

Class of 1968 Friendship Hour with Dr. Paul Offit and Megan Kassebaum

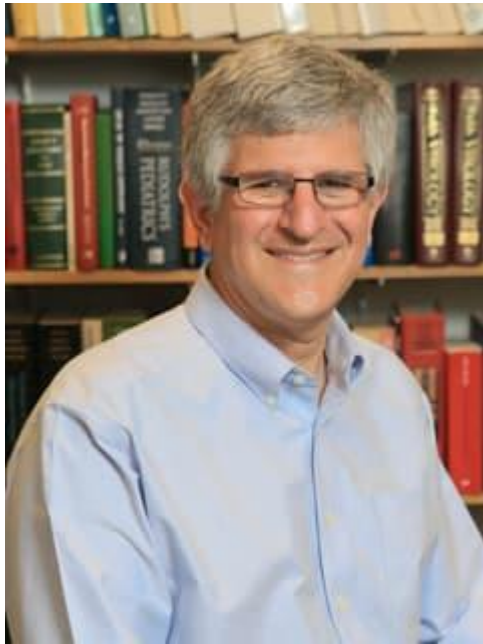
On Friday, November 19th, at 5 pm. eastern, we welcome Dr. Paul Offit, from CHOP, world renowned vaccinologist, and voting member of the FDA vaccine committee. Dr. Offit will update us on COVID, vaccines and boosters and he will answer questions. Dr. Offit will take the mic at 5 and after his presentation and the Q & A we will hear from Penn's Megan Kassebaum will update us on the Museum's repatriation of artifacts, with a focus on returning artifacts to Alaskan indigenous people. Dr. Kassebaum will also take questions.



Megan Kassebaum is an Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Assistant Curator in the American Section of the Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology at the University of Pennsylvania.

“Repatriation and Community Collaborations at the Penn Museum”

“The Penn Museum houses over one million objects from around the world. The American Section is the Museum's largest section and it contains important collections that provide glimpses into both the deep past and contemporary lifeways of Native people. We have a particularly wonderful collection of materials from Alaska that are still used by researchers today to better understand and teach the public about Alaskan Native cultures. However, some of the objects in these collections remain sacred to Native people and, since the 1990s, the Museum has worked with Alaska Native groups to return some of these items to their home communities. In this talk, I will provide an introduction to the laws that mandate repatriation of museum collections and discuss the specific community collaborations that the Penn Museum has undertaken to determine the most appropriate future for the objects in its collections.”



Dr. Paul Offit is a member of the FDA COVID Vaccine Advisory Panel and co-inventor of the rotavirus vaccine, Dr. Offit points to the growing body of data around the safety and efficacy of the mRNA-based COVID vaccines, that it's safe for all populations, including children and pregnant women, and sees it as a game changer for the future of vaccinology. He warns that the lack of global vaccination will impact vaccine effectiveness against growing threat of variants. He is an internationally recognized expert in the fields of virology and immunology and is a member of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices to the Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention. He is a member of the Food and Drug Administration Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee, and a founding advisory board member of the Autism Science Foundation and the Foundation for Vaccine Research, a member of the Institute of Medicine and co-editor of the foremost vaccine text, *Vaccines*.

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