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SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL FOUNDATION HOSTS CONVERSATION ON UNLOCKING THE MYSTERIES OF THE BRAIN

*World-Renowned Researcher in Neuroscience, Dr. Marc Diamond, Spoke at Old Parkland as Part of
Southwestern Medical Foundation's "Leading the Conversation on Health" Series*

DALLAS – DATE – Dr. Marc Diamond, one of the world's leading researchers in Alzheimer's and neurodegenerative diseases, spoke about unlocking the mysteries of brain disorders during a recent Southwestern Medical Foundation event at Old Parkland.

"What's Next? The Newest in Neuroscience: Moving Beyond the Unknown Unknowns" was part of the *Leading the Conversation on Health* series created by the Foundation to bring together a community of thought leaders to provide a means to better understand the extraordinary strides being made in academic medicine in the Dallas area.

Dr. Diamond is Professor of Neurology and Neurotherapeutics and Founding Director of the Center for Alzheimer's and Neurodegenerative Diseases at UT Southwestern Medical School. He spoke September 24 in the Pecan Room at Old Parkland in a conversation with Dr. Daniel Podolsky, President of UT Southwestern Medical Center.

"Dr. Diamond is doing notable work in an area that requires significant and further attention. The important goal of detecting and attacking the spread of Alzheimer's and other brain diseases is important to our society and community. We are honored to have Dr. Diamond take part in this series," said Kathleen M. Gibson, President and CEO of the Foundation.

"We are delighted that Dr. Diamond has joined the UT Southwestern faculty, working together with colleagues in our overall effort to identify the causes and eventual cures for diseases of the brain under the umbrella of The Peter O'Donnell Brain Institute," said Dr. Daniel K. Podolsky, President of UT Southwestern Medical Center. "None of these illnesses are more devastating than Alzheimer's Disease and other neurodegenerative disorders. Dr. Diamond's work is providing new insights into mechanisms of disease causation through protein aggregation, these provide potential for new therapeutic paradigms."

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Dr. Diamond has devoted his career to the diagnosis and treatment of neurodegenerative diseases. He completed an internship, residency, and chief residency in Neurology at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), where he later became a faculty member. From 2009-2014, he was the David Clayson Professor of Neurology at Washington University in St. Louis, before he was recruited to UT Southwestern. A therapeutic antibody he co-developed at Washington University is now entering clinical trials for the treatment of dementia.

Dr. Diamond is the founding Director of the Center for Alzheimer's and Neurodegenerative Diseases at UT Southwestern working to uncover therapies to cure or halt the progression of dementia and related disorders. He leads a multidisciplinary and collaborative team of investigators studying the basis of protein aggregation in human disease.

“Alzheimer's disease is the single largest health threat to our aging population, and research the critical key to finding the cure,” said Dr. Diamond. “I'd like to thank Southwestern Medical Foundation, and our many donors, for supporting research that will speed the development of effective treatment for Alzheimer's and other neurodegenerative diseases.”

The event was co-hosted by Gibson, Foundation Chairman Robert B. Rowling, and Trustee Harlan Crow, whose Crow Holdings restored the Old Parkland Hospital campus. In 2011, history came full circle when the Foundation moved back to the historic Old Parkland campus. The Foundation's new offices are on the original site of Southwestern Medical College, the medical school it founded in 1943, which has evolved into today's world-renowned UT Southwestern.

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ABOUT SOUTHWESTERN MEDICAL FOUNDATION

Southwestern Medical Foundation continues to celebrate its 75th anniversary – a milestone which provides the Foundation an opportunity to recognize the impact our community has had in advancing the important cause of academic medicine, research and medical education.

In 1943, the Foundation established Southwestern Medical College and helped to nurture its growth from a fledgling medical school into one of the preeminent medical research and academic centers in the world. Today UT Southwestern enjoys an international reputation for discovering the basis for disease through research, applying the discoveries to the clinical care of patients, and educating the next generation of health care professionals.

For 75 years, it has been our privilege to foster a unique culture where generosity can be imbued with meaning. The Foundation currently manages over \$800 million across 1,000 funds, creating a financial resource that will enable advances in health care benefiting the citizens of this community, state and the nation for years to come.

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