

**2008-09 Schedule for Conversations in Environmental Toxicology  
Monthly Chalk Talks  
Third Thursday of the Month  
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
M100 John Morgan Building**

**September 18**

Topic: **“Inflammation-mediated Cytosine Damage: a Mechanistic Link  
Between Inflammation and the Epigenetic Alterations in Human Cancers”**

[Lawrence Sowers, Ph.D.](#)

Professor and Associate Dean of Medicine  
Department of Biochemistry, Chair  
School of Medicine  
Loma Linda University

**October 16**

Topic: **“Innate Immune Protection by Surfactant Protein D in COPD:  
Effects of Chronic Cigarette Smoke Exposure”**

[Angela Haczku MD, PhD](#)

Research Associate Professor of Medicine and Pharmacology  
Pulmonary, Allergy and Critical Care Division, Department of Medicine  
University of Pennsylvania Translational Research Laboratories

**November 20**

Topic: **“Inflammatory and Anti-inflammatory Signaling Mediated by the Ah Receptor”**

[Gary Perdew, Ph.D.](#)

Director of the Center for Molecular Toxicology and Carcinogenesis  
Department of Veterinary and Biomedical Sciences  
Penn State University

**December 18**

Topic: **“Poisoning, the Poison Center, and the Environment”**

[Kevin Osterhoudt, M.D., MSCE](#)

Associate Professor of Pediatrics  
CHOP  
Associate Scholar, Epidemiology  
Center for Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics

**January 15**

Topic: **“Proteomics and Biological Chemistry of Nitric Oxide Signaling”**

[Harry Ischiropoulos, Ph.D.](#)

Research Professor of Pediatrics and Pharmacology  
416D Abramson Research Center

**February 19**

Topic: **“Rising Rates of Autism Spectrum Disorder: Is This an Epidemic?”**

[Jennifer Pinto-Martin, PhD, MPH](#)

Viola MacInnes/Independence Professor  
University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing and School of Medicine  
Director, Master of Public Health Program  
Director, Center for Autism and Developmental Disabilities Research and  
Epidemiology (CADDRE)

**March 19**

Topic: “**Structure-Function of Human NQO1 : NAD (P) H : Quinone Oxidoreductase**”

[David Ross, Ph.D.](#)

Professor and Department Chair  
Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences  
University of Colorado Health Sciences Center

**April 16**

Topic: “**Mechanisms of Cell Signaling and Therapeutic Strategies**”

[Brooke T. Mossman, Ph.D.](#)

Professor of Pathology  
Director, Environmental Pathology Program  
University of Vermont, College of Medicine

**May 21**

Topic: “**Working with the Penn Cartographic Modeling Lab**”

[Charles Branas, PhD](#)

Associate Professor  
University of Pennsylvania  
Department of Biostatistics & Epidemiology