“Prevention and Extermination of the Global Ebola Outbreak”

Event: Panel Discussion

Time: December 3rd at 10:30 AM

Location: Uptown SUNY Campus, University at Albany
Lecture Center 22

Welcoming: Dean David Rousseau and Dr. Kamiar Alaei

Panelists:
Moderator: Dr. Kirsten St. George - Chief of the Laboratory of Viral Diseases, NYS Department of Health
Panelist: Mrs. Susannah Sirkin – Director of International Policy, Physicians for Human Rights (SKYPE)
Panelist: Dr. Birkhead - Deputy Commissioner, NYS Department of Health:
Panelist: Dr. Paul Agris - Director of RNA Institute
Panelist: Dr. Misha Robyn - Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer, Center for Disease Control & Prevention

Pizza and refreshments will be served!
Program:

Welcoming by David Rousseau and Kamiar Alaei (4 minutes)
Video and discussion of Nurse in Maine (Kaci Hickox) (3 minutes)

Topics of Discussion (Each Panelist talks for 12-15 minutes & 30 Q/A):

• First, the panelists will communicate the facts of the disease and demystify the potential of the virus.

• Second, the panelists will discuss the potential of the virus mutating its delivery, its stability, etc. when the numbers of infected individuals (and viral load in the population) have risen as high as in West Africa.

• Third, the panelists will discuss the need for wealthier nations to assist when there is an outbreak in nations that do not have the health worker capacity to adequately respond. Also wealthier nations need to send aid to establish sane, scientifically based, international health security protocols.

• Fourth, the panelists will discuss thoughts on how state government, national communities, and international communities approach prevention and extermination of Ebola.

• Fifth, the panelists will consider whether Ebola is a “health security” issue since there are many debates on how to approach suspected cases and the controversy between state and federal levels. Also, what are the rights of health care workers who come from affected region such as Kaci Hickox?