

The Global Health and Population Weekly Digest

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

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Monitoring Population-Level Mental Health and Well-Being: Why it Matters Now More than Ever Before

On March 22nd Dr. Shekhar Saxena, Professor of the Practice of Global Mental Health at the Department of Global Health and Population at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, hosted the March edition of the monthly seminar series held by [The Lee Kum Sheung Center for Health and Happiness](#). This year's series theme is "recovery and resilience" to which Dr. Saxena spoke to the importance of monitoring population-level mental health and well-being.

Dr. Saxena is a psychiatrist by training and has served in the World Health Organization (WHO) since 1998. From 2010 to 2018 he was the Director of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse at the WHO and his expertise includes providing advice and technical assistance to policymakers on prevention and management of mental, developmental, neurological and substance use disorders, as well as suicide prevention.

New Department Publications

[Linear Growth Spurts are Preceded by Higher Weight Gain Velocity and Followed by Weight Slowdowns among Rural Children in Burkina Faso: A Longitudinal Study](#)

GHP authors Ilana Cliffer and Nandita Perumal

Published in *The Journal of Nutrition*

**Access to this publication requires a HarvardKey*

Department Announcements

Beginning Wednesday, April 6th, The GHP AP Team will be offering weekly virtual Office Hours Via Microsoft Teams.

AP Office hours will be offered weekly on Wednesdays from 1pm – 2pm EST and will be lead by AP Team members Jonathan Yong, Chinwe Nwaka-Crockett, and Vianny Diaz. Open to all GHP faculty, staff or students, please bring any questions regarding AP process, policy, systems, forms or any other AP issues you are having. They can also help you troubleshoot Concur and/or Buy-2-Pay challenges you are facing.

WGH Conference Stipends now Accepting applications through Friday, April 29th, 2022.

The Women, Gender and Health Interdisciplinary Concentration would like to announce a call for conference stipend applications. Open to HSPH students to support attendance or presentations at conferences that have a clear gender analysis component to public health research. Stipends can cover expenses to be used for in-person or online attendance and registration for conferences. Funding limit is \$750 (USD) for US-based conferences and \$1,000 for conferences outside the United States.

Applications close Friday, April 29th. Please email WGH@hsph.harvard.edu to apply.

On March 18th, **Tanat Chinbunchorn, Gauthier Willemse, and Yousef Abu Haimed**, all students in the department, launched [Residents Abroad](#) and have been accepted as a semi-finalist at the [Harvard iLab President's Innovation Challenge](#). GHP Professor of Global Health Systems, **Rifat Atun** is the group's preceptor.

Upcoming Events

**Online
DISTINGUISHED
LECTURE**

with Dr. Farah Shroff
of Harvard University, USA

TOPIC: "Microcosm, Macrocosm: Health for All through Public Health, Social Justice and Integrative Practices"

THE GUEST SPEAKER
Dr. Farah Shroff
Harvard School of Public Health Takemi Fellow
in Global Health, Harvard University, USA.



Monday
7:00 PM IST to 8:00 PM IST
11th APRIL

Microcosm, Macrocosm: Health for All through Public Health, Social Justice and Integrative Practices

Monday, April 11 at 7:30am EST, [via Zoom](#)
(Passcode: 902114)

A Distinguished Lecture at the School of Public Health at Amrita University in Kerala. In this talk, **Dr. Shroff** will discuss efforts to improve health from various parts of the world, from a public health perspective that includes social justice. She will also discuss integrative mind-body systems of health promotion and disease prevention as a means of aiming for health for all. **Questions?** radhamurali@am.amrita.edu

**CAREERS IN HUMANITARIANISM
MONTHLY WEBINAR SERIES**

Tuesday, April 12, 2022 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET
Register for this Free Virtual Event: <http://hsph.me/hhicareers3>



Erica Nelson, MD, PhM, MAS
Co-Director
Humanitarian Geoanalytics Research and Education Programs
Emergency Medicine Physician
Brigham and Women's Hospital



**HARVARD
HUMANITARIAN
INITIATIVE**

Careers in Humanitarianism: Dr. Erica Nelson

Tuesday, April 12, 2022, 11:00 AM – 12:00PM | [Register Here](#)

Join HHI for a Careers in Humanitarianism webinar featuring Dr. Erica Nelson, Co-Director of HHI's Geoanalytics Research and Education Programs, and Emergency Medicine Physician at Brigham and Women's Hospital. Dr. Nelson will discuss her current humanitarian work, chat about her career in the sector, and hold a Q&A session with the audience. This event is free and open to all.

