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Renewed Science Policy for Stem Cell Research?

**Americans United for Separation of Church and State
Orange County Chapter - General Meeting**

Saturday, February 21st at 2:00 pm

Irvine Ranch Water District¹ 15600 Sand Canyon Ave. (at Waterworks) in Irvine

Our speaker in February is an expert on the public policy issues of stem cell research. He is affiliated with the UCI School of Medicine Microbiology and Molecular Genetics Department. His major interests center around issues of science policy; including ethical issues in research, the funding of medical research, conflicts between public expectations and research priorities, and publication policy for research information.



Stem cells are the building blocks of tissue. They begin as undifferentiated cells containing the DNA that maps every tissue and organ in our bodies. They are free to be anything, and this makes them the clay within the biologist potter's hands to form differentiated tissue to repair damage to nerves, organs, or other tissue. They have the potential to heal in ways we have not yet imagined.

Stem cells are an important challenge for the development of science policy in this country, and Dr. Golub has focused on understanding the variations of policy among the states, between the states and the federal government, and between the USA and other technologically advanced countries. He works to keep the UCI Stem Cell Center leadership up to

date on the political and policy aspects of stem cell science.

This meeting should be especially interesting. Even before the inauguration of President Obama, who supports stem cell research, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops warned that permitting this research will alienate millions. Abortion opponents are also bracing for a fight.

Medical researchers, meanwhile, are rejoicing at the prospect of freedom from a government policy they say has stymied efforts to develop lifesaving treatments. No one knows more about this than our speaker; please join us for a fascinating discussion.

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