

Global Health

The Center for Global Health is a central hub of expertise and support for global health initiatives across the Mass General ecosystem.



February 2024 Monthly Global Health Community Newsletter

Here are your February community updates:

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If you have an item to include in a future newsletter, let us know! Please write to us at cghadmin@mgh.harvard.edu.

Upcoming Events



Global Health Grand Rounds **"The Mouth Speaks to Physicians: Integrated Patient Management"**

Tuesday, March 5th
8 am - 9 am EST

<https://partners.zoom.us/j/84125998327>

with

Donna Hackley, DMD, MA, MPH
Assistant Professor, Office of Global and Community Health, Department of Oral Health Policy and Epidemiology, Harvard School of Dental Medicine



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Jane Barrow, MS

Executive Director, HSDM Initiative to Integrate Oral Health and Medicine Director, Office of Global and Community Health, Department of Oral Health Policy and Epidemiology, Harvard School of Dental Medicine

Our next Global Health Grand Rounds features **Donna Hackley, DMD, MA, MPH**, **Eleana Stoufi, DMD, MSc, PhD**, and **Jane Barrow, MS**, from the Department of Oral Health Policy and Epidemiology at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine.

Consortium for Universities in Global Health (CUGH)
The Village: in-person satellite session

Thursday March 7th
1 - 4 pm PT
Westin Bonaventure Hotel
Los Angeles, CA, USA

Satellite ID: SA08, Room: San Gabriel B

Aiming to generate grassroots solutions for improved health outcomes worldwide, "The Village is an innovative digital platform that creates matches in mentorship, training, funding and collaboration. Founded on the Ubuntu principle 'I am because you are,' The Village was conceived to break down barriers, grow networks, and foster a community that values meaningful interaction."

The Village facilitates "decolonized approaches to publishing and promoting research and career development content." For more information, please visit www.globalhealthvillage.org.

This in-person Los Angeles event is free and open to all.

Please register at this link:
www.cugh2024.org/registration

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GLOBAL HEALTH INSTITUTE



2024 Global Health Symposium

Partnerships in Action

April 18th, 2024 | Hybrid

Welcoming all global and Harvard partners, colleagues, and friends

Registration is now OPEN to attend virtually!

Register now: bit.ly/HGHI2024

Harvard Global Health Institute's 2024 Global Health Symposium

Thursday, April 18th
9 am - 4:15 pm ET
Hybrid

[Click here to register to attend virtually.](#)

[View the event program](#)

With a theme centered on partnerships in action, the 2024 symposium is set to bring together a host of esteemed health experts from Harvard University and beyond to showcase innovative, action-oriented strategies aimed at advancing global health equity. The opening keynote address will be delivered by [Dr. David Walton, MD, MPH](#), the U.S. Global Malaria Coordinator for the U.S. President's Malaria Initiative, who will illuminate the progress made and challenges faced in Malaria control and elimination efforts. The symposium's agenda will include discussions on topics such as global health financing and governance, the nexus of climate change and health, the complexities surrounding research, science, and service delivery, and the utilization of AI for global health enhancement. Concluding the event, [Dr. María del Rocio Sáenz Madrigal, MD](#), Executive Director of the Network of the Americas for Health Equity, will present on the development of sustainable immunization programs through meaningful partnership and collaboration.

SAVE THE DATE:

MGH Global Health Expo

May 20, 2024

10 - 2 pm ET

Their 101 Conference Room
Mass General campus, Boston, MA



The MGH Global Health Expo, hosted annually by the Center for Global Health, provides an opportunity to engage with the MGH community and learn about global and local health equity initiatives across MGH.

[For more info, visit the event website.](#)

Funding Opportunities



Nominate a global partner or a MGH employee for the 2024 MGH Global Health Service Award Program (GHSA)

The GHSA was established to encourage dedication in global health, recognize those who are advancing clinical care for underserved populations and emphasize the benefits of global collaboration in healthcare. All employees of MGH and global partners are eligible for an award under this program. The awardees will be announced and honored at our annual Global Health Expo in May. [Find more information here.](#)

