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Ebola Forum Hosted by Pharmacy, Nursing Faculty

CEDARVILLE, OHIO – What is Ebola? How is it contracted, and what are some ways to prevent it from spreading? These topics and more will be shared at a special Ebola Forum on Thursday, Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. in the Patterson Park Church auditorium. The event is open to the public and is free of charge.

Leading the forum is Ginger Cameron, Ph.D., epidemiologist and assistant dean of the School of Pharmacy. Other panelists include Dennis Sullivan, M.D., director of the Center for Bioethics, Randy Johnson, Ph.D., professor of nursing, and Phillip Thornton, Ph.D., associate professor of pharmacy practice.

The purpose of the forum is to bring clarity to the Ebola conversation that is in today's news. The presenting faculty will outline information that will help residents gain a better understanding of the illness. The forum will conclude with a question and answer period.

"Our purpose in holding a forum on Ebola is to educate residents in the Miami Valley on this subject," said Marc Sweeney, Pharm.D., dean of the School of Pharmacy. "It is understandable that there may be confusion about how a person can get Ebola or spread it. We intend to bring the topic to an understandable level so when we leave the forum, everyone has a better knowledge of the situation and can be better prepared should the illness reach the Miami Valley."

The event is sponsored by Cedarville University. Patterson Park Church, selected for its convenience to residents in the Dayton region, is located at 3655 E. Patterson Road, Beavercreek, Ohio.

About the Presenters:

Ginger Cameron, Ph.D.

Assistant Dean of School of Pharmacy and Assistant Professor of Pharmacy Practice

Dr. Ginger Cameron has worked with the military and their families as well as the underserved during her career. She has presented nationally and has worked in education for over 15 years. Dr. Cameron has designed both corporate and community wellness programs, hosted numerous community health fairs, and launched a national health campaign. Her research interests are in post-traumatic stress disorder as well as occupational and behavioral health.

Education and Credentials

Ph.D. in Public Health, Walden University

M.S. in Public Health, Walden University

M.A. in Higher Education, Central Michigan University

B.A. in English, Union University

Dennis Sullivan, M.D.

Director of the Center of Bioethics

Dr. Dennis Sullivan serves as Professor of Biology and Director of the Center for Bioethics. Before coming to Cedarville in 1996, Dr. Sullivan served as a medical missionary in Haiti and Central African Republic. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the Christian Medical Association, and the Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity.

Education and Credentials

M.D. Case Western Reserve University

M.A. in Bioethics, Trinity University

B.S. in Chemistry, Youngstown State University

Diplomat of the American Board of Surgery

Fellow of the American College of Surgeons

Randy Johnson, Ph.D., RN, ARNP

Professor of Nursing

Dr. Randall Johnson serves as professor of nursing and has been at Cedarville since 2009. He taught for 10 years prior to joining the Cedarville University faculty. He is also a pediatric clinical specialist.

Education and Credentials

Ph.D. from the University of Central Florida

M.S.N. University of Pennsylvania
B.S.N. Cedarville University

Phillip Thornton, Ph.D.

Vice Chair of Experiential Programs and Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice

Dr. Phillip Thornton began his career in geriatric pharmacy with a specific interest in alleviating adverse drug events. His career has centered on geriatric pharmacy and pharmacy education, most notably in experiential education. His research interests include outcomes of geriatric syndromes (most notably Alzheimer's disease and heart failure) and experiential education and preceptor development. He has extensive clinical experience in geriatrics in long-term care facilities, geriatric primary care, and acute care. He has published manuscripts and textbooks on geriatrics and experiential education.

Education and Credentials

Ph.D. in Pharmacology, Wake Forest University

Postdoctoral fellowship in Alzheimer's disease, Institute for Brain Aging and Dementia at University of California, Irvine

B.S. in Pharmacy, University of Cincinnati