

CALL FOR PAPERS

Call for Papers for the Section on Biolaw, Co-sponsored by Section on National Security Program at the AALS Annual Meeting

The Section on Biolaw is pleased to announce a Call for Papers from which two or three additional presenters will be selected for the section's program to be held during the AALS 2019 Annual Meeting in New Orleans on Biosecurity Law.

Biosecurity Law: Keeping up with Biotechnology

The threat of a global pandemic, from emerging infectious diseases like Ebola and Zika, the lone bioterrorist or the nation-state bioweapons program, have all shaped the growing area of biosecurity law. While the World Health Organization implements the first binding international health regulations for global public health, and the United Nations, Biological Weapons Convention program guards against state bioweapons programs the rapidly advancing field of biotechnology challenges these not-so-old legal frameworks.

Horsepox was synthesized last year and CRISPR and its versions allow almost anyone to engineer life. New bioweapons affecting and using neurotransmitters or neurological attacks like those sustained by the U.S. Embassy personnel in Cuba raise new challenges for international law. Do the existing international legal frameworks still continue to be viable against biothreats? Is there a future for the Biological Weapons Convention? How have biological threats risen to a national security threat? What next? This panel will address some of these questions and the papers will be published in the next volume of *The Journal for Biosecurity, Biosafety and Biodefense Law*.

Paper :

Papers should be 7,000-8,000 words in length in a law review style. They will be reviewed by the Biolaw Officers and Executive Committee. The topics should fall within the broad program description. Please include the author's name and contact information with the paper.

Papers to be published in law journal:

Journal for Biosecurity, Biosafety and Biodefense Law, since 2008, a Texas Tech University School of Law official e-journal, with international distribution and published by DeGruyter.

Submission method and due date:

Papers should be submitted electronically to Professor Victoria Sutton at Vickie.sutton@ttu.edu. The due date for submission is **August 15, 2018**. The author of the selected paper(s) will be notified by **September 27, 2018**. The Call for Paper presenters will be responsible for paying their registration fee and hotel and travel expenses.

Submission review:

Papers will be selected after review by Officers and members of the Executive Committee of the Biolaw Section.

Inquiries or questions:

Any inquiries about the Call for Papers should be submitted to: *Prof. Victoria Sutton, Texas Tech University*, Vickie.sutton@ttu.edu, 806-834-1752.