

# RITA ALLEN FOUNDATION SCHOLARS MEETING

June 22-23, 2011

Bloomberg Lecture Hall  
Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton, New Jersey

## MEETING SCHEDULE

### Wednesday, June 22

- 10:15 – 10:30 a.m.**    **WELCOME & INTRODUCTION**  
Elizabeth G. Christopherson, President and CEO  
Rita Allen Foundation
- 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.**    **Arnold J. Levine**  
**The Simons Center for Systems Biology, Institute for Advanced Study**  
*The p53 family of genes regulates germ line genomic stability resulting in enhanced rates of genetic disorders, egg development, autism and cancers*
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**    **Jeremy Dittman**  
**Weill Cornell Medical College**  
*Dissecting the roles of complexin in the control of synaptic transmission*
- 12:00 – 12:30 p.m.**    **Aaron Gitler**  
**University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine**  
*A yeast functional screen predicts new ALS disease genes*
- 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.**    **LUNCH** – Institute Dining Hall
- 2:00 – 2:30 p.m.**    **Steven Prescott**  
**University of Pittsburgh**  
*Neuropathic changes in neuronal excitability in the periphery and spinal cord*
- 2:30 – 3:00 p.m.**    **Theodore Price**  
**University of Arizona**  
*A spinally encoded, PKM $\zeta$ -dependent engram for chronic pain*

### Thursday, June 23

- 2:00 – 2:30 p.m.**    **Ben Black**  
**University of Pennsylvania**  
*Marking and Maintaining Centromere Location and the Histone Variant CENP-A*
- 2:30 – 3:00 p.m.**    **Samara Reck-Peterson**  
**Harvard Medical School**  
*DNA Nanotechnology Tools to Probe the Mechanism of Molecular Motors*
- 3:00 – 3:30 p.m.**    **Sohail Tavazoie**  
**The Rockefeller University**  
*Discovery and characterization of endogenous metastasis suppressor microRNAs*
- 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.**    **TEA** – Fuld Hall Common Room
- 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.**    **Christopher A. Walsh**  
**Harvard Medical School, Children's Hospital Boston, Howard Hughes Medical Institute**  
*Intrinsic and extrinsic regulation of neurogenesis in the cerebral cortex*