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# Welcome from the Associate Vice President, Faculty of Health Sciences, Global Health

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*The Global Health Office is multi-faceted, operating in close collaboration with all schools in the Faculty of Health Sciences, including medicine, midwifery, nursing and rehabilitation science.*

***The Office provides ongoing support for international activities; enhances McMaster's visibility by strengthening health systems internationally; promotes interprofessional linkages focused on medical and health research through humanitarian aid and development; and acts as a liaison for increasing health human resource capacity building in higher education worldwide.***

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In September 2011, McMaster University's President, Patrick Deane issued, "Forward with Integrity: A Letter to the McMaster Community", where the mandate for the University, and the role of the Global Health Office has never been more clear. "Forward with Integrity" (FWI) highlights McMaster's integrated priorities, with internationalization being one of the initiatives presented therein. Internationalization is essential to foster global citizenship and an action-oriented approach to global challenges. The Global Health Office (GHO) plays an essential role in the internationalization of McMaster University by building global partnerships with mutual benefit between researchers, educators, clinicians and students.

According to President Deane's FWI, in order for McMaster to become more internationalized, there is a need for greater faculty involvement in a network of research alliances abroad. This past year, the GHO has strengthened international collaborations while establishing new research networks and collaborations in capacity building endeavours. The GHO has welcomed numerous visitors and delegations from countries including Brazil, Japan, Kenya, Norway, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, the Netherlands, Uganda, and Vietnam. The purpose of these visits is to discuss current projects or to explore new partnership initiatives in education, research and practice.

The FHS is world renowned for its innovative educational approaches in problem based, inquiry based, and evidence based learning. The FHS and GHO have offered delegations and international visitors workshops, active tutorials, and interactive discussions in order to gain a mutual understanding of the international perspectives on educational methodologies. These discussions create a venue for experts to share ideas on topics such as curriculum planning, program implementation and evaluation measures. The GHO is pleased to support these relationships where mutual sharing and learning between the FHS and other institutions may continue to prosper.

This past year, the GHO was honoured to host the visit of Her Royal Highness (HRH) Princess Margriet of the Netherlands. The enduring partnership between the Netherlands and Canada was demonstrated when HRH was conferred an Honorary Doctorate of Laws Degree. Ambassador Wim Geerts (Kingdom of the Netherlands in Canada), was instrumental in collaborating with the Dutch Royal House to coordinate this esteemed visit. HRH's visit also marked a milestone for the MSc Global Health Program, with the signing of a new Memorandum of Agreement, solidifying the partnership between Maastricht and McMaster universities for a five year term. This agreement provides the opportunity to strengthen collaborative educational programs and to extend the partnership to additional affiliate institutions. The collaborative MSc in Global Health program offers

# Welcome



student exchanges, field work opportunities and provides a multidisciplinary approach across a global network.

The Chanchlani Research Centre at McMaster University, in collaboration with the GHO, hosted the inaugural Chanchlani Global Health Research Award and Lecture. This annual event, created by the Chanchlani Family and McMaster University in 2012, recognizes leading scholars in the area of Global Health research. This year, the inaugural Chanchlani Research Award was awarded to Dr. Madhukar Pai, Associate Professor of Epidemiology at McGill University and his wife Dr. Nitika Pai, Associate Professor of Medicine at McGill University for their research related to the control and treatment of tuberculosis and HIV in low income countries.

In keeping with the principles and priorities outlined in FWI, the Global Health Office in collaboration with the Computer Services Unit and the Centre for Leadership in Learning is developing a Massive Open On-Line Course (MOOC) to create a sustainable large-scale online method for dissemination of information. The objective of this experimental educational directive is an online, free open-access learning module intended to provide information and educate people world-wide on global health issues. This educational endeavour will serve as a platform for knowledge transfer to facilitate the development of "global citizens" and the cross cultural understanding of global issues.

As the Associate Vice-President, Faculty of Health Sciences, Global Health, it is an honour to participate in these initiatives. I invite you to read more about the activities from this past year in the pages ahead of the 2012-2013 Faculty of Health Sciences Global Health Annual Report.



