



Division of Graduate Medical Sciences

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The office of Postdoctoral Affairs is pleased to announce Speaker Series. The series aims to provide the postdocs with information and resources and to exchange of ideas and the intellectual enrichment of the postdoctoral community. Our first event features Dr. Joanne Kamens who will be speaking on Work/Life Balance.

Title: "I'm Surviving (Happily) My Career in Science--You Can Too! My Ten Commandments of Work/Life Balance"

Date: Tuesday, May 22, 2012

Time: 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Location: L109A, 72 East Concord St., First Floor

Additional Information [Registration Required](#), Lunch Provided.

Figuring out how to juggle any career with the non-work part of life can be challenging but for a working scientist, there never seems to be a way to do it all. The goal of this program is to give you some things to think about that could make a real difference in your success at work and happiness in general. And sometimes it just helps to meet with others and realize that you are not alone. Come to listen and share your ideas for enjoying both work and home.

Profile of Dr. Joanne Kamens

Senior Director of Research Collaborations, RXi Pharmaceuticals, Worcester, MA
Founder of the current Boston Chapter of AWIS (the Association for Women in Science)

Dr. Kamens did her undergraduate work in Biology at the University of Pennsylvania. She received her Ph.D. in Genetics from Harvard Medical School's Division of Medical Sciences. Dr. Kamens spent 15 years in Worcester, MA at BASF Bioresearch Center which became Abbott Bioresearch Center in 2001. While at Abbott, she led discovery research projects on small molecule and antibody approaches to immunological and inflammatory diseases, ultimately serving as a Group Leader in Molecular Biology. In 2007 she joined RXi Pharmaceuticals and is now serving as Senior Director of Research Collaborations. RXi is a discovery-stage biopharmaceutical company pursuing the development and commercialization of proprietary therapeutics based on RNAi for the treatment of human diseases. RXi was founded by Craig Mello, recent Nobel Prize recipient for the discovery of RNAi, and other distinguished scientists in the field. She has been raising awareness of women scientists since 1998 upon realizing that an entire week had gone by at work and not one other woman had been at any meeting she attended. Dr. Kamens founded the current Boston chapter of AWIS (the Association for Women in Science). She is also working with MASS AWIS on the Mentoring Circle Committee as it enters its third successful year. She is Director of the HBA Mentoring Program (Healthcare Business Women's Association) and serves on the Board of Directors of WEST (Women Entrepreneurs in Science and Technology). Dr. Kamens lives in Newton, Massachusetts, likes to read fiction, solve crossword puzzles and travel with her family.

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