16th Annual Global Biosecurity Symposium

Lanier Auditorium, Law School Friday, April 21, 2017

8:30a COFFEE, ETC.

9:00a Welcome
Prof. Victoria Sutton
Director
Center for Biodefense, Law & Public Policy

9:00-10:35a
Session 1: Legal Issues in Responding to an Infectious Disease: Vaccines, Quarantines and Good Samaritans

Tyler Vesely, TTULaw ’18
The Government and Vaccines, Can We Do That?

Emily Thakar, TTULaw ’17
God Bless Texas: Should Texas Eliminate the Vaccine Exemption for Reasons of Conscience?

Chase Price, TTULaw ’18
"All Things Are Bigger In Texas: Due Process Issues of Area Quarantine"

Nicolas Northcut, TTULaw ’17
"Is the Good Samaritan Really Good? A Look into How Good Samaritan Laws Could Limit First Responder Effectiveness During A Bio-terror Attack."

10:35a-10:50a BREAK

10:50a-12:00noon
Session 2: After a Biological Attack or Infectious Disease Event

Lionel "Jake" Roach, TTULaw ’18
The Disability Benefit Implications of an Intentional Biological Attack

Kristyn Urban Sorensen, TTULaw ’17
Biological Warfare and Environmental Decontamination Post-Exposure: Who Is Responsible?

Uzochukwu Onkonkwo, TTULaw ’18
Human Life and the Environment, Is There a Balance?

12:00-1:15p

LUNCH & KEYNOTE
Keynote Speakers
Cheryl Erwin, Ph.D., J.D.
Director, Medical Bioethics Program
TTU Health Sciences Center
and
Sheri Dacso, Partner, Seyforth Shaw
Ethical Challenges in Biosecurity and the Lawyer’s Obligations

1:30a-3:00p
Session 3: The Promise of the Biological Weapons Convention

Daniel Willingham TTULaw ’17
A Fresh Threat: Will Cas9 Lead to CRISPR Bioweapons?

Carder Brooks, TTULaw ’17
Classifying and Regulating Biological Agents in the United States: Problems Posed to Global Biosecurity

Sarah Scrivner, TTULaw ’17
Regulations & Resolutions: Does the BWC Prevent Terrorists from Accessing Bioweapons?

Awards

3:00-5:00p
Reception
Journal for Biosecurity, Biosafety & Biodefense
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Editor-in-Chief, Associate Editors
& Announcement of new Board of Editors for 2017-2018

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