Dr. Andrea Baumann, Associate Vice-President  
Faculty of Health Sciences, Global Health

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## **MISSION**

*To build a partnership between the Faculty of Health Sciences researchers, educators and clinicians, funding agencies and global development initiatives to commit university research and education to the service of people's health worldwide for the mutual benefit of science, health, clinical practice, and human development.*

*Please read further for details on how our work in the Global Health Office enriched the knowledge and experience of Canadian researchers and academics, while building capacity for better health, knowledge and practice around the globe.*

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# Capacity Building in Higher Education

## The Seventh Annual International Interdisciplinary Summer Institute



2012 Summer Institute Participants

The Global Health Office hosted McMaster University's 7th Annual International Interdisciplinary Summer Institute from June 18 through June 22, 2012. This year a total of 16 participants attended the program with attendees from University of Botswana, Botswana (1), University of Fort Hare, South Africa (5), and North West University, South Africa (10). The International Interdisciplinary Summer Institute is an interactive and practical approach to learning about Health Science education including how Problem Based Learning (PBL) is taught across the various health disciplines at McMaster. This week-long institute provides a unique and rich opportunity for knowledge exchange and transfer, where faculty members from other institutions can learn about educational methodologies, high-fidelity simulation, and faculty development. The Summer Institute is led by McMaster faculty experts in nursing, medicine, midwifery, rehabilitation sciences and information technology.



SAUDI ARABIA

### King Saud University, Department of Medicine, Riyadh

Dr. Ahmed Alammar (Vice Dean for Post-Graduate and Continuous Medical Education, Faculty of Medicine), Dr. Mubarak Al-Faran (Dean, Faculty of Medicine, King

Saud University), and Dr. Mazen Hassanain (Assistant Professor, Surgery; Scientific Director, Prince Naif Research Institute and Health Science Research, King Saud University) visited McMaster on June 18, 2012 as McMaster was selected by KSU specifically for a capacity building program that will train postgraduate medical students in health research methodology. The delegates from King Saud University met with Dr. Andrea Baumann, Dr. Alan Neville, Dr. Clive Kearon, Dr. Mark Walton, Dr. Rob Whyte and Dr. Christy Gombay to discuss the process required to move a KSU-McMaster partnership forward. Immediate goals included a partnership with McMaster to provide KSU trainees an opportunity to learn how to integrate research (epidemiology, basic science, education, bioengineering) into their clinical practice [i.e. Clinical Investigator Program (CIP)]. KSU indicated that they are able to provide full financial support for their trainees in addition to covering the administrative fees for McMaster University that would be required to establish the partnerships. Since the preliminary meeting in June 2012, a follow up meeting took place at McMaster on January 24, 2013, between Dr. Mazen Hassanain (Assistant Professor, KSU), Dr. Holger Schünemann (Chair of Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics (CE&B)), Dr. Alfonso Iorio (Education Coordinator, CE&B), Mr. Noel Fraser (Department Manager, CE&B), and Dr. Andrea Baumann (Associate VP, Global Health Office) to further discuss the potential KSU-McMaster Agreement. Dr. Hassanain submitted a proposal outlining KSU's objectives which has been under review. The Global Health Office continues to work with KSU and McMaster partners to move the initiative forward. Meetings will continue to take place in the summer 2013.

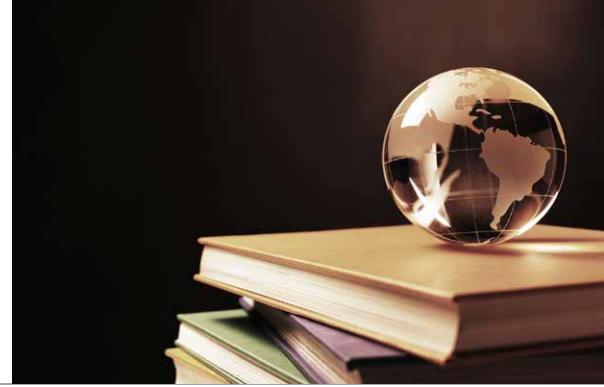


VIETNAM

### The Canada Vietnam Business Council

The mandate of the Canada Vietnam Business Council (CVBC) is to increase trade and investment opportunities between Canada and Vietnam and more specifically, to utilize the local advantages, strengths, and potential

# Capacity Building in Higher Education (Continued)



of Vietnam's tourism sector; its burgeoning small and medium enterprises; and other exportable opportunities to Canada. On February 13, 2013 a delegation from CVBC which included David Tsubouchi, Marc Kealey, and Danny Leung met with Dr. Andrea Baumann, Dr. Alan Neville, Dr. Mark Walton, and Dr. Rob Whyte at McMaster University. This visit was in follow-up to the delegations previous visit to McMaster on December 2, 2011 in order to provide an update from the Council's August 2012 visit to the Hai Duong Province of Vietnam and presented a report outlining the benefits of creating an infrastructure that would lead to opportunities in health human resource capacity building in higher education. CVBC iterated that the Vietnamese Government would be willing to fund training of Vietnamese health-care professionals. Discussions around McMaster's role in this endeavor included providing educational training for health care professionals, professional development, and/or consultancy models.



