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Ruth R. Faden, Ph.D., M.P.H. is the Philip Franklin Wagley Professor of Biomedical Ethics and Director of the Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics. She is also a Senior Research Scholar at the Kennedy Institute of Ethics, Georgetown University. Dr. Faden is the author and editor of many books and articles on biomedical ethics and health policy including *Social Justice: The Moral Foundations of Public Health and Health Policy* (with Madison Powers).

Dr. Faden's current research focuses on questions of social justice in health policy and global health. She also works on ethical challenges in biomedical science and in women's health. Dr. Faden's work in social justice is concentrated on national and global challenges in pandemic influenza planning and response, vaccine policy and funding, health systems design, and access to the benefits of global investments in biomedical research.

January 18th, 2011, 4 pm
Health Sciences Center
Turner Auditorium, D209
Reception to follow

“Henrietta Lacks: Ethics at the Intersection of Health Care and Biomedical Science”

The story of Henrietta Lacks and her family is a story about many things: scientific innovation, remarkable cures, the meaning of body and self, and what our obligations are to one another. Henrietta Lacks' cells became the HeLa cell line, reproduced many billions of times over. In this talk, Dr. Faden will explore what the experiences of the Lacks family, and the national response to their story, can tell us about indifference and empathy, and about the relationship between the ethics of research and the ethics of health care systems.

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