- **Harvard Global Health Institute (HGHI) Burke Global Health Fellowship** – **APPLICATIONS DUE BY 5 PM ET ON MARCH 8** – The HGHI Burke Global Health Fellowship is a 12-month program that provides funding for research and curriculum development. There are two categories of fellowship awards: a Research Award (\$75,000) and a Curriculum Development and Teaching Award (\$25,000). Recipients will also receive funding for professional development and up to \$5,000 towards attending a qualifying research conference or networking event. See the HGHI website linked above for more info, or visit **the Burke Global Health Fellowship website here** for a detailed list of qualifications and expectations.
 - **MGH Global Health Community Engagement Awards** – These awards aim to improve health equity and support community-based projects, humanitarian opportunities and requests for specialized assistance from NGOs. MGH staff and faculty are eligible for the awards, and their collaborators from partner institutions are also eligible. So... do you have a community partner with whom you collaborate? This award funding could be quite strategically helpful to them. *Learn more at the link above.*
 - **MGH Center for Global Health Finish Line Grant (GHFLG)** – Do you have a project that's near completion? Do you need just a *little* more support to finish it? This grant program aims to serve as a catalyst for the completion of projects – as well as a way to support mentorship between MGH Global Health faculty and junior investigators and trainees. GHFLG awards can range from \$500-\$2,500 per award each year. They can be used to pay for protected time, childcare costs and more. **See this document** for more information and how to apply. Contact Lindsey Garrison at legarrison@mgh.harvard.edu with questions.
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Employment Opportunities / Fellowships

- **2024-2025 LEAD Fellowship for Promoting Women in Global Health** – **Applications are open until 5 PM EST on Friday, March 15th, 2024.** This is 1-year program dedicated to nurturing leadership skills among individuals from low- and middle-income countries. Co-sponsored by the Harvard Global Health Institute (HGHI) and the Department of Global Health and Population at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, this initiative aims to empower women leaders in the global health sphere. The fellowship offers a comprehensive curriculum, blending virtual learning with a four-week, in-person experience in Spring 2025. Fellows will benefit from personalized leadership coaching, mentorship, executive education courses, speaking engagements, workshops, and networking opportunities. With the flexibility to tailor their own development plans, fellows are connected to esteemed faculty and senior mentors who provide guidance aligned with their unique aspirations. This close-knit cohort also fosters a supportive community, enabling fellows to forge lasting connections with peers and mentors from across the globe. Eligible candidates must have at least 15 years of professional experience in global health, demonstrate strong leadership potential, and secure support from their employer. For more details and to apply, **visit the LEAD Fellowship page on the HGHI website**. For inquiries, please reach out to HGHI_Fellowships@harvard.edu.
 - **HIV, Infectious Diseases and Global Health Implementation Research Institute Program** – Washington University in St. Louis is currently **accepting applications until 5 pm CST on March 25th, 2024,** for the HIV, Infectious Diseases, and Global Health Implementation Research Institute program. Led by Dr. Elvin Geng and Dr. Ross Brownson, this two-year program offers top-notch training in implementation research related to HIV and infectious diseases, with a focus on knowledge generation and professional networking. Tuition-free and competitive, the program provides skills in research design, execution, and funding acquisition. For more information and to apply, **visit this website**. Contact the Program Manager, Jamie Macon, at highiri@wustl.edu for inquiries.
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CGH is hiring!

- [Clinical Research Coordinator I](#)

For more information, please see the job description or contact cghadmin@mgh.harvard.edu

Awards / Recognition

Dr. Alison Castle, MD, and Dr. Peter Olds, MD, selected to receive the CGH Research Development Award



Dr. Alison Castle, MD, was selected for the proposal *PrEPared for Change: Addressing PrEP Disparities in Young Men with High-Risk Alcohol Behaviors in South Africa*. The \$75,000 award will support Dr. Castle's aims of 1) Exploring the barriers and facilitators to PrEP utilization among young men with low- to moderate- and high-risk alcohol use behaviorist KwaZulu-Natal; and 2) using preference elicitation methods to understand the location, timing and delivery for a PrEP intervention among young men with alcohol use behaviors in KwaZulu-Natal.



Dr. Peter Olds, MD, was selected for the proposal *Developing Better Control Together, a multi-faceted patient-support group for patients with hypertension in Uganda*. The \$75,000 award will support Dr. Olds' aims to 1) develop a multi-faceted patient-support group intervention for hypertension patients in Uganda using the ADAPT-ITT framework; and 2) conduct a pilot study of Better Control Together for patients with hypertension in Uganda.

