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## PRIVACY IN THE NEW AGE OF LIFE SCIENCES AT THE NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER

Philadelphia, PA (February 26, 2008) – On Monday, March 17, at 6:30 p.m., the National Constitution Center will host a public discussion about ways in which privacy and new scientific knowledge may conflict in the future, as part of the *Cephalon Speaker Series for Science and the Constitution*. Admission is free, supported by Cephalon, Inc.; however, reservations are required and can be made by calling 215.409.6700.

Participants include **Art Caplan**, **Ruth Schwartz Cowan**, **Jeffrey Rosen**, and moderator **Ari Shapiro**. Through a dynamic discussion with these leading ethics and legal scholars about cutting edge issues in science, including the implications of mapping the human genome on public policy, knowledge of our DNA, stem cell research, neuro-scientific evidence in the courtroom, and cognitive liberty, the Center will show how what we know and what we may learn will impact how we live.

**Art Caplan** is the Emanuel and Robert Hart Professor of Bioethics, Chair of the Department of Medical Ethics and the Director of the Center for Bioethics at the University of Pennsylvania. He is the author or editor of twenty-five books and over 500 papers in refereed journals of medicine, science, philosophy, bioethics, and health policy. His most recent book is *Smart Mice, Not So Smart People*. Caplan writes a regular column on bioethics for MSNBC.com.

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**Ruth Schwartz Cowan** is the Janice and Julian Bers Professor of History and Sociology of Science at the University of Pennsylvania. She has been awarded the Leonardo daVinci Medal, the Dexter Prize of the Society for the History of Technology, and the J.D. Bernal prize of the Society for the Social Study of Science. She is the author of *The Social History of American Technology* and the forthcoming, *Heredity and Hope: The Case for Genetic Screening*, which will be published in May 2008.

**Jeffrey Rosen** is a professor of law at The George Washington University and the legal affairs editor of *The New Republic*. Rosen's essays and commentaries have appeared in the *New York Times Magazine*, *The Atlantic Monthly*, on National Public Radio, and in *The New Yorker*, where he has been a staff writer. His most recent book is *The Supreme Court: The Personalities and Rivalries That Defined America*. He is also the author of *The Most Democratic Branch*, *The Naked Crowd*, and *The Unwanted Gaze*.

**Ari Shapiro**, NPR's award-winning justice correspondent, reports on the Department of Justice and national legal affairs for all of NPR's newsmagazines, including Morning Edition and All Things Considered. The first NPR reporter to be made a correspondent before age 30, Shapiro began his journalism career in 2001 in the office of legal affairs correspondent Nina Totenberg.

*The Cephalon Speaker Series for Science and the Constitution* is presented in partnership with Cephalon, Inc.

The National Constitution Center, located at 525 Arch St. on Philadelphia's Independence Mall, is an independent, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing public understanding of the U.S. Constitution and the ideas and values it represents. The Center serves as a museum, an education center, and a forum for debate on constitutional issues. The museum dramatically tells the story of the Constitution from Revolutionary times to the present through more than 100 interactive,

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multimedia exhibits, film, photographs, text, sculpture and artifacts, and features a powerful, award-winning theatrical performance, “Freedom Rising”. The Center also houses the Annenberg Center for Education and Outreach, which serves as the hub for national constitutional education. Also, as a nonpartisan forum for constitutional discourse, the Center presents – without endorsement – programs that contain diverse viewpoints on a broad range of issues. For more information, call 215.409.6700 or visit [www.constitutioncenter.org](http://www.constitutioncenter.org).

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