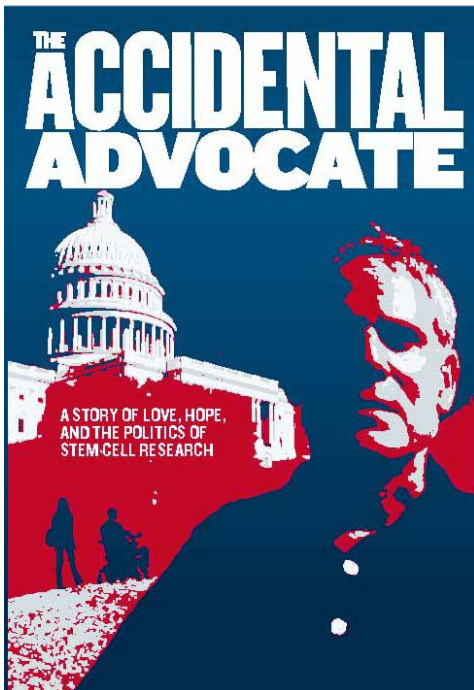


THE ACCIDENTAL ADVOCATE

Director and award-winning journalist Jessica Gerstle to lead post-show Q&A about the science and politics of stem cells



WHAT: Special screening of THE ACCIDENTAL ADVOCATE and post-show Q&A with director Jessica Gerstle

WHO: Presented by Film Streams and the Nebraska Coalition for Lifesaving Cures

WHEN: Thursday, September 23, 7 p.m.

WHERE: Film Streams' Ruth Sokolof Theater, 1340 Mike Fahey (formerly Webster) Street

TICKETS: \$9 general, \$7 for seniors, students, teachers, and military, and \$4.50 for Film Streams Members

MORE INFO & ADVANCE TICKETS:

http://filmstreams.org/filmstreams_calendar.aspx?ID=569

OMAHA (8/24/10) – On Thursday, September 23 at 7 p.m., Film Streams and the Nebraska Coalition for Lifesaving Cures will welcome director and Emmy Award-winning journalist Jessica Gerstle to Omaha for a special screening of her documentary THE ACCIDENTAL ADVOCATE.

The film explores the science and politics of stem cells through an intensely personal narrative: Jessica's father Claude Gerstle, a surgeon and athlete, suffered a tragic bicycle accident that left him paralyzed from the neck down. Finding hope in stem cell research, Jessica and Claude set out on a self-described "wheelchair odyssey," interviewing everyone from politicians to theologians to stem cell advocates to scientists to their own family members in an effort to understand the potential of the science and the political quagmire impeding it.

Tickets for the screening and Q&A with Gerstle are \$9 for adults, \$7 for seniors, students, teachers and military, and \$4.50 for Film Streams Members.

The event is part of Film Streams' Community Development Program, which facilitates partnerships with other nonprofits and community groups on film-related events that speak to their missions and programming.

For questions, requests, or more information, please contact Casey Logan at (402) 933-0259 or casey@filmstreams.org.

About Director/Producer Jessica Gerstle: Jessica Gerstle covered breaking news stories for NBC News and produced hour-long specials for Dateline NBC for twelve years before leaving to independently produce her first film, *THE ACCIDENTAL ADVOCATE*. Her investigative hour, "Justice for Shannon," uncovered corruption in the sex crimes unit of the Philadelphia Police Department. She won an Emmy for her segment "An Ounce of Prevention," about violence prevention programs for adolescents in the wake of the school shootings in Kentucky and Colorado. Gerstle has always had a particular interest in medical stories. She earned her bachelor's degree from Barnard College in history.



Nebraska Coalition *for Lifesaving Cures*

The Nebraska Coalition for Lifesaving Cures promotes, supports and advocates research to advance our quality of life and economy. We concentrate on two key areas: education and support of research. Since 2000, we've worked to support the efforts and accomplishments of Nebraska-based medical researchers, science educators and young collegiate scientists. In particular, we have advocated for stem cell research, therapies and cures in Nebraska. Under our new name – Nebraska Coalition for Lifesaving Cures – we continue to advocate awareness across the state for the accomplishments of Nebraska-based medical research and the improvement in people's lives that research provides. Stem cell research, a relatively new breakthrough, holds the promise of providing treatments and cures for many diseases – including diabetes, Parkinson's and spinal cord injuries – that alone, affect thousands of Nebraskans.

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