

The Global Health and Population Weekly Digest

Your weekly summary of department news updates, research activities, events and available opportunities

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Department Chair, Marcia Castro named as one of the 2021 Fellows of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).

Dr. Castro, Andelot Professor of Demography and Chair of the Department of Global Health and Population at the TH Chan School of Public Health has recently been named as a 2021 Fellow of the AAAS for her research on the geography and demographic distribution of tropical diseases, especially malaria, and the intersections of socioeconomic status, individual behavior, geography, and health. Please join the department in congratulating Dr. Castro on her accomplishment! This year's Fellows were formally announced in the January edition of the AAAS Journal in Science and will be celebrated during this year's AAAS annual meeting in mid-February.

Department News and Publications

- **Department PhD Candidate in Population Health Sciences, Byron Cohen, M.P.H.** just launched a free public health and health policy blog [Raising Health](#). Read the first blog post: "[The Expert's Dilemma](#)".
- [Hospital Management Practices in County-Level Hospitals in Rural China and International Comparison](#)
This study assessed the management practices of county-level hospitals in Guizhou in southwest China during 2015 using the Development World Management Survey (D-WMS) instrument to interview 273 managers in 139 hospitals and score the hospitals' management practices. On a scale of 1 ('worst practice') to 5 ('best practice'), the mean (SD) hospital D-WMS scores were 2.57 (0.46) overall; 2.71 (0.48), 2.64 (0.58), 2.40 (0.64), and 2.56 (0.40) for operation, monitoring, target, and personnel, respectively; and 2.43 (0.48), 2.62 (0.48), and 2.66 (0.47) for implementation, usage, and monitoring, respectively. China ranked seventh of 10 countries, lower than six HICs and higher than one HIC and two other LMICs (Brazil and India). The study concludes that Chinese county-level hospitals should improve their low quality of management by prioritizing target-setting and process implementation.
GHP Author Winnie Yip, Published in BMC Health Services Research
- Previously [shared in our newsletter on January 14th](#), Dr. Ana Langer's featured publication [Diabetes mellitus, maternal adiposity, and insulin dependent gestational diabetes are associated with COVID-19 in pregnancy: the INTERCOVID study](#) was featured in Spain's main newspaper, *El Pais* this week. [Read the article in Spanish, here](#).

GHP 231

**Sexual and Reproductive
Health:
A Global Perspective
Taught by Dr. Ana Langer**

Spring 1: Tuesdays and Thursdays
11:30am - 1:00pm

**What do the Sustainable
Development Goals mean for
women?**

**What are the most critical
sexual and reproductive rights?**

**What are the main obstacles
women face to access quality
maternal health services?**

This course will draw on the analysis of research, programs and policies to provide a comprehensive survey of the reproductive health field.

Students will discuss, debate, and contribute from their own experiences in a highly interactive learning environment.



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**Upcoming Spring semester course:
GHP 231 - Sexual and Reproductive
Health: A Global Perspective**
Taught by Professor of the Practice of
Public Health and Director of the
Women and Health Initiative, **Dr. Ana
Langer**, this course will take place
during Spring 1 on Tuesdays and
Thursdays from 11:30am-1pm

This course counts toward the Women, Gender and Health Concentration and the
Maternal and Child Health/ Children, Youth and Families Concentration

Upcoming Events



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**ADDIS CONTINENTAL
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GID Ethiopia Monthly Seminar Series



Dr. Gizachew Tadele

Director of Monitoring, Evaluation,
and Research at JSI Research &
Training Institute Inc., The Last 10
Kilometers Project

January 31, 2022

3-4pm EAT (Ethiopia) / 7-8am ET (US)

Join via Zoom link [here](#)

Continuum of Maternal and Newborn Health Care (including care for neonatal infections) in Ethiopia: Its Determinants, Community's Experience, and Perceptions

Despite the national efforts in expanding access to primary health care services and huge investments to improve utilization of maternal and newborn health care (including neonatal infections) over the last decades, women and babies are not receiving an appropriate continuum of care in Ethiopia that contributes to the unacceptably high maternal and newborn mortality. This presentation, therefore, highlights the individual-and community-level factors limiting the use of maternal and newborn health care along the pathway of the continuum of care in Ethiopia.



The Planetary Health Colloquium

Planetary Mental Health: How Accelerating Environmental Change is Impacting the Mental Health of Different Populations



Presenter:

Frederick J. Stoddard Jr., MD

Associate Clinical Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, Massachusetts General Hospital, and Shriners Hospitals



Presenter:

Caroline Hickman, MS

Lecturer, Department of Social & Policy Sciences, Centre for Analysis of Social Policy (CASP), University of Bath;



Presenter:

Ashlee Cunsolo, PhD

Founding Dean, School of Arctic and Subarctic Studies, Labrador Institute, Memorial University



Discussant:

Lise Van Susteren, MD

Practicing General and Forensic Psychiatrist, Washington, DC

Wednesday, 2 February 2022, 1:00-2:00 ET

Registration: <https://harvard.zoom.us/join/register/tJctfumvqz4oH9OFVqJvFTVjqptCoCJNvpbc>



Sponsors:

Departments of Environmental Health, Global Health and Population, Immunology and Infectious Diseases, and Nutrition.



Co-Sponsors:



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Planetary Mental Health: How Accelerating Environmental Change is Impacting the Mental Health of Different Populations

February 2, 2022 1-2PM EST,

Zoom [Register here](#)

The Planetary Health Colloquium began in October 2021 and will run through May 2022.

The fifth event in this series, [Planetary Mental Health: How Accelerating Environmental Change is Impacting the Mental Health of Different Populations](#), will be held virtually and additional information can be found on the [website](#).

Upcoming Webinar!

