

MCW Global Health Week 2025

Neighborhoods to Nations

December 1–5

2025, the 15th Annual and Final

The annual educational objectives of MCW's Global Health Week are to:

1. Increase visibility of faculty's global health efforts in community engagement, education, patient care, and research; and
2. Raise awareness of local and international partnerships that are addressing global health issues from *neighborhoods to nations*.

PRE-WEEK



MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17 / 11 A.M. – Noon

PhD of Public and Community Health

"Ending the HIV Epidemic among Males in the Rural Southern United States: An Analysis of Behavioral Profiles, Causal Pathways, and Implementation Determinants"

Andrew M. O'Neil, Candidate for Doctor of Philosophy

Thrive on King K3950 or [Zoom Link](#) Meeting ID: 957 9756 3575 Passcode: GzHC7wmC



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19 / 7 – 8 A.M.

Neurosurgery Grand Rounds

"Neurosurgery Joint Grand Rounds with Christina Medical College, Vellore India"

Christian Medical College Neurotrauma Surgeons and Vascular Neuroscientists

HUB A4115 or Zoom: <https://mcw-edu.zoom.us/j/91942757077?pwd=IKbzN9fbosFc8hA3dpdwfbqXvrWlNP.1&from=addon>

**HOLIDAY
FOLK FAIR
INTERNATIONAL**

FRIDAY – SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21 - 23 / 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

International Institute of Wisconsin

"Holiday Folk Fair International"

Wisconsin State Fair Park, [State Fair Park Exposition Center](#), West Allis

ALL WEEK



Consider bringing new mittens, gloves to collection bins in the for local refugee children and Milwaukee's newcomers
HRC Lobby or Office of Global Health, MEB 3rd floor, Suite 3165



8 – 10 A.M.

Coffee and Clementines

"Office of Global Health open house" meet team, learn about how we can partner with you
MEB, 3rd floor, Suite #3165

LUNCH

HUB Central

MCW Global Collaboration Inspired Daily Soups

Monday: Cuban Black Bean

Tuesday: African Sweet Potato and Peanut

Wednesday: Pulled Pork Ramen

Thursday: Tuscan Roasted Tomato

Friday: Wisconsin Beer Cheese

HUB Central Café, Lobby



MONDAY, DECEMBER 1



9 A.M. – 4 P.M.

Office of Global Health

"Global Research Poster Session"

Student, faculty present recent global research with local and international collaborators
MEB, 1st floor hallway outside Kerrigan/Alumni Auditoriums + HUB Café

1. Caroline Narvaez, Dr. Kari Wanat, *A Pilot: Evaluation of Skin Health and Skin Condition Prevention Curricula Across Secondary School Levels in Bagamoyo, Tanzania*, Ifakara Health Institute, Bagamoyo District Hospital
2. Dr. Aasim Padela, *Fostering connections between science and theology*, International Islamic University Malaysia
3. Dr. Aasim Padela, *Improving Muslim women's uptake of breast, colorectal and cervical cancer screening: findings from a non-randomised study of a peer-led, faith-based intervention*, University of Sunderland, England, UK
4. Kaomi Yang, Dr. Aprill Dawson, *Staying Connected, Staying Healthy: The differential role of social participation on healthcare utilization among older Thai adults by rural and urban residence*, Center for Population Sciences

