Department of Human Ecology is sponsoring a science café on

**Zika Virus: Myths and Facts**
A conversation about new diseases, risk communication and climate change

*Facilitated by Dr. Peter Guarnaccia, Dr. Rebecca Jordan and Dr. Mary Nucci.*

**Monday, March 21st, 2016, 2:00-3:00 pm**
**Cook Campus Center, Room 202 B**
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Zika virus emerged suddenly in the world’s consciousness with an epidemic of birth defects among children in Brazil. Faculty from Human Ecology will lead a discussion of the emergence of the Zika Virus within the context of risk and uncertainty about newly emerging diseases. We will look at what we know about the Zika Virus; where it came from and how it emerged; and what misinformation emerged with it. We will frame the discussion in the context of risk communication and socioeconomic disparities. We will look at its connection to other diseases like Dengue and Chikungunya that are carried by the same mosquito. We will also place the emergence of Zika within the context of global climate change.

*Light refreshments will be served.*