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Bioterrorism, economic impact forums set

By **Jeff Samoray**, *OU Web Writer*

Oakland University is hosting two forums on Tuesday, Oct. 30, to discuss two major issues related to the war on terrorism and the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the United States.

One of the forums will focus on "Bioterrorism," while the other will address the "Economic Impact: Locally and Globally" of the Sept. 11 attacks. Both forums are open to the public at no charge.

The "Bioterrorism" forum will discuss biological agents, such as anthrax, how these agents can affect us and how we can combat them.

"We have people available to us on our own faculty and our partner institutions who are knowledgeable on the subject," said Randy Hansen, interim vice provost of research and graduate study. "The intent is to provide people with knowledge about the biological agents and also allow people to ask questions."

Members of the panel include experts from William Beaumont Hospital, Oakland University's Biological Sciences Department and the Auburn Hills Fire Department.

Janet Blanks, Ph.D., director of the Eye Research Institute, professor of Biomedical Sciences and chair of the university's Institutional Biosafety Committee, will moderate. Other panel members include Gabrielle Stryker, assistant professor of Biological Sciences at OU; Marcus Zervos, M.D., director of the Research Institute at William Beaumont Hospital; Craig Petersen, lieutenant fire inspector for the City of Auburn Hills Fire Department; and Shane Bies, M.P.H., epidemiologist for the Oakland County Health Department, Communicable Diseases Division.

The forum, sponsored by the vice president of student affairs, the vice president of academic affairs and provost, and the vice provost for research and graduate study, is scheduled for 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. in 201 Dodge Hall.

The "Economic Impact: Locally and Globally" forum is the fourth in the "Attack on America" series hosted by the **Center for Student Activities**.

The forum, set for noon-1 p.m. in the Oakland Center's Fireside Lounge, includes panelists Ron Tracy and Addington Coppin, associate professors of Economics at OU, and Robert Fish, CEO of CSM Worldwide and an eyewitness to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York City.

For more information on the economic impact forum, contact the **Center for Student Activities** at (248) 370-2400 or csa@oakland.edu.

For more information on the bioterrorism forum, visit the **Bioterrorism Panel Discussion** Web page, which includes a list of related links on bioterrorism/biodefense, anthrax and other resources.

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