

The Global Health and Population Weekly Digest

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

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GHP Author Miles Kirby

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GHP author Marcia C. Castro

Published in Nature Medicine

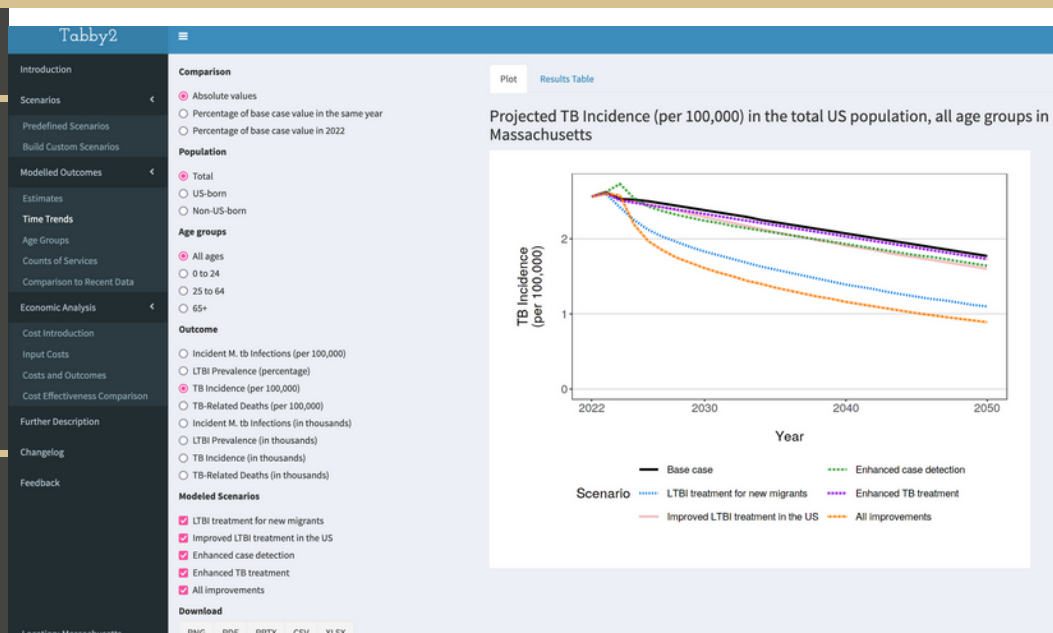
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Tabby2: Interactive Webtool Providing TB Epidemiology Projections

Tabby2, an interactive web tool, is now available for U.S. states to estimate future U.S. tuberculosis (TB) and latent TB infection (LTBI) cases. Nicole Swartwood, Research Analyst in Associate Professor Nicolas Menzies' lab in the Department of Global Health and Population, is leading current efforts to expand and launch the web tool in collaboration with the Division of Tuberculosis Elimination at the Centers for Disease Control. [The web tool, publicly available online](#), provides state-specific projections of future TB outcomes, service utilization, and costs. Currently, estimates are available for all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia.

Tabby2 can be used by individuals as well as TB Elimination Programs to customize TB interventions and compare the costs and health outcomes of these scenarios. While the number of TB cases in the US is one of the lowest globally, it continues to be a complex condition complicated by medical comorbidities. Tools such as Tabby2, contributes to the efforts of state and local health officials who need information on the potential long-term trajectory of TB epidemiology to allocate budgets while maximizing health impacts. Tabby2 will incorporate new TB and demographic data as it becomes publicly available and an update to include the 2020 National TB Surveillance System data has just been released.

Department News, Publications, Updates & Announcements

Changes in the Supply Duration of Combined Oral Contraception During the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Pandemic

The duration of oral contraception supplied at first prescription pick-up increased modestly during the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, but the pandemic did not dramatically alter combined oral contraceptive supply–prescribing practices.


GHP author Jessica L. Cohen
Published in *Obstetrics & Gynecology*

Assessment of U=U understanding, PrEP awareness, HIV risk behaviours and factors associated with low HIV knowledge among users of Hornet, an online dating application for LGBTQ, in Thailand

Over 50% of HIV infections in Thailand annually occur among men who have sex with men (MSM) and transgender women who use online applications to meet their sexual partners. We conducted a cross-sectional study assessing undetectable=untransmittable (U=U) understanding, pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) awareness, sexual behaviours and factors associated with HIV knowledge among users of Hornet in Thailand.

