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Welcome



WELCOME from the Associate Vice President, Faculty of Health Sciences, Global Health (GHO)

Reflecting President Deane's *Forward With Integrity* (FWI) initiative, the GHO focuses on the globalization of higher education. Working closely with all schools in the Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS)—medicine, midwifery, nursing and rehabilitation science—we build bridges across campus and demonstrate commitment to health locally and globally. One of our key strategies is engaging faculty, community partners, students and international leaders to transcend boundaries. We strive to strengthen health systems worldwide and promote capacity-building projects that are research-focused and student-centred.

Activities for 2013–2014 include the *McMaster University International Compendium*, highlighting McMaster's involvement in over 1250 partnerships in more than 130 countries. Leading Health Sciences faculty participated in our Innovations in Global Health Speaker Series, which provides an exciting opportunity to share ideas and discuss existing and emergent global health issues. Dr. Hans Rosling, a renowned "edutainer" and cited by *Time* as one of the 100 most influential people in the world, was named McMaster's 2014 Chanchlani Global Health Research Award recipient. Dr. Rosling is Co-founder and Chairman of the Gapminder Foundation and a TED conference lecturer.

The GHO hosted delegations from various countries, including Japan, Norway, The Netherlands, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Thailand and the United States. Partnerships were explored and ongoing projects were enriched. Ninety-four health professionals from Thailand and South Africa attended the 8th International Interdisciplinary Summer Institute. The occasion marked the closure of a successful five-year capacity-building project between McMaster and North-West University in South Africa.

The GHO has expanded McMaster's linkages with organizations and institutions worldwide via research and educational alliances based on respect, reciprocity and transfer of knowledge and resources. The global demand for innovation in education and research is increasing. GHO recognizes the need for a comprehensive internationalized perspective that applies to curriculum, program design, students and research endeavours. We understand the importance of what President Deane refers to as "educating for capability," and we are committed to facilitating this process. I invite you to read more about the activities of the GHO from 2013–2014.

Sincerely,

Andrea Baumann, PhD



GHO Strategic Plan



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Global Health student orientation: Canoe trip down the Grand River, September 2013

International Activities: Capacity Building in Higher Education

AFRICA

UGANDA: St. Joseph Hospital (SJH) Outreach Program

The SJH outreach program, together with Ernest Cook Ultrasound Research and Education Institute (ECUREI) at Mengo Hospital in Kampala, Uganda, are working to improve the health of Ugandans through enhanced ultrasound education. Discussions are underway re the collaboration of SJH, ECUREI and McMaster to encourage residency opportunities and conduct research to assess low cost imaging technologies. The GHO continues to support faculty where necessary.

AMERICAS

BRAZIL: University of São Paulo at Ribeirão Preto College of Nursing, November 2013

To celebrate its 60th anniversary, the University of São Paulo at Ribeirão Preto College of Nursing hosted Nursing Innovations in a Changing World. Dr. Andrea Baumann was invited to speak at the forum and presented on *Innovation and technology in health: The role of the funding agencies and universities.*

ASIA

JAPAN: Niigata University Educational Seminar, March 22–29, 2014

In collaboration with Mohawk College, the GHO has been hosting faculty and students from Niigata University since 2006. This year's delegation included faculty (2) and undergraduate students (8) from medical technology, medical imaging, midwifery and nursing. The seminar provided an opportunity to compare healthcare education and delivery systems.



The GHO fosters international relationships by engaging healthcare researchers, educators and professionals in ongoing dialogue.

NEPAL: Patan Academy of Health Sciences, Lalitpur, June 24, 2014

The McMaster Department of Medicine hosted guest lecturer Dr. Jay N. Shah, Vice-Chancellor of the Patan Academy of Health Sciences. Capacity-building discussions are underway and a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between the Department of Medicine and the Patan Academy is in review.

SAUDI ARABIA: King Saud University (KSU), Riyadh, July 2013

Dr. Andrea Baumann and Dr. Holger Schünemann, Chair of Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics, are working with Dr. Mazen Hassanain, Assistant Professor, KSU, enrolment of KSU medical doctors in the Health Research Methodology program. The GHO and KSU are facilitating collaboration between the two universities, and negotiations are proceeding with KSU and the Ministry of Health.

SAUDI ARABIA: Sulaiman Al Rajhi Colleges (SRC), Bukairyah

A feasibility study to develop capacity building for a new nursing school at SRC has been completed. Discussions re budget and prototype are underway and a meeting is scheduled for fall 2014.

