

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

- > Abstracts in any area of basic, clinical, translational or epidemiological research related to sex-differences, gender biology, or women's health are welcome.
- > Abstracts that are not selected for featured talks will by default be considered for inclusion in the lightning talk session.
- > Successful applicants MUST be available to present during the virtual event on May 24th.
- > Preference will be given to abstracts describing early stage ideas, novel hypotheses and preliminary or current work.
- > Previously presented research is acceptable for both featured talks and the lightning talk session.
- > Previous research newly analyzed using sex as a biological variable is encouraged.

Additional Rules and Information:

- Featured and lightning talks selected for presentation will be notified by May 3, 2021.
- Written abstracts (300 words or less) along with a description (150 words or less) of how this work applies to sex difference, gender biology, or women's health research will be judged to select featured talks.
- Lightning talk presentations will consist of 3 slides or less showing images/figures/tables with minimal text.

DEADLINE FOR ABSTRACTS: Monday, April 19th, 2021
SUBMIT AT: bwhresearch.org/WH

Incorporating Sex as a Biologic Variable to Advance Health

Monday, May 24th, 2021 w 3-5PM

To promote vibrant scientific discussions, stimulate new sex and gender research and connect researchers from all Boston area institutions, faculty with a rank of assistant professor and below and all non-faculty researchers are invited to submit an abstract to share their work by giving a featured talk or presenting during a lightning talk session in this virtual symposium.

The symposium, sponsored by the Connors-BRI Center for Research on Women's Health and Gender Biology at the BWH Brigham Research Institute, will feature a keynote address by Dr. Janine Clayton, Director of the Office for Research in Women's Health at the National Institutes of Health.

Keynote Speaker



NIH Associate Director
for Research on Women's
Health Director, NIH Office
of Research on Women's
Health

Janine Clayton, MD

Janine Austin Clayton, M.D., Associate Director for Research on Women's Health and Director of the Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), is the architect of the NIH policy requiring scientists to consider sex as a biological variable across the research spectrum. This policy is part of NIH's initiative to enhance reproducibility through rigor and transparency. As co-chair of the NIH Working Group on Women in Biomedical Careers with NIH Director Dr. Francis Collins, Dr. Clayton also leads NIH's efforts to advance women in science careers.

Prior to joining the ORWH, Dr. Clayton was the Deputy Clinical Director of the National Eye Institute (NEI) for seven years. A board-certified ophthalmologist, Dr. Clayton's research interests include autoimmune ocular diseases and the role of sex and gender in health and disease. She is the author of more than 120 scientific publications, journal articles, and book chapters.

Dr. Clayton, a native Washingtonian, received her undergraduate degree with honors from Johns Hopkins University and her medical degree from Howard University College of Medicine. She completed a residency in ophthalmology at the Medical College of Virginia. Dr. Clayton completed fellowship training in cornea and external disease at the Wilmer Eye Institute at Johns Hopkins Hospital and in uveitis and ocular immunology at NEI.

Dr. Clayton has received numerous awards, including the Senior Achievement Award from the Board of Trustees of the American Academy of Ophthalmology in 2008 and the European Uveitis Patient Interest Association Clinical Uveitis Research Award in 2010. She was selected as a 2010 Silver Fellow by the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology. In 2015, she was awarded the American Medical Women's Association Lila A. Wallis Women's Health Award and the Wenger Award for Excellence in Public Service. Dr. Clayton was granted the Bernadine Healy Award for Visionary Leadership in Women's Health in 2016. She was also selected as an honoree for the Woman's Day Red Dress Awards and the American Medical Association's Dr. Nathan Davis Awards for Outstanding Government Service in 2017.