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Renowned Bioethicist to Present 2010 David Packard Lecture

Bethesda, MD -- Floyd Bloom, M.D., former editor-in-chief of *Science* magazine, chairman emeritus of the Department of Neuropharmacology at the Scripps Research Institute in California, and a member of the President's Council on Bioethics, will present the 25th Annual David Packard Lecture: "From Molecules to Minds: The Unfolding Saga of Neurobiological Circuits in Neurologic and Psychiatric Diseases," at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USU), March 31, 2010. The lecture will focus on neurobiology relevant to depression, Alzheimer's disease and posttraumatic stress disorder.

The David Packard Lecture, hosted by the USU's Faculty Senate and seen as the university's most prestigious lectureship, is named in honor of the former Deputy Secretary of Defense (1969 to 1971), second USU president (1976 to 1981), and co-founder of the Hewlett-Packard Company.

Dr. Bloom, founding CEO and Board Chairman of Neurome, Inc, previously was Director of Behavioral Neurobiology at the Salk Institute and Chief of the Laboratory of Neuropharmacology of NIMH.

He is recipient of numerous awards, including the Pasarow Award in Neuropsychiatry and the Hermann van Helmholtz Award, the Sarnat Award for Mental Health Research, and numerous honorary degrees from major universities. He also was editor-in-chief of *Science* magazine from 1995 to 2000.

He is a member of the National Academy of Science (1977), past president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, The Institute of Medicine (1982), The American Philosophical Society (1989) and the Royal Swedish Academy of Science (1989).

Located on the grounds of Bethesda's National Naval Medical Center and across from the National Institutes of Health, USU is the nation's federal school of medicine and graduate school of nursing. The University educates health care professionals dedicated to career service in the Department of Defense and the U.S. Public Health Service. Medical students are active-duty uniformed officers in the Army, Navy, Air Force and Public Health Service who are being educated to deal with wartime casualties, natural disasters, emerging infectious diseases, and other public health emergencies. Of the University's nearly 4,400 physician alumni and more than 400 advanced practice nurses, the vast majority serve on active duty and are supporting operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, and elsewhere, offering their leadership and expertise. The University also has graduate programs open to civilian and military applicants in biomedical sciences and public health committed to excellence in the didactic and research training which have awarded more than 300 Ph.D. and 100 M.S. degrees to date.

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