A MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO GLOBAL HEALTH: Fall 2018

This selective is run by the Global Health Education Programs faculty, as well as medical students who participated in the selective the previous year. It is designed for students at any level of global health experience. 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 how 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 knowledge and tools to contribute to this convergence.

Student Requirements: Fall semester only, with mandatory World Health Night (Sept. 6), 9 noon-time lectures, 2 Monday afternoon discussions sections, 2 evening roundtables, and 2 evening film events, as well as participation in one reading club with global health faculty mentorship. [Students can miss no more than 4 events for credit in the selective.] Approximate time commitment is 20-25 hours during the fall 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 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 Assistant Professor in Digestive Diseases at UCLA, and Co-Director of the Global Health Education Programs.
Lee Miller, M.D., is a Professor of Pediatrics, Associate Dean for Student Affairs at UCLA and Director of the Global Health Education Programs.
Traci Wells, Ph.D. is Adjunct Assistant Professor of Medicine and Director of Education for the Global Health Education Programs.

Selective Leaders: MS2s Mona Deng, Julia Guo, Priyanka Naik, Robera Oljira, and Vivian Wung
Teaching Methods: Lectures, discussion sections, films, reading club, and roundtable discussions
Enrollment: No minimum or maximum number of students.
Sponsoring College: Primary Care College
Schedule: All course events will begin September 2018 and continue through December 2018.
Location: CHS, RRMC, and GH rooms and auditoriums