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Inequality and the American Family

Dr. Ronald Simons

**“SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS, GENE EXPRESSION AND HEALTH:
NEW EXPLANATIONS FOR THE CHRONIC ILLNESSES THAT KILL US”**

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7:30pm

Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History
Robert S. Kerr Auditorium



Dr. Ronald Simons is Distinguished Research Professor in the Department of Sociology and Research Fellow in the Institute for Behavior Research and the Center for Gene-Environment Transaction at the University of Georgia. Using a developmental model, his research examines the manner in which childhood experiences and adult role transitions involving romantic relationships, employment, and incarceration build on each other to influence aggression, psychological adjustment, and physical health. Recently, this research program has expanded to include investigation of the process whereby the social environment impacts various biological mechanisms involved in the onset of chronic illness. His work is supported by the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control.



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