

### Cocktails & Chromosomes—join us!

We've taken CSHL science to an unlikely place: the local pub! With Cocktails & Chromosomes, the Lab is participating in a phenomenon called the “science café.” Across the globe, non-scientists are gathering in bars and coffee shops to interact with scientists interested in sharing their academic insights. Armed with just a microphone—no slides, and strict orders to leave scientific jargon at the door—our researchers are letting neighbors in on the “WOW!” of their work.

Two of our investigators, Steve Shea and Tony Zador, have already been on stage at Finley's in Huntington, NY. Coming up are cancer researcher Chris Vakoc and plant biologist Zach Lippman. Keep up with all CSHL public events at [cshl.edu](http://cshl.edu), where you can sign up for our monthly email newsletter.



### WSBS honorary degrees to a senior statesman and a scientific scholar

On the occasion of its 13th Commencement Convocation, the Watson School of Biological Sciences presented honorary degrees to Senator Tom Harkin and Dr. John Tooze.

Senator Harkin served for 10 years in the U.S. House of Representatives and five terms in the U.S. Senate, where his signature legislative achievement was the Americans with Disabilities Act. As chairman of the Senate panel that funds medical research, he was a champion of research on cardiovascular disease, cancer, Alzheimer's and other diseases. After succeeding Ted Kennedy as the Chairman of the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee in 2009, Senator Harkin retired from the Senate in 2015.



Dr. John Tooze is credited with invaluable contributions to the scientific enterprise. He served for 20 years as the Executive Secretary of the European Molecular Biology Organization (EMBO) and oversaw scientific infrastructure at the Imperial Cancer Research Fund/Cancer Research UK in London and at Rockefeller University in New York City. Dr. Tooze has had notable influence in scientific publishing as Deputy Editor of *Nature* and founding editor of the *The EMBO Journal*. CSHL Press published his influential *The Molecular Biology of Tumor Viruses* in 1974. Dr. Tooze has collaborated with Jim Watson and others on books and textbooks on topics in DNA, recombinant DNA and protein structure.