**EBOLA**

World Health Organization has stated:

“Ebola virus disease (EVD) first appeared in 1976 in 2 simultaneous outbreaks, one in Nzara, Sudan, and the other in Yambuku, Democratic Republic of Congo. The current outbreak in west Africa, (first cases notified in March 2014), is the largest and most complex Ebola outbreak since the Ebola virus was first discovered in 1976. There have been more cases and deaths in this outbreak than all others combined. It has also spread between countries starting in Guinea then spreading across land borders to Sierra Leone and Liberia, by air (1 traveller only) to Nigeria, and by land (1 traveller) to Senegal.

The most severely affected countries, Guinea, Sierra Leone and Liberia have very weak health systems, lacking human and infrastructural resources, having only recently emerged from long periods of conflict and instability. On August 8, the WHO Director-General declared this outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern.

It is thought that fruit bats of the Pteropodidae family are natural Ebola virus hosts. Ebola is introduced into the human population through close contact with the blood, secretions, organs or other bodily fluids of infected animals such as chimpanzees, gorillas, fruit bats, monkeys, forest antelope and porcupines found ill or dead or in the rainforest.

Ebola then spreads through human-to-human transmission via direct contact (through broken skin or mucous membranes) with the blood, secretions, organs or other bodily fluids of infected people, and with surfaces and materials (e.g. bedding, clothing) contaminated with these fluids.

People remain infectious as long as their blood and body fluids, including semen and breast milk, contain the virus. Men who have recovered from the disease can still transmit the virus through their semen for [up to 101 days] after recovery from illness.”

**AGENDA**

5:15pm-5:45pm:
Tables will be located in the atrium to sign-up for CME and CLE credit

5:30pm-5:45pm:
Introduction of Panel Facilitator and Speakers

5:45pm-7:00pm:
Panelists will discuss what they perceive as the greatest issues to consider are and how public policy makers should approach them

7:00pm-7:30pm:
Panelists will answer questions regarding specific legal issues, public policy issues, and issues of national and international security that surround the Ebola and similar global health crises.

7:30pm-8:00pm:
There will be a reception with coffee and other refreshments in the atrium for speakers, attendees, and other guests

**ACCREDITATION**

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5:30 p.m.
Robert Baker is the Director and Curator of Mammals and Genetic Resources, Natural Science Research Laboratory, Museum of TTU, and one of Texas Tech’s distinguished Horn Professors in Genome Organization, Chromosome Evolution, and Mammalogy in the Department of Biological Sciences. He has published extensively in the sciences and zoology, and his foreign experience includes over thirty months abroad in Neotropics.

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Coy Callison received his PhD from Alabama in 2000. He is professor of public relations and associate dean of graduate studies in the Texas Tech College of Media and Communication. His research focuses on using experimental methods to investigate message and source factors influencing the effects of persuasive messages and recall of information.

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AMBASSADOR TIBOR P. NAGY, JR.
Ambassador Nagy has been Vice Provost for International Affairs at Texas Tech University since 2003. He lectures nationally on Africa, foreign policy, international development, and US diplomacy – and served both as Gov. Romney’s Africa policy group chair in 2012 and on then Presidential-candidate Obama’s Africa group in 2008. Before has served as the US Ambassador to Ethiopia and to Guinea, and has also served as Deputy Ambassador in Nigeria, Cameroon, and Togo after assignments in Zambia, the Seychelles, and Washington DC. His US State Department awards include commendations for helping prevent famine in Ethiopia; supporting the evacuation of Americans from Sierra Leone during combat; and managing the US Embassy in Lagos Nigeria during political and economic crises. He was selected as runner-up for “Deputy Chief of Mission of the Year” in 1995, and knighted by the President of Guinea in 1999.

DEAN EMERITUS WALTER HUFFMAN
Dean Huffman is the Dean Emeritus of Texas Tech University School of Law, and the former Judge Advocate General of the U.S. Army. His international experience includes leading the first U.S. Army delegation to China and the Chinese Army, leading the first Defense Department delegation to sign cooperative agreements between Russian and U.S. legal agencies, serving as a three-time U.S. Army delegate to the Inter-American Bar Association.

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Victoria Sutton is the Director for the Center for Biodefense, Law, and Public Policy, and is one of Texas Tech University’s distinguished Paul Whitfield Horn Professors of Law.

Before and during her tenure as professor at Texas Tech University School of Law, Dr. Sutton has served as the political appointee for Pres. George W. Bush, the Chief Counsel for the Research and Innovative Technology Administration, and the Assistant Director in the White House Science Office for the Pres. George H. W. Bush Administration. She currently serves on Governor Rick Perry’s Task Force on Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response.

Dr. Ronald Warner
During his 23-yr career in the US Air Force, Dr. Warner served in various capacities in the Veterinary Corps and the Biomedical Sciences Corps, both state-side and overseas; his last assignments were Chief, Disease Surveillance (1987-89) and Chief, Epidemiology Services & Director, Epidemic Disease Research (1989-94) at the USAF School of Aerospace Medicine; Brooks AFB [San Antonio], TX.

Alice Young is Associate Vice President for Research and Professor of Psychological Sciences at Texas Tech University (TTU) and Professor of Pharmacology and Neuroscience at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. Her research and teaching focus on behavioral and biological processes involved in actions of psychoactive drugs, with over 20 years of NIH support for studies of drug tolerance and dependence. Her professional service has included terms as Associate Editor of Behavioural Pharmacology and The Journal of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics, membership on ADAMHA and NIH review panels, and membership on the Board of Scientific Affairs of the American Psychological Association and the Board of Directors of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence.