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Director's Message

As I near the end of my second year as Director of the UC Global Health Institute, I am even more grateful for the opportunity to walk alongside my colleagues in our work. I know that you, like me, will be incredibly impressed as you read through this report of our collective accomplishments across the University of California system and beyond. I am impressed, not only by the deeply impactful work done by our Centers, Programs, partners, projects, and learners, but also by the single characteristic shared by each person I have the pleasure to interact with – compassion.

In the coming months, we will share the result of our yearlong work to create a new strategic plan. But the moment that sticks with me most from the strategic planning process is the day most of our organization came together in a meeting room at UCLA to refresh our mission, vision, and values. On that day, my gratitude to be a part of UCGHI came into very sharp focus. Every single person in the room walked in the door with humility and asked the same question, “How do we use our resources in collaboration with our local and global communities to move us forward towards health equity and justice?” I have no doubt that the implementation of our values through our work will be challenging. At the same time, knowing that every challenge will be met by a diverse team aligned in its mission, values, and priorities makes the way forward seem more possible, especially in a complex landscape.

Along with our strategic planning process, another momentous event this year was UC Global Health Day, held on March 7th at UCLA. I run the risk of being too effusive, but the day was amazing! We had about 500 in-person attendees ranging from learners to community members to local and global partners come together to reflect on the importance of policy and advocacy in achieving global health equity. The lineup of speakers inspired us and challenged us to think about how to make our work more impactful through the lens of health equity and policy and advocacy. Our keynote speakers bookended our day. Dr. Rohan Radhakrishna led from a space of a commitment to community and love. Frank Mugisha, recently

recognized as Time 100 Most Influential People this year, shared his own courageous work allowing us to imagine a way forward in what might seem the direst of circumstances for LGBTQI+ rights. Each speaker and panelist reflected on the need for collaborative action to make change. The poster presenters, many of whom were learners from across the UC system and beyond, captivated the attention of our attendees. We had the support of all of our Centers and Programs and our amazing UCGHI student ambassadors to create such a successful event.

While this report and my note is mainly intended to remind us of all of the work we have done towards our goals and celebrate the successes of this year, I would be remiss not to mention the challenges we face to advance health equity and health justice. Structural violence, war, political adversity...the list is long. None of us are blind to the realities we work in especially in global health. We also don't always agree on the best way forward. However, I am holding on to the compassion that I found in my colleagues, the love that Rohan reminded us of, and the courage that Frank shared with us, as I think about how to support the work of the Institute to fight for health justice as we move into the year ahead.

Sincerely,



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UC Global Health Institute Advances Local and Global Health Equity Through:

Community-engaged Research Across California and the World With Vulnerable Populations



INCREASING ABORTION ACCESS

* **California Home Abortion by Telehealth**, a 3-year patient-centered study to assess safety, effectiveness, and acceptability of medication abortions by telehealth.

CAMPUS VIOLENCE PREVENTION

* **University of California Campuses**: UC Speaks Up initiative to address research, advocacy, and service efforts focused on sexual violence and harassment prevention at UC.

* **Global College Campuses**: Global College Campus Violence Prevention Network to prevent sexual violence on college/university campuses globally.

HEALTH EQUITY

* **Climate**: 2-year \$2 million Climate Action Grant to equip CA farmworker communities with new tools to address damaging impacts of climate change on their health and livelihoods.

* **Access to Safe Water**: Disparities in safe drinking water in CA

* **COVID-19**: Impact of COVID-19 on historically marginalized communities

* **Maternal Health**: Perinatal health concerns of Indigenous migrant women

* **HIV/AIDS**: HIV/AIDS prevention research with sexual and gender minority and homeless youth

Advocating for Policy Action



* UCGHI Student Advocacy Program to train UC students in political advocacy for federal funding for global health issues

* UC Global Health Day 2024 focus on making change through advocacy and policy

* Student advocacy for U.S. Senate Bill 24 to expand access to medication abortion for California university students

Reaching Across Borders: UCGHI has Reached 79 Countries

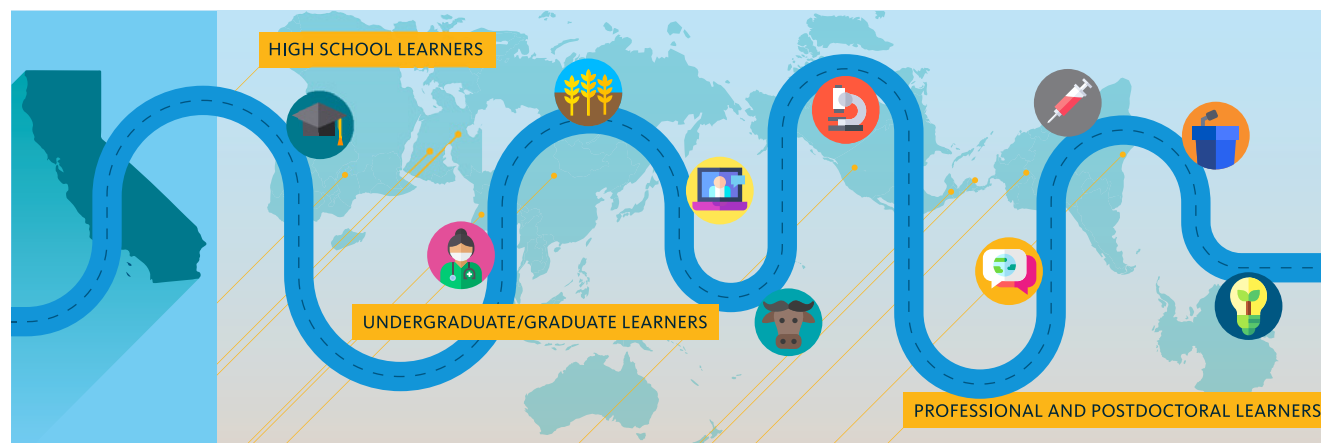


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UCGHI programs and Centers have positively impacted 79 countries. Since 2010, UCGHI has hosted ten UC Global Health Days at 8 UC campuses (2 virtual) and has reached 2,715 participants in-person, 1,533 virtually, and more than 4,800 total registrants across 56 countries.