5. Chidinma Ikonte, Dr. Julia Dickson Gomez, *Economic-related factors and consequences perpetuating cycles of gender-based violence experiences among adolescent girls and women in informal settlements of Kampala, Uganda: A qualitative study*, Center for Development Policy
6. Gabriella Martinez, Dr. Laura Cassidy, *Use of Art in Medicine: Perspectives of People and Physicians in Padua, Italy*, University of Padua, Italy
7. Dr. Douglas J. Davis, *The Value of Observerships Abroad: Lessons from UA-MED Supporting Ukrainian Cancer Care during the War*, National Cancer Institute, Ukraine; Ministry of Health, Ukraine
8. Claire Touray, Dr. Kirsten Beyer, *Using the Consolidated Framework for Implementation Research to Assess a Planned Intervention for Cervical Cancer Prevention with Female Sex Workers in Uganda*, Alliance of Women Advocating for Change, Uganda Harm Reduction Network, The AIDS Support Organization, CRANE Survey
9. Alenna Beroza, Faith Bobholz, Dr. Kirsten Beyer, Dr. Julia Dickson Gomez, *Strengthening Grassroots Civil Society Organizations to Improve Cervical Cancer Prevention Among Female Sex Workers: A Qualitative Examination of Professional Perspectives in Uganda*, Alliance of Women Advocating for Change; The Aids Support Organization; Makerere School of Public Health; Uganda Cancer Institute
10. Kate Otu, Claire Ruening, Dr. Lynn M. Woehrle, Dr. Jamila Kwarteng, *The Critical Role of Community Leaders and Language Accessibility in Community Engaged Research*, Catholic Charities; UW-Milwaukee
11. Carolina Morales, Dr. Katherine Iverson, *Beyond the Numbers: Perspectives on Trauma Training Among Volunteer Firefighters in Metropolitan Lima, Peru*, San Juan Bautista Private University; General Corps of Volunteer Firefighters of Lima, Peru; Cayetano Heredia Peruvian University
12. Anika Agrawal, Dr. Katherine Iverson, *Evaluation of shifts in volunteer firefighters' perspective on trauma care topics and satisfaction following a structured educational intervention in Lima, Peru*, San Juan Bautista Private University; General Corps of Volunteer Firefighters of Lima, Peru; Cayetano Heredia Peruvian University
13. Madeline Campbell, Dr. Christa Wagner, *A Novel Approach to Institutional Climate Action in Academic Medicine*, Center for Sustainability, Health and the Environment
14. Dr. Constance Shumba, *Centering Ethics, Reflection, and Equity: A Justice-Oriented Experiential Learning Model in Graduate Global Health Education*, Institute for Health and Humanity, Office of Global Health
15. Dr. Constance Shumba, *Aging in a Changing Climate: Seasonality, Health, and Resilience Among Older Adults Facing Floods and Heat Stress in Kenya*, NextGen for Earth, Nairobi, Kenya; Masinde Muliro University, Kenya
16. Chelsea Rowley, *Medical College of Wisconsin Libraries | Global Health Research Resources*, MCW Libraries
17. Varshita Chirumamilla, Dr. Karolyn Wanat, *Leveraging Digital Platforms for Global Dermatology Education: Insights from the LearnDerm Initiative*, Department of Dermatology, Venereology, and Aesthetics; Leprosy Study Group, Institute of Tropical Disease, Universitas Airlangga, Indonesia
18. Connor Linzer, Dr. Kari Wanat, *Patient Attitudes on the Implementation of Teledermatology in Rural Bagamoyo, Tanzania*, Ifakara Health Institute, Bagamoyo District Hospital

19. Dalal Abuaqel, Dr. Christopher Dodgion, *Strengthening surgical data systems: early integration of The WHO operative encounter registry in Ethiopia*, Debre Berhan University, Ministry of Health Ethiopia, Peters Specialized Hospital
20. Melanie Sona, Dr. Laura Cassidy, *Exploring the Clinical Integration and Institutional Partnerships of Herbal Medicine at Padova University Hospitals*, University of Padua, Italy
21. Jordan Murphy, Dr. Mary Elizabeth Nelson-Biersach, *Exploring the care pathway, rehabilitation needs, and prosthesis access for patients with leprosy, focus on patients requiring amputation: A needs assessment study*, Ghana Health Service
22. Arthur Kiconco, Dr. Laura Cassidy, *A Novel Pilot Study to Estimate Prevalence of Peripheral Arterial Disease and Associated Factors Among People with Hypertension and/or Type-2 Diabetes in Three Rural Districts in Rwanda*, Health Builders, Rwanda; Rwanda Biomedical Center (RBC), Rwanda Ministry of Health
23. Kevin Folivi, Dr. Laura Cassidy, *Perceived Effectiveness of a Novel Community-Based Care Program for Type 2 diabetes Mellitus in Dhulikhel Municipality*, Dhulikhel Hospital, Nepal
24. Caidon Iwuagwu, Dr. Meredith Cruz, *Crisis in the Mission Field: Lessons from a Surgical Complication in a Low-Resource Setting*, Department of Anesthesiology, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology
25. Dr. Roshan Thapa, *Scorching inequality: Occupational heat stress and kidney injury among Nepali migrant workers*, Dhulikhel Hospital, Nepal
26. Dr. Roshan Thapa, *Toward Context-Adaptive Handoff Standardization: Exploring Hospitalists' Communication Practices in the U.S. and Nepal*, Dhulikhel Hospital, Nepal
27. Siqi Zhang, Dr. Constance Shumba, *Health-related quality of life of children with hemophilia in low-and middle-income countries: A systematic review*, Versiti Blood Center
28. Dr. Matthew Surdel, *Critical Leptospira virulence, endothelial interactions, and a physiologically relevant and genetically tractable model*, Institut Pasteur, Université Paris Cité, Paris, France
29. Beth Hahn, Dr. Jenifer Coburn, *A Physiologically Relevant Mouse Model of Leptospirosis*, Department of Medicine, Infectious Disease Division; Department of Microbiology and Immunology, Center for Infectious Disease Research
30. Katie Taquet, Dr. Michelle Riehle, *Novel approaches to uncover inversion-associated gene regulation: identification and characterization of inversion-specific enhancers in the Anopheles malaria vector*, Institut Pasteur, Université Paris Cité, Paris, France
31. Noor Bhatti, Dr. Katherine Iverson, *Stakeholder Perspectives on Prehospital Care in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia: A Qualitative Needs Assessment*, Global Partnership for Improving Surgical Systems, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
32. Dr. Liliana E. Pezzin, *Enhancing prosthetic care and quality of life for people with lower limb loss in Botswana*, University of Botswana
33. Dr. Jean Bikomeye, *Community-engaged research and partnership opportunities with the Karimbu Rwanda Community Center (KRCC) to advance global health equity*, Karimbu Rwanda Medical Center