BRAZIL

## The Higher Education Association of the State of São Paulo (SEMESP) and Centro Universitário de Anápolis (UniEVANGÉLICA)

On May 21, 2013, the Centre for Leadership in Learning, in collaboration with the Global Health Office, hosted a 52-member delegation of prominent Brazilian higher education professionals from the Higher Education Association of the State of São Paulo (SEMESP) and Centro Universitário de Anápolis (UniEVANGÉLICA). SEMESP, who represents institutes of higher-education in the state of São Paulo, Brazil, organizes technical missions for representatives of Brazilian universities and institutes of higher education in order to foster training and collaboration.

Through a long-standing relationship with UniEVANGÉLICA which developed as a result of the International Summer Institute, McMaster was one of five Canadian institutions selected to participate in

SEMESP's 5th Technical Mission in Canada which took place from May 17 through May 26. McMaster was specifically chosen for being the pioneer of Problem Based Learning (PBL).

The morning session opened with an introduction by Dr. Peter Smith, Associate Vice-President, Academic, which was followed by Professor Sue Baptiste, School of Rehabilitation Science, who led an open plenary and experiential sessions focused on PBL methodologies. Following the morning workshop, the delegation from UniEVANGÉLICA, which included Dr. Carlos H. Mendes da Silva (Rector); Dr. Geraldo H.F. Espindola (President and Chancellor); Dr. Cicilio A. de Moraes (2nd Vice-President, Board of Administration); and Dr. Marco Aurelio Santos Cordeiro (Dean, Medical Education; Director, Clinical Cardiology Fellowship Program), remained at McMaster to discuss opportunities for capacity building and future collaboration.



Delegates from the Higher Education Association of the State of São Paulo (SEMESP)

# Capacity Building in Higher Education (Continued)

Dr. David Musson, Director, Centre for Simulation Based Learning (CSBL), provided delegates with a tour of the facility and discussion related to simulation based learning at McMaster University. Following the session at the CSBL, the delegates met with Dr. Harold Reiter, Director, Program for Educational Research and Development (PERD) and Dr. David Keane, IPPT Administrator; Research Associate, PERD, for a presentation centered on International Partnership for Progress Testing (IPPT). The meetings concluded with Dr. Andrea Baumann, Associate Vice-President, Global Health, with whom the delegates discussed the possibilities of sending a delegation from McMaster's School of Medicine to conduct a workshop at UniEVANGÉLICA in October 2013, which will be geared to faculty, staff and students at UniEVANGÉLICA as well as health care professionals in their community. Communication between the Global Health Office and UniEVANGÉLICA continues regarding details of the workshop.

A key outcome from the visit to McMaster is that UniEVANGÉLICA is now in the process of becoming a partner in the International Partnership for Progress Testing (IPPT).



Dr. David Musson and the delegates from the Centro Universitário de Anápolis (UniEVANGÉLICA)



# Update on MSc Global Health Program

## Master of Science in Global Health Program



McMaster global health students near a 'snake temple' in India.

The partnership between McMaster University and Maastricht University has produced 122 graduates since its inception in 2010. Each year, there has been a considerable increase in the number of applicants to the program, with over 400 applications received for the 2012-2013 academic year. Domestic applicants were from across Canada, with the majority residing in Ontario. International applications were received from the United States, Philippines, China, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Ghana, and Saudi Arabia. In 2012, there were 44 students enrolled in the MSc Global Health Program at McMaster and 50 students at Maastricht. During the second term, students have the opportunity to go on exchange to Maastricht University. In January 2012, ten McMaster students went on exchange to Maastricht and four Maastricht students came to McMaster.

In April 2013, the third annual International Global Health Symposium: Bridging Different Worlds was held at Manipal University in India. The Symposium which was hosted by McMaster, Maastricht, and Manipal, brought together students from the three universities to share scholarly work with their peers, educators, researchers and experts in the field of Global Health. Over 145 students participated in the symposium where they presented abstracts of their scholarly papers or thesis research in an interactive peer reviewed environment. Faculty members from the

three institutions and global health experts challenged students to integrate critical feedback. The symposium was complemented with a field orientation where students participated in field visits to enhance their knowledge of global health and where they had the opportunity to strengthen their critical thinking and analytic skills in diverse and complex settings.