UC Global Health Institute Advances Local and Global Health Equity Through:

UCGHI's Global Health Pathway for Learners



HIGH SCHOOL LEARNERS:

The **Global REACH Program** is a six-week mentored research summer internship for rising high school seniors in the San Francisco Bay Area with UCSF.

The Global Health Curriculum Bootcamp for Bay Area high school teachers enable teachers to learn from and work with global health professionals at UCSF.

UNDERGRADUATE/GRADUATE LEARNERS:

Increasing access to Global Health Education: UCGHI Global Health Education program has created and delivered 15 online courses related to topics in global health since 2015 reaching over 6,000 students across the UC system.

Expanding Global Health Education across UC: UCGHI supports UC campuses interested in expanding global health coursework and degree programs.

Global Health Leadership Program: UCGHI Student Ambassadors across all UC campuses and Charles R. Drew University (nearly 400 Student Ambassadors to date), UCGHI Masters Student Stipend Program (20 Master's level students), Summer Researchers in Global Health for high school students (collaboration with UCSF)

Global Health Student Stipend Program: UCGHI provided \$5,000 research awards through the UCGHI Master's Student Stipend (MASS) Program to 20 multidisciplinary master's students from historically excluded communities and/or first-generation students across six UC campuses and Charles Drew University.

Training in One Health: The Rx One Health Field Institute inspires ecosystem health stewardship of future leaders.

Internship Opportunities: The Summer Work Experience Program and the Summer Internship Opportunities Program provide undergraduate and graduate students opportunities for field-based research experience.

PROFESSIONAL AND POSTDOCTORAL LEARNERS IN CALIFORNIA AND GLOBALLY:

Latinxs and the Environment provides mentorship to develop new pathways to become faculty and create new environmental research opportunities for Latinx students.

UCGHI GloCal Health Fellowship provides year-long mentored research experiences with our LMIC sites. The program is for U.S. and LMIC partner postdoctoral fellows as well as doctoral and professional students at UC. Support is provided by the NIH with core funding from UCGHI. Currently there are:

- * 178 GLOCAL TRAINEES
- * 22 COUNTRIES
- * 35 OF 88 U.S. GLOCAL ALUMNI IN FACULTY POSITIONS
- * 15 AT UC

UCGHI Center for Health Workforce Equity / HEAL Initiative – largest transnational global health fellowship in the U.S. with 200 fellows and alumni from 19 partner sites across 9 countries and Navajo Nation to serve the under-served as a lifelong choice.

One Health Workforce – Next Generation with over 110 partnering universities from 17 countries to transform capacity building in Africa and Southeast Asia.



UC Global Health Institute Strategic Planning

Throughout 2023-2024 year, the UCGHI Leadership and Core Team worked closely with colleagues from our Executive Committee, Advisory Council, Black Lives Matter Task Force, our Centers and Programs, and our diverse constituents across the UC system and externally to develop a vision for the future of UCGHI through a new strategic plan.

Additionally, we are grateful to our UCGHI Strategic Planning Committee Members: Federico Castillo (Center for Planetary Health, UC Berkeley), David Grelotti (Advisory Council, UC San Diego), Dele Ogunseitan (UCGHI Education, UC Irvine), Mark Stetter (Advisory Council, UC Davis), Sri Shamasunder (HEAL Initiative, UCSF), Melissa Smith (Advisory Council, Center for Gender & Health Justice, UC Santa Barbara), Dallas Swendeman (Center for Gender & Health Justice, UCLA), and Sam Ying (Center for Planetary Health, UC Riverside).

The process began in Spring 2023 when the UCGHI Leadership and Core team developed guiding principles in the areas of Research, Education, Policy and Advocacy, Communications as well as refined our approach to strengthening long-time partnerships and cultivating new partnerships across the UC system and with our local and global colleagues. These principles were established based on the results from our internal survey which was distributed to UCGHI's internal network of stakeholders and SWOT analyses (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) across our Center/Program leadership. In summer 2023, we worked closely with our UCGHI Strategic Planning Committee, and we conducted an external survey that was distributed widely to our listserv of over 6,000 subscribers of faculty, staff, and students from across the UC system, other academic institutions, and local and global partners.

In October 2023, UCGHI worked with Joe Lee of [Community Health Synergy](#) – a queer and Asian-owned business dedicated to advancing health equity - to review the data gathered by UCGHI's diverse constituents and hone in on the Institute's vision, mission, and one-year, three-year, and five-year priorities.

Overarching themes from survey data include ideas for UCGHI to:

- **SERVE** as convener and support connections of faculty, staff, students across UC, local and global partner connections
- **EXPAND** opportunities for global health education, training, and research
- **ENGAGE** in more policy and advocacy work among other themes

In 2024, as part of our strategic planning, we welcomed new Advisory Council members from international partners representing their respective regions (Africa, Asia, Latin America) and integrated their feedback into the components of our strategic plan to ensure that we include their valuable perspectives. In the coming year, UCGHI looks forward to implementing our strategic plan as a systemwide entity serving our diverse learners and next generation of global health leaders alongside our partners.

