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Dr. Frankenstein's IRB Submission

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Mailman Center for Child Development, Room 3023
Lunch provided — first come, first served. Note variant day.

In the 200 years since the publication of *Frankenstein; or, the Modern Prometheus*, Mary Shelley's tale has won a permanent place in our cultural imagination, and, as much as any other work of fiction, has shaped cultural understandings of biomedical science. To mark this bicentennial, this Dialogue will bring the "modern Prometheus" of Shelley's Victor Frankenstein into the present, and ask how his experiments might fare in front of a 21st-century Institutional Review Board. Potential issues to be reviewed: human-, animal- and self-experimentation; the role of education and biology in ethical action; the significance of storytelling and why Shelley organized the novel in the complex form she did; and the meaning of life itself.

Dr. Rosenberg is an Assistant Professor of English in UM's College of Arts and Sciences. Her research focuses on the intersections of science and literature. She has a special interest in the practice of popular science from the era of Shakespeare and in the history of botany and horticulture.

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