A MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO GLOBAL HEALTH: Fall 2015

This selective is organized by the UCLA Center for World Health (CWH) Global Health Education Programs, and medical students who participated in the selective the previous year. It is designed for students at any level of global health experience, from limited to extensive. It offers opportunities for inspiration, education, mentorship, and personal growth. Leaders from diverse disciplines will share their own experiences in global health and will speak to students on a variety of global health topics such as infectious and non-communicable diseases in resource limited settings, maternal and child health, gender equity, disaster response, global surgical needs, food security, health and human rights, HIV/AIDS, harm reduction, healthcare technology, utilization of media, and policy strategies to help address global health challenges. Students will gain a better idea of the many ways they can become involved in global health during medical school and throughout their careers. The selective offers a unique opportunity to form meaningful relationships with global health faculty at UCLA.

We are at a powerfully important time in global health where we have the financial and ever-improving technical capacity to close the disparities that exist in health internationally. Within a generation, those living in low and middle-income countries could have the health outcomes of those in wealthier countries. As future health leaders, we hope this selective will provide you with important knowledge and tools to contribute to this convergence.

Student Requirements: A minimum attendance of 10 noon-time lectures (entitled Global Health Selective Talks or CWH Speaker Series), 2 Evening Roundtable sessions, 1 Film Screening, and participation in a book club with global health faculty mentorship. Approximate time commitment is 20-30 hours during the fall semester. There are no requirements during the spring semester.

Objectives: At the end of the course, participants should be able to:
- Understand the multidisciplinary nature of global health issues
- Formulate ideas to address global health challenges
- Understand the concerns and needs of medically underserved populations
- Examine health and disease from a cross-cultural perspective
- Recognize the challenges in conducting research in a resource-limited environment
- Assume leadership roles in addressing global health issues as medical students and future physicians
- Form relationships with UCLA global health faculty to allow for mentorship throughout your career

Course Chairs:
Fola May, M.D., Ph.D., is an Assistant Professor in Digestive Diseases at UCLA, and Co-Director of UCLA Center for World Health Global Health Education Programs.
Tom Coates, Ph.D., is the Michael and Sue Steinberg Endowed Professor of Global AIDS Research in the Division of Infectious Diseases at UCLA and Chair of the UCLA Center for World Health.
Lee Miller, M.D., is a Professor of Pediatrics, Associate Dean for Student Affairs at UCLA and Director of UCLA Center for World Health Global Health Education Programs.
Traci Wells, Ph.D. is the Director of Education for UCLA Center for World Health Global Health Education Programs.

Selective Leaders: MS2s Adam Braun, Sasha Degtyar, Felisha Eugenio, Brandon Kuang and Noah Kojima

Teaching Methods: Lecture series, films and discussions

Enrollment: No minimum or maximum number of students.

Sponsoring College: Primary Care College

Schedule: Lunchtime talks, evening film screenings, evening book clubs, and evening roundtable sessions will begin September 8, 2015 and continue through December 3, 2015.

Location: CHS & RRMC auditoriums, and off site evening roundtable and book club sessions.