Ruma Rajbhandari, MD, MPH, receives the CGH Medical Education and Innovation Development Award

Ruma Rajbhandari, MD, MPH, is the recipient of the *CGH Medical Education and Innovation Development Award* for her proposal: *Nick Simons Institute and MGH Global Health Bilateral Exchange Program*. The Nick Simons Institute (NSI) is a Nepali-run non-governmental organization, and recipient of the WHO's 2023 Sasakawa Award, that has been working to innovate solutions to rural health, in part by addressing healthcare worker shortages through training and retention programs. This \$20,000 award will support her transformative initiative aimed at fostering bilateral exchange of medical professionals, administrators, and health management staff between Nepal and the Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH)



community to foster a truly collaborative exchange and further global health equity, knowledge transfer, and career opportunities for health professionals.



Congrats to Bethany-Rose Daubman, MD!

BR Daubman, co-director of the MGH Global Palliative Care Program, received the Shore Program Award through the Harvard Medical School Fellowship in honor of Carol K. Bates, MD, for her project titled, “Development and Implementation of a Sustainability Curriculum for Palliative Care ‘Wawokiya’ Community Health Workers in Great Plains Tribal Communities.”

Recent Publications

Here is a selection of our community's recent publications, alphabetized by first author. To share your published work in the next newsletter, please email cghadmin@mgh.harvard.edu.

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- Truong, Samantha, Katherine Lindsey Doughty, Mary Greenwald, and Annekathryn Goodman. “Mistreatment during Childbirth: Impact on Maternal Outcomes and Importance of Provider Perspectives.” *Open Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology*, 14, no. 2 (February

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- Wang, Liying, Timothy R. Muwonge, Jane M. Simoni, Florence Nambi, Lylianne Nakabugo, Joseph Kibuuka, Dorothy Thomas, et al. "Behavioral Modeling and Its Association with PrEP and ART Use in Ugandan HIV-Serodifferent Couples." *AIDS and Behavior*, February 16, 2024. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s10461-024-04286-2>.

Global Health Community Highlights



Lena Dohman, MD, MPH, returned earlier this month from the University of Global Health Equity (UGHE) in Butaro, Rwanda. She spent a week as an enthusiastic visiting faculty to help teach at the inaugural Anesthesia Bootcamp for 36 medical students. The course details were organized by **Dr. Callum Forbes**, who is a Paul Farmer global surgery research fellow with the Program in Global Surgery and Social Change. Dr. Forbes was fortunate to have recruited several anesthesiologists from within Rwanda to participate in the teaching. There

remains a critical shortage of physician anesthesiologist educators in Rwanda – well below the widely recommended minimum of 4-5 /100,000. The Anesthesia Bootcamp at UGHE was initiated as another piece to the puzzle of improving anesthesia safety and to help build capacity. The days were divided into didactics in the morning focused on safety basics in the operating room and ICU and skills stations and simulation in the afternoon. Dr. Dohman looks forward to learning the outcome of their admittedly small contribution to building anesthesia capacity and safety in Rwanda.

***Top photo:** Students in the UGHE Simulation Lab learn about the diagnosis of hypovolemia using transthoracic ultrasound. Other topics covered in the lab included treatment of hypotension, peri-partum bleeding, and anaphylaxis.*

***Inset photo:** The UGHE Anesthesia Bootcamp medical student and faculty pose for a group photo in February 2024.*

Traveling soon for work?
Remember – you've got resources.

- **MGB TravelSafe program** – travel assistance and response program
- Contact **Ryan Wildes**, Manager of International Risk Management, a resource for insurance and emergency response. His email is rwildes@mgb.org.
- Contact **Kristen Giambusso**, Deputy Director of Global Disaster Response and Humanitarian Action, at kgiambusso@mgb.org.

Notice some changes here?



You might notice that this newsletter looks a little different than our former newsletters. This is because we're conforming to recent changes in Mass General-Brigham brand guidelines, so we must change our colors, fonts and a few design principles. These changes may well include you, too! But don't worry, and don't get confused – [see the Brand Resources page on SharePoint](#) or reach out to **CGH Communications Coordinator Jacki Huntington** at jhuntington1@mgb.org with questions. In the coming weeks, we will also post a resource guide on the CGH intranet.