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 2



9 – 11 A.M.

Consortium of Universities for Global Health

“Institutionalizing Evidence-Informed Decision Making for a Stronger Health System”

Ethiopia Ministry of Health

[Register for Zoom](#)

9 – 11 A.M.

Consortium of Universities for Global Health

“Children in War Zones: Addressing their Needs and Pathways for Engagement”

UN Agencies, other organizations and countries

[Register for Zoom](#)



Noon – 1 P.M.

Center for Bioethics and Medical Humanities Grand Rounds

“Music Connects Humanity and Strengthens Resilience”

Volin's for Hope Musicians, Historian

Center for Cancer Discovery, first floor lobby



Noon – 1 P.M.

School of Pharmacy

“From Arrival to Aisles: Pharmacy Support for Newcomers”

Dr. Kajua Lor, Professor and Chair, Pharmacy

Medical Education Building, 2nd fl, M2050- Graduate School Classroom or Zoom: <https://mcw.edu.zoom.us/j/98432701837?pwd=4xRmUAvbdlasXbjrOseCRlpi3pspMP.1>



3 P.M.

Afternoon Tea

“Celebrating 15 years of MCW's Global Engagement”

Dr. Deborah Costakos, Interim Dean, School of Medicine

Email



5 – 6 P.M.

Otolaryngology and Communication Sciences Grand Rounds

“Global Surgery – an Update and Building a Career”

Dr. Kenneth Akakpo, Assistant Professor, Otolaryngology

HUB, 4th floor, Room 4520 or [Zoom](#)



5:30 – 7 P.M.

GME Global Health Scholars, Trainee Global Health Elective Rotators

“Ethics of Short-term Global Health Electives”

Dr. Mac Longo, Associate Professor, Radiation Oncology

Dr. Steve Humphrey, Associate Professor, Dermatology

HUB, 1st floor, Dunn Conference Room 1015

RSVP for dinner – tfrazier@mcw.edu

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3

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7 – 9 A.M.

Consortium of Universities for Global Health

“Universities in Asia Strengthen the Future of Global Health”

Leading faculty members from Asian Universities

[Register for Zoom](#)



7:30 – 8:30 A.M.

Dermatology Grand Rounds

“Artificial intelligence-based diagnosis of Kaposi Sarcoma in a Ugandan cohort”

Dr. Sarah Coates, Assistant Professor, Pediatric Dermatologist, University California, San Francisco, Benioff Children’s Hospital

HUB 7th fl, A7520/A7628 or Zoom: <https://mcw-edu.zoom.us/j/99407981013?pwd=4yddcFdQyZxKZuTPApXY75kT9mugHn.1>

Meeting ID: 994 0798 1013 Passcode: 86981495

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9 – 11 A.M.

Consortium of Universities for Global Health

“Food Security is Health Security”

Universities, ministries, and NGOs

[Register for Zoom](#)

1 – 3 P.M.

Department of Medicine

Center for Advancing Population Science (CAPS) Global Health Unit

“Artificial Intelligence in Publishing: From Pencils to Neural Networks Peer Review Guidelines: Best Practices for Authors and Reviewers Publication Ethics for Authors”

Dr. Aprill Z. Dawson, Associate Professor, Medicine CAPS Global Health Unit Lead

[Register for Zoom](#)



CENTER FOR ADVANCING
POPULATION SCIENCE



Surgery Grand Rounds

“Equity in Global Surgery: The Past, the Present, and the Future”

Dr. Barnabas Alayande, Co-Chair of the Center for Equity in Global Surgery, University of Global Health Equity, Rwanda

Watch [replay](#)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

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9 – 11 A.M.

Consortium of Universities for Global Health

“Financing Global Health: Cuts in Aid and Future Outlook”

Financing Global Health

[Register for Zoom](#)

9 – 11 A.M.

