Global Health & Medicine Presents

21st Annual Global Health Symposium: Career Pathways in Global Health

Wednesday, April 17th from 12pm to 8:30pm
Farrell Learning and Teaching Center, Washington University Medical Campus

12:00 – 1:00  Global Health Trivia Lunch Talk
              Connor Auditorium

1:00          Poster Set-Up
              FLTC Hearth

4:00 – 5:00   Poster Presentations
              FLTC Hearth

5:00 – 6:00   Series of Global Health Talks
              FLTC Third Floor, Room 301

6:00 – 6:30   Dinner
              FLTC Hearth

6:30 – 7:30   Keynote Address
              Holden Auditorium

7:30 – 8:30   Reception
              FLTC Hearth

Keynote Speaker

Dr. Christine Dubray, MD, MPH
"A Global Health Career on the Frontlines, and What I Learned Along the Way"
Centers for Disease Control
Epidemic Intelligence Services
Medical Epidemiologist

Previous Experience at:
International Committee of the Red Cross
Epicentre

Lunch and dinner will be served
Bar in the FLTC Hearth beginning at 5:30pm

RSVP online at https://forms.gle/CgSdapAFVwUimjNg8
contact priyankaparameswaran@wustl.edu with questions
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Christine Dubray

Christine Dubray is a medical epidemiologist with the Parasitic Diseases Branch (PDB) in the Division of Parasitic Diseases and Malaria at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Dr. Dubray has more than 20 years of global public health experience working in diverse settings, responding to emergencies, building capacity for national health programs and more recently, working on elimination and control of neglected tropical diseases (NTD).

In 2006, she joined CDC as an Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS) Officer. She served in New Mexico with the Indian Health Service (IHS). During EIS she investigated multiple disease outbreaks on American Indian reservations and participated in international projects on tuberculosis (Rwanda) and Zika (Federated States of Micronesia). After EIS, Dr. Dubray joined the CDC Division of Global Migration and Quarantine where she worked with refugee populations about to resettle to the US. She responded to the Haiti earthquake in 2010 and to the Ebola Virus Disease outbreaks in Guinea in 2014–2015 and in the Democratic Republic of Congo in 2018–2019.

Prior to joining CDC, Dr. Dubray started her medical career with the Belgian Red Cross and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). She worked in refugee camps in Burundi, in a district hospital in Rwanda, visited prisoners of war in Kashmir, and responded to complex emergencies in the Democratic Republic of Congo (formerly Zaire). Following the completion of her MSC, Dr. Dubray joined Epicentre, a non-profit organization based in Paris conducting research and training activities across a range of Doctors without Borders (MSF) interventions. Her projects with Epicentre focused on malnutrition, measles and rapid investigations during public health emergencies.

Dr. Dubray attended medical school at the Catholic University of Louvain in Brussels and received her Master of Science in Public Health in Developing Countries from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Faculty Speaker: Dr. Mark Manary

Dr. Manary’s professional goal is to ‘fix malnutrition for kids in Africa.’ To this end, he has developed ready-to-use therapeutic food and used the food in home-based therapy. He did the first clinical trial with this food in 2001. He is currently formulating and evaluating new foods designed to supplement pregnant women at risk for poor pregnancy outcomes, and treat acute childhood malnutrition. He also recognizes the importance of work to prevent childhood malnutrition, and to that end is exploring the use of legumes and animal source foods as complementary foods for children 6-24 months of age in Malawi. He believes the ultimate solution for malnutrition will incorporate improved agriculture, and hence has a close relationship with USAID’s global food security program. He continues to explore the basic pathophysiology and metabolism of malnutrition, and is currently looking at the gut microbiota and metabolome in kwashiorkor and marasmus. He loves engaging students in his work, as they can be inspired to embrace global health issues and bring fresh perspectives to the problems.

Faculty Speaker: Dr. Indira Mysorekar

Dr. Mysorekar is a Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology and Pathology & Immunology, and the Director of the Center for Reproductive Health Sciences at Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine. She was recently named the James P. Crane Endowed Professor in Obstetrics and Gynecology. She has established highly successful research programs in three different fields of microbiology and immunology: 1) Host-microbial-immune interactions in the placenta; vertical transmission of infections (Zika virus) in pregnancy; 2) Discovery and characterization of microbes in the placenta and interaction with immune cells; and 3) age-associated immune dysfunction in the urinary tract. She is heavily engaged in helping develop and establish a partnership with Mekelle University in Ethiopia, with the goal of catalyzing medical education, and introducing opportunities to conduct research.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Carlos Mejia

Dr. Mejia received his medical degree from Universidad San Carlos de Guatemala and later completed five years of internal medicine training at Hospital Universitario La Paz in Madrid, Spain. Currently Dr. Mejia is a third year Fellow in Infectious Diseases at Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine. Dr. Mejia’s research interest is in general infectious disease, fungal, and particularly mycobacterial infections, both Nontuberculous Mycobacteria and tuberculosis. He also has an interest in Global Health in resource-limited settings and is an active collaborator on several projects conducted at the Infectious Disease Clinic at Roosevelt Hospital and the National Program against Tuberculosis, both in Guatemala.

Photo References: http://globalonc.org/Projects/patient-education-materials/