Dr. Wilson will provide an introduction to the National Bio- and Agro-defense Facility built by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to be transferred to and operated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). This new facility will allow the transfer of the USDA’s Foreign Animal Diseases diagnostic and research missions from the Plum Island Animal Disease Center to Manhattan, KS. This state-of-the-art facility will also add BLS-3 and ABSL-4 capabilities expanding the mission to include zoonotic or “One Health” diagnostic and research capabilities. He will also give a brief presentation of ongoing and future research by the Foreign Arthropod-Borne Animals Disease Research Unit where he conducts his personal research as a molecular virologist including Japanese Encephalitis Virus, Rift Valley fever virus and SARS-CoV-2. Please join us for an informal discussion of NBAF capabilities and potential area of common interests.

Thursday, September 15, 2022
Drachman Hall
Room A114 at 3:30 PM