Ebola Virus: Respect, not Fear

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Lecture: Our world has lost hundreds of millions of lives due to a number of infectious diseases throughout history. Today, the largest outbreak of Ebola that has killed just thousands has caused disproportionate fear. While a general respect of the virus’s mortality rate is warranted to prevent spread, we should not fear Ebola. This class will unpack the facts of the Ebola virus in the context of other pandemics that have shaped humanity and the world we live in today.

Instructor: Bethany Weigele, Ph.D., received her undergraduate degree from Trinity University, San Antonio, in the field of Chemistry and graduate degree in Molecular Microbiology from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas where she studied the mechanisms of infection of pathogens such as Salmonella and Legionella. Now at Arizona State in the Office of University Initiatives, she applies her research skills to rejuvenate higher education to better meet the needs of the people and communities ASU serves.

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