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A 48-year PhD Pathway: Secrets to Success in Attaining One's Goals

**Saturday, September
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Time

10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Chatting

11:00 a.m.

Talk and Discussion

Reservation

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Cost

Free

Questions

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Dr. Dembe explores supportive educational, role model, and historical influences, along with difficult equity issues along her 48-year pathway to the granting of her PhD. The degree was completed in 1971, but blocked from write-up and publication when her advisor died, and those close to her research area refused a woman in their group. In 2000, she discovered that two years after she would have published, very similar parallel research was published, and awarded the Nobel Prize. After contacting Douglas Osheroff, the Nobel laureate, she was encouraged and offered support by him in requesting that The University of Chicago award her the degree. At that point, the letter went unanswered. In 2018, she was inspired by the #MeToo movement to write again, this time with a successful outcome. Her Four Steps used to encourage a correction when unjustly treated, are detailed. They include the importance of dropping anger, viewing the person or institution before you as the solution not the problem, believing that they have the integrity to want to right an error, considering that there is always a win-win solution, offering multiple items that could be satisfactory resolutions, and releasing focus on a specific outcome. This leads to successful results for everyone involved.



Dr. Cheryl Sundari Dembe