In this talk, Dr. Julienne Rutherford interrogates the limits of personal responsibility during pregnancy as the source of health disparities using her work in the marmoset monkey as a model, and the way this connects conceptually to academic developmental environments. In both cases, structures of power need to be engaged in building and maintaining safety and inclusion. Dr. Rutherford issues a call for us to be thoughtful about the ways our sometimes esoteric and ostensibly apolitical anthropologies can inform structural change in the service of healthy development in all domains.

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