Global Health at a Crossroads: Governance, Geopolitics, and the Path to Sustainable Impact”

CUGH institutions and panelists

[Register for Zoom](#)

11 A.M. – 12 P.M.

Emergency Medicine Grand Rounds

“Fireside Chat with Global Emergency Leaders”

Dr. Stephen Hargarten, Professor, Emergency Medicine

Dr. Ian Martin, Professor and Chair, Emergency Medicine

HUB, 1st floor, Dunn Conference Room 1015 and Zoom: <https://mcw-edu.zoom.us/j/91641021667?pwd=uVL1WvOHjeRZmP0uaJlAl1SzabQvu.1>



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12:30 – 2:30 P.M.

Consortium of Universities for Global Health

“Reducing Gun Violence in the Americas and Caribbean”

Dr. Laura Vargas, University of Colorado, Matt Schroeder, Senior Researcher,

Small Arms Survey, Dr. Eugenio Weigend, Postdoctoral Research Fellow,

Institute for Firearm Injury Prevention, University Michigan

[Register for Zoom](#)



1 - 4 P.M.

Global Health Scholarly Concentration

“Tribal Nations Healthcare”

Dr. Brian Jackson, Assistant Professor, Institute for Health and Humanity

Former Tribal Chairman Mike Wiggins, Tribal Members Dr. Alton Smart, Mr. Alton Jackson

HRC, 1st floor, Kerrigan Auditorium



5 – 7 P.M.

MCW African Medlink

“Teaching Carbohydrate Counting in Low-Resource Settings” or “Level 1-level 3 carb counting for Sub Saharan Africa”

Dr. Lolita Abibo, Associate Program Director Internal Medicine-Pediatrics Residency Program,

Associate Director Medicine Global Health Program, Research Pillar Lead Pediatrics Global

Child Health, Co-Director Global Health Track Pediatrics Residency Program, Assistant

Professor, Medicine and Pediatrics

[Register](#)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5



7:30 – 8:30 A.M.

Medicine Grand Rounds

“Rethinking Global Health Interventions: The Role of Social Determinants, Policy, and Community Power”

Dr. Abiye Hector-Goma, General Practitioner, Allerton & Westfield Medical Centres, Leeds, United Kingdom

Zoom: <https://mcw-edu.zoom.us/j/92585365784?pwd=U4bkkh5csamZDYMYmEQvIkBfR4aevZ.1>



8 – 9 A.M.

Pediatric Grand Rounds

“Children’s Environmental Health in a Changing Climate”

Dr. Kirsten Beyer, Professor, Institute for Health and Humanity

Children’s Hospital Auditorium or Zoom: <https://mcw-edu.zoom.us/j/91953360039?pwd=DwwQOKpqfmjQZUuwnw00pz5aWoWhoS.1>

Meeting ID: 919 5336 0039 Passcode: YvhTM4tN



Noon – 1 P.M.

Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Grand Rounds

“Україна, UMANA, Anya, Mykola, Me...and the KGB. A “clandestine” mission to build global healthcare capacity in wartime Ukraine.”

Dr. Douglas J. Davis, Assistant Professor, Radiology

Zoom: <https://mcw-edu.zoom.us/j/93977980599?pwd=03IXRjY0jBqsn2eYGwa5adPBaCgda3.1>

Global Photography Exhibition

The MCW medical students' Global Health Organization (GHO) and Office of Global Health are co-hosting a global photography exhibition to display the photography skills of our MCW community. These photos are exhibited during the 15th Annual Global Health Week.

December 1-5, 2025 | HRC Lobby

Guidelines

Global indicates photography taken internationally or domestically. You may submit up to 3 photographs, 1 for each category:

☐ **Category 1: Landscape**

Display the scenic, outdoor aspects of local travel or global work

☐ **Category 2: Portrait**

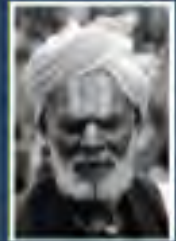
Portraits can be any pictures of people, up close or from far away

☐ **Category 3: Healthcare**

A hospital or clinic you worked in, surgical or medical care

Vote

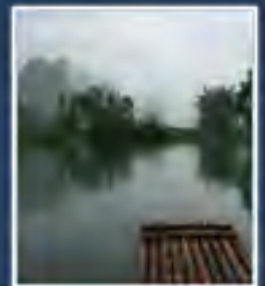
You may make one vote per category. The top winner in each category will be announced on December 8 at 9am and receive a \$50 gift certificate.



"Pilgrim India"
Jyoti Sengupta,
Professor



"Exam Room on a
mobile clinic in
Otaxa, Belize"
Heather Koch, M4



"Bamboo rafting down
Yulong River, China"
Yingfei Wu, M2

Boxes in HRC Lobby & Office of Global Health



MCW Global Health Week Winter Clothing Donations

December 1-5

New hats,
mittens,
gloves,
heavy socks



Donated
clothing is for
arriving
refugee
families to
Wisconsin

Hosted by the Medical Students' Global Health Organization