A Multidisciplinary Approach to Global Health at DGSOM: Fall 2019

This Global Health Selective is facilitated by the Global Health Program faculty and staff, as well as DGSOM medical students who participated in the selective the previous year. The selective is designed for first and second year medical 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, health care technology, utilization of media, and policy strategies to help address global health challenges. Students will gain a better understanding of how they can become involved in global health during medical school and throughout their future careers. The selective offers a unique opportunity to form meaningful relationships with global health faculty at UCLA, as well as fellow students interested in global health.

We are at an important time in global health, when the financial and ever-improving technical capacity exist 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 leaders in global health, we hope this selective will provide you with knowledge and tools to contribute to this convergence.

Student Requirements: Fall semester only, with mandatory attendance at a minimum of 8 out of 9 noon-time lectures, two small-group mentoring sessions, and 3 out of 4 evening events, including: World Health Night, 2 evening roundtables, and 1 film. Approximate time commitment is 20-25 hours.

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

Faculty Leadership: Course Director – Traci Wells, PhD
Interim Director, Global Health Program – Risa Hoffman, MD

Student (MS2) Leaders: Ameen Chaudry, Jessica Cranston, Kevin Ding, Sophie Tiene, and Joseph Tran

Teaching Methods: Lectures with discussion, small group mentoring, film, and roundtable discussions

Enrollment: No minimum or maximum number of students

Sponsoring College: Primary Care College

Schedule: All course events will begin September 2019 and continue through December 2019.

Location: Most events will take place in Geffen Hall, with the exception of World Health Night (Tamkin Auditorium, RRMC)