UC Global Health Day

2024 MARCH 7 UCLA

Making Change: Creating Health Equity Through Policy and Advocacy



UC Global Health Day (UCGHD) is UCGHI's systemwide, biennial conference showcasing the global health research, training, education, and advocacy within the University of California system and beyond.

The theme of our tenth UCGHD 2024 was *Making Change: Creating Health Equity Through Policy and Advocacy*. More than 460 people around the world from 19 US states and 19 countries registered, nearly 500 people attended in-person, and 86 attended virtually.

Hosted at UC Los Angeles (UCLA), UCGHD 2024 was kicked off by remarks from UC President Michael Drake, UCLA Chancellor Gene Block, and Land Acknowledgment by Kimberly Uehisa, UCGHI Charles Drew University Lead Student Liaison. The audience then heard from keynote speaker Rohan Radhakrishna, Chief Equity Officer and Deputy Director at the California Department of Public Health's Office of Health Equity. A performance from spoken word poet and community activist Jacob Virges accompanied Rohan's talk on making change.

The conference continued with two ten-minute lightning presentations by Alec Calac, a UC San Diego MD/PhD Student, and Carrie Waterman and Cheryl A. Branch from the Food Justice and Health Equity Initiative. The UCLA Sex Squad then proceeded to educate on safe sex through an interactive performance with the audience.

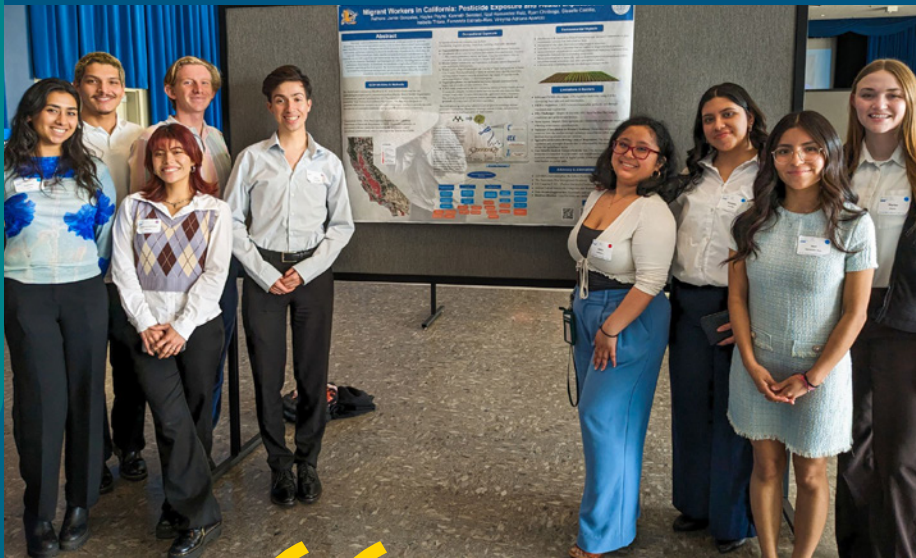
Following this engaging performance, the meeting attendees visited 67 student poster presenters representing all 10 UC campuses, Charles Drew University, Stanford University, University of Dodoma Tanzania, among others, and viewed an exhibit hosted by the UCLA Center for Art & Global Health. Additionally, two panel discussions focused on Environmental Justice and Reproductive Health & Abortion Rights and included researchers, community organizers, and other professionals across law, public health, and more. Frank Mugisha, a Ugandan LGBTIA+ rights advocate, concluded the conference with his closing plenary focused on how community advocacy for LGBTQIA Rights shapes HIV response and equitable healthcare access.

Overall, UC Global Health Day 2024 was a massive success, conveying the importance of policy and advocacy and encouraging the over 500 in-person attendees, 460 virtual registrants, and more than 70 views of the recordings from across the UC system and beyond to make change in whatever facet they can.

➔ [VIEW THE 2024 Recordings](#)
[ACCESS THE Conference Program](#)

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UC Global Health Day 2024 (cont.)



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I really appreciated the level of support and community that the UCGHI program fostered, which was especially apparent at UC Global Health Day. Every student colleague I met there had amazing ideas and perspectives on healthcare and unwavering passion to become a change-maker of tomorrow. I really enjoyed being a student ambassador at UCGHI.

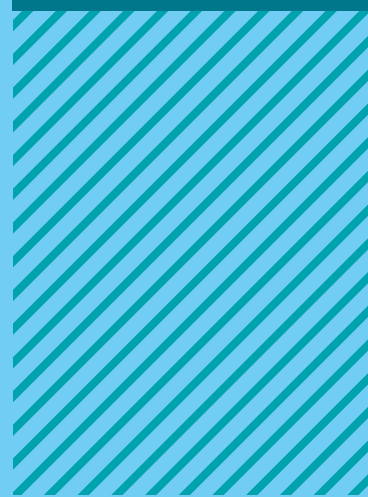
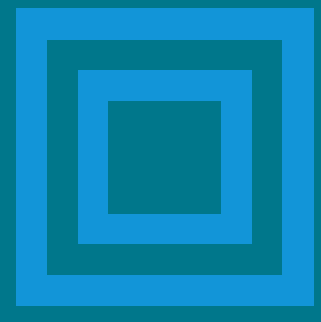
ASHREIY APPAJODU, UCGHI Student Ambassador, UC Irvine

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I've always had a passion for plants, ecosystems, and looking at the relationships between communities. I think it's really nice that some of these projects and looking at other students' presentations, gives me some inspiration for what I might want to go into and research for grad school or past grad school and my gap years and trying to figure out what I want to pursue what other interests I have and how I can connect that.

