

## **Miller Lecture speaker will focus on stem cell debate**

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Dr. Paul D. Simmons, clinical professor in the Department of Family and Geriatric Medicine at the University of Louisville, will present the annual Jo Ann S. Miller Memorial Lecture at Alfred University (AU) on Monday, Oct. 29 at 8 p.m. in Nevins Theater, Powell Campus Center. He will be discussing “The Great Embryo Stem Cell Debate: Galileo Redivivus?”

Sponsored by the Division of Biology and Chemistry in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, the Miller Lecture is open to the public, free of charge.

Simmons earned his bachelor of arts degree in psychology and English from Union University, his bachelor of divinity and master of theology degrees from Southeastern Baptist Seminary, and his Ph.D. from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Simmons pursued post-doctoral studies at Princeton and Cambridge universities.

Simmons currently serves as director of the Center for Ethics: Ministry, Business and Medicine. He frequently writes and lectures about medical ethics topics including abortion, genetics, in-vitro fertilization, elective death, and health care.

Simmons& AU lecture will cover four major reasons to support embryonic research. It will bring to light the recent conflict between religion and science which reflects human priorities and philosophical assumptions that are in need of careful and critical examination and will be based on a chapter in his book “Faith and Health: Religion, Science and Public Policy.”

Jo Ann S. Miller was an active Alfred University community member. She was involved in the Alfred Women&s Club and in University activity, and quickly became a beloved adopted alumna of Alfred University, from which her husband and children had graduated. She was a dedicated nurse and nurturer of hospital patients; the memorial lecture series commemorates the support and love she gave to the community until her sudden death in 1986.