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WE PROMOTE AND PROTECT MEDICAL RESEARCH.



**Missouri Cures Education Foundation** is a statewide non-profit alliance working to promote & protect medical advances to improve the health of Missourians and stimulate the economy in our state. Donations are tax-deductible & support education and outreach programs.



### *From the Director's Desk:*



What better way to celebrate Women's History month than to announce that Missouri Cures is bringing back **WISER Conversations**. Our WISER (Women in Science, Entrepreneurship, and Research) events have brought together women from across Missouri to discuss the unique challenges and opportunities for women working in STEM fields. We are proud to feature the women scientists and researchers that are making history right here in our home state.

In partnership with Southeast Missouri State University School of STEM, **WISER Conversations** will take place from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm on March 31<sup>st</sup> and will include a networking breakfast and 2 panel discussions: Conversations with Women in Medicine and, Breaking Boundaries: Women in Entrepreneurship and Research.

The event will be located at River Campus at Southeast Missouri State University 518 South Fountain Street, Cape Girardeau, MO, 63701. We hope you will join us!

If you'd like to bring a WISER Conversations event to your community, please let me know at [ehayes@missouricures.org](mailto:ehayes@missouricures.org).

**REGISTER HERE**

### *Volunteers Needed:*

On April 22nd and 23rd, Missouri Cures will have a booth at the St. Louis **Earth Day Festival** in Forest Park. If you live in the St. Louis area this is a great opportunity to learn more about Missouri Cures, talk to others who are also interested in advocating for medical research, and to help educate the public about the incredible research happening right here in Missouri.

**Please sign-up** for a short, 2-hour shift today. We will provide you with all the necessary materials

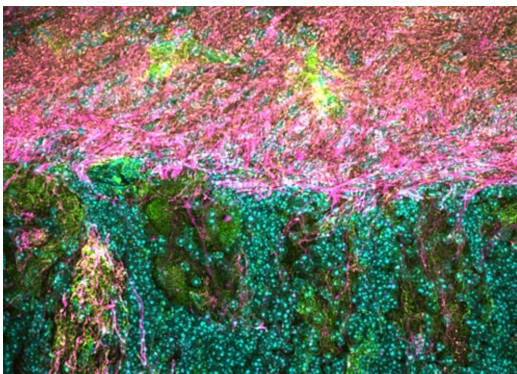
# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SIGN UP  
TODAY!

and a table buddy to keep you company.

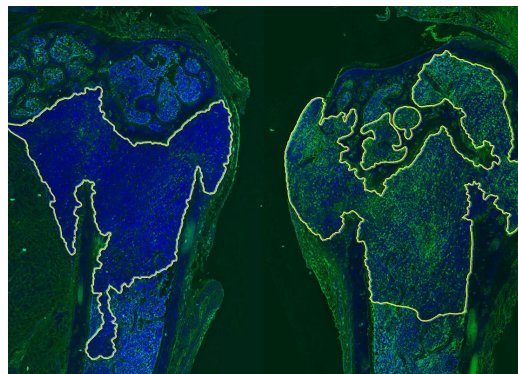
## News Around Missouri:

### Stowers Institute:



[#LookInTheLab: How does our sense of smell work? The Yu Lab investigates the science of detecting odors](#)

### Washington University:



[Two-pronged immunotherapy eliminates metastatic breast cancer in mice](#)

### Children's Mercy Research Institute:



[NIH Award Supports Mapping Genetic Processes to Find Precise Cause of Rare Pediatric Diseases](#)

### University of Missouri:



[Mothers with depression take longer to respond to their child, MU study finds](#)

## National & International:

- [Alzheimer's Disease: Modified mRNA helps reduce symptoms in mouse model](#) - MedicalNewsToday
- [Stem cell therapy may help reduce risk of heart attack and stroke in certain heart failure patients](#) - Journal of the American College of Cardiology
- [Third patient free of HIV after receiving virus-resistant cells](#) - Nature
- [Scientists discover a new way to prevent secondary breast cancer](#) - Medical Xpress
- [Stem cell therapy reduces heart inflammation](#) - Newsnation

## Spotlight:

### WISER Woman:



We are proud to recognize Dr. Amy DeMelo, President of Cox College, and her work to bring a doctorate degree program in occupational therapy to Cox College in Southwest Missouri. This program will provide additional options for students and help ensure a pipeline of highly trained occupational therapists to serve patients across the region and will incorporate advanced training in leadership and research, as well as a self-directed research project with faculty mentorship. [Find out more about this program here.](#)

### Meet the Researcher:



Meet Juliet Iwelunmor, Ph.D, Associate Professor; Behavioral Science and Health Education, Saint Louis University, College for Public Health and Social Justice. Dr. Iwelunmor, in collaboration with Nigerian Institute of Medical Research (NIMR) and the University of North Carolina, has launched a campaign against cervical cancer in Nigeria. The focus of the research is to directly increase the uptake of HPV vaccination for girls and HPV screening for mothers or other female caregivers to ultimately achieve the global goal of cervical cancer elimination. [Learn more about her important work here.](#)

## Missouri Cures Events:



**WISER**

Women in  
Science,  
Entrepreneurship  
& Research

**CONVERSATIONS**

*A Missouri Cures Program*

**March 31st 8:30am-Noon**

**Celebrating Cape Girardeau Women in Science,  
Entrepreneurship & Research**



Missouri Cures is excited to bring back [WISER](#). Our first event of 2023 is coming up on Friday, March 31st in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. The [in-person event](#) will give attendees the chance to hear from two panels highlighting "Women in Medicine," and "Breaking Boundaries: Women in Entrepreneurship & Research. The event is open to all genders, and will be held at the Southeast Missouri State River Campus Atrium. [Register now.](#)

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## Community Events:

**March 31:** [Institute for Informatics \(I2\) 2023 Annual Scientific Symposium](#)

**April 1:** [2023 Rare And Black Patient & Scientific Engagement Summit \(HYBRID\)](#)

**April 8:** [Autism Month at the Thompson Center](#)

**April 22:** [Living Out Loud Gala & Auction](#)

**May 13:** [2023 Metro St. Louis Heart Walk](#)

**June 10:** [2023 Southwest Missouri Heart Walk](#)

If you would like to add your organizations upcoming event to our Community Events section [please click here](#).

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