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### Dialogue 8

# Public Understanding of Science

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Rosenstiel Medical Science Building 3109

—————→ Lunch will be provided ←————

Society has evolved a number of mechanisms for informing and educating people about scientific inquiry, as well as for scrutinizing the research activities of scientists. These mechanisms include the news media, museums and even direct contact between scientists and the people who pay for and are affected by their research. Yet scientists and journalists, for instance, often have different goals and missions — even as they share ethical obligations to make public the fruits and failures of the scientific enterprise.

Dr. Rudavsky writes about social services, including health and related issues, and Mr. Smith covers health and medicine for *The Miami Herald*.

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