

## SCIENCE IN THE NEWS

*Science in the News* is a course designed for all those who wish to become more informed about current scientific and medical topics. Two lectures on different subjects are presented weekly by members of a panel of scientists. The course covers a wide range of fields and strives to remain easily accessible to people of varying backgrounds and current knowledge. All are welcomed, regardless of science literacy.

The panelists encourage questions and comments during their lectures. Lively class discussions often go beyond the topic to engage the ethics, politics, economics, and humanity of the research under consideration.

Class participants are sent an email by the Tuesday prior to each class that lists the topics to be discussed and links to optional online references that will provide context and additional information about that week's subjects.

Class members are strongly encouraged, but not required, to make presentations based on their own interests or background, or on topics from current news. Several class members have made presentations in past terms, and they were well received. A guest who might aid in the presentation is welcome to participate in that online session, with advance permission from PSRC.

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**LEADER:** Harold Heft, a retired business executive with an abiding interest in many areas of science and the history of science, was an experimental biopsychologist researching visual perception in his former academic life.

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He is joined by a panel of physicians and scientists with wide experience and interests, covering astronomy, cosmology, biopsychology, anthropology, physics, computer science, chemistry, biology, environmental sciences, medicine, history of science, and more.

**FORMAT:** Hybrid

**MAXIMUM:** Unlimited

**FRIDAYS 10:00 a.m. to noon** 8 sessions September 30<sup>th</sup> through November 18<sup>th</sup>