



CENTER FOR VETERINARY HEALTH SCIENCES **Friday Bit for Alumni and Friends**

THE ART OF DARKNESS »

It's coming.

I'm not talking about those long nights, but the misinterpreted slumber of bugs. Yes. Those.

Non-dead organisms that thrive on sunlight and warmth hang about for the dark times. Don't be disabused of the fact that there's probably a nasty coven of evil parasites about to launch. Darkness can't be presumed as no-activity or non-production time.

As veterinarians, you know that the ecosystem of biological beasts is not likely to be in resting mode. **Ever.** So, here's just a few terrors on my mind as I ponder time change, All Hallows, coronal mass ejections and pests living on or within a host.

Fleas - spawning like rabbits in the springtime.

Fungi - insidiously creepy.

Mites - hiding in the soil, sly suckers.

Worms, worms, worms - you've had 'em? No? Lucky.

Ticks - resisting to head south for the winter, they stalk their prey. Relentlessly.

Mosquitos - feeding on, well, us.

Super bugs and cold period activity? Is the influx the result of climate change?

Well.... maybe.

Researchers are on that. Bug data, you know, it's hard to quantify because measurement is tricky.

One thing is certain; climate and the ways we humans manage it, has the potential to affect animals, humans and the earth. That's some dark-arts-horror. **One Health** has never been more important.

CLASS OF 1963 DISTINGUISHED LECTURE »

The **Class of 1963** presents **Laura H. Kahn, MD, MPH, MPP, FACP** lecturing on "**One Health and the Politics of Antimicrobial Resistance**" based on her [book](#) of that title, **Thursday, November 9, 11:30 a.m.** in the auditorium of **Wes Watkins Center**. (The exhibit hall will close during the lecture.)

NEW for 2017, the lecture is available to veterinary students on **Wednesday, November 8, 6:30 p.m. at Wes Watkins Center**. Bug space wars are on. Armor up.

View Dr. Kahn's [bio](#)

TEXAS - THE BRIGHT ORANGE HAS ARRIVED »

Find us at **Southwest Veterinary Symposium, Booth #4 - today through September 24** at the **Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center, San Antonio**. Register for door prizes at #4 and attend the Hill's sponsored alumni reception at **Lonesome Dove - River Level** of the center, **Friday, Sept. 22, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m.** The reception is complimentary to all registered professional attendees and registered guests. Dance to the

entertainment of **Cactus Country Western Band**. Stop by the **Hill's Booth #300** for a **free drink ticket** for the **cash bar**.

FRIDAY. Why is Monday like a giant alien insect infestation?

GIVE & BE change for alumni programs.



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