GHP author Tanat Chinbunchorn
Published in *Sexually Transmitted Infections*

Upcoming Events




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and Population

**THURSDAY
BROWN BAG
SEMINAR**


Mareli Claassens,
MBChB, PhD

LEAD Fellow, Harvard Global
Health Institute, Harvard
T.H. Chan School of Public
Health



**Into the Heart of Darkness: Perspectives
of a Namibian Doctor During the Covid-19
Pandemic**

Thursday, March 24th
01.00 PM ET
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02.00 PM ET via Zoom



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GHP Thursday Brown Bag Series: Into the Heart of Darkness: Perspectives of a Namibian Doctor During the Covid-19 Pandemic

**Thursday, March 24, 2022, 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM,
[via Zoom](#)**

Join the department on Zoom for our weekly Thursday Brown Bag Series. On March 24th, Mareli Claassens, MBChB, PhD, will present “Into the Heart of Darkness: Perspectives of a Namibian Doctor During the Covid-19 Pandemic”. Claassens is a LEAD Fellow at the Harvard Global Health Institute at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. Questions? Please contact **Jessica Majano** jmajanoguevara@hsph.harvard.edu

Decolonizing Global Health

MARCH 24, 2022
1:00 PM – 2:30 PM PT

Liu Institute for Global Issues
(Live Stream Available)

Speakers: Eugene Richardson,
Raquel Baldwinson, Farah M. Shroff

Moderator: Veena Sriram



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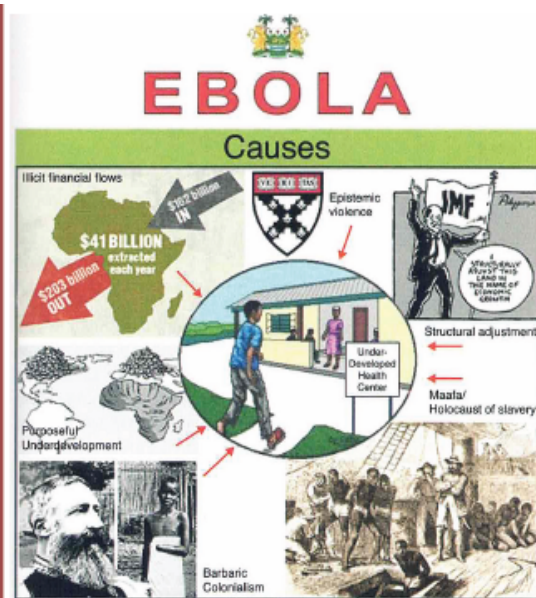


Plate 6
Decoloniality poster.

Decolonizing Public Health

Thursday, March 24, 2022, 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM, [RSVP here](#)

This talk will take place on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the ʔəwəθkʷəyəməʔ (Musqueam), səliłwətaʔ (Tsleil Waututh), and skwxwú7mesh (Squamish) peoples. Join Professor Veena Sriram in conversation with Eugene Richardson, **Farah Shroff**, and Raquel Baldwinson as each panelist discusses a distinct approach to decolonizing global health.

Open Call for Applications

- The GlobalMentalHealth@Harvard Initiative Steering Committee is proud to announce [the Mental Health Care Leadership Champions Program](#), 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 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 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. **Applications due today, Friday, March 11.** [Click here for submission deadlines and application rules.](#)
- Foundation for a Healthier Senegal is hiring a FOSHEN Fellow. [For qualifications and additional details, please click here.](#)

Strengthening Human Resources for Health and Implications for Pandemic Planning

How should we plan for human resources needs for epidemics and pandemics? How can pandemics like COVID-19 be included in strategic planning for HRH? How do we continue to prioritize human resources development in reaching the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and achieving Universal Health Coverage (UHC)? This successful course is specifically designed to address the above questions by providing participants with new and innovative ways of addressing human resources policy and management issues. Individuals and country teams will learn from experts as well as peers from other nations and will develop their own draft country strategic plans for human resources as well as crisis management. **The application deadline is April 30, 2022** and the hybrid course will run from May 31-June 10, 2022. Early bird and group discounts are available. For more information, [please visit the International Health Systems Program website.](#)

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](#)
- [Postdoctoral Fellow in Health Economics with Stéphane Verguet](#) **NEW!**
- [Postdoctoral Research Fellowship – Global Health/Maternal and Child Health](#) **NEW!**

Staff Positions

- [Research Assistant IV Non-Lab \(Research Data Analyst\)](#)
- [Programmer](#) **NEW!**
- [Program Manager, Resilient Communities \(HHI\)](#) **NEW!**

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](#)
- [Student Research Assistant with The Women and Health Initiative](#) **NEW!**
- [Student Research Assistant with Ariadne Labs & The Women and Health Initiative](#) **NEW!**
- [Harvard Global Health Institute Spring 2022 LEAD Fellowship for Promoting Women in Global Health Intern](#) **NEW!**
- [Student Research Assistant](#) **NEW!**

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.](#)

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.

Paid RA opportunity in Health Systems. Are you a current student or recent graduate interested in a paid research opportunity to help advance India's goal of universal health coverage? Do you have a background in health systems, quantitative analysis, social sciences, public health, public policy, or economic development? We are the India Health Systems Research Project at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and we are looking for students to work as Research Assistants during spring and summer 2022. Our Research Assistants will help with statistical analysis related to a survey in India of households, health care providers, and health care facilities, and literature reviews related to health systems in developing countries. [For more information and to apply, please see our project website](#) and/or email Betsy Osborn at eosborn@hsph.harvard.edu.