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My long-term interest is to understand how the cellular genome is duplicated during the cell cycle. In the course of growth and division, eukaryotic cells duplicate their genomes with remarkable fidelity. The precision of this process depends in large measure upon stringent regulatory mechanisms that couple DNA replication to cell cycle progression. Initiation must be triggered at the appropriate time in the cell cycle at many hundreds or thousands of separate sites (origins of DNA replication) in the parental chromosomes. However, initiation must be prevented at these same sites in the newly

synthesized daughter chromosomes. These controls ensure that each DNA segment in the genome is duplicated in a timely fashion exactly once each cell cycle.

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EVENT



[Memorial Sloan Kettering Celebrates at Convocation and Commencement Ceremony](#)

Degrees were presented and awards were given at the 35th annual ceremony held on May 14.

FEATURE



[Out of the Lab and into the World: Scientific and Medical Inventions Benefit Cancer Patients](#)

Memorial Sloan Kettering scientists, physicians, and administrators are developing and commercializing research discoveries to generate more-effective and affordable cancer treatments.



[Thomas Kelly Honored](#)

Sloan Kettering Institute Director Thomas J. Kelly is the co-recipient of the 2010 Louisa Gross Horwitz Prize from Columbia University.

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Achievements

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- Doctor of Science, honoris causa, Louis V. Gerstner, Jr. Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences 2014
- Louisa Gross Horwitz Prize 2010
- Johns Hopkins Society of Scholars 2010
- Alfred P. Sloan Jr Prize, General Motors Cancer Research Foundation

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