SAUDI ARABIA: King Fahad Specialist Hospital (KFSU)

The GHO provides support for faculty at McMaster and KFSU who are engaged in capacity building in medicine, nursing and allied health professions in Dammam.

McMaster University fosters relationships with universities worldwide to share advances in knowledge, develop new programs and initiatives and respond to the shifting global context.

SAUDI ARABIAN Cultural Bureau (SACB)

The GHO provides support for SACB delegation visits to McMaster and is involved in ongoing communication with the Department of Medicine and SACB Medical and Health Science programs.

THAILAND: Praboromarajchanok Institute of Health Workforce Development (PIHWD), Ministry of Public Health, May 3–June 28, 2014

The GHO hosted a series of educational seminars for 82 PIHWD health sciences representatives. The delegation represented all health disciplines and included government officials. Discussions focused on teaching and evaluation strategies, comparison of healthcare delivery systems and funding models. The *Daily News*, published June 2, 2014, provides highlights of the successful event.



EUROPE

SWITZERLAND: Embassy of Switzerland in Ottawa & Consulate General of Switzerland in Toronto, November 18, 2013

The Embassy of Switzerland and the Consulate General of Switzerland hosted a networking event focussing on Canadian and Swiss university experiences. The GHO has been in communication with Swiss educational institutions re reciprocal nursing exchange initiated by the Consul General of Switzerland and the University of Basel in October 2009.

University Affiliations and Innovative Partnerships

Bangladesh: Improving Maternal and Neonatal Health

The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) awarded the partnership between Cowater International Inc., the McMaster University School of Nursing, Plan Canada and the Canadian Association of Schools of Nursing a five-year grant (2012–2017) to improve maternal and neonatal health in Bangladesh.

McMaster has taken the lead on the design and implementation of workshops for planning, production and management of human resources for health and curriculum development. On October 30, 2013, Dr. Andrea Baumann participated in the 5th Human Resources for Health Consortium management meeting. Discussions included a general update, key anticipated milestones and project implementation strategies.

Indonesia: Syiah Kuala University (SKU), ACEH

The SKU Faculty of Medicine and the McMaster University Department of Family Medicine are exploring collaboration in medical education, faculty development, healthcare research and policy, with an interest in exchange opportunities. The universities have had an informal partnership since 2006. A letter of intent was recently drawn up in order to move forward with an MOU.

Annual Student Conference: Department of Political Science & Global Health Office

The GHO co-sponsored the third Graduate Student Conference on the Internationalization of Public Policy - Mapping the Global Dimensions of Policy 3. The conference took place January 27–28, 2014 at McMaster.



International Delegations and Visiting Scholars

AFRICA

Ministry of Health, Libya, October 9, 2013

The Libyan delegation expressed interest in the following: two-year fellowship experiences in acute care medicine and surgery, advice on restructuring the healthcare system, personnel and masters-level training in medical education and health research methodology. The delegation is preparing a needs assessment for review by McMaster faculty.

Visiting Student, Aga Khan University (AKU), Kenya

Joan Musau from the AKU in Nairobi graduated with her Master of Science in Nursing at the 2013 fall convocation. Joan also received an outstanding graduate award. Under the supervision of Dr. Andrea Baumann, she examined the the impact of healthcare-associated infectious disease outbreaks on the nature of nurses' daily work in Ontario. She plans to conduct the same research in Kenya.



AMERICAS

Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA, April 27, 2013

The GHO planned and organized an educational workshop for doctor of nursing practice students and faculty from Drexel University. Topics included the Canadian healthcare system, health service research, evolving healthcare roles and the healthcare reform system.



EUROPE

Vestfold University College (VUC), Norway, May 22–24, 2013

Since 2012, the GHO has been engaged in ongoing discussions with VUC re establishing a capacity-building partnership. Areas of interest include global health, knowledge-based practice, management and supervision in nursing programs and McMaster's preceptorship and nurse practitioner programs. Recent discussions focused on an MOU and collaboration in a potential grant submission for fall 2014.



Oxford Brookes University, United Kingdom, November 15, 2013

Dr. Andrea Baumann met with Dr. David Sanderson, Director of the Centre for Development and Emergency Practice (CENDEP) at Oxford Brookes University and Visiting Professor of Urban Planning at Harvard University, in designing an acute emergency relief course. Key topics included funding, course structure and potential collaboration between the universities. The assessment of comparable course offerings at other universities is currently under discussion.

International Grants and Contract Submissions

Vestfold University & Buskerud College (VUC), Norway

The GHO and VUC are discussing long-term partnership development opportunities. Areas of interest include exchange of global health students, knowledge-based practice, management and supervision in nursing programs and McMaster's preceptorship and nurse practitioner programs. The universities have drafted an MOU to strengthen their partnership and are preparing to submit a proposal for funding in fall 2014.

