

# SATURDAY SCIENCE

## Is Zika such a big deal now because it's changed?

A public lecture by  
**Dr. Rebecca Christofferson**

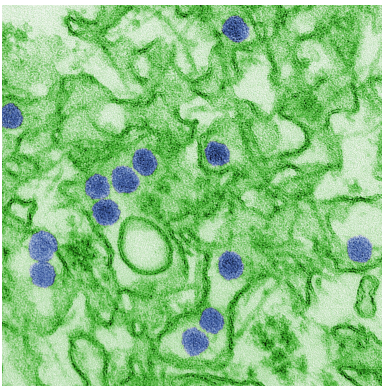
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### About the Speaker

Dr. Rebecca Christofferson is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Pathobiological Sciences' College of Veterinary Medicine at LSU. Her work focuses on ways to better inform model parameters that best explain & predict transmission, expansion, & emergence of biological public health threats.

Zika virus has been around for a long time. It was first identified in 1947 in Uganda and has circulated in Africa for years. So why did it become such a huge thing in South America? Why all of a sudden is it such a threat to pregnant women and their babies? By examining the history of Zika through reading what other scientists have done and by doing experiments on Zika in the lab, we can get closer to answering those questions.



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