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Bringing you global health related highlights and happenings in Washington, D.C. and around the globe. The George Washington Center for Global Health carries out innovative policy research and scholarly service projects to meet the evolving challenges of the 21st century global health and development environment.

Upcoming Events

March 4

“Enhancing National capacity to Make Evidence Based Decisions for New Vaccine Introduction” -- Dr. John Andrus, Professor of Global Health, George Washington University, Faculty Seminar Series

March 12

“Continuing Education” -- Dr. Myriam Gersenovic, Adjunct Professor, Department of Global Health, George Washington University

March 13

Health Communications: Polio

April 1-3

GW-China Study Tour: “Managing a Global Health Research Center”

April 6-7

Global Health Education Round table

CGH Announces Summer 2009 Global Health Service Fellows

The Global Health Service Fellowship Program provides a unique opportunity for Department of Global Health MPH students to further their training with one of the Center’s international partners. Since beginning the program in 2007, CGH has sent over 50 students to 11 international organizations.

We are pleased to announce our Summer 2009 Global Health Service Fellows. For a complete list of students and sites *see page 2*.

Department of Global Health Welcomes New Faculty, New Space

New offices and eight new faculty members are just some of the exciting changes taking place in 2009 at the Department of Global Health. Our new offices are located at 2175 K St. NW, Suite 200. Please update your address books and join us at upcoming policy forums and round table discussions. March and April activities can be found in the newsletter and a full list of events can be viewed on our on-line calendar.

After more than a year of recruitments, the Department of Global Health welcomes eight new faculty members, including our first faculty member to be based in East Africa. Learn more about them and some of the research now taking place through the Center for Global Health as we expand to meet the needs of our students and the broader community.

Jon Kim Andrus, MD - *Professor of Global Health*

Dr. Andrus’ expertise is in primary care and immunization programs, working on the global polio eradication initiative in Latin America, Africa and South Asia. He will coordinate the MPH concentration in Global Health Program Design, Monitoring and Evaluation.

Sarah Baird, PhD - *Assistant Professor of Global Health*

Dr. Baird is a development economist whose work focuses on issues of health and risk, as well as on program evaluation. She will be involved in the Global Health Methods and Policy Methods courses.

Barbara A. DeBuono, MD, MPH - *Visiting Professor of Health Services Management and Leadership and of Global Health*

Dr. DeBuono’s interests lie in the intersection between public health theory and practice, health policy and health finance policy. Her expertise includes health literacy, prevention, health policy, public health leadership and practice, HIV and sexually transmitted diseases.

Tilly Gurman, PhD - *Assistant Professor of Global Health*

Dr. Gurman’s interest and expertise focuses on health communication in international and domestic settings, with extensive experience in applying of health communication theories to promote health behavior change in the international setting. She will work with students pursuing concentrations Communication.

Sangeeta Mookherji, PhD - *Assistant Professor of Global Health*

Dr. Mookherji’s international health expertise centers on health economics, budget and sustainability analysis, management systems, program evaluation in urban and community settings.

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GW Grand Rounds hosts Ambassador Michel Kazatchkine, Executive Director, Global Fund To Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria

The upcoming year provides enormous opportunities for the international community to succeed or fail in the fight against AIDS, said Dr. Michel Kazatchkine, Executive Director of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. Dr. Kazatchkine speaks at GW

Speaking at Grand Rounds at the George Washington University Hospital last week, Kazatchkine challenged university students, faculty, and the broader global health community to get involved.

“No one can fight this epidemic alone,” Kazatchkine said. “We’ve learned that we have to fight this together.”

While advances in research, emphasis on both the prevention and treatment of AIDS, and increases in political commitment and investments have produced significant gains in recent years, Kazatchkine said inequalities between and within countries are increasing, and the lack of access to health care is the most striking and immediate inequity in the world today.

To ensure that the financial crisis does not further exacerbate the inequalities in the world and to reaffirm the Millennium Development Goals, Kazatchkine called for ambitious commitments and vision. “It is time to ensure the gains we have made in global health since 2001 are not lost,” he said.

Now in its third year, Public Health Grand Rounds lecture series focuses on innovative leadership strategies that address present and evolving public health challenges. The monthly series features prominent public health practitioners, and is open to the Medical Center, the University, and all those within the public health and healthcare communities.



Ambassador Michel Kazatchkine with Dr. Jim Sherry, Chair of the Department of Global Health.
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Wendy O’Meara, PhD - Assistant Professor of Global Health

Dr. O’Meara’s research focuses on translating research data into tools for evidence-based public health planning, malaria diagnosis and rational drug use. She will be headquartered in East Africa.

Anne Peterson, MD, MPH - Research Professor

Dr. Peterson has an extensive background in both U.S. and international public health and medical practice. She has served as the Director of Global Health with World Vision; the Assistant Administrator for USAID Bureau for Global Health; and the Commissioner of Health for the State of Virginia.

Elanah Uretsky, PhD, MA - Assistant Professor of Global Health

Dr. Uretsky’s expertise is in HIV and East Asia. A GW alumna, Uretsky will advise students pursuing dual master’s degrees in public health and International Development Studies in the Elliott School of International Affairs.

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Karen Clune -- Moi University, Kenya

Clifford Davison -- World Food Programme, Italy

Modupeola Dovi -- Student Partnerships Worldwide, Ethiopia

Daniel Gallardo -- PAHO, DC, USA

Sapphira Goradia -- UNAIDS, NY, USA

Jennifer Kelley -- TASO, Uganda

Ted Miles -- University of Tirana, Albania

Jenny Otvos -- World Food Programme, Italy

Somboh Pujeh -- TASO, Uganda

Erin Shedd -- Moi University, Kenya

Ashley Sheffel -- Instituto Nacional de Salud Publica, Mexico

Mandy Slutsker -- BRAC, Bangladesh

Elynn Walter -- University of Kazakhstan, Kazakhstan

Eunice Yang -- TASO, Uganda