Bridging Different Worlds Symposium, Manipal, India, from left Dr. D. Doane, Dr. P. Wakefield, Dr. A.M. Meershoek, Dr. R. Kamath

# Delegations & Visits



BRAZIL

## Department of Health Sciences at Centro Universitário de Brasília (UniCEUB)

Dr. Kleber DeCampos visited McMaster University's Michael G. DeGroot School of Medicine, Waterloo Regional Campus. The main objectives of Dr. DeCampos' visit were to tour the School of Medicine's regional campus facilities and understand the inner structure of the program in regards to the academic and administrative organization. Dr. DeCampos and his team are creating a new school of medicine at UniCEUB and will be using the PBL approach in their curriculum. Furthermore, they are conducting a research project, funded by the Brazilian Government, to compare the two educational methodologies (traditional versus PBL) and would like to engage McMaster as one of the institutions involved in this multi-centric research project. Dr. DeCampos will be sending an outline of the project along with a letter of introduction to initiate the process. Future plans also include Dr. DeCampos visiting McMaster's main campus and School of Medicine.



UGANDA

## Medical School at Gulu

The International Surgery Desk, and the Divisions of General Surgery and Orthopedics sponsored surgeons and anesthesiologists from four Ugandan hospitals (Gulu, Mulago, Mbarara, and Soroti) to attend the third annual "Side By Side" conference in October 2012. The conference, organized by the St. Joseph's International Outreach Program, focused on healthcare collaboration in Uganda. McMaster faculty, including Dr. Brian Cameron, Director, International Surgery Desk, introduced the Ugandan delegation to the Centre for Simulation Based Learning (CSBL). For more information on the International Surgery Desk, please visit: <http://fhs.mcmaster.ca/surgery/isd/>.



JAPAN

## Niigata University Educational Seminar 2013

In March 2013, the Global Health Office, in collaboration with Mohawk College, hosted the fifth Niigata University Education Seminar. The 2013 visit was significant as it marked the return of the Niigata University Educational Seminar following the Great Sendai Earthquake in March 2011. This year, nine students (6 nursing and 3 medical laboratory) and two chaperone professors participated in the week-long seminar which ran from March 11 to March 18, 2013. The learning sessions consisted of lectures covering a wide range of topics including health-related programs in the Faculty of Health Sciences, Problem-Based Learning, the McMaster nursing curriculum, and research in education and practice. Japanese students had the opportunity to discuss topics with undergraduate and graduate McMaster nursing students. In addition, participants toured the Centre for Simulation Based Learning (CSBL); radiation therapy, radiography and ultrasound laboratories in the Institute of Applied Health Sciences; and the Michener Institute, Toronto. The Seminar concluded with presentations from the Niigata students, comparing health care education and delivery systems between McMaster University and Niigata University.



Niigata University Educational Seminar 2013

# Delegations & Visits



## NORWAY

### Vestfold University

Members from the Faculty of Health Sciences International Office at Vestfold University College visited the Global Health Office from May 22-24, 2013. The delegation included Anne-Marie Gran Bruun, Director, Department of Nursing Science, Faculty of Health Sciences; Eva Merethe Solum, Associate Professor, Global Health in Nursing, Department of Nursing; Thor-Egil Eide, Senior Executive Officer, International Relations Office; and Karol L. Svanøe, Assistant Professor, International Coordinator, Faculty of Health Sciences. Meetings took place to discuss the Global Health Office and international programming, FHS undergraduate and graduate programs, and research activities. The delegates met with McMaster faculty from the Faculty of Health Sciences, the School of Nursing, Midwifery Education Program, the Global Health Office and 3 nursing students (levels II – IV). The objective of the visit was to identify and discuss potential areas for future collaboration between McMaster and Vestfold University College. The Global Health Office will continue to work with the delegates to determine the areas for collaboration and the possibility of another visit.



Karol Svanøe, Anne-Marie Gran Bruun, Eva Merethe Solum, Dr. Andrea Baumann, and Dr. Mabel Hunsberger



# Highlighted Events

## Her Royal Highness Princess Margriet of the Netherlands Receives Honorary Doctorate Degree

The enduring ties between Canada and the Netherlands was demonstrated on November 16, 2012 when HRH Princess Margriet of the Netherlands received the Degree Doctor of Laws, Honoris Causa from McMaster for her dedication to humanitarian work, her international achievements in the field of health care, and her commitment to strengthen the ties between Canada and the Netherlands. HRH Princess Margriet said her honorary degree from McMaster "serves as recognition for both Maastricht and McMaster University to engage enduringly in the pursuit of scientific knowledge and training of professionals, in order to contribute to the promotion of health and healthcare worldwide."