RYAN CHIRIBOGA, Senior Human Biology Major, UC Santa Cruz





Consortium of Universities for Global Health Conference

2024 LOS ANGELES, CA

UCGHI had an active and large presence at the 2024 Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH) Conference in Los Angeles, California. The theme for CUGH 2024 was *Global Health Without Borders: Acting for Impact*. Select highlights of CUGH 2024 include:

Opening Keynote

Speaker, Dr. Eric Goosby (Co-Vice Chair of the UCGHI Executive Committee, UCGHI BLM Task Force Member). Dr. Goosby's keynote titled "Reflections on a Road Less Traveled" shared his personal reflections and lessons learned from his life as a physician, diplomat, and humanitarian devoted to a career of global health service. He touched upon the complex current global health landscape and the challenges that exist across politics, governments, and global health while also highlighting opportunities for global health impact.

Panel Discussion, "Water Equity & Health"

Dr. Sam Ying (UCGHI Center for Planetary Health Co-Director, UC Riverside) moderated a panel that examined water equity issues and their impact on health disparities in California and Latin America through an interdisciplinary and multi-scale lens. This expert panel included panelists from the Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability, UCSF, UC Irvine, University of Washington, and Dr. Georgia Kayser, the UCGHI Center for Planetary Health Deputy Director from UCSD. The panel discussion was the start of an on-going conversation on possible short-term and long-term solutions and future directions to address water inequities.

Panel Discussion, "Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights: Abortion and Beyond"

Professor Lara Stemple (Co-Vice Chair of UCGHI Executive Committee, UCLA) and Dr. Frank Mugisha (UC Global Health Day 2024 Closing Plenary Speaker) were featured on a timely panel discussing the current legal landscape of sexual and reproductive health and rights, including contraception, sex education, as well as LGBTQI+ rights.

Panel Discussion, "Training the Next Generation of Global Health Researchers"

The NIH-Fogarty Global Health Program for Fellows and Scholars/LAUNCH": Tamara Jimah, (Assistant Professor, Northeastern University and 2022-2023 UCGHI GloCal Health Fellowship alumna) and eight NIH-Fogarty alumni and trainees gave lightning presentations about their research, training experiences, and career paths.

UCGHI was well-represented in plenaries, panel discussions and poster presentations throughout the 4-day conference and UCGHI colleagues enjoyed connecting with long-time colleagues and making new global health connections across UC and beyond.



Black Lives Matter Task Force

In 2020, the Institute launched the UCGHI Black Lives Matter Task Force in response to the murder of George Floyd and the Black Lives Matter (BLM) activism that followed and continues at the Institute today.

The Task Force is comprised of thirteen members, predominately Black and Indigenous People of Color (BIPOC), from the faculty, staff, and students from seven UC campuses and looks forward to expanding its membership in future years. The Black Lives Matter (BLM) movement catalyzed the UC Global Health Institute to center justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion (JEDI) in all of our work. We learn about our role in supporting systemic racism, unlearn our approaches rooted in these systems, investigate justice-oriented models, explore what we can do differently in our work, and take actionable steps to address past harms and create justice-focused anti-racist frameworks as individuals and as an organization.

The Task Force continues to create space for UCGHI Centers/Programs to examine and better integrate JEDI into their programs, including in UCGHI annual progress reports for accountability; and continues to serve as a reliable resource for UCGHI Leadership and UCGHI Centers/Programs to better integrate justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion throughout their existing programs and initiatives and launching new programs and initiatives.

This year, the BLM Task Force focused primarily on the Institute's strategic planning process and engaged in discussions ranging from ways to better engage local and global community partners to contributing to the Institute's vision and mission and priorities.

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Black Lives Matter Task Force (cont.)



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In collaboration with UC Press, in 2020 UCGHI launched a new open-access, peer-reviewed online research journal called Advances in Global Health. The journal focuses on advancing health equity throughout the world and decolonizing and democratizing global health. We do this by primarily publishing transdisciplinary research conducted by researchers from low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) and creating more accessible pathways for publication.

The Journal publishes research in the field of global health by aligning with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals 1 & 2 (ending poverty and hunger), 3 (good health and well-being), 5 (gender equity), and 13–15 (planetary health). Four of five members of the editorial board are leading scientists from low- and middle-income countries (LMIC).

We continue to promote the Journal among early career investigators from LMICs, students, and across the University of California. Journal processing fees are significantly reduced for LMIC investigator-led publications, and free for anyone affiliated with the University of California. Furthermore, the Editorial Board is open to considering “special collections” based on themes in alignment with the journal’s core missions and values.

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Supporting the Next Generation of Global Health Leaders: Education

Sharing and Learning Best Practices in Instructional Design

UC Provost Katherine Newman invited UCGHI Director of Education, Dele Ogunseitan, PhD, MPH, to join a panel on “Instructional Design for Student Success” at the first ever “UC Systemwide Academic Congress: The Evolution and Possibilities of Online Education” held at UCLA on 1 May 2024. Highlights of the panel discussion from the perspective of global health included the “Learning Quadrangle: Research, Reveal, Reflect, Reform” model, and the challenges and opportunities for integrating Artificial Intelligence tools in supporting course design, assessment, and active learning. The panel also learned about the international reach of UCGHI’s initiative in One Health education through the One Health Workforce Academies.

Progress on interdisciplinary approaches to global health

UCGHI Director of Education, Dele Ogunseitan, PhD, MPH, attended the Consortium of Universities for Global Health 2024 conference held in Los Angeles from March 8-10 as a member of the Global Health Competency Subcommittee that focuses on identifying appropriate competencies for global health curricula. The launch of the third edition of the Global Health Competencies Toolkit will be featured in a webinar hosted by CUGH on 11 July 2024 at 10:00am (Pacific Time).

