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The Time is Now to Transform Medical Research for Humans and Animals

Expert Panel Charts a New Course for Modern, Ethical Research

November 15, 2021 (Albuquerque, NM) -- The medical and scientific communities have made important advancements in research ethics regarding humans, and it's time to make similar progress for animals. It's time to transform medical research.

[Phoenix Zones Initiative](#), a global nonprofit based in Albuquerque, New Mexico, will host a revolutionary virtual event, [Transforming Medical Research: Advancing Modern, Ethical Methods to Help People and Animals](#), on Thursday, January 27, 2022, at 7 pm EST/4 pm PST. The event will feature a group of esteemed experts from fields such as medicine, ethics, the sciences, and public health, who will help chart a path and make recommendations for more modern and more ethical research practices.

The event will also feature a special message from Dr. [Jane Goodall](#), DBE, Founder, the Jane Goodall Institute, and UN Messenger of Peace.

"The practice of research involving animals must come to terms with centuries of scientific findings that lay bare the capacities and experiences of nonhuman beings," says Dr. Hope Ferdowsian, co-founder and CEO of Phoenix Zones Initiative. "Fortunately, after a history of egregious research practices, the [Belmont Report](#) revolutionized regulations related to human research. The time is now for a similar aspirational framework for animals. It is our hope and belief that this event will begin laying the foundation for policy change that recognizes the rights and wellbeing of all humans and animals."

Our distinguished list of experts includes

- [Dr. Hope Ferdowsian](#), Co-founder and CEO, [Phoenix Zones Initiative](#), and Associate Professor of Medicine, University of New Mexico School of Medicine
- [Dr. Charu Chandrasekera](#), Founder and Executive Director, Canadian Centre for Alternatives to Animal Methods, University of Windsor, Canada

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- [Dr. Agustín Fuentes](#), Professor of Anthropology, Princeton University
- [Dr. L. Syd M Johnson](#), Associate Professor and Consultant, Center for Bioethics and Humanities, SUNY Upstate Medical University
- [Dr. Lisa Jones-Engel](#), Senior Science Advisor, Primate Experimentation, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals
- [Dr. Barbara J. King](#), Emerita Professor of Anthropology, William & Mary
- [Dr. Jessica Pierce](#), Faculty Affiliate, Center for Bioethics and Humanities, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus
- [Dr. David Wendler](#), Senior Researcher, Department of Bioethics, National Institutes of Health Clinical Center

This 90-minute event will be simulcast on Facebook, LinkedIn, and YouTube.

Event Cosponsors

Cambridge University Press, the Canadian Centre for Alternatives to Animal Methods, the Center for Bioethics and Humanities at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus, the Center for Bioethics and Humanities at SUNY Upstate Medical University, Princeton University Press, the Society for the Study of Ethics and Animals, University of Chicago Press, and the University of New Mexico School of Medicine

About Phoenix Zones Initiative

Phoenix Zones Initiative is a global nonprofit organization that advances the interconnected rights, health, and wellbeing of people, animals, and the planet through a [Just One Health](#) approach. Led by physicians and a diverse team, Phoenix Zones Initiative focuses on widespread ethical and structural change. Phoenix Zones Initiative advances legal, economic, and public policy to uplift the most vulnerable and marginalized, including children and animals, and the organization also provides resources so others can do the same. Follow Phoenix Zones Initiative on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), [YouTube](#), and the [Phoenix Zones Initiative](#) website.

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