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Dear Faculty, Staff, and Students,

The Office of the Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic & Multicultural Affairs is pleased to announce that *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* (Broadway Paperbacks 2011), by Rebecca Skloot, has been chosen for the inaugural LSUHSC **Campuswide Book Club***

“Her name was Henrietta Lacks, but scientists know her as HeLa. She was a poor, black tobacco farmer whose cells—taken without her knowledge in 1951—became one of the most important tools in medicine, vital for developing the polio vaccine, cloning, gene mapping, in vitro fertilization, and more. Henrietta’s cells have been bought and sold by the billions, yet she remains virtually unknown, and her family can’t afford health insurance.”

The book is an enjoyable read that delves into issues of health care disparities and medical ethics. *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* was featured on over 60 critics’ best of the year lists and won several awards, including the 2010 Wellcome Trust Book Prize, the American Association for the Advancement of Science’s Award for Excellence in Science Writing, the 2011 Audie Award for Best Nonfiction Audiobook, and a Medical Journalists’ Association Open Book Award.

The Book Club will gather on Monday, **May 7th from 12:15pm to 1:45pm in MEB Lecture Room 4** for a “brown bag” discussion of the book and its relevance for the work we all do. We will have a distinguished panel to lead this important discussion, featuring Drs. Corey Hebert, Cassandra Youmans, and John Estrada.

The book is available at the campus bookstore, in many major bookstores, and online. We look forward to a lively discussion, so please consider joining the conversation in May.

Sincerely,

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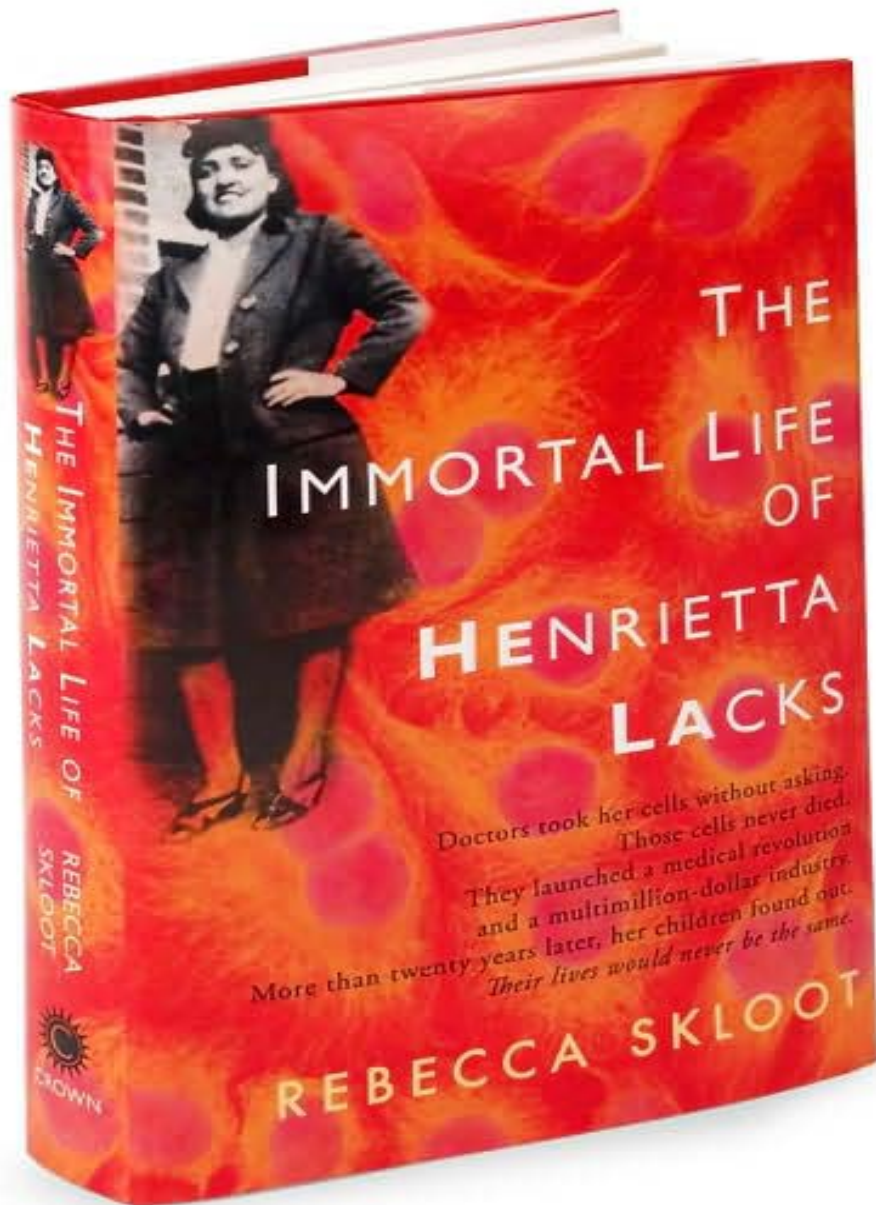
**The Campuswide Book Club is an opportunity for members of the LSUHSC community to discuss matters of social importance by considering a recently published book. The Book Club creates an atmosphere in which faculty, staff, and students with diverse expertise and backgrounds shape an engaging dialogue.*



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