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THE COMING PLAGUE AUTHOR TO LECTURE AT UT SOUTHWESTERN

DALLAS — October 6, 1995 — Health and science reporter Laurie Garrett, who wrote about the global threat of emerging infectious diseases in her 1994 book *The Coming Plague*, will lecture at UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas Wednesday, Oct. 25.

UT Southwestern's infectious disease division extended the invitation to Garrett, whose book, subtitled *Newly Emerging Diseases in a World Out of Balance*, helped spark the public's fascination with microbiological nightmares. The book is particularly noteworthy because of its scientific documentation.

"She has written an outstanding book," said Dr. Robert Munford, the Jan and Henri Bromberg Professor in Internal Medicine and a professor of microbiology. "It is an excellent overview of what has happened in emerging infectious diseases over the last 25 years."

In a review in *The New England Journal of Medicine*, doctors from the World Health Organization and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said, "*The Coming Plague* is a must for public-health policy makers, but anyone intrigued by the biologic sciences will find it of considerable interest."

Garrett is an award-winning *Newsday* reporter and has worked as a freelancer for National Public Radio, *Omni* magazine and other publications and network news organizations.

Her noon lecture in the Tom and Lula Gooch Auditorium on UT Southwestern's South Campus, is open to the public.

"I think it will be entertaining and interesting for anyone who takes the time to attend," Munford said.

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