



DR. HEATHER

NEUROSCIENTIST, PROFESSOR & TV HOST

BIO

DR. HEATHER BERLIN IS A COGNITIVE NEUROSCIENTIST AND ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF PSYCHIATRY AT THE ICAHN SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AT MOUNT SINAI WHERE SHE ALSO COMPLETED HER NIH POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP. SHE PRACTICES CLINICAL NEUROPSYCHOLOGY AT WEILL CORNELL MEDICINE/NEW YORK PRESBYTERIAN HOSPITAL IN THE DEPARTMENT OF NEUROLOGICAL SURGERY, AND IS A VISITING SCHOLAR AT THE NEW YORK PSYCHOANALYTIC SOCIETY AND INSTITUTE. SHE EXPLORES THE NEURAL BASIS OF IMPULSIVE AND COMPULSIVE PSYCHIATRIC AND NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS WITH THE AIM OF DEVELOPING NOVEL TREATMENTS. SHE IS ALSO INTERESTED IN THE BRAIN BASIS OF CONSCIOUSNESS, DYNAMIC UNCONSCIOUS PROCESSES, AND CREATIVITY.



DR. BERLIN WAS A VISITING PROFESSOR AT VASSAR COLLEGE, THE SWISS FEDERAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY/UNIVERSITY OF ZURICH, AND THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY OF JERUSALEM. SHE IS THE RECIPIENT OF NUMEROUS HONORS INCLUDING THE YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD FROM THE AMERICAN NEUROPSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION, THE INTERNATIONAL NEUROPSYCHOLOGICAL SOCIETY PHILLIP M. RENNICK AWARD, THE YOUNG INVESTIGATOR AWARD FROM THE NATIONAL EDUCATION ALLIANCE FOR BORDERLINE PERSONALITY DISORDER, AND THE CLIFFORD YORKE PRIZE FROM THE INTERNATIONAL NEUROPSYCHOANALYSIS SOCIETY. SHE WAS HONORED AS ONE OF STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY'S "40 UNDER FORTY", AND WON THE 2015 BBC UNIVERSITY CHALLENGE AS PART OF THE MAGDALEN COLLEGE, OXFORD TEAM. SHE HAS PUBLISHED OVER 40 PEER-REVIEWED ARTICLES AND CHAPTERS INCLUDING IN HIGH-IMPACT JOURNALS LIKE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF PSYCHIATRY AND BRAIN.

PASSIONATE ABOUT SCIENCE COMMUNICATION AND PROMOTING WOMEN IN STEM, BERLIN IS A COMMITTEE MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES' SCIENCE AND ENTERTAINMENT EXCHANGE, AND THE NEW YORK TIMES SERIES TIMESTALKS. SHE HOSTS STARTALK ALL-STARS WITH NEIL DEGRASSE TYSON, AND HOSTED THE PBS SERIES SCIENCE GOES TO THE MOVIES, AND THE DISCOVERY CHANNEL SERIES SUPERHUMAN SHOWDOWN.

DR. BERLIN ALSO CO-WROTE AND STARS IN THE CRITICALLY ACCLAIMED OFF-BROADWAY AND EDINBURGH FRINGE FESTIVAL SHOW, OFF THE TOP, ABOUT THE NEUROSCIENCE OF IMPROVISATION. SHE HAS MADE NUMEROUS MEDIA APPEARANCES INCLUDING ON THE BBC, HISTORY CHANNEL, NETFLIX, NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC, AND TEDX, AND WAS FEATURED IN THE DOCUMENTARY FILM BILL NYE: SCIENCE GUY. SHE RECEIVED HER PH.D. FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD AND MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH FROM HARVARD UNIVERSITY.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

DR. BERLIN EXPLORES INTERACTIONS OF THE HUMAN BRAIN AND MIND WITH THE GOAL OF CONTRIBUTING TO IMPROVED TREATMENT AND PREVENTION OF IMPULSIVE AND COMPULSIVE PSYCHIATRIC AND NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS.

USING NEUROCOGNITIVE TESTS AND NEUROIMAGING (E.G., FMRI, DTI) SHE INVESTIGATES THE BRAIN BASIS OF IMPULSIVITY, COMPULSIVITY, AND EMOTION IN PSYCHIATRIC PATIENTS AND NEUROLOGICAL PATIENTS WITH BRAIN LESIONS AND TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY. SHE IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE FUNCTIONS OF THE ORBITOFRONTAL AND DORSOLATERAL PREFRONTAL CORTEX AND THEIR ROLE IN DECISION-MAKING, SENSITIVITY TO REWARD AND PUNISHMENT AND TIME PERCEPTION, AND THE INSULA AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO DISGUST AND BODY AWARENESS.

SHE HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN EXPERIMENTAL TRIALS OF DEEP BRAIN STIMULATION FOR TREATMENT FOR OBSESSIVE-COMPULSIVE DISORDER AND IS KEENLY INTERESTED IN THE NEURAL BASIS OF CONSCIOUSNESS, DYNAMIC UNCONSCIOUS PROCESSES, AND CREATIVITY.

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TV HOSTING



SCIENCE GOES TO THE MOVIES IS A NEW MONTHLY SERIES, CO-HOSTED BY FAITH SALIE AND DR. HEATHER BERLIN, THAT LOOKS AT THE SCIENCE IN CONTEMPORARY MOTION PICTURES.

SUPERHUMAN SHOWDOWN

INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED SCIENTISTS DR HEATHER BERLIN, DR RAHUL JANDIAL AND PROFESSOR GREG WHYTE EXAMINE REMARKABLE INDIVIDUALS AT THEIR CUTTING EDGE LABORATORY TO DETERMINE THE SOURCE OF THEIR SUPERHUMAN SKILLS.



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