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Designated a National Book Award Finalist for *When Smoke Ran Like Water* (2002, Basic Books), Devra Davis is Director of the world's first Center for Environmental Oncology at the University of Pittsburgh Cancer Institute and Professor of Epidemiology at the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public Health. Her recent book, *The Secret History of the War on Cancer*, was a top pick by Newsweek and is being used at major schools of public health, including Harvard, Emory, and Tulane University. The multidisciplinary Center for Environmental Oncology includes experts in medicine, basic research, engineering and public policy, who will develop cutting-edge studies to identify the causes of cancer and propose policies to reduce the risks of the disease.

Dr. Davis's career has spanned all areas of academia, public policy, and scientific research. President Clinton appointed the Honorable Dr. Davis to the newly established Chemical Safety and Hazard Investigation Board, (1994-99) an independent executive branch agency that investigates, prevents, and mitigates chemical accidents. As the former Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Health in the Department of Health and Human Services, she has counseled leading officials in the United States, United Nations, World Health Organization, and World Bank.

She also served as a Lead Author of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change—the group awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007 with the Honorable Al Gore.

Dr. Davis holds a B.S. in physiological psychology and a M.A. in Sociology from the University of Pittsburgh. She completed a Ph.D. in science studies at the University of Chicago as a Danforth Foundation Graduate Fellow and a M.P.H. in epidemiology at the Johns Hopkins University as a Senior National Cancer Institute Post-Doctoral Fellow. She has also authored more than 190 publications in books and journals ranging from the *Lancet* and *Journal of the American Medical Association* to *Scientific American* and the *New York Times*.

Honored for her research and public policy work by various national and international groups, she is member of both the American Colleges of Toxicology and of Epidemiology. She was honored by the Betty Ford Comprehensive Cancer Center and the American Cancer Society with the Breast Cancer Awareness Award, commended by the Director of the National Cancer Institute for Outstanding Service, and has recently been appointed a Global Environmental advisor to Newsweek Magazine.

The recipient of a Women's Leadership Exchange Compass Award, presented by OPEN: The Small Business Network from American Express, for breaking the paradigms of how women are perceived, Dr. Davis received the first Lisa Zhang Environmental Award from the United Nations in July 2008.