



**Office of Strategic & Translational Research Initiatives  
Chalk & Talk Seminar/Social**

**NIH Academic Research Enhancement Award  
(AREA) Grants – R15**

**Panel Discussion**



**Peggy Smith-Barbaro, PhD**  
Moderator



**Fernando Wilson, PhD**  
Economic Evaluation



**Martha Felini, PhD**  
Genes, Environment  
and Cancer



**David Sterling, PhD**  
Airways Management  
(Asthma and COPD)



**Nicoleta Bugnariu, PT, PhD**  
Human Movement/Balance



**Howe Liu, MPT, PhD, MD**  
Aging/Assistive  
Ambulatory Devices

*Purpose of the AREA grants: Support small research projects in the biomedical and behavioral sciences conducted by faculty in educational institutions that have not been major recipients of NIH research grant funds*

*The goals of the program are to*

- (1) support meritorious research,*
- (2) expose students to research, and*
- (3) strengthen the research environment of the institution.*

DATE: February 28, 2012  
TIME: 5:00-6:30 PM including wine social  
WHERE: CBH - 557  
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