



Harvard Medical School Office for Diversity and Community Partnership  
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## HARVARD CATALYST: THE HARVARD CLINICAL AND TRANSLATIONAL SCIENCE CENTER LECTURE

*“Addressing the Lack of Racial and Ethnic Diversity in the Biological Sciences Workforce at Research Intensive Universities and Medical Schools”*

Thursday October 29th, 2009

12:30pm - 1:30 pm

Reception to Follow

Benjamin Waterhouse Room, Gordon Hall  
25 Shattuck Street, Boston MA



**Joel Oppenheim, PhD**  
**Senior Associate Dean for Biomedical Sciences**  
**Director, the Sackler Institute for Graduate Biomedical Sciences**  
**New York University School of Medicine**

Dr. Joel D. Oppenheim is a Professor of Microbiology and presently serves as the Senior Associate Dean for Biomedical Sciences and Director of the Sackler Institute of Graduate Biomedical Sciences at NYU School of Medicine. In these positions he oversees all PhD and Postdoctoral Research Programs. He serves on the NYU School of Medicine's MD and MD/PhD Admissions Committees and chairs the PhD Admissions Committee. He is the founder and director of the NYU's Summer Undergraduate Research and Postdoctoral Program.

Dr. Oppenheim has served on many national advisory committees (NIH, NRC, NSF, ASM, Leadership Alliance), grant study sections (NIGMS, NSF, Sloan Foundation), as a reviewer of numerous NRC, NSF and NAS reports involved with graduate education and the recruitment and retention of underrepresented students to graduate programs. He also has served (serves) on the external advisory boards and program review boards of a number of state and national accrediting agencies, colleges and universities including: Middle States and New York State; Harvard, University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey, and Vanderbilt Medical Schools; Columbia, Miami, Rockefeller and Xavier Universities; Morehouse and Spellman Colleges.

Dr. Oppenheim has been an invited speaker to over 70 colleges and universities, at the NRC, NSF and NIH as well as at Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (AMRCMS), McNair, SACNAS and UNCF/Merck national meetings. At these conferences and institutions, he speaks to students and faculty on topics ranging from how to prepare for and apply to graduate and professional schools, to strategies for the recruitment and retention of students and career options.

Dr. Oppenheim has been NYU's representative to the AAMC Graduate Research, Education and Training (GREAT) Committee (composed of all the graduate deans, MD/PhD and postdoctoral program directors at US Medical Schools) since its inception in 1994. He has served as a member of its Steering Committee and was the elected Chair of GREAT in 2004/05. Dr. Oppenheim has also been the NYU representative to the Leadership Alliance since its inception and presently serves as Chairperson of this organization's Executive Committee.

**Space is limited. Please RSVP by Monday October 26th, 2009**  
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