Master of Science in Global Health Program

ADMISSIONS

With over 450 applicants that applied to the MSc program, there were 52 students enrolled in the 2013–2014 intake, including two international students. Enrollment for the 2014–2015 cycle is expected to increase to 60 students. The deadline for applications was January 31, 2014. The Admissions Committee withdrew the pre-requisite of an undergraduate statistics course for the 2014–2015 admissions cycle.

RECRUITMENT

Recruitment is ongoing throughout the year. For the 2014–2015 academic year, the Recruitment and Admissions Officer communicated with over 500 applicants, including representation at various graduate fairs - University of Guelph, Brock University by the GH0 Faculty of Health Sciences. Information sessions were also hosted at McMaster for interested applicants to meet faculty, staff, current students and alumni from the program.

GLOBAL HEALTH ADVISORY BOARD

Members of the Global Health Advisory Board are integral to the MSc Global Health program. The Board is comprised of seven international experts including Her Royal Highness Princess Margriet of the Netherlands as Honorary Chair, Elizabeth Witmer, Chair of the Board, from Canada, Dr. Luis Barreto also from Canada, Dr. Abbas Gullet from Kenya, Dr. Priscilla Reddy from South Africa, Dr. Thijs Teeling from the Netherlands, Mary Heersink from the United States. The Advisory Board are health leaders from business, international (non-) governmental organizations and healthcare consultancies. The Board, which convenes regularly in Canada or the Netherlands, oversees the partnership between McMaster and Maastricht and provides strategic direction.

The MSc in Global Health at McMaster University was developed in partnership with Maastricht University, the Netherlands. This 12-month transdisciplinary program prepares the next generation of professionals for the global workforce.

ADVISORY BOARD MEETING, OCTOBER 18, 2013

Members of the Global Health Advisory Board, together with faculty and staff from Maastricht University and McMaster University, attended the annual meeting held in Maastricht. Preparations are underway for the upcoming Board meeting being to be held at McMaster in October 2014.

STUDENT AMBASSADOR COMMITTEE (SAC)

The SAC was launched to provide an opportunity for MSc in Global Health students to advance their personal, professional and leadership skills. The SAC is comprised of current student volunteers who represent the program at public events. Students are engaged in activities throughout the year, including the Global Health Speaker Series and Advisory Board meetings.



Members of the Global Health Advisory Board and faculty from McMaster and Maastricht Universities

International Initiatives

CANADIAN COALITION FOR GLOBAL HEALTH RESEARCH (CCGHR)

In partnership with the federal government, CCGHR supports “better and more equitable health worldwide through the production and use of knowledge.” The coalition invites experts from universities and organizations across Canada to offer advice and information on university-based global health programs. As a member of the CCGHR, McMaster provides input on Canada’s strategic role in global health.

McMASTER-BROCK GLOBAL HEALTH RESEARCH FORUM

The GHO supports initiatives between McMaster University, Brock University and CCGHR. Since 2011, graduate students and faculty have co-hosted the annual Health Research Forum, which provides a dynamic opportunity for knowledge exchange. The focus of the event on September 25th, 2013, the third to date, was the current role and future of global health research in Canada.

McMASTER-CCGHR FALL WORKSHOP, OCTOBER 3, 2013


The GHO co-sponsored this inaugural workshop. The theme of the event was Interdisciplinarity and global health: Co-facilitated insights on the effects of genocide and global health.

McMASTER UNIVERSITY INTERNATIONAL COMPENDIUM

The GHO conducted a survey of international activities across campus from 2009-2013 compiled within the International Compendium 2014. This second International Compendium demonstrates internationalization and leadership at McMaster with over 300 project submissions from McMaster faculty and interdisciplinarity with 34 submissions for international projects involving two or more departments. The contributions identify McMaster’s interconnectedness across campus and dedication to global collaboration. The report is available online.

INTERNATIONAL STRATEGY ADVISORY GROUP (ISAG), PRESIDENT DEANE

President Deane commissioned ISAG to oversee the coordination and planning of international activities on campus, using a pan-university approach. ISAG will operate in coordination with the newly restructured Office of International Affairs. Representation includes the AVP of Students and Learning and Dean of Students, AVP and Dean of Graduate Studies, AVP of Global Health, AVP of Faculty, representatives from the University Research Council and University Advancement/ Alumni Relations and up to three additional faculty members.



The GHO develops and participates in targeted initiatives, including hosting international events, establishing research centres and participating in task forces and coalitions.

