

Week Nine

March 16

“The Parkinson Pandemic”

Ray Dorsey, MD, MBA, Professor of Neurology and Director of the Center for Human Experimental Therapeutics, University of Rochester

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Parkinson's disease (PD) is now the world's fastest growing brain disease. Certain pesticides, industrial chemicals, and air pollutants – all found in Western New York – are likely fueling its rise. Dr. Dorsey is investigating new treatments for movement disorders and is working on ways to improve how care is delivered for individuals with PD and other neurological disorders. Using simple web-based video conferencing, he and his colleagues are seeking to provide care to individuals with PD and neurological diseases. Join us to find out how we can prevent and end Parkinson's disease.



In 2015, the White House recognized Dr. Ray Dorsey as a “Champion for Change” for Parkinson's disease. He is the David M. Levy Professor of Neurology and director of the Center for Human Experimental Therapeutics at the University of Rochester Medical Center (NY). His research has been published in leading medical and neurology journals and has been featured on National Public Radio and in *The New York Times* and *The Wall Street Journal*. He previously directed Johns Hopkins' Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders Center and worked as a consultant for McKinsey & Company. He completed his undergraduate studies at Stanford University, business school at the Wharton School, and medical school at the University of Pennsylvania.

Week 10

March 23

“Enigmatic Haiti: From Prosperous to Perilous (But Still Hopeful...)”

Pépin Accilien, PE

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Three hundred years ago, Haiti was the “Pearl of the Antilles,” the “Jewel of the Caribbean”, and the wealthiest colony in the world, importing coffee, sugar, cocoa, cotton, and indigo, among others, with enslaved West Africans providing the labor for these products. Today Haiti is the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. When the 2010 earthquake devastated the country, claiming 300,000 lives, Pépin Accilien left his engineering practice in Rochester, NY to work in Haiti rebuilding schools, fire stations, housing, disaster shelters, and as a volunteer for the US Agency for International Development. Join us to learn about his experiences.



Pépin Accilien is Vice-President of Savin Engineers, P.C. serving Western, Central, and the Finger Lakes areas of NY. He also has held numerous engineering positions in New York City. He grew up in Port-au-Prince, studied engineering at New York City College of Technology, and continued his studies at the New Jersey Institute of Technology. He participates in Engineers without Borders, Construction Management Association of America, and the Rochester Section of the American

Society of Civil Engineers.