Continuation of activities to expand the international audience for UCGHI’s education programs

Progress on initiatives in graduate and professional education include the development of a competency-based curriculum in “One Health” supported by USAID-funded One Health Workforce-Next Generation project which launched the One Health Workforce Academies (OHWA), currently providing asynchronous online courses to about 4,000 learners from 52 countries around the world. All training courses are now available and free to learners from around the world.

➔ **LEARN MORE** about the OHWA in our March feature story: [“The One Health Workforce Academies Creates Global Academic Connections in an Interdependent World”](#).



Student Ambassador Program

The UCGHI Student Ambassadors Program is a virtual leadership and learning program that strives to diversify the global health workforce and provides professional growth opportunities to current University of California and Charles R. Drew University (CDU) students from various disciplines ranging from global health, public health, human biology, neuroscience, and more.

The opportunity is open to California students (undergraduate, graduate, professional, medical, nursing, law, etc.) from across the 10 UC campuses, UC College of the Law, San Francisco, and partnering Historically Black College and University (HBCU), Charles R. Drew University. This year's program differed from previous years by having one single global health track to demonstrate the multidisciplinary nature of global health and provided students exposure to topics across all UCGHI's Centers.

2023-2024 Student Ambassador Cohort

This application cycle, UCGHI received an unprecedented number of high-caliber applications from across the 10 UC Campuses and CDU, primarily from new applicants and many first-year students. This year, UCGHI appointed a Lead Student Ambassador (Natasha Glendening, UCI) and a Lead Student Liaison with CDU (Kimberly Uehisa, CDU). In September 2023, the program welcomed its fifth cohort with 50 students from 10 UC campuses and CDU. To date, UCGHI and its Centers have supported nearly 400 student ambassadors across UC and CDU.

Global Health Curriculum

Student Ambassadors participated in monthly webinars hosted by diverse local and global health partners focusing on a range of important global health topics, including global health advocacy and policy, sexual and gender minority health, climate change and decarbonization, and more. Students participated in a networking event with a multicampus student group, Latinxs and the Environment, and a second networking event with CDU's President and CEO, David M. Carlisle, MD, PhD, to learn about unique pathways to global health. Students participated in a new professional development workshop "Careers and Education in Global Health," which offered valuable insights into skill building through formal training, certificates, or degrees in global health; service learning and studying abroad in international settings; and insights into applying for and interviewing for global health job opportunities. This workshop featured UCGHI Director, Madhavi Dandu, MD, MPH, and UCSF Director of Academic Development and Strategy, Inez Bailey, MS.

Finally, ten Student Ambassadors volunteered to join UCGHI's UC Global Health Day 2024 Student Planning Committee where they played a vital role in supporting day-of coordination at UCLA. Next year's 2024-2025 Student Ambassadors program application will launch in late summer 2024. Through this program, UCGHI looks forward to continuing to cultivate the next generation of the diverse global health workforce of students across the UC system and CDU and advancing important conversations and activities with student ambassadors working towards achieving health equity, social justice, and tackling complex topics such as decolonizing global health.



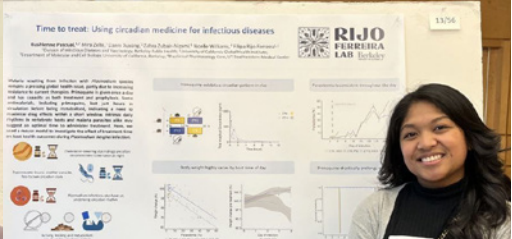
Berkeley Public Health



Beyond Black Race: Maternal Morbidity among Foreign-born and U.S. Born Black People in the U.S.

Mariah Jiles, MPH

Ndola Prata MD, MSc +
Kim Harley PhD + Rachel Morello-Frosch PhD, MPH

Time to treat: Using circadian medicine for infectious diseases

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Master's Student Stipend Program

In 2023, UCGHI launched the UCGHI Master's Student Stipend (MASS) pilot program that provides competitive supplemental funding for Masters-level students from underrepresented communities with a \$5,000 research award to support their graduate research projects.

UCGHI provided \$5,000 awards to 20 multidisciplinary master's students from historically excluded communities across 6 UC campuses and Charles R. Drew University to support their research projects ranging from backgrounds in public health, social work, environmental science, engineering, medicine, and agriculture, among other specialties.

MASS awardees were responsible for managing this stipend award throughout 2023 and furnishing a report narrative on their research project. In addition, awardees received formal communications training to engage their work across social media and learn how to promote their research at academic conferences and to the community.

In March 2024, MASS awardees presented their research projects during the Poster Session at UC Global Health Day at UCLA. In addition, several students had the opportunity, in part to their MASS award, to attend and present their research at various research conferences and symposiums across the country such as the Consortium of Universities for Global Health 2024 conference held in March in Los Angeles, CA.

UCGHI looks forward to maintaining connections with this pilot cohort of MASS awardees as they each advance their career in global health and beyond. Supplementary funding opportunities to Masters-level students is limited across the University system and UCGHI is committed to supporting the success of the next generation of the global health workforce and hopes to continue the program in the future contingent upon funding.

➔ **LEARN MORE** about our MASS awardees' various projects through the [UCGHI Student Blog](#).



GloCal Health Fellowship

Since 2012, the UCGHI GloCal Health Fellowship, supported by the National Institutes of Health's Fogarty International Center, has helped launch careers of 178 fellows across the UC system and at low- and middle-income (LMIC) partner institutions.

During their 12-month fellowships, trainees receive interdisciplinary education and training in global health and a mentored research experience that fosters scientific and career development to advance equitable and inclusive global health research. Additionally, the GloCal Health Fellowship aims to develop research capacity at the LMIC partner institutions and strengthen a sustainable and equitable model of collaboration between UC and these partners.