2013 GLOBAL HEALTH OFFICE FIVE-YEAR REVIEW AND REPORT

An external review of the GHO was commissioned by Dr. John Kelton, Dean and Vice-President, FHS, on October 31, 2013. The External Review Team included Dr. David Zackus (Director, Global Health, University of Alberta) and two faculty from McMaster, Dr. Patty Solomon (Associate Dean and Director School of Rehabilitation Sciences) and Dr. Peter Sutherland (Professor, Physics and Astronomy, FHS). The review team met with faculty, staff and students involved with the GHO nationally and internationally. The report is available online.

IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE PROTECTION ACT (IRPA) & EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

Significant changes to the IRPA, effective June 30, 2011, has prohibited communication with international faculty and students advising on study permits and renewals, work permits and immigration. Advising is only permitted by a licensed consultant/lawyer assigned by the Immigration Consultants of Canada Regulatory Council (ICCRC).

Following a letter from Citizenship and Immigration Canada (CIC), dated May 24, 2013, steps were taken to assist educational institutions with ICCRC changes. International Student Services at McMaster provides an immigration consultant every other Friday throughout the year. An immigration lawyer is available once per term for post-doctoral students. Further educational requirements under CIC include the following:

- International program certification: Universities must apply to be certified to run an international program.
- University report of each international student: CIC wants to know who and what each individual with a study permit is doing in Canada.

The GHO assists departments within the FHS with the development of various grants and contract proposals to obtain funds for international research and educational projects.

PAN-AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION (PAHO) & WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO) COLLABORATING CENTRE IN PRIMARY CARE NURSING & HEALTH HUMAN RESOURCES

The McMaster Collaborating Centre is one of 44 in the WHO Global Network of Nursing and Midwifery. The Centre focuses on primary healthcare nursing and health human resources and works with faculty across disciplines and with institutions worldwide. Over the past year, Dr. Andrea Baumann, Director of the McMaster site, participated in two international events. A meeting was held September 30–October 1, 2013 in Washington, DC. As part of the proceedings, Dr. Baumann presented McMaster’s annual Crisp Report. The Third Global Forum on Human Resources for Health was held November 10–13, 2013 in Recife, Brazil. The theme of the event was Human Resources for Health: Foundation for universal health coverage. In addition, the PAHO annual report was submitted for April 2013–April 2014.

Online Learning

MASSIVE OPEN ONLINE COURSE (MOOC), GLOBAL HEALTH

The GHO is in the midst of re-launching the MOOCs as a collaborative project with McMaster’s new AVP Teaching and Learning, Dr. Arshad Ahmad. Through the initiative, McMaster’s research expertise will be disseminated to a large-scale online global audience. Meetings are ongoing.



Global Health Education Events

GLOBAL HEALTH SPEAKER SERIES: INNOVATIONS IN GLOBAL HEALTH 2013–2014

Inaugurated in 2010, this well-received series has continued to expand. The series provides an opportunity for faculty, students and international visitors to engage in lively discussion and knowledge exchange. Speakers in 2013–2014 included the following:



Dr. Abdallah Daar – Chief Science and Ethics Officer and Chair of the Scientific Advisory Board, Grand Challenges Canada presented Grand challenges Canada: Empowering innovations for global health (September 25, 2013).



Dr. Ken Rosenthal – Professor, Pathology and Molecular Medicine, McMaster University presented Why some sex workers and infants resist HIV-1 infection (October 29, 2013).



Dr. David Sanderson – Director of CENDEP Oxford Brookes University and Visiting Professor of Urban Planning at Harvard University presented ‘We’re not in the field any more’: Challenges in urban disaster response for aid agencies (November 15, 2013).



Dr. Harry Shannon – Professor, Clinical Epidemiology and Biostatistics, McMaster University presented Evaluating humanitarian aid after disasters (November 26, 2013).



Dr. Leyla Soleymani – Assistant Professor, School of Biomedical Engineering, McMaster University presented The development of a handheld electronic device for diagnosing tuberculosis at the point-of-need (January 20, 2014).



Dr. P. Ravi Selvaganapathy - Associate Professor in Chemical Engineering and Canada Research Chair in Biomicrofluidics at McMaster University presented What is Microfluidics? What can it do for Global Health? (March 24, 2014).

Snapshot of Global Health Activities, McMaster 2013-2014

CHANCLANI GLOBAL HEALTH RESEARCH AWARD

The GHO, together with the Chanchlani Research Centre, have collaborated to honour outstanding scholars in global health. The Chanchlani Global Health Research Award was created in 2012 by the Chanchlani Family and McMaster University. On November 27, 2014, the inaugural award was presented to Dr. Madhukar Pai and Dr. Nikika Pant Pai. On February 24, 2014, the second award was presented to Dr. Hans Rosling.

