



## Zika Task Force Members



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Dr. Weaver is a virologist and vector biologist who advances our understanding of arthropod-borne viruses (arboviruses), their mosquito vectors, and develops vaccines to control the diseases that they cause. As a faculty member at the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) since 1994, he has developed an internationally acclaimed research program encompassing the ecology and epidemiology of enzootic arbovirus transmission cycles, virus-mosquito interactions, and emergence mechanisms of epidemic strains. Dr. Weaver utilizes his broad training to develop innovative, interdisciplinary approaches that have had major impacts on our understanding of arboviral disease emergence. These include Venezuelan equine encephalitis virus, for which the international research groups he has led determined the ecological and evolutionary sources as well as mechanisms of epidemic strain emergence. Dr. Weaver's recent studies have focused on chikungunya virus (CHIKV), its history of emergence from wildlife African cycles, mosquito-adaptive evolution and its viral genetic constraints. His research on tropical arboviral diseases has included major field studies in Venezuela, Colombia, Peru, Mexico, Panama, Senegal and Kenya. Dr. Weaver has also developed promising new, patented vaccines for each of these arboviral diseases. The CHIKV vaccine developed in his laboratory, licensed to Takeda Pharmaceuticals and patented in 19 countries, is in late preclinical evaluation nearing clinical trials. Dr. Weaver's research has led to over 255 peer-reviewed publications in outstanding journals, and over 50 reviews and book chapters. He has mentored 18 PhD students as well as 23 postdoctoral fellows, and most have gone on into prominent, independent scientific positions in government, academia and industry.

Dr. Weaver's research and educational contributions have been recognized by many awards, both locally at UTMB and internationally. Most recently, he received the Walter Reed medal awarded every three years by the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene for distinguished career accomplishments in tropical medicine research. He has held leadership positions in many national and international organizations, including currently as councilor for the American Society for Virology and Chair of the Global Virus Network's Chikungunya Task Force. He also serves as an editor for several major tropical medicine and microbiology journals. At UTMB, Dr. Weaver serves as Director of the Institute for Human Infections and Immunity (IHII), which oversees infectious disease research as the administrative home of the Galveston National Laboratory (one of two NIH-funded national biocontainment facilities), the Sealy Center for Vaccine Development, the Center for Biodefense and Emerging Infectious Diseases and the Center for Tropical Diseases. He is also Scientific Director of the Galveston National Laboratory, and Interim Chair of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology.



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conducts detailed analyses at the molecular, cellular, and organism level. They also explore how viruses evolve rapidly to evade host innate and adaptive immune responses yet maintain fitness. Finally, studies on the structural, molecular, and cellular basis of antibody neutralization of viruses have spurred vaccine and antibody-based therapeutic development. In summary, the Diamond laboratory focuses on both the virus and the host to define basic mechanisms of viral pathogenesis, host immunity, and cellular homeostasis, which can be utilized to mitigate disease.



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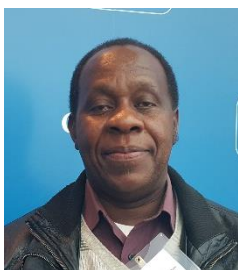




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fatal nosocomial outbreak in Johannesburg in 2008 he led the discovery of a new Old World Arenavirus, he named Lujo virus. In 2014 he established Ebola diagnostic mobile laboratory in Sierra Leone as a part of WHO-GOARN Ebola outbreak response in West Africa in 2014-2016. Prof. Paweska is a Lead of South African Global Health Security Agenda in Zoonotic Disease, and a member of a number advisory/expert working groups/committees, including Bioweapon Working Committee of the South African Council for Non-Proliferation, South African Ministry of Health Advisory Committee on Ebola, WHO Global Outbreak & Alert Response Network, WHO Emerging and Dangerous Pathogens Laboratory Network, WHO Technical Group for orthopoxvirus/smallpox virus laboratory diagnostics, WHO Ebola Virus Persistence Study Independent Data Monitoring Committee and the International Committee for Taxonomy of Viruses (ICTV) *Filoviridae* Study Group.



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