During the 2023–24 academic year, GloCal has supported a diverse group of 17 trainees consisting of two U.S. postdocs fellows, one general surgery resident, one U.S. medical student, one U.S. doctoral student, and 12 LMIC postdocs, including trainees from Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania, Uganda, India, and Vietnam. The fellows represent a wide variety of disciplines, such as medical virology, molecular biology, epidemiology, community medicine, nutrition sciences, anthropology, engineering sciences and mechanics, surgery, otorhinolaryngology, and internal medicine.

Other highlights include:

- The second year of the certificate program in global health research, accredited by Peruvian partner Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia (UPCH), incorporating an online seminar series for fellows given by faculty from UPCH and other GloCal partner LMIC sites;
- A research symposium hosted by Vietnamese partner Hanoi Medical University, convening GloCal and other Fogarty LAUNCH trainees who have conducted research in the Asia region during the past five years;
- GloCal LMIC Site PI Council meetings to address challenges, share best practices and resources, and expand collaboration, communication, and coordination between LMIC sites; and
- Hosting of 13 GloCal LMIC fellows at UC for one to three months, to develop deep and meaningful relationships with their UC mentors and receive specialized onsite training, therefore ensuring each fellow receives the full benefits of the program.



Fellowship in Sustainable Development for HIV Health

The Sustainable Development for HIV Health (SD4H) Fellowship is a career development fellowship sponsored by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Fogarty International Center (FIC) and co-funded by National Institutes of Mental Health that provides aspiring researchers at Maseno University with education, mentorship, and training in research by faculty from Maseno University, Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) and UCGHI. The Fellowship includes four doctoral, four master's, and two post-doctoral SD4H Fellows.

Supplemental Funding to Support Doctoral Fellows

The SD4H Fellowship received a diversity supplement to support Maseno University PhD student, Elly Weke, who will begin epidemiology and biostatistics courses at UCSF in July 2024. After he returns to Maseno University, he will conduct his doctoral dissertation research. This intersectional approach will prove a major step towards the transdisciplinary training goal of the SD4H Program.

The SD4H Fellowship program also received an HIV and Aging supplement to support doctoral fellow Jackie Odhiambo, who is conducting her research on the intersectionality of aging and widowhood stigma affecting people living with HIV. She plans to use this research to develop interventions that could be tested in a follow-up study to address intersectional stigma among widowed women aging with HIV.

SD4H and GloCal Mentorship Collaboration

Dan Omollo and Erick Ndenga are completing the Advanced Training in Clinical Research certificate program at UCSF in June 2024. Ndenga and Omollo joined forces with three other UCGHI GloCal Fellows led by Dr. Willybroad Massawe, to host a two-day

research training session at Muhimbili University, Tanzania in December 2023 to teach training participants about research methods, research analysis planning, and project management in research.

Sustainable Development for HIV Seminar Series

This past year, the SD4H Fellowship continued its bi-weekly virtual seminar, which features guest lectures by Maseno University, KEMRI, UCGHI faculty, and Kenyan SD4H researchers. Topics included implementation science, STI testing and treatment, addressing climate mental health trauma, adolescent nutrition, water insecurity and intimate partner violence among women living with HIV, extreme weather events and antibiotic resistance, and more.

Scientific Writing Retreat

In May 2024, we conducted a week-long Grant Writing Workshop in Mbita, Kenya, for 21 researchers and 11 administrators, with faculty facilitators from Maseno University, KEMRI, and UCSF. The workshop included two tracks, one supporting advanced PhD and junior faculty researchers to develop their grant submissions and a second track for grant administrators at Maseno University and KEMRI.



Center for Planetary Health

UCGHI’s Center for Planetary Health (CPH) works to combat issues such as the climate crisis, population growth, and emerging infectious diseases by implementing training and research programs that focus on supporting diverse stakeholders across the UC system to advance transformative solutions.

Students have participated in multi-campus online undergraduate courses such as [Global Population, Health and Environment](#), graduate and young professional level field courses such as the [Rx One Health Field Institute](#), and summer internship placement opportunities throughout California in the [CPH Summer Work Experience Program](#).

Latinx and the Environment (L&E) has been expanding to new UC campuses including UC Riverside, UC Davis, and UC Merced. At UCR, a 4-year Latinx in agriculture grant is in progress where students engage in research, mentoring, and related activities that enhance their academic careers; UCD is implementing their first L&E undergraduate seminar modeled after the UC Berkeley successful format. At the L&E Systemwide Conference at UCR, participants from 7 UC campuses, policy makers, and community-based organizations presented research findings and participated in panels discussions.



At UCB, the project “UC-Mexico Farm Labor Research Cluster” is now underway as a space to grow Planetary Health’s footprint in Latin America, particularly Mexico.

Finally, working across 17 countries in Africa and Southeast Asia, the CPH and collaborators continue to lead the [One Health Workforce-Next Generation Project](#), an \$85M 5-year award from the U.S. Agency for International Development. This [explainer video](#) highlights the power of having locally-nimble country teams that are connected to regional university networks and linked to global partners around the world. Over 50,000 people have been trained over the past five years, even amidst the context of the global pandemic.



Center for Gender and Health Justice

In 2023-2024, the Center for Gender and Health Justice spearheaded numerous initiatives aimed at gender equity and justice, with a focus on promoting research, education, and community involvement to address gender and health disparities.

Course Development

CGHJ was awarded an R25 training grant from the National Library of Medicine and the National Institutes of Health Office of Research on Women's Health to develop short courses to advance gender and health justice. These courses are designed to complement and enhance the training of a new generation of the public health workforce in diverse career stages to gain a strong understanding and skills in methods to advance the intersection of HIV prevention and gender and health justice.

