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**Tuesday, March 15, 2022**

Arthur H. Rubenstein Auditorium, Smilow Center for Translational Research and Hybrid via Zoom

## **The Ray A. and Robert L. Kroc Lecture and Spring Symposium**

# **Kroc Lecture 2022**

11:45 - 1:45 PM

**Poster Session**

1:45 PM

**Arthur H. Rubenstein Auditorium, Smilow Center for Translational Research and Hybrid via Zoom**

1:45 - 2:00 PM

**Welcome - Mitchell A. Lazar, M.D., Ph.D.**

Director, Institute for Diabetes, Obesity, and Metabolism  
Willard and Rhoda Ware Professor in Diabetes and Metabolic Diseases

**Opening Remarks**

**J. Larry Jameson, M.D., Ph.D.**

Executive Vice President, University of Pennsylvania for the Health System;  
Dean, Raymond and Ruth Perelman School of Medicine

2:00 - 2:45 PM

**Ali Naji, M.D., Ph.D.**

J. William White Professor of Surgical Research  
"Evolving Role of Islet Transplantation for Treatment of Diabetes"

2:45 - 3:30 PM

**Amber Alhadeff, Ph.D.**

Assistant Member, Monell Chemical Senses Center  
Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Neuroscience, University of Pennsylvania  
"Gut-brain Signaling Pathways Underlying Feeding Behavior"

3:30 - 3:45 PM

**BREAK**

3:45 - 4:00 PM

**IDOM Outstanding Research Project Awards Presentation**

**Panel of Guest Judges:**

**Morris J. Birnbaum, M.D., Ph.D.**, Pfizer  
**Matthew Beymer, Ph.D.**, Editor, *Trends in Endocrinology and Metabolism*  
**Ashley Castellanos-Jankiewicz, Ph.D.**, Associate Editor, *Nature Metabolism*  
**Amber L. Mueller, Ph.D.**, Scientific Editor, *Cell Metabolism*  
**Ushma S. Neill, Ph.D.**, Editor at Large, *JCI*  
**Yevgeniya Nusinovich, M.D., Ph.D.**, Senior Editor, *Science*  
**Lori Sussel, Ph.D.**, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus

4:00 - 5:00 PM

**Kroc Lecture - Keynote Speaker**



**Morris J. Birnbaum, M.D., Ph.D.**

Senior Vice President, Pfizer Inc.

**"Discovery and Development of Anti-Obesity Medicines:  
Journey of a GLP-1 Receptor Agonist"**

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