

Stephenson School of Biomedical Engineering Industry Seminar Series
Presents
A Few Early Lessons in Entrepreneurship



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Much to my dismay, most of the research for my graduate thesis was sponsored by industry. But, it was through this experience I discovered the value of working with industry. I had a 'sneak peek' of the complexities leading to a pharmaceutical product. At The University of Kansas, I have had the opportunity to continue working with industry and to co-found several companies. This talk will briefly offer stories leading to new companies and industry collaborations highlighting successes, failures, and a few lessons learned.