Harvard Chan Student Association Presents

HSPH Mix and Mingle

Weekly on Wednesdays, starting April 13th
Kresge Atrium
5:30–6:30

Open to all HSPH faculty
and students

Games and raffles with
prizes to be won

Appetizers and non-
alcoholic drinks provided



PhD in Population Health Sciences

Environmental Health | Epidemiology | Global Health & Population | Nutrition | Social & Behavioral Sciences

The PhD in Population Health Sciences & Global Health and Population Field of Study

are proud to announce the dissertation defense of PhD candidate

Anna Gage



Dissertation Title:

**Health system quality improvement interventions in sub-Saharan
Africa: Implementation and impact**

**Thursday, April 14, 2022 – 10:00 a.m.
GHP 12th Floor Conference Room, SPH-1 Room 1208**

*For those unable to join in person, this defense can be viewed on Zoom:
<https://harvard.zoom.us/j/95952536151?pwd=azZRKzUyV1FleXBlaXNKczJwSEM3Zz09>*

Dissertation Defense of PhD Candidate, Anna Gage

***Health System Quality Improvement
Interventions in Sub-Saharan Africa:
Implementation and Impact***

Thursday, April 14 at 10:00am
GHP 12th Floor Conference Room, SPH-1
Room 1208 and via [Zoom](#)

The Department of Global Health and Populations is pleased to announce the dissertation defense of PhD candidate in Population Health Sciences & Global Health and Population Field of Study, **Anna Gage**. Please join us on the HSPH campus, GHP 12th floor conference room 1208 or via [Zoom](#).

Fossil Fuels, Health, and Frontline Indigenous Communities

April 14th, 2022

12:00 -1:00 pm ET

Indigenous communities have a long history of living with and learning from the environment, but the extraction and transportation of fossil fuels near their communities, along with unjust policies, have put their health and the climate at risk and impacted tribal sovereignty.

Join us for a discussion of how we can uplift Indigenous voices and curb the impacts of fossil fuel extraction on frontline communities.



Dr. Natalia Linos

Executive Director, FXB Center at Harvard University

Joseph Gone

Professor, Harvard Faculty of Arts and Sciences & Harvard Medical School

Kandi White

Native Energy & Climate Campaign Coordinator, Indigenous Environmental Network

Katherine Todrys

Author and moderator

Lisa DeVille

Co-founder, Fort Berthold Protectors of Water and Earth Rights

Dr. Aaron Bernstein

Interim Director Harvard Chan C-CHANGE

Register at: hsph.me/climateevents

Fossil Fuels, Health, and Frontline Indigenous Communities

Thursday, April 14 from 12-1pm EST

[Register Here](https://hsph.me/climateevents)

Join the Center for Climate, Health and the Global Environment at Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health (Harvard Chan C-CHANGE), The FXB Center on Health and Human Rights, Harvard University Native American Program and The Native American Alumni of Harvard University for a discussion on fossil fuels, health, and frontline Indigenous communities. Hear from Indigenous leaders Lisa DeVille, who has witnessed firsthand the effects of oil extraction on the Fort Berthold Reservation in North Dakota; Kandi White, who has been a leading advocate against fracking and pipeline projects; and Harvard faculty on how we can uplift Indigenous voices and curb the impacts of climate change on frontline communities. The discussion will be moderated by Katherine Todrys, author of "Black Snake: Standing Rock, the Dakota Access Pipeline, and Environmental Justice."



THURSDAY BROWN BAG SEMINAR

Justice Nonvignon, PhD

Head, Health Economics Programme, Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; Associate Professor of Health Economics, School of Public Health, University of Ghana, Accra



Informing Post-Pandemic Economic Reform Programs in Africa: Role for the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention

Thursday, April 14th
01.00 PM ET

02.00 PM ET via Zoom



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The GHP Thursday Brown Bag Seminar Informing Post-Pandemic Economic Reform Programs in Africa: Role for the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention

Thursday, April 14 from 1-2pm EST

[via Zoom](https://hsph.me/BB_GHP)

Join the Department of Global Health and Population on Zoom for our weekly Thursday Brown Bag Series. On April 14th, Justice Nonvignon, PhD, will present *Informing Post-Pandemic Economic Reform Programs in Africa: Role for the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention*. Justice Nonvignon is Head of the Health Economics Programme at the Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and Associate Professor of Health Economics at the School of Public Health at the University of Ghana, Accra.

