

**Monday, September 23, 2024**

11:00am–11:45am

**David Molitor**

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***The Health Burden of Wildfire  
Smoke in the United States***



Wildfire smoke is a growing threat to U.S. air quality. Between 2007 and 2019, it contributed to over 20% of ambient fine particulate matter and significantly increased mortality and ER visits among adults 65 and older.

Smaller pollution events had outsized health effects, underscoring the value of improving air quality even in areas that meet current standards.

Noon–12:45pm

**Kathryn Clancy**

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***Pregnancy, Interrupted: The New  
Science of Miscarriage***



Most of the process of getting pregnant involves not getting pregnant, or getting un-pregnant. Uteruses did not evolve to make baby after baby: they evolved to practice and fail, many times over,

through menstruation and pregnancy loss spanning one's entire reproductive years. Of all outcomes, a baby is the least likely, yet most expected: the least supported, yet most demanded. In a culture of compulsory motherhood, it is important to understand that getting pregnant may be simple, but it is not easy.



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