What is Global Health?

Global health differs from public health and international health. It involves global cooperation on the issues of disease prevention and clinical care. The aim of global health is to achieve health equity among nations, and its approach is multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary.

Institute of Global Health Mission

The mission of the Institute of Global Health (IGH) is to coordinate the research, service, and educational global health-related activities of Grand Valley State University’s College of Health Professions.

Institute of Global Health Objectives

- Develop and nurture global health partnerships
- Foster global health research and scholarship
- Help train the next generation of global health leaders

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Keynote Speaker

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Christopher Weis is an alumnus of GVSU having graduated in 1981 with his B.S. Degree in general biology and his Ph.D. in medical physiology and toxicology at Michigan State University in 1987. Chris joined NIEHS in August 2010 and serves as senior advisor to NIEHS/NTP (National Toxicology Program) Director. He also represents the Institute and the NTP on national and international committees, task forces, and ad hoc working committees.

Prior to joining NIEHS in August 2010, Weis served as a senior toxicologist at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency National Enforcement Investigations Center (NEIC) in Denver. While at NEIC, he worked in criminal forensics and established a laboratory for trace analysis of biomolecular evidence. Weis served as adjunct faculty at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, and was a lecturer in risk communication at the Scripps Howard Institute in Boulder, CO. Weis is well versed in a wide variety of environmental contaminants, including asbestos, lead, radon, and vermiculite insulation.

Oral Presentations

Guatemala: An International and Interdisciplinary Volunteer Service Experience
Barbara Baker, Ph.D., PT, NCS and Denise Meier, M.A., OTR/L

Introduction of Therapeutic Recreation Programming in Post-Tsunami Japan
Susan Sunden, M.Ed., CTRS and Ethan Hunter

Read the Vitals of Rural Haitian Society: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Address Community Health in Haiti
Azizur Molla, M.PH., Ph.D., Peter Wampler, Ph.D., and Richard Rediske, Ph.D.

Development of a Medical Laboratory Technology Program at Africa University in Mutare, Zimbabwe
Jeanne Stoddard, MT (ASCP), M.HS.

International Inquiry in Central America: Do Short-term Interpretative Experiences Make a Difference in Sustainability Attitudes?
Jody Vogelzang, Ph.D., RDN, FAND, CHES

Schedule

7:30-8:00 am  Continental Breakfast
8:00-8:05   Welcome from Dr. Jean Nagelkerk, Vice-Provost for Health
8:05-8:10   Welcome from Dr. Roy Olsson, Dean, College of Health Professions
8:10-8:15   Welcome and Introduction of Keynote Speaker from Dr. Azizur Molla
8:15-9:15   Keynote from Christopher P. Weis, Ph.D., DABT
9:30-9:50   Oral Presentation 1
10:00-10:20  Oral Presentation 2
10:20-11:00  Break and Poster Presentations
11:00-11:20  Oral Presentation 3
11:30-11:50  Oral Presentation 4
12:00-12:20 pm  Oral Presentation 5

FREE TO ALL ATTENDEES

We do ask you to register so that we can plan accordingly

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