

First Annual Elizabeth Capaldi Phillips Lecture Held at University of Florida

December 23, 2019

The first annual Elizabeth Capaldi Phillips Lecture was presented December 10, 2019 by psychological scientist Dana Small (Yale University) at the University of Florida's McKnight Brain Institute. APS Past President Elizabeth Capaldi Phillips – who served as provost of the University of Florida from 1996 to 1999, and provost and executive vice president of the Arizona State University from 2006 to 2013 – was widely recognized for her work on how motivation and learning influence eating behavior before her death in 2017.

In line with that legacy, Small's lecture focused on how dysregulation in the decision-making processes that contribute to eating choices can impact obesity and obesity-related diseases. Prior to her talk, APS Past President Linda Bartoshuk, a professor of food science and nutrition at the University of Florida, offered a brief remembrance of Phillips' life and work. The lecture was hosted by the University of Florida Center for Smell and Taste.