

PITT LAW AND THE INNOVATION PRACTICE INSTITUTE PRESENT  
THE INNOVATION LAW LECTURE:

# “Are Patents Good for Science?”



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In recent speeches, President Barack Obama has emphasized the importance of innovation in social welfare and has suggested that patenting and job growth are intimately related. In her lecture, Dreyfuss explores these critical assumptions, the increasing complexity of the patent ecosystem, the impact of the burgeoning patent system on basic science, and other strategies for facilitating knowledge production. She ends with a look at the political economy of patent lawmaking and considers the potential impact of the new America Invents Act on scientific research.

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