Global College Campus Violence Prevention (GCVP) Network

The GCVP Network received a new round of foundation funding and has distributed eight new sub-awards to international research teams in the Global South. The network has also expanded its education and mentorship initiatives by implementing a new program called Manuscript Mastery for Emerging Researchers (MMER). This multinational program offers a blend of workshops, peer review sessions, and dedicated mentorship, designed to navigate the complexities of academic publishing effectively.



Internship Opportunities Program

Through the CGHJ's Internship Opportunities Program, the Center funded 8 students from underrepresented communities with stipends ranging from \$1,000-\$5,000. Students work with partner organizations on a range of research topics and related activities, including abortion access through CGHJ's signature California Home Abortion by Telehealth (CHAT) Study, farmworker perinatal health, sexual and gender minoritized population health, HIV prevention among sex workers in India, and indigenous reproductive health in Mexico.

Collaboration and Community Work

CGHJ continues to support multi-campus student participation in the evaluation of *Know Your Rights* training for community health workers in Santa Barbara County focused on farmworker perinatal health and rights.



Center for Health Workforce Equity

The HEAL (Health, Equity, Action, and Leadership) Initiative trains and transforms frontline health professionals through building a community dedicated to serving the underserved as their lifelong choice. The program achieved some exciting milestones and continues to serve underserved communities across the world.

HEAL Fellowship

The HEAL Fellowship is in its 10th year of training and transforming frontline health providers who serve in resource-denied settings as clinicians, leaders, and advocates for health equity. 2023 marked a significant milestone: reaching 200 fellows. The 2023 cohort consisted of 19 Fellows. These dedicated health workers, spanning 9 countries, have been instrumental in caring for hundreds of thousands of patients, significantly reducing mortality rates in their communities.

Launch of Southwest Nurse Leadership Program

Beginning in Fall 2024, HEAL is building upon nearly 10 years of work in Navajo Nation with this 18-month program led *by indigenous HEAL alumni for indigenous nurses*. Participants will benefit from mentorship and professional development opportunities, as well as becoming part of a supportive community of practice. This initiative realizes a long-term goal of HEAL to train health workers closer to where they live and serve.

The leadership program builds capacity and fosters a movement of health workers dedicated to serving indigenous communities.

Largest-Ever Cohort Training

In June HEAL celebrated its largest training in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The HEAL Community gathered for a week-long training with 62 attendees, including 33 alumni and 29 fellows across five cohorts. Attendees traveled from 8 countries and the Navajo Nation. This gathering underscored the transformative power of in-person community, camaraderie, and training, especially valued after the hiatus during the pandemic.

Mexico Leadership Program

HEAL proudly launched a Spanish language HEAL cohort in rural Mexico, facilitated by our Mexican alumni for local health workers. This initiative aligns with HEAL's commitment to bridging gaps for health workers in remote areas, who face challenges such as limited travel options and language barriers.

Preparations to Launch California-wide HEAL Cohort

Thanks to a sizeable grant from California Health Care Foundation, HEAL is on track to launch a California-wide HEAL cohort by 2025. They are holding conversations with underserved clinics, and communities, University of California leadership, and institutions that represent tribal clinics. At scale, this work will engage all the UC's, rural, and black and brown communities throughout California, and do what HEAL does best: transform and upskill health workers serving underserved communities for the long-term.



Incubator Awards Program

The three awardees from the 2022-2023 funding cycle will continue to cultivate partnerships with UCGHI, and further collaboration across the UC system. These three emerging centers have key highlights of their successes in 2023:

Food Justice & Health Equity

- * A new UC Davis course titled “People, Plants, and the Planet” based on this Center’s activities was developed by Dr. Carrie Waterman and implemented in Fall 2023 as part of Quarter at Aggie Square.
- * Dr. Waterman and Cheryl Branch attended UC Global Health Day 2024 to represent their Center with a lightning presentation titled “Unveiling Achievements and Charting Future Goals at the Center for Food Justice and Health Equity.”

Perioperative and Surgical Health Equity

- * Awarded two seed grant applicants each \$15,000 to build upon research projects focused on advancing equity in surgery, anesthesia, and perioperative care.
 - Dr. John Rose (UCSF), Dr. Stephen Bickler (UCSD), and Dr. Matchecane Cossa (Mozambique) received this funding to incorporate data informatics into population level global surgery indicators by building upon longstanding collaborations with partners in Mozambique.
 - Dr. Lan Vu (UCSF) and Dr. Jonathan Kohler (UC Davis) received this funding to identify how social determinants of health impact outcomes within a national quality database for pediatric surgery.

- * Brought onboard a medical student intern to help curate a lecture series alongside the Global Surgery Student Alliance (GSSA) chapters to create and maintain a database for the global surgery projects within the UC system.

Accelerating Implementation Science and Research Translation for Global Health Delivery and Diplomacy

- * Received a \$150,000 joint grant from UC Online to convert four implementation science graduate courses originally offered at UC Berkeley and UC San Diego into cross-campus online courses.
 - Introduction to Applied Implementation Science
 - Dissemination and Implementation Science in Health: An Introduction
 - Implementation Science Case Studies in Low- and Middle-Income Countries
 - Dissemination and Implementation, Policy, and Health Services in Mental Health
- * Led the collaboration of implementation science experts from nine UC campuses to apply for a Multicampus Research Programs and Initiatives (MRPI). Although their team was not selected for funding, the positive feedback has reaffirmed a launching pad for future funding proposals with support from every Vice Chancellor for Research across the UC system.

