



Department of Behavioral Neuroscience
Joseph D. Matarazzo Lecture Series

“Cognitive Genomics: Cell Type-Specific Brain Evolution and Neuronal Function”

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3:00 p.m.

Doernbecher Children’s
Hospital
Vey Auditorium (11620)
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Portland, OR 97239

Dr. Konopka is Chair of the Department of Neurobiology in the David Geffen School of Medicine at University of California, Los Angeles. Previously, she served as Vice Chair of Neuroscience at University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, where she was the Jon Heighten Scholar in Autism Research and held the Townsend Distinguished Chair in Research on Autism Spectrum Disorders.

Dr. Konopka earned dual B.S. degrees in Brain and Cognitive Sciences and Biology from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and her Ph.D. in Neurobiology at Harvard University. She completed fellowships in Developmental Biology at Medical College of Wisconsin and Neurogenetics at UCLA.

Dr. Konopka's work focuses on the molecular pathways underlying human brain evolution and disorders such as autism, schizophrenia, and Alzheimer's disease. Her laboratory integrates research in human neurons, animal models and non-human primates to reveal human-specific patterns of gene expression relevant to disease.

Reception

A reception will follow immediately after the lecture in the adjoining **Vey Lobby**.

Established in 2004, the Joseph D. Matarazzo lecture series honors Department Founder, Joseph D. Matarazzo, Ph.D.



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