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Awards

Preserving Core Values in Science Award Honoree

Lisa Harris, MD, PhD

Lisa Harris, MD, PhD, is an obstetrician-gynecologist and cultural historian at University of Michigan, jointly appointed in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Department of Women's Studies. She teaches students across campus, in the Medical School, School of Public Health, Law School, and College of Literature, Sciences and the Arts. She directs University of Michigan's Fellowship in Family Planning, and is Co-Founder of University of Michigan's Program in Sexual Rights and Reproductive Justice. She is also a Greenwall Faculty Scholar in Bioethics. Her research work is interdisciplinary, examining issues at the intersection of clinical obstetrical and gynecological care and law, policy, politics, ethics, history and sociology. She studies the experiences of abortion workers, focusing on abortion stigma, as well as the clinical and ethical consequences of restrictive abortion legislation. She is the author of the book *Challenging Conceptions – A Clinical and Cultural History of In Vitro Fertilization in the United States* (forthcoming 2014, Johns Hopkins University Press), in which she situates the rise in technological reproduction in the larger social and political contexts of changing women's roles in society, the legalization of abortion, the rise of the religious right, and increasingly racialized and class-based discourse about motherhood. She earned her AB in English Literature at Harvard College, and subsequently earned her MD from Harvard Medical School. She completed a residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at University of California, San Francisco. After residency she became a Robert Wood Johnson (RWJ) Clinical Scholar. Because so many issues in reproductive medicine in the US have as much to do with American cultural forces as they do with biomedicine, she subsequently earned a PhD in American Culture at University of Michigan.



Alan F. Guttmacher Lectureship Honoree

Carolyn Westhoff, MD

After serving as a Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) volunteer for many years, Dr. Carolyn Westhoff is now Senior Medical Advisor for PPFA. Since 1986, at Columbia University, she serves as Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology in the College of Physicians and Surgeons and Professor of Epidemiology and Population & Family Health at the Mailman School of Public Health. At Columbia, Dr. Westhoff is Director of the Division of Family Planning and Preventive Services, and she was Medical Director of the New York Presbyterian Hospital's Family Planning Clinics from 1990-2012. Dr. Westhoff is a graduate of University of Michigan Medical School and completed her residency at S.U.N.Y. Downstate Medical Center. She also received an M.Sc. in Epidemiology (Honors) from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Dr. Westhoff has served as principal investigator on numerous research studies of the safety and effectiveness of contraception and abortion and has published over 150 peer-reviewed articles. Her professional accomplishments have been recognized by election to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences and the Lifetime Achievement Award of the Society of Family Planning. In January 2013, she became the Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Contraception*.



**Irvin M. Cushner Lectureship Honoree
Judy Norsigian**

Judy Norsigian is one of the founders of Our Bodies Ourselves also known as the Boston Women's Health Book Collective. She has served as Executive Director of the organization since 2001 and is its primary spokesperson. Ms. Norsigian is an internationally renowned speaker and author on a range of women's health concerns, including women and health care reform, abortion and contraception, childbirth (especially the role of midwifery), sexually transmitted infections, and genetics and reproductive technologies. She has appeared on numerous national television and radio programs, including NBC Nightly News, Al Jazeera, The Today Show, Good Morning America, The Early Show, Oprah, Fox News and The Current.

Ms. Norsigian has been an author and editor for each of the nine editions of *Our Bodies, Ourselves*, the organization's landmark book on women's health and sexuality. A new and revised edition published by Simon & Schuster in 2011 -- 40 years after the book's initial publication -- has received critical acclaim, including being named one of eight best consumer health books of the year by Library Journal. Ms. Norsigian's personal recognitions include an honorary doctorate from Boston University (2007). Additional honors include: being named one of "21 Leaders for the 21st Century" by Women's eNews; Public Service Award from the Massachusetts Public Health Association; Radcliffe College Alumnae Association Annual Recognition Award; Boston YWCA's Academy of Women Achievers; and the Massachusetts Health Council Award. Ms. Norsigian graduated from Radcliffe College in 1970 and lives in Newton, Massachusetts.



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