Chris and Pamela Contag: From Postdocs to Innovators

Wednesday, March 16 2011, 5:45-7:30pm, Clark Center S360
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This AIMS event explores innovation in academia, and the bridge between industry and the academia.

Chris and Pamela Contag are a husband and wife team, both former Stanford postdocs. In 1995, they co-founded Xenogen - a life science startup that created an in vivo imaging system with advanced fluorescent detection capability to accelerate preclinical drug discovery and development. In 2006, Xenogen was acquired by Caliper Life Science. Christopher Contag is now an Associate Professor of Pediatrics and the Co-Director of the Molecular Imaging Program at Stanford (MIPS). In contrast, Pamela Contag became a serial entrepreneur. Pam founded a slew of life-science startups (ConcentRx, Cygnet BioFuels), of which she was also the CEO (Cobalt Biofuels, ConcentRx). She is now the owner of Cygnet Biofuels – an integrated energy system start-up.

Chris and Pam have kindly agreed to share their valuable time and insights on what it takes to be a Postdoc entrepreneur.

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