Regenerative medicine lecture focuses on aging process

The next presentation in Sacramento State’s spring 2014 “Topics in Regenerative Medicine” lecture series is at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 22, in University Union Ballroom I. The topic, “The Impact of Aging on Endogenous Cardiovascular Progenitor Cells in Human Neonates and Adults,” will be presented by Mary Kearns-Jonker, associate professor of medicine at Loma Linda University School of Medicine. The event is free and open to the public.

Kearns-Jonker earned her Ph.D. in anatomy in 1985 at McGill University in Montreal. Prior to taking her current position in the Department of Pathology and Human Anatomy at Loma Linda School of Medicine, she held positions at the National Institutes of Health, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center and the University of Southern California.

She is an expert in transplantation immunology and develops novel approaches using stem cells for myocardial repair. Kearns-Jonker has authored more than 40 peer-reviewed research articles and has received numerous awards, including the Career Enhancement Award for Stem Cell Research from NIH in 2008 and the GCAT Award from Loma Linda University School of Medicine in 2012. She will discuss her current research focusing on stem cell-based treatments for heart disease.

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Questions may be directed to the Center for STEM Excellence at (916) 278-2789, or email stem@csus.edu. For more information on the lecture series, contact Dr. Rosalee Carter at carterrc@csus.edu.

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