A Multidisciplinary Approach to Global Health at DGSOM: Fall 2020

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 year medical students at any level of global health experience, with the aim of exposing them to some of the broader issues in global health, as well as to some of the global health faculty at UCLA. This course offers opportunities for inspiration, education, mentorship and personal growth. Leaders from diverse disciplines will share their experiences in global health and will speak to students on a variety of global health topics, which might include ethics, infectious and non-communicable diseases, maternal and child health, gender equity, disaster response, global surgical needs, food security, health and human rights, HIV/AIDS, health care technology, and policy strategies to help address global health challenges. Students will gain a better understanding for how to get 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, as well as with 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 at both the local and global level. 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 students with the knowledge and tools to contribute to this convergence.

**Student Requirements:** Fall semester only, with attendance at 8 lunch lectures, 2 mandatory lunch small-group discussions on a specific topic, and 3 evening events, including: World Health Night and 2 evening roundtables. Two absences are permitted, and additional “bonus” attendance opportunities will be offered to assist students in shaping their global health learning and meeting the minimum attendance requirements. The 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 in an ethical manner
- Understand the concerns and needs of medically underserved populations
- Examine health and disease from a cross-cultural perspective
- Assume leadership roles in addressing global health issues as students and future physicians
- Form relationships with UCLA global health faculty to allow for mentorship in a summer research project, and/or throughout your career

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

**Supporting Staff:** Vijeta Vaswani, MPH

**Student (MS2) Leaders:** Janet Adeola, Will Belshe, Angela Bi, Ryan Elliott, and Fiona Obiezu

**Teaching Methods:** Cross-disciplinary guest lectures, small-group discussions, and interactive panel and/or roundtable discussions

**Enrollment:** No minimum or maximum number of students
**Sponsoring College:** Primary Care College

**Schedule:** All course events will begin September 2020 and continue through December 2020

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