Dr. Rosling is Professor of International Health in the Department of Public Health Sciences at Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Sweden, and Co-founder & Chairman of Gapminder Foundation. His lecture on a Fact Based View on Global Health was attended by over 500 people at McMaster. The lecture demonstrated that contrary to the dichotomy of developed and developing nations, countries are on a continuum of social and economic development.



Dr. Rosling is a physician and statistician. He has developed courses on global health and authored an introductory textbook on the subject. He has studied the links between poverty and health in Africa, Asia and Latin

America. An adviser to WHO and UNICEF and co-founder of Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders (MSF) in Sweden, Dr. Rosling is also a member of the Swedish Academy of Science and the Academy of Engineering Science. Present for the ceremony and lecture were Vasu and Jaya Chanchlani, the founders of the award; President Patrick Deane; Dr. John Kelton, Dean and Vice-President; and Dr. Andrea Baumann, Associate Vice-President. Attendees also included faculty, staff, students and representatives from various organizations across Ontario.



The Chanchlani Research Centre is comprised of a vibrant group of researchers who investigate the intersection of genomics and culture on human health.

Chanchlani Global Health Research Lecture



AWARD RECIPIENT

Dr. Hans Rosling,
MD, PhD

- Professor of International Health at Sweden's Karolinska Institutet,
- Co-founder & Director, Gapminder Foundation,
- Advisor to the WHO and UNICEF

Key accomplishments include:

- Listed as "World's 100 Most Influential People" - *TIME* magazine, 2012
- Member, Swedish Academy of Sciences and the Academy of Engineering Sciences
- Award-winning lectures, TED talks and Gapminder
- Celebrity statistician, global population health expert
- Expert in the era of the "Big Data" approach to analyzing world problems

PRESENTS

FACT-BASED
VIEW ON GLOBAL
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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2014

5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

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NORTH-WEST UNIVERSITY (NWU) PARTNERSHIP: LOOKING BACK, MOVING FORWARD

In summer 2014, the successful five-year partnership between McMaster and NWU concluded. The dynamic and mutually enriching relationship began when Dr. Mashudu Maselesele, Dean of Agriculture, Science, Technology and the Department of Nursing at NWU, attended the 3rd International Interdisciplinary Summer Institute (IISI) in 2008.

Over the next year, communication between Dr. Maselesele and the GHO continued and helped facilitate partnership ties through a grant submission at Atlantic Philanthropies. The following year, Dr. Maselesele returned to McMaster with Professor NS Mashego, the Vice-Rector of NWU, to sign an MOU (May 2009). Vice-Rector Mashego noted, "The impact of this new collaboration is going to be in the quality of teaching, learning and research in the department of nursing." Dr. Maselesele said, "We hope that after five years we will be a centre of excellence, not just for South Africa but for the entire continent."

Atlantic Philanthropies funded \$2 million (CAD) for the capacity-building project in nursing education and research for post-graduate education and faculty development. As part of the project, NWU faculty visited McMaster annually to attend the IISI. Over five years, the GHO has hosted 55 health professionals from NWU. The outcome of the partnership was the implementation of McMaster's renowned problem-based learning methodology into the nursing curriculum at NWU. A final convention was hosted by NWU in South Africa to highlight the outcomes of this distinctive five-year partnership.



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Activities for 2014–2015 will target and align with our mission, strategy and goals:

- Complete an interdisciplinary student placement database across health science programs
- Coordinate international learning opportunities for students
- Create a compendium and maintain a database of international contacts
- Determine international placements for interdisciplinary student teams

PURSuing GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT: A TRANSFORMATIONAL APPROACH

In keeping with the FWI initiative, the GHO is dedicated to supporting and improving international collaboration at McMaster by working with the FHS, the University and the community.

- Develop further interactive communication strategies (e.g., website, Twitter, Facebook)
- Establish a faculty-wide student ambassador program
- Expand the global health graduate program
- Host international delegations and visiting scholars
- Increase capacity building in higher education
- Liaise with McMaster's Office of International Affairs (e.g., joint symposium and ambassador series)
- Prepare and negotiate international grants and contract submissions
- Represent McMaster on university-wide internationalization committees
- Review and consolidate pre-departure preparation and risk assessment protocols in health science
- Strengthen university affiliations and innovative partnerships
- Work with faculty development to recognize international contributions in promotion and tenure



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