[View the Latest Global Health Community Meeting Minutes](#)

Opportunities to Engage

- **The Global Health Delivery Intensive (GHDI)** will be offered this summer July 9-26, 2024. The intensive is a non-degree program offered virtually by the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and Harvard Medical School. The three-week program is best suited for mid-career health professionals who seek training in healthcare delivery concepts and skills. [Learn more and apply here](#). If you have any questions, please contact ghdi@globalhealthdelivery.org.

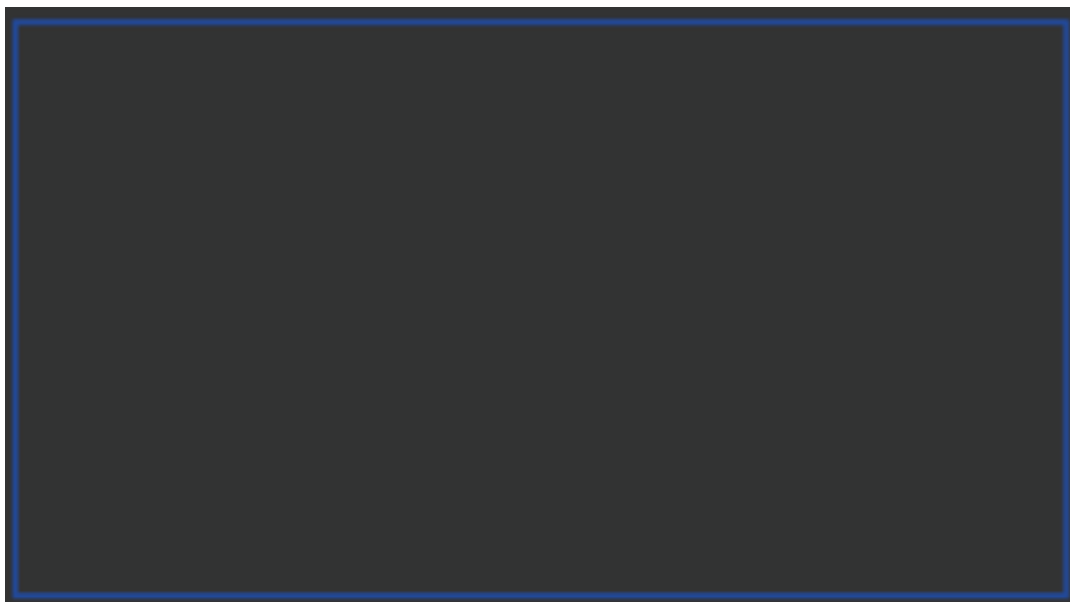
- Beginning with the 2023/2024 academic year, we will be partnering with [Harvard Medical School's Master of Science in Media, Medicine and Health Program](#). The one-year MS program includes an internship/independent course and is currently seeking MGH-based mentors to host students in the spring semester. Mentors can be faculty as well as administrative staff who have a defined project for which they need support. **For more information, please contact CGH Program Manager Juliana Hoke at jhoke@mgh.harvard.edu.**
- **Mass General's Hispanic Psychiatry Clinic** is continuing to grow. They are accepting referrals for monolingual Spanish-speaking patients who receive primary specialty care at MGH. PCPs can refer patients for psychopharmacology services via the PTIS Epic referral, or contact the clinic at **617-643-7998**.
- We are building a global health library in our office. Feel free to stop by, check out a book and [please add books to the list here](#). Some suggested topics to get you thinking include: diversity, equity and inclusion, global health, leadership and decolonizing global health. We're excited to see your picks!
- Do you have Boston area accommodations (a guest room, perhaps) that you can offer to our international collaborators traveling to Boston for short-term stays? If you're able to host, [please complete this REDCap survey](#).
- If you are interested in teaching at the **University of Global Health Equity (UGHE)** in Rwanda as a Visiting Faculty, please complete the [REDCap survey here](#).
- Interested in becoming a **Global Health Affiliate or Associate**? [Learn more here](#).



Get on the Map

We have created a map to reflect our work around the globe. Look at how wide our reach has become! To include your project or organization, [please complete this REDCap survey](#).

[Click here to see the current map.](#)



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