➔ **LEARN MORE** about each emerging Center in our November 2023 feature story: [‘From Seed Funding to Global Impact: Three Multi-Campus University of California-Based Initiatives Drive Health Equity’](#).



About the UC Global Health Institute

The University of California Global Health Institute is a UC-wide institute that advances the mission of the University of California to improve the lives of people in California and the world through global health research, education, advocacy, and collaboration through our commitment to justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion. UCGHI leverages the diverse expertise across the UC system to revolutionize training of future global health leaders and accelerate the discovery and implementation of transformative global health solutions.

*** 2008

Chancellor Emeritus and UCGHI Director Emeritus Haile T. Debas, MD, conceived the idea of a cross-campus institute focused on global health and received \$4 million in start-up funds from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

2013 ***

UCGHI received an additional \$4 million from the Los Angeles-based Chan-Soon Shiong Foundation.

2015 ***

The UC Council of Chancellors pledged \$1 million per year (\$100,000 per campus) for five years to support UCGHI and provided core administrative and operational funding as well as seed funding for core research and education initiatives.

2017 ***

Haile T. Debas, MD, stepped down as Director and Thomas J. Coates, PhD (UCLA) was named as Director with Patricia Conrad, DMV, PhD (UC Davis), and Craig Cohen, MD, MPH (UCSF), as Co-Directors.

2019 ***

Sun Yu Cotter, MPH was named Deputy Director of UCGHI.

2020 ***

UCGHI became part of the UC Office of the President in the University of California Health Division. UCGHI is grateful for the leadership of President Michael V. Drake, MD, and Executive Vice President for University of California Health, Carrie Byington, MD, and Vice President for Health Sciences, Cathryn L. Nation, MD.

2021 ***

Ndola Prata, MD, MSc (UC Berkeley) was named Associate Director of UCGHI.

2022 ***

Madhavi Dandu, MD, MPH (UCSF) was named Director of UCGHI. The HEAL Initiative officially became part of UCGHI.

2015-2022 ***

UCGHI has leveraged more than \$135 million with core support from UCGHI from all sources. Funders include NIH, NSF, USAID, UCOP, Conservation International, Beneventures Foundation, Society of Family Planning, U.S. Department of the Interior, California Department of Public Health, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Lisa & Douglas Goldman Fund, private individuals, and others.

2023 ***

At the UC Office of the President, Deena Shin McRae, MD was named Associate Vice President of Academic Health Sciences and David Rubin, MD, MSCE was named Executive Vice President of UC Health. UCGHI formally launched a new strategic planning process to define the next stage of the Institute.

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UCGHI continues to expand UC-wide partnerships through UCGHI Centers and Programs and will finalize its strategic planning process.

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Page 8 Left to right: UC Santa Cruz Students at UC Global Health Day 2024; UC Global Health Day 2024 Closing Plenary Question & Answer Discussion with Drs. Frank Mugisha and Ndola Prata. (Below, top and bottom): Ashreyi Appajodu, UCGHI Student Ambassador; Ryan Chiriboga, Senior Human Biology Major UC Santa Cruz.

Page 9 UCGHI Center for Planetary Health Co-Director, Dr. Woutrina Smith, presenting, “Climate Change & the Biodiversity Crisis,” at CUGH 2024.

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Page 15 Left to right, by row: Mariah Jiles presenting her research at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting in 2023, Sima Naderi and staff from Sacramento Comprehensive Treatment Center providing same-day admission and consulting for Afghan refugees, Sheila Okoroanyanwu and Joy Nakato with research team in Lagos, Nigeria, Rushlenne Pascual presenting her research findings at the UC Berkeley Public Health conference where she won the Berkeley Sheldon Margen Award, Gabrielle Chan Meeting with HIV physicians and psychiatrists at Philippine General Hospital for the Mental Health Network (includes SHIP and HEALTHQUAL leaders), Jason Tin using a translated and culturally appropriate slide deck to present his research findings to community partners in Nepal.

Page 16 GloCal Fellow, Elise Reynolds with research data collection team in Ghana.

Page 17 SD4H Fellows, Training Coordinators, and MPIs gather in Kisumu, Kenya: (Front row) Louisa Ndunyu (mPI), Habwe Florence, Fiona Mwadziwe, Rhoda Musungu, JJ Odak, Peter Omemo, Craig Cohen (mPI), (Back row) Calvin Oyolo Grievance, Emanuel Simiyu Wechabe, Elly Weke, Rachel Burger, Elizabeth Bukusi (mPI), Joy Nyaim.

Page 18 Top: Dr. Woutrina Smith and the One Health Institute team joined partners from 18 countries in Nairobi, Kenya to share successes during the Africa One Health University Network International Conference. Bottom: UC Davis

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Page 21 Food Justice & Health Equity group photo of Dr. Carrie Waterman with attendees of an in-person gardening event.

Page 22 Left to right: The 2023-2024 UCGHI GloCal Health Fellows at the National Library of Medicine for the GloCal orientation, UC Global Health Day 2024 opening plenary discussion with Dr. Rohan Radhakrishna, moderated by Dr. Madhavi Dandu.

Page 25 Left to right, by row: UCGHI Director of Education, Dr. Oladele Ogunseitan, and UCGHI Student Ambassador alumna and PhD candidate in Public/Global Health, Maia Tarnas, were both in attendance; GloCal Deputy Director, Kimberly Bale, with GloCal Fellows at the UC Global Health Day 2024 Reception; Stephanie Sumstine-Felice, MPH, Sun Yu Cotter, MPH, Madhavi Dandu, MD, Paolo De La Cruz, Joe Lee, MPH, Roshni Desai, and Ndola Prata, MD.; Center for Gender and Health Justice partial group photo.

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