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Biographical Sketch

Dr. Aron is assisting the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), regional office of the World Health Organization for the Americas, in developing a project to integrate geospatial data in the health, agriculture, and environment sectors for use in promoting and sustaining food and nutrition security in Central America. Dr. Aron is an advisor to the Health Portal, which is part of the Digital Universe in development by ManyOne and its partners [http://www.manyone.net/homesite/tomorrow]. Dr. Aron is also working on infectious disease models with the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory Nonlinear Dynamical Systems Section and an inter-American collaborative that formed the Climate and Health Information Exchange (CHIEX) [http://chiex.net], with a particular emphasis on dengue transmission.

Dr. Aron is the lead editor of *Ecosystem Change and Public Health: A Global Perspective*, the first graduate-level textbook on this topic. This text, published by the Johns Hopkins University Press, has been deemed outstanding by NASA's Earth Science Education Product Peer Review and meets all the criteria for high quality in the NSF Digital Library for Earth System Education (DLESE). She is working with the Universities Space Research Association (USRA) on Earth System Science Education for the 21st Century (ESSE21), a program funded by NASA to support the development of courses, curricula, and degree programs in earth system science in U.S. colleges and universities. She is the Science Program Coordinator for the 2005 Inter-American Training Institute on Climate and Health in the Americas [http://www.iai.int] and previously coordinated the first regional PAHO/WHO conference and workshop on climate and health effects in the Caribbean.

Dr. Aron is the Executive Director of the Maryland Mathematics & Science Coalition (MMSC), part of a National Alliance of State Science & Mathematics Coalitions (NASSMC) working to improve mathematics, science, and technology education. She has spurred the formation of a Howard County, Maryland business-education partnership that addresses systemic reform in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education with the objective of applying NASSMC/MMSC coalition ideas for Howard County's benefit and as a demonstration for state-level planning.

Dr. Aron is President and Founder of Science Communication Studies, a nonprofit research and education organization in Columbia, Maryland, formed for cross-disciplinary communication of science. Its focus areas are (1) environmental issues in public health, (2) mathematical modeling, especially the dynamics and control of infectious diseases linking information from multiple disciplines, and (3) advances in mathematics, science, and technology education. She is also on the associate faculty of the Dept. of Epidemiology in the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She received her B.A. in Applied Mathematics from Harvard, Diploma in Mathematical Statistics from Cambridge, Ph.D. in (Mathematical) Biology from Princeton and M.Sc. in Information Technology Management from Johns Hopkins.

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