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## **The New York Stem Cell Foundation Expands Scientific Team**

Expert Stem Cell Researcher Joins NYSCF's State-of-the-Art Laboratory

NEW YORK, NY (Sept 1st, 2008) – Dr. Kevin Eggan, NYSCF's Chief Scientific Officer and Assistant Professor, Department of Stem Cell and Regenerative Biology, Harvard University, is pleased to welcome two valuable additions to NYSCF's scientific team. Scott Noggle, PhD, and Caroline Marshall, PhD. They join with Dr. Eggan; Dr. Lee Rubin, Director of Translational Medicine, The Harvard University Stem Cell Institute, who serves as Scientific Advisor for NYSCF, and NYSCF Board Member and Senior Advisor Dr. Zach W. Hall, former President of The California Institute of Regenerative Medicine and a former Director of the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke.

As the Director of the NYSCF Laboratory, Dr. Noggle will serve as a scientific resource for the stem cell research community, as well as conducting NYSCF-driven stem cell research. For the past two years, Dr. Noggle managed the Tri-Institutional Stem Cell Initiative's Derivation Core facility at The Rockefeller University. He was also a postdoctoral fellow in the lab of Ali H. Brivanlou at The Rockefeller University, where he studied the signal pathways that maintain pluripotency and control neural induction in hESCs.

Dr. Marshall serves as the foundation's Program Director, ensuring that NYSCF programs, such as its Fellowships and its scientific meetings, run smoothly. Dr. Marshall is a stem cell biologist with extensive research experience in the fields of hematopoietic, neural and embryonic stem cells. She ran a research project at the Wolfson Centre for Gene Therapy, University College London and Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children in the UK.

"We're very happy to have these distinguished scientists joining us," said Susan L. Solomon, NYSCF CEO and co-founder. "Scott and Caroline will be great assets to the great work that NYSCF is accomplishing in our laboratory and in our various projects."

Dr. Eggan noted that expansion of the scientific team was needed to ensure that both the NYSCF Laboratory and its programs would continue to move stem cell research forward. "NYSCF's laboratory has expanded its capabilities in the latest stem cell derivation, analysis, and distribution of disease-specific cell lines," he said. "Having both Scott and Caroline working for NYSCF will allow the organization to ensure things more ahead quickly and effectively."

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## **About The New York Stem Cell Foundation**

Founded in 2005, The New York Stem Cell Foundation is a privately funded foundation dedicated to furthering stem cell research to advance the search for cures of the major diseases of our time. The Foundation opened the first privately funded stem cell laboratory in New York City in March 2006 to serve as a “safe haven” where scientists can conduct advanced stem cell research free of federal restrictions. The organization supports scientists engaged in stem cell research through grants, fellowships and symposia; runs collaborative, state-of-the-art research facilities supported entirely with private funds and directly focused on curing disease; and educates the public about the importance and potential benefits of stem cell research.