During her visit, HRH also participated in the signing of the new Memorandum of Understanding between McMaster and Maastricht University which extends the partnership for another five years, with aims to expand the program to other institutions. Since 2009, the Master of Science in Global Health program has seen the collaboration between McMaster and Maastricht prosper. The signing of the Memorandum of Understanding marked an important step for the Global Health program - the ability to increase the trans-continental collaboration as well as cross-cultural intuition that the program strives for.

Along with HRH, Ambassador Wim Geerts, Consul General Hans Horbach, senior officials from McMaster and Maastricht Universities, along with the MSc Global Health Advisory Board members were present for the meetings held November 14-16, 2012.



# Highlighted Events



## Inaugural Chanchlani Global Health Research Award and Lecture

In March 2012, the Chanchlani Research Centre at McMaster University celebrated its grand opening. The new centre, funded by a \$1-million donation from Vasu and Jaya Chanchlani, is dedicated to understanding the genetic and environmental causes of common diseases among women, the socially disadvantaged, and diverse cultural groups.

The Chanchlani Global Health Research Award was founded by the Chanchlani Family and McMaster University in 2012, with the aim of recognizing leading scholars in the area of Global Health. The recipient is selected based on their scholarly contributions to Global Health research. Each year a discipline within Global Health is chosen and an internal committee at McMaster reviews leading candidates.

The award recipient delivers a lecture to the McMaster University community.

On November 27th Dr. Madhukar Pai, Associate Professor of Epidemiology at McGill University and his wife Dr. Nitika Pai, Associate Professor of Medicine at McGill University were awarded with the 2012 Inaugural Chanchlani Global Health Research Award for their research in the areas of tuberculosis and HIV. Dr. Patrick Deane and the Chanchlani family presented the inaugural Chanchlani Research Award to Dr. Madhukar Pai and Dr. Nitika Pant Pai.

During their anticipated lecture, Dr. Madhukar Pai, and Dr. Nitika Pai each presented research findings from their respective fields. Dr. N. Pai lectured on her research entitled "Point-of-Care tests for HIV: Innovation, synergy and impact". In her lecture she described her mission of improving the state of health and healthcare for vulnerable populations



such as homeless and low income communities. The approach involves building capacity with innovative diagnostics and treatments in order to create affordable screening solutions. Dr. N. Pai looked specifically into the effectiveness of oral HIV tests compared to the commonly used finger stick test. Her research in India revealed that the oral test had 100% specificity and sensitivity compared to the 99% specificity of the finger stick test. Dr. N. Pai described some of the barriers to the effective uptake of new HIV testing methods. She found that stigma played a large role in a person's decision to undergo HIV testing. In response, Dr. N. Pai explored the effectiveness of self-testing strategies. She investigated a supervised self-testing strategy at McGill University and found that there was 100% agreement between the self-tests performed by students and those performed by nurses. Dr. N. Pai discussed the goal of making self-testing more widely available on a global scale, including the development of HIV self-testing instructional internet and mobile applications.



# Highlighted Events



At the Chanchlani Global Health Research Lecture, from left: Dr. Jaya Chanchlani and Mr. Vasu Chanchlani; Dr. Nikika Pant Pai and Dr. Madhukar Pai; Dr. Patrick Deane, President and Vice-Chancellor



Next Dr. Madhukar Pai gave a lecture entitled "The Freakonomics of TB control in India". Dr. M. Pai addressed the barriers of consistent and clinically effective treatment of TB in India. These include a lack

of financial resources, poor governmental enforcement of legal guidelines, and a fragmented relationship between the private and public healthcare sectors in India. Dr. M. Pai performed a meta-analysis in which he discovered that the immense number of treatments offered were both ineffective in the treatment of TB and also contributed to antibiotic resistance. Dr. M. Pai's research of TB treatment required that he work hand in hand with the Indian government in order to make sustainable changes to the way the TB is treated in India. In June 2012 the government of India officially banned the use of the unregulated treatment for TB. Dr. M. Pai discussed that even though the government has banned the use of the previous popular and ineffective treatments for TB, their usage continues because the government is not enforcing these changes. Dr. M. Pai discussed his plans to return to India with the goal of reducing the cost discrepancy of TB treatment between the private and the public healthcare sectors.

Dr. and Dr. Pai also hosted a roundtable discussion for MSc Global Health students and alumni and Health Research Methods students.

