

best *in class*

Dr. Joe Leigh Simpson, a member of the National Academy of Sciences Institute of Medicine, joined the FIU College of Medicine to create transformational change in our community.

Faculty

My passion:

Reproductive genetics has fascinated me since my days in medical school. I'm interested in the explanations for birth defects and reproductive disorders that affect women.

My pride:

I am proud of having done pioneering work in prenatal genetics diagnosis, first in amniocentesis, then chorionic villus sampling. I'm now working with a biotech firm to offer noninvasive definitive prenatal diagnosis through the use of a maternal blood sample.

I'm also proud to serve as the current president of the American College of Medical Genetics.

On starting a College of Medicine at FIU:

You only get one chance in your lifetime to get in on the ground floor of a new medical school. We will be the only public medical school and research institution in South Florida. Most major cities have several medical schools; right now we've got only one. I'm looking forward to changing that.

The possibilities:

Medical schools train medical students and develop residency programs that help improve the care of all citizens. To make the best use of the enormous talent that exists here, South Florida really needs the "scaffolding" of academics.



Joe Leigh Simpson, M.D.

FIU College of Medicine, executive associate dean of academic affairs, is married with two children, both of whom are students of science—one is a medical student and one is studying physics.

“Having a College of Medicine at FIU will allow us to leverage the existing strengths of the university for the common good.”



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