

The Global Health and Population Weekly Digest

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

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Led by Shekhar Saxena, Giuseppe Raviola, and Vikram Patel

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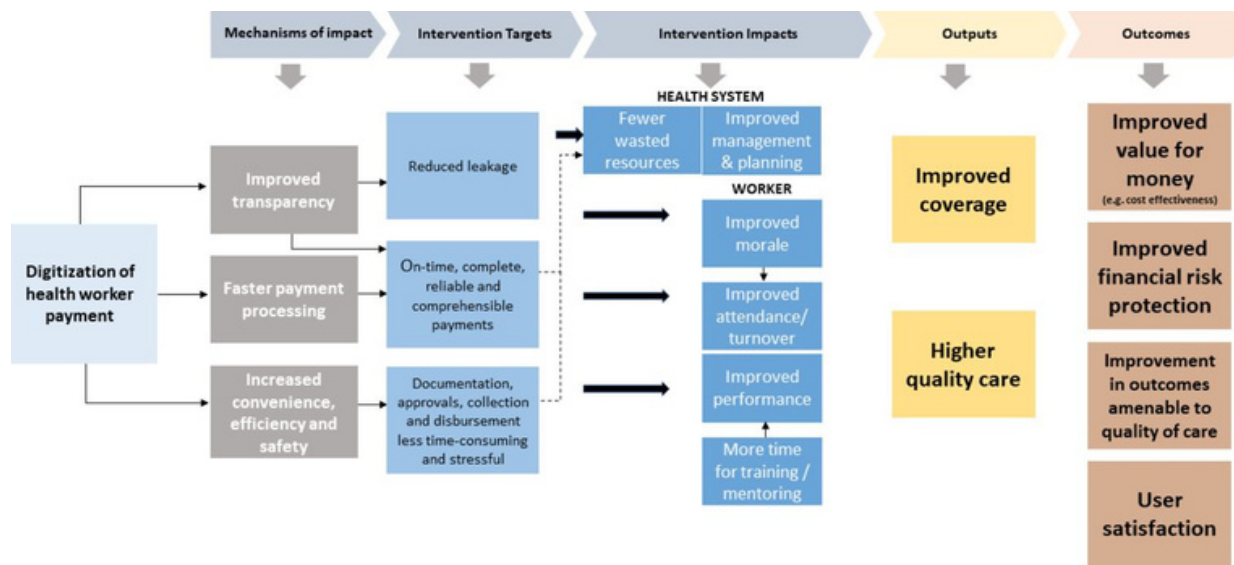
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The legacy of Joel Lamstein: Founder & President, JSI & World Education is Retiring

Joel Lamstein is an adjunct senior lecturer at the Harvard School of Public Health and served on the Dean's Advisory Board for the Harvard Center of Population and Development Studies for several years. After dedicating more than 43 years of his life to public health and education, Joel has retired. As president of John Snow, Inc., the nonprofit JSI Research & Training Institute, Inc., and World Education, Inc., a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving lives through education, economic, and social development programs. Please join the department in congratulating Joel on his many years of commitment to public health. To read more about his retirement, [JSI: The First 40 Years: The legacy of Joel Lamstein Founder & President, JSI & World Education](#), and the [JSI News announcement](#).

Department Publications



Notes: Block arrows between intervention targets and intervention impacts represent direct relationships while connector arrows represent indirect relationships. While this model represents linear relationships, there are likely to be more complex and adaptive interplays between the variables and levels in the conceptual model that are not captured here.

- [How are Health Workers Paid and Does it Matter? Conceptualising the Potential Implications of Digitising Health Worker Payments](#)

GHP Authors Margaret McConnell, Mansha Mahajan, Sebastian Bauhoff, Kevin Croke, Stéphane Verguet, Marcia Castro, Sabina Faiz Rashid, and Richard Cash. Published in BMJ Global Health

- [Up Before Dawn: Experimental Evidence from a Cross Border Trader Training at the Democratic Republic of Congo-Rwanda Border](#)

Small-scale cross-border trade provides opportunities for economic gains in many developing countries. Yet cross-border traders may face harassment and corruption which can undermine these potential gains. We present evidence from a randomized controlled trial that provided access to information on procedures, tariffs, and rights to small-scale traders to facilitate border crossings, lower corruption, and reduce gender-based violence along the DRC-Rwanda border. The training reduces bribe payment by 5 percentage points and reduces the incidence of gender-based violence by 5.4 percentage points. We assess competing explanations for the impacts using a game-theoretic model based on Hirschman's Exit, Voice, and Loyalty framework. The effects are achieved through early border crossings at unofficial hours ("exit") instead of traders' use of voice mechanisms or reduced rent-seeking from border officials.

GHP Author Kevin Croke. Published in The University of Chicago Press Journal

- [Distance Effects and Home Bias in Patient Choice on the Internet: Evidence from an Online Healthcare Platform in China](#)

Telemedicine and telehealth hold promise for reducing access barriers caused by travel distance. However, little is known about how the Internet affects patients' online provider choices and thus the spatial distribution of healthcare utilization. This study investigates the effect of distance on flows of online medical consultations using a unique dataset from one of the leading third-party online healthcare platforms in China: Haodf.com. We show that the geographic distance between doctors and patients is negatively associated with online service utilization, though this effect is almost 40% ~ 50% weaker for online medical services than it is for offline medical services. We also find a strong "home bias" in which patients and doctors tend to locate in the same prefecture and in the same province.

GHP Author Winnie Yip. Published in China Economic Review

Upcoming Courses and Events

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

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



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

Nutrition and Global Health Monthly Seminar: Early life influences on adult health and well-being: Comparative studies from low and middle income countries in the COHORTS collaboration

Monday, 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).



Careers in Humanitarianism: Lea Manzanero and Mark Toldo

Tuesday, February 8, 2022

11AM-12PM EST, [Register here](http://hsph.me/hhicareers1)

Join the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative for a virtual webinar on Careers in Humanitarianism featuring Lea Manzanero, Project Lead of HHI's Program on Resilient Communities, and Mark Toldo, Communications Specialist of HHI's Program on Resilient Communities. Our panelists will describe their current humanitarian work, chat about their career in the sector, and field questions from attendees. This event is open to all, and we encourage students who are interested in pursuing a career in the humanitarian field to join us and learn about potential career paths. Questions? Please contact hhi@harvard.edu



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](https://bit.ly/3HQfK1Y)

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).

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.](#)
- Foundation for a Healthier Senegal is hiring a FOSHEN Fellow. [For qualifications and additional details, please click here.](#)
- **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 **NEW!**
- Research Scientist in Health & Elderly Care Policy and Systems in China
- Post-Doctoral Fellowship with Kevin Croke and Margaret Kruk
- Postdoctoral Fellow in Health Economics with Stéphane Verguet **NEW!**

Staff Positions

- Coordinator I (Project Coordinator)

Internal Student Positions/Internships

- Research Assistant: Improving Maternal Health Measurement Capacity and Use
- Student Research Assistant to Dr. Muhammed Pate **NEW!**
- Quantitative Research Assistant: Memory and Migration Project, Mental Health For All Lab
- Qualitative Research Assistant: Memory and Migration Project, Mental Health For All Lab



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.](#)