# Global Health Speaker Series



As part of our future directions, the Global Health Office developed an annual Global Health Speaker's Series which was inaugurated in June 2010. This year, two lectures were offered discussing challenges surrounding global health. The lectures were presented live and were offered via Elluminate for people attending by distance.



## The Role of Surgery in Global Health. Dr. Brian Cameron, Dr. Samir Faidi, and Dr. Alex Dauphin

November 22, 2012

Dr. Brian Cameron (Associate Professor, Pediatric General Surgeon and Director of the International Surgery Desk), Dr. Samir Faidi (Assistant Professor and General Surgeon at HHS) and Dr. Alex Dauphin (Clinical Professor in Anesthesiology at St. Joseph's Healthcare.) On November 22, 2012 the Global Health Office and the McMaster Health Forum partnered with the International Surgery Desk



to present the different roles international surgery has in Global Health. Presenters discussed the roles that surgeons play in crisis areas (war and natural disasters) and how their efforts can be better coordinated with other health care professionals. This event was a special collaboration with the McMaster Health Forum.

## So you want to change the world? Kathryn Semogas

October 29, 2012

Kathryn Semogas is an independent communications and advocacy consultant. She most recently served as Manager of Public Advocacy and Outreach with Human Rights Watch (HRW) in New York, where she developed

global outreach campaigns with donor committees in 18 cities worldwide. Kathryn discussed the global advocacy environment as highly competitive and challenging to navigate at the Global Health Seminar. She presented a case study from a recent Human Rights Watch campaign and discussed strategies for engaging media and meeting with government officials.

## McMaster Health Forum

On Thursday, March 14, 2013, the McMaster Health Forum, co-sponsored by the Global Health Speakers Series, hosted an Expert Panel Discussion on modern disease control of viral infections. The presentation entitled, "Controlling Infectious Disease Outbreaks" was led by Dr. Fiona Smaill and Dr. Allison McGeer who discussed the role of public health policy in modern disease control following pandemics. Dr. Fiona Smaill is Professor and Chair of the Department of Pathology and Molecular Medicine in the Faculty of Health Sciences at McMaster University. She is a Medical Microbiologist for the Hamilton Regional Laboratory Medicine Program, a consultant in Infectious Diseases and Infection Control, and co-director of the HIV clinic at Hamilton Health Sciences. Her research involves clinical trials in HIV, new vaccines for tuberculosis, and systematic reviews on infections in pregnancy.

Dr. Allison McGeer is Director of Infection Control and a microbiologist and infectious disease consultant at the Mount Sinai Hospital. She is a member of Canada's National Advisory Committee on Immunization and member of the infection control subcommittee of the Ontario Provincial Infectious Diseases Advisory Committee. She has served on national, international and regional infection prevention and pandemic planning committees. Her primary areas of research interest are the prevention of healthcare associated infection, the epidemiology of influenza, and adult immunization.

### So you want to change the world?

The global advocacy environment is highly competitive and challenging to navigate. Successful advocacy groups engage the media, partner organizations, and networks to influence decision makers and prompt changes in public policy. This seminar will address how some of the leading nongovernmental organizations make an impact. We'll examine a case study from a recent Human Rights Watch campaign and discuss strategies for talking to the press and meeting with government officials.

Monday, October 29, 2012 | Room: MDCL 9024 | 4:30-6:30 p.m.

**GUEST SPEAKER**

**Kathryn Semogas**  
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# University Collaborations & Innovative Partnerships

## **Canadian Ambassador's Reception in the Netherlands**

In honour of Her Royal Highness Princess Margriet of the Netherlands' 70th birthday, a reception and formal dinner was hosted by His Excellency, Mr. James Lambert, Canadian Ambassador to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and his wife, Alexandra Echeverria-Lambert, on January 24, 2013, at their residence in The Hague. The evening celebrated the many accomplishments of Her Royal Highness, including her humanitarian work, contributions to global health and ongoing commitment to people in the Netherlands, Canada, and throughout the world. The event reflected the strong ties between Canada and the Netherlands. Those in attendance included dignitaries, royalty, technical experts, policy makers along with Maastricht University faculty members and a McMaster MSc Global Health student on exchange at Maastricht.

## **Forward with Integrity: Internationalization Task Force**

An Internationalization Task Force Group was formed to further investigate how internationalization at McMaster fits within our existing academic structure. The final report was released May 2012 outlining suggestions for strategies to increase McMaster's profile on the international stage.

