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Public Health, Outbreaks and Tales from the Field

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa — The University of Northern Iowa Department of Biology will host public health professional, Susann Ahrabi-Fard, as part of its Alumnus in Residence yearly series, on Thursday, April 13, at 3 p.m. in McCollum Science Hall room 001.

Ahrabi-Fard will speak on “Public Health, Outbreaks and Tales from the Field: 20 years of Communicable Disease Surveillance” focusing particularly on meningitis, rabies, monkey pox, zika and ebola.

For the last 18 years, she has served as a Communicable Disease Epidemiologist for the Wisconsin Division of Public Health. In her current role, she conducts disease surveillance for numerous diseases, responds to outbreaks and participates in national outbreak investigations including anthrax, H1N1, ebola and zika virus. She will also describe her career in public health and share stories from her unique experiences in the field.

Ahrabi-Fard graduated from the University of Northern Iowa receiving her Bachelor of

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Arts in 1991 and Master of Science in 1994. She was selected for a national “Emerging Infectious Disease Laboratory Training Fellowship” through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). During her fellowship, she was stationed at the Wisconsin State Laboratory of Hygiene where she completed rotations in bacteriology, tuberculosis and virology.