biology, RU; David D. Ho, Professor and Scientific Director, Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center, RU; Alan S. Perelson, Group Leader, Theoretical Biology and Biophysics, Los Alamos National Laboratory. Institute for Advanced Study-RU Symposium. **Casparry Auditorium. Open to RU community only.**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12**

10:30 a.m. **Biostatistics Course.** Biostatistics Course. **128 Hospital. Contact Knut Wittkowski, 327-7175. Open to RU/WMCCU/NYPH/MSKCC community only.**

12:00 p.m. **The Roles of CD4+ T Cells and Nonclassical Effectors in Antitumor Immunity: Implications for Vaccine Development.** Suzanne Topalian, Senior Investigator, Surgery Branch, NCI, NIH. Seminars in Clinical Research. **110B Nurses Residence.**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 13**

4:00 p.m. **Subunit Assembly and Macromolecular Organization of Ion Channels.** Min Li, Associate Professor, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. LFKRI Research Seminar. **Lower Level Conference Room, New York Blood Center, 310 East 67th St. Tea at 3:45 p.m.**

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 14**

7:00 p.m. **Psoriasis Support Group.** Patricia Gilleaudeau, Research Nurse, RU. Psoriasis Support Group Meeting. **110B Nurses Residence. Contact Patricia Gilleaudeau, 327-8333.**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19**

12:00 p.m. **The Role of Forkhead Transcription Factors in Insulin Action and Diabetes.** Domenico Accili, Professor of Medicine, and Director, Diabetes Research Unit, Division of Endocrinology, Dept. of Medicine, Columbia U. Seminars in Clinical Research. **110B Nurses Residence.**

7:15 p.m. **Solution structure of DNA Oligonucleotides: Comparing Simulation with Experiment.** David Beveridge, Professor, Wesleyan U. New York Structural Biology Group. **Casparry Auditorium. Contact Anne Roche, 327-8836. Reception in Faculty Club at 8:45 p.m. Open to RU/WMCCU/NYPH/MSKCC community only.**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 20**

3:00 p.m. **Development of the Prefrontal Cortex Cognitive Abilities.** Adele Diamond, Shriver Center. Systems Neuroscience Seminar Series. **305 Weiss. Open to RU/WMCCU/NYPH/MSKCC community and guests only.**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26**

10:30 a.m. **Biostatistics Course.** Biostatistics Course. **128 Hospital. Contact Knut Wittkowski, 327-7175. Open to RU/WMCCU/NYPH/MSKCC community only.**

12:00 p.m. **Characterizing CD8 T-Cell Responses in Mice and Humans.** Eric Pamer, Yale U. Seminars in Clinical Research. **110B Nurses Residence.**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 27**

12:00 p.m. **Regulation of Endometrial Hemostasis.** Charles Lockwood, Stanley H. Kaplan Professor, and Chairman, Dept. of Obstetrics and Gynecology, NYU School of Medicine. Endocrinology and Reproductive Biology Seminar. **301 Weiss.**

## The Arts and Other Events

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17**

9:15 a.m. **Winter Sing Along.** Child and Family Center. **Weiss 17th Floor. Open to RU community and guests only.**

12:00 p.m. **Tri-institutional Noon Recitals.** Béla Szakcsi-Lakatos, jazz pianist. Performing improvisations on contemporary jazz, gypsy melodies, modern bebop, new age and classical music. **Casparry Auditorium. Contact John Gerlach, 327-7776. Open to RU/WMCCU/NYPH/MSKCC community and guests only.**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22**

12:00 p.m. **Tri-institutional Noon Recitals.** Girls Choir of Harlem. **Casparry Auditorium. Contact John Gerlach, 327-7776. Open to RU/WMCCU/NYPH/MSKCC community and guests only.**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23**

2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. **Annual Holiday Festivity.** Winter wonderland, children's activities and Victorian carolers. **Weiss Café.** Holiday cheer and dancing. **Weiss 17th Floor. Refreshments at 2:30 p.m. in the Weiss 17th Floor and Café. Contact Julie Ranton-Francis, 327-8072. Open to RU community and guests only.**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 13**

8:00 p.m. **Rockefeller University Film Series.** *Kasper Hauser* (1974). Directed by Werner Herzog. **Casparry Auditorium. Open to RU/WMCCU/NYPH/MSKCC community and guests.**



## Dates & Deadlines

The *Calendar of Events* is published Fridays throughout the academic year. **Deadline for submitting events is 2:00 p.m. Tuesday.** Events submitted by the Tuesday two weeks before the event will be announced in two consecutive calendars—space permitting.

The following are deadline dates for the second half of the academic year. If you are sponsoring an on-campus event you must reserve a room with Julie Ranton-Francis, director of special events. 327-8072. You can reserve a room electronically by going to [http://db-server2.rockefeller.edu:8000/calendar/plsql/e\\_main](http://db-server2.rockefeller.edu:8000/calendar/plsql/e_main) and following the instructions posted there.

DEADLINE	CALENDAR DATE	DEADLINE	CALENDAR DATE
January 4	January 7	March 28	March 31
January 11	January 14	April 4	April 7
January 18	January 21	April 11	April 14
January 25	January 28	April 18	April 21
February 1	February 4	April 26	April 28
February 8	February 11	May 2	May 5
February 15	February 18	May 9	May 12
February 22	February 25	May 16	May 19
February 29	March 3	May 23	May 26
March 7	March 10	May 30	June 2
March 14	March 17	June 6	June 9
March 21	March 24	June 13	June 16

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