## **Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS) Compendium of International Activities**

One of the significant results from the Internationalization Task force includes the FHS Global Health Office (GHO) collecting information from all departments and schools within the faculty for a Compendium of International Activities. An earlier compendium completed in 2009 listed international activities across the FHS. It proved to be a resourceful document, demonstrating partnerships between researchers, educators, clinicians, and funding agencies. It also highlighted global development initiatives. A survey was developed and distributed to Chairs and Associate Deans across all faculties. Dr. Andrea Baumann is a member on the Internationalization

Task Force and will be facilitating the continued efforts to move forward with the compendium. Each faculty will be provided with the data collected. An outcome of this project is an International Database that will be housed and maintained on the FHS website.

Analysis of the 2009-2013 surveys reveals a growing trend in multi-departmental collaborations. This is noteworthy as it demonstrates McMaster's commitment in keeping with the FWI initiatives.

## **Canadian Coalition for Global Health Research (CCGHR) University Advisory Council (UAC) Activities**

The CCGHR University Council conducted a number of workshops this past year, one of which included the development of the "Harmonization Initiative", which aims to harmonize Canadian global health research activities at a national level. University members have summarized key challenges, "added value" comments, and ideas about support needed to strengthen global health research activities and capacities at member institutions. Several themes emerged: (i) the "silos" phenomenon continues to be a challenge, about who is doing what in global health research (GHR) particularly across disciplines and faculties; (ii) continued efforts are needed to ensure academic recognition for work in this new field of GHR; (iii) more support is needed for career development, particularly for younger colleagues who are just entering this new field; (iv) the challenge of finding enough time to prioritize effort in this area.

In addition to the Advisory Council Meeting, Dr. Andrea Baumann participated in the February 7, 2013 McMaster-Uganda Harmonization Initiative Workshop, which explored whether research efforts could be made more efficient and effective through purpose-specific collaborative activities and mechanisms. University members have been providing feedback regarding this initiative which has evolved into the creation of a link to the Coalition's "harmonization" project.

# University Collaborations & Innovative Partnerships (Continued)

Additionally, CCGHR launched the Gathering Perspectives project in early 2013, with the circulation of the project document, "A Call for Dialogue on the role of research in a Canadian vision for global health". The project utilizes different forms of dialogue to acquire perspectives: major invited dialogues, university-hosted dialogues, and online contributions. The Coalition has put a call to member institutions to host a university-hosted dialogue at their respective institutions prior to the end of September. The Coalition has prepared "Dialogue toolkits" to facilitate the organization of a dialogue. Additional information is available on the CCGHR website.

## **McMaster's International Peace Conference: Peace and Global**

This conference was hosted by the Centre for Peace Studies and Office of International Affairs at McMaster University. Dr. Andrea Baumann, Associate Vice-President of the Global Health Office at McMaster University, was invited to participate in a panel discussion on December 7, 2012. The panelists were asked to focus on the approaches to development, particularly practicing solidarity. The discussion was chaired by Dr. Gary Warner (former Director of McMaster International) and remaining panelists included Dr. Atif Kubrsi (Professor Emeritus Economics), Dr. Jose Zarate (Indigenous Communities Program Coordinator at Primate's World Relief & Development Fund) and Ms. Jennifer Henry (Executive Director of Kairos Canada).

## **Brock-McMaster Undergraduate Forum for Global Health**

This year's Brock-McMaster Undergraduate Research Forum took place Saturday, January 26, 2013 in Pond Inlet, Brock University. This Forum was planned by McMaster University, Brock University, and the Canadian Coalition for Global Health (CCGHR). This year's forum is entitled "Discovering Global Health in your future" and students were invited to submit abstracts for poster presentations on original global health research, literature reviews, group research or educational projects, as well as on various global health experiences that inform their current undergraduate studies and practice.

Among the keynote speakers were Marilyn McHarg from Dignitas International and Luis Gabriel Cuervo from PAHO. One of the highlights of the forum included panel sessions on Migrant Workers' Realities that involved both faculty and migrant workers.

## **Massive Open On-Line Course (MOOC), Global Health**

The Master of Science in Global Health program, in collaboration with the Centre for Leadership in Learning (CLL), and the Computer Services Unit (CSU), has created a sustainable large-scale online method for information dissemination. This free open access learning model will provide information and educate people worldwide about global health issues. The series is called, "Experts on Tap" and speakers include: Tim O'Shea, Charlotte Yates, Norman Archer, Robert O'Brien, and Salim Yusuf. The first lecture, Marginalized Populations, presented by Dr. Tim O'Shea, is being piloted. The pilot will serve to gauge the impact of integrating McMaster's expertise in research into educational activities.

