

Reproductive, Perinatal and Pediatric Training Program

Present

Zena A. Stein, M.A., M.B., B.Ch.

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“Women and HIV: The Tribulations of Trials”

Friday, November 16th

1:30pm

School of Nursing Auditorium (P01)

1520 Clifton Road NE

Reception to follow

Dr. Stein has been the recipient of many prestigious awards including the Wade Hampton Frost award and the John Snow award. She is a senior member of the Institute of Medicine and received a Lifetime Achievement Award in Maternal and Child Health. An auditorium has been dedicated to Drs. Stein and Susser at the Africa Center for Health and Population Studies in KwaZulu Natal, South Africa where Drs. Stein and Susser served as scientific directors in 1999.

Dr. Stein is widely recognized as a pioneer in the movement to provide women with methods of protection that they might use in heterosexual relationships. Recognizing that in sexual encounters the male condom will often not be available as a device in women's control, she has argued widely for developing and testing microbicides, physical barriers (especially the female condom) and behavioral strategies for women that confer "empowerment" in sexual encounters. She has urged studies of a hierarchy of strategies, so that women would be equipped to use what would confer the maximal level of protection, whatever the circumstance. She has explored the need for a microbicide and various physical barriers that may be used without necessarily exposing to discovery by her partner. At the same time, she has encouraged research on protection from HIV that might yet permit women to conceive when they feel the necessity to do so. She has also considered the issues related to breast feeding for HIV positive women.