Questions? Please contact Jessica Majano jmajanoguevara@hsph.harvard.edu

COVID-19 Clinical Trials: Planning, Execution, Ethics, and Participant Testimonies from Brazil

Thursday, April 21 from 2:30-4:00pm EST | [Registration required](#)

HSPH Building, 1st floor, Room 110

A Limited number of Harvard affiliates are to register to participate in this multidisciplinary, in-person panel aimed at discussing the complexities of the COVID-19 clinical trials from the perspectives of those planning the trials to the volunteers on the receiving end of the vaccines. Registrants will also have access to view the Brazilian documentary "Volunteer ***1864," which portrays the experiences of ordinary Brazilians who volunteered to participate in COVID-19 clinical trials, directed by panelist Sandra Kogut. Capacity is limited so register now.

Speakers include, **Caroline Buckee**, Associate Director and Professor, Center for Communicable Disease Dynamics, Department of Epidemiology, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health (HSPH),

Richard Cash, Senior Lecturer on Global Health, HSPH,

Ai-ris Yonekura Collier, Co-Director, Clinical Trials Unit, Center for Virology and Vaccine Research- Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center;

Sandra Kogut, Filmmaker and Radcliffe-Film Study Center Fellow, Harvard Radcliffe Institute

Moderated by, **Marcia Castro**, Andelot Professor of Demography; Chair of the Department of Global Health and Population, HSPH

Presented in collaboration with the Department of Global Health and Population, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Brazilian Student Association at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health (BRASACH), and Center for Virology and Vaccine Research (CVVR), Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.



The 2nd Annual Health Systems Hackathon Type 1 Diabetes Hackathon for Africa Saturday, April 30 and Sunday, May 1 8am-3pm EST

Gordon Hall, Harvard Medical School and virtually

[Register here](#)

The Global Collaborative for Changing Diabetes in Children (GC-CDIC), in collaboration with the Harvard Health Systems Innovation Lab, lead by GHP Professor **Rifat Atun**, is organizing the 2nd Health Systems Hackathon. The focus of this year's event will be on digital innovations to improve Type 1 Diabetes health care in 11 countries in Africa.

The CDIC partnership was launched in 2009 to improve access to life-saving medicine and healthcare for children and adolescents living with Type 1 Diabetes in low- and middle-income countries. By bringing together individuals with diverse expertise and backgrounds, this hackathon will seek to generate innovative solutions to specific problems in this complex area.

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](#)
- [Postdoctoral Research Fellowship – Global Health/Maternal and Child Health](#)

Staff Positions

- [Research and Program Manager](#) (57385BR) **NEW!**
- [Research Assistant IV Non-Lab, India Health Systems](#) (57676BR) **NEW!**
- [Research Assistant IV Non-Lab, India Health Systems](#) (57677BR) **NEW! Two positions available**
- [Research Assistant IV Non-Lab \(Research Data Analyst\)](#) (57052BR)
- [Programmer](#) (57314BR)
- [Program Manager, Resilient Communities \(HHI\)](#) (57173BR)

Internal Student Positions/Internships

- [Research Assistant: Improving Maternal Health Measurement Capacity and Use](#)
- [Student Research Assistant to Dr. Muhammed Pate](#)
- [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](#)
- [Student Research Assistant with Ariadne Labs & The Women and Health Initiative](#)
- [Harvard Global Health Institute Spring 2022 LEAD Fellowship for Promoting Women in Global Health Intern](#)
- [Student Research Assistant](#)

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.

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.
- 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.](#)
- **The Harvard Global Health Institute is pleased to share that we have opened applications for the 2022- 2023 LEAD Fellowship for Promoting Women in Global Health.** In an effort to equip and empower more women leaders in global health, the Harvard Global Health Institute and the Women and Health Initiative at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health offers a transformational fellowship specifically designed to promote leadership skills in individuals from low- and middle-income countries who will, in turn, mentor future female leaders in global health. We are excited to announce that the 2022 LEAD Fellowship application is now open and we hope you will consider sharing this unique opportunity with your respective networks and colleagues. [VISIT HERE FOR THE APPLICATION AND MORE INFORMATION](#)