## **Department of Political Science, McMaster University**

The Global Health Office is a co-sponsor of the third annual Graduate Student Conference on the Internationalization of Public Policy - Mapping the Global Dimensions of Policy 3, hosted by the Department of Political Science. The conference will take place January 27 and 28, 2014, at McMaster University. The preliminary programme is available at: [http://www.politicalscience.mcmaster.ca/globalization-conference/copy\\_of\\_programme](http://www.politicalscience.mcmaster.ca/globalization-conference/copy_of_programme).

The 2013 conference had over 100 registrants with 28 student papers from various disciplines and institutions. The conference provides network opportunities for faculty, students, and distinguished guest speakers. Graduate student presenters benefit from faculty review and feedback of their work. The first meeting for the conference organizing committee will take place in late June 2013. An open call for papers will be announced in the fall 2013.



# Targeted International Activities



## Pan American Nursing Midwifery Collaborating Centres Annual Meeting

The Pan American Network of Nursing and Midwifery Collaborating Centres (PANMCC) Annual Meeting took place on September 4th – 5th, 2012 in Miami, Florida. Dr. Andrea Baumann, Director, McMaster University WHO Collaborating Centre in Primary Health and Health Human Resources attended the meetings along with Dr. Catherine Tompkins and Dr. Ruta Valaitis. The annual meeting served to review PANMCC's goals and proposed activities with the participating centres.

## International Grant Submissions



**BANGLADESH**

Bangladesh: CIDA - Cowater International, McMaster University, Plan International Canada and the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing were awarded a five-year project to improve maternal and neonatal health in Bangladesh.

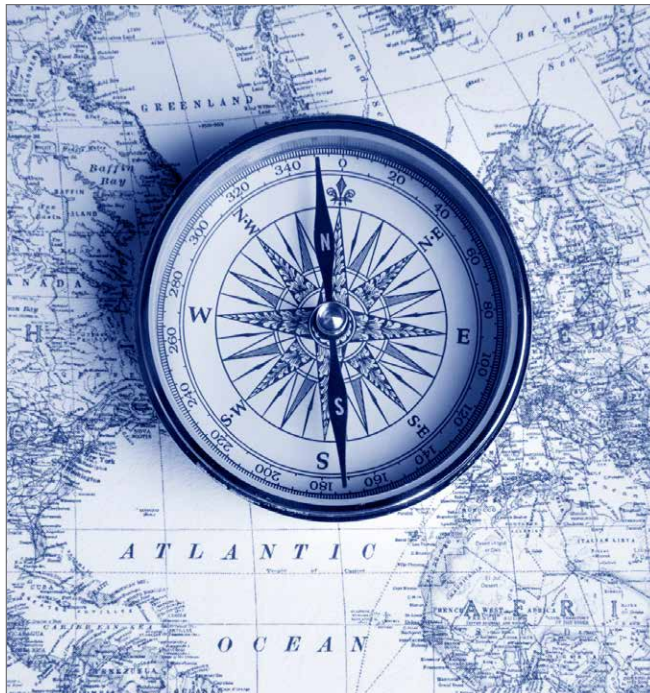
The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) recently awarded Cowater, in association with Plan International Canada, McMaster University and the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing, Human Resources for Health (HRH) a contract to improve maternal and neonatal health status of poor women, girls and boys. The project, with funding from the Government of Canada, provides technical assistance, equipment, and teaching and learning aids to the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to improve the quality of education for healthcare workers. It also provides support to the Ministry to rationalize the rules for recruiting, posting, promoting and training of healthcare workers. The project will work directly with the Directorate of Nursing Services, the Bangladesh Nursing Council and the Human Resource Development Unit of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in Bangladesh.



# Future Directions

In keeping with the key priorities outlined in President Deane's "Forward with Integrity" initiative, the Global Health Office is committed to meeting these objectives. The Global Health Office works to build upon current successes and seeks to coordinate as well as facilitate McMaster's expertise in a highly complex and changing global environment. The goals and future directions of the GHO include the following:

- Enhancing our national and international profile;
- Maximize communications and relationships to support our vision;
- Continue to seek out and participate in dynamic collaborations that are reciprocal in nature;
- Ongoing global outreach and participation in exchange of knowledge and resources;
- Maximizing collaborative nature of the Faculty of Health Sciences;
- Build upon McMaster's international reputation for excellence and innovation.



We look forward to strengthening our existing relationships with global health champions, researchers, organizations and students worldwide and to building on McMaster's international reputation for excellence and innovation.

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