A MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO GLOBAL HEALTH: Fall 2017

This selective is organized by the UCLA Center for World Health (CWH) faculty, 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:

- Attendance at 10 out of 12 noon-time lectures, attendance at 3 out of 4 evening events, and participation in one reading club with global health faculty mentorship.
- Approximate time commitment is 20-25 hours during the fall semester. There are no requirements during the spring semester.

Objectives:

- 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 Adjunct Assistant Professor of Medicine and Director of Education for UCLA Center for World Health Global Health Education Programs.

Selective Leaders: MS2s Amrita Ayer, Marissa Holden, Lyolya Hovhannisyan, Nirali Patel, and Keenan Withers

Teaching Methods: Lecture series, film, reading club, and roundtable discussions

Enrollment: No minimum or maximum number of students.

Sponsoring College: Primary Care College

Schedule: Lunchtime talks, evening film screening and roundtable discussions, and reading club meetings with faculty will begin August 2017 and continue through December 2017.

Location: CHS and GH auditoriums, and off site evening roundtable discussions