Finding the Path Forward: Highlighting Marginalized Refugee Women and Girls' Experiences of GBV in the Global South

Thursday, February 17, 2022
9 AM EST

Register here:

<https://bit.ly/3HQfK1Y>



Finding the Path Forward: Highlighting Marginalized Refugee Women and Girls' Experiences of GBV in the Global South

Thursday, February 17, 2022, at
9am EST, [Register here](#)

GWI's Building GBV Evidence program will be hosting a four-part webinar series over this year to dive deeper into gaps and opportunities around GBV research in humanitarian settings. Please join us for the second session, "Finding the Path Forward: Highlighting Marginalized Refugee Women and Girls' Experiences of GBV in the Global South."

Featuring Dr. Phuong Pham, PhD, MPH, Assistant Professor at the Harvard Medical School and Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and Director of Education and Director of Evaluation and Implementation Science at the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative (HHI).

February 7, 2022 12-1PM EST, [via Zoom](#)

This talk will highlight work done by the COHORTS collaboration, which unites long term studies in Brazil, Guatemala, India, the Philippines and South Africa to study how child characteristics at birth and patterns of growth relate to adult non-communicable disease risk, human capital, and other aspects of well-being. It will address methodological challenges as well as substantive findings. **Featuring speaker Linda Adair, PhD** (Professor, Department of Nutrition Gillings School of Global Public Health; Fellow, Carolina Population Center, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill).



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Nutrition and Global Health Seminar Series

**Early life influences on adult health
and well-being: Comparative studies
from low and middle income
countries in the COHORTS
collaboration**



**Linda S. Adair,
PhD**

Professor, Department of Nutrition
Gillings School of Global Public Health
Fellow, Carolina Population Center
University of North Carolina at Chapel
Hill

Monday, February 7th, 2022| 1:00-2:00pm ET

Zoom link: click [here](#)

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Open Call for Applications

- **Women, Gender and Health is now seeking applicants for the Student Staff Coordinator position for 2022-2023 Academic Year.** Eligible applicants include Masters and Doctoral students who will be a student in May 2023. This position is a great way to set priorities, lead events, and connect with faculty and researchers in women and gender health topics. For more information on what this position entails and the application process, please contact wgh@hsph.harvard.edu.
- **Intensive Summer Course on Migration and Refugee Studies in Greece.** Are you interested in learning more about refugee and migration rights? **The FXB Center for Health and Human Rights at Harvard University, in collaboration with the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece, and with the support of the Harvard Center for Hellenic Studies in Greece and the U.S, is offering a three-week intensive, interdisciplinary, summer course on migration and refugee studies in Greece.** Harvard graduate students across all schools and degree programs may apply, but admission is limited to 15 individuals. The course offers you the opportunity to engage both conceptually and practically with key issues related to contemporary forced migration. **Applications are due February 15, 2022.** [Program details and application materials can be found here.](#)
- **The Harvard Humanitarian Initiative** is hiring and are looking for mission-driven people who want to make a difference in the humanitarian field globally. [Click here to view all open positions.](#)
- **The Seeding Relations Conference Committee** is thrilled to announce **the virtual 2022 Mahindra Humanities Center Interdisciplinary Graduate Student Conference at Harvard University, Seeding Relations: Beyond Settler Colonial and Racialized Ecologies.** This two-day online conference will be held on Zoom on Friday, March 25 and Saturday, March 26, 2022. [Click here for submission deadlines and application rules.](#)
- **The Division of Nutritional Science at Cornell University** has announced four open faculty positions. [Click here for more information.](#)
- The GlobalMentalHealth@Harvard Initiative Steering Committee is proud to announce [the Mental Health Care Leadership Champions Program](#) which will be delivered through the Executive and Continuing Professional Education at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. The Certificate of Specialization comprises three programs, taught by faculty from the Harvard School of The Certificate of Specialization comprises three programs, taught by faculty from the Harvard School of Public Health, the GlobalMentalHealth@Harvard Initiative and an international pool of experts, embracing both empirical evidence and real-world lessons. Through this training and mentoring program, professionals from around the world will empower themselves to scale-up evidence-based and innovative programs to address the mental health needs of their communities with knowledge, skills, and peer support.
- **The department's Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Belonging (EDIB) Committee, on behalf of the Dana Farber/Harvard Cancer Center's CURE Program, is actively recruiting new mentors.** CURE is a research training program for Summer 2022, servicing local high-school and college students from underrepresented and disadvantaged backgrounds. Currently celebrating its 20th anniversary, the highly sought after and well administered CURE program provides the required oversight to ensure meaningful impact and successful outcomes for their student trainees. This is a fantastic opportunity to not only give back to the Boston community, but to provide crucial exposure and training opportunities for graduate students and postdocs in the space of diversity and inclusion. [Click here to register](#) to host a CURE student with your basic science research group this summer. Over the past few years, the program has grown considerably to serve an average of 100 trainees each summer. They are seeking research placements with an interest in joining a research environment this summer. For additional information, please contact Karen Burns White, Program Director – kburnswhite@partners.org or Brittany Michel, Program Manager – Brittany_Michel@dfci.harvard.edu.

Opportunities in Global Health and Population

Academic Positions

- Professor of Ethics and Population Health
- Research Scientist in Health & Elderly Care Policy and Systems in China
- Post-Doctoral Fellowship with Kevin Croke and Margaret Kruk

Staff Positions

- Coordinator I (Project Coordinator)

Internal Student Positions/Internships

- Research Assistant: Improving Maternal Health Measurement Capacity and Use
- Quantitative Research Assistant: Memory and Migration Project, Mental Health For All Lab
- Qualitative Research Assistant: Memory and Migration Project, Mental Health For All Lab

