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**Welcome** to the second edition of the Global Health Research and Training Initiative (UM-GHRT) newsletter. This program was funded through the Fogarty International Center of the National Institutes of Health, grant TW007496, to develop an institutional framework for global health at Michigan. I invite your input on this exciting initiative (ghrt@umich.edu).

—Siobán Harlow, Director

# UM-Global Health Research & Training Initiative

## UM-GHRT/OVPR Faculty Seed Grant Awards



Congratulations to Professor Arland Thornton, Population Studies Center, who received funding from the OVPR/UM-GHRT Faculty Seed Grant Program for his project entitled:

***Measuring Developmental Idealism and its Impact upon Family and Societal Life***



and Professor Bruno Giordani of Psychiatry for his project entitled:  
***Neuropsychological Impact of a Computerized Cognitive Rehabilitation Training Intervention***

The next OVPR/Faculty Seed Grant Call for Proposals is scheduled for Fall of 2007. Watch the UM-GHRT home page for the announcement. <http://www.ghrt.psc.isr.umich.edu>

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UM-GHRT's website was launched in August 2006 to organize information about the vast range of relevant curricular and research activities across the campus. Please send additions, inquiries or feedback to [ghrt@umich.edu](mailto:ghrt@umich.edu).

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## IRWG Sisters Fund Supports Projects on Global Health

The Institute for Women and Gender, in collaboration with the LSA Development Office, launched the Sisters Fund on October 13 with a keynote speech by Dr. Susan Love. In support of the Sisters Fund, Love noted, "It is extremely difficult to get funding for innovative ideas in women's health these days. You almost have to have completed the work in order to get funding. A pool of money for pilot studies is vitally important to encourage researchers to study women's health and as a bridge to further funding."



The October Sisters Fund event raised approximately \$100,000 that will be put into a fund to support projects addressing women's and gender-related global health issues. Donations to the Sisters Fund continue to be accepted. They can be sent to: The University of Michigan c/o The Sisters Fund, LSA Development, Suite 5000, 500 S. State Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-1382. For more donation information, contact Laura Pavledes at laurap@umich.edu

The Record online article is available at:  
[http://www.umich.edu/~urecord/0607/Oct09\\_06/21.shtml](http://www.umich.edu/~urecord/0607/Oct09_06/21.shtml)

## \*\*NEW\*\* UM-GHRT Travel Fellowship for Short Term Research Visits by Global Partners



The UM Global Health Research and Training Initiatives has funds to help support short term research visits to the University of Michigan by foreign researchers who are collaborators with University of Michigan faculty on a FIC/NIH funded international research training program or an NIH/NSF funded international research program. Funds of up to \$1500 are available on a rolling basis **through June 2007**.

Requests for funds should be made to [ghrt@umich.edu](mailto:ghrt@umich.edu) with a clear explanation not to exceed one page of why the individual is eligible, what the goal of the visit would be and a budget with justification. Please also provide a short CV or bio of the foreign researcher. Visitors supported by these funds will be expected to meet at least once with an interdisciplinary group of students. We also encourage the sponsoring organization to provide an opportunity for an interdisciplinary interchange with UM faculty.



## CIRRIE Funds Verbrugge

The Center for International Rehabilitation Research Information and Exchange (CIRRIE) has awarded an Institutional Linkage Award to Dr. Lois M. Verbrugge (Institute of Gerontology). The Institutional Linkage program fosters close working collaborations between a foreign institution and a US institution on topics related to disability and rehabilitation research.

This award will focus on disability among older persons, and will link the Institute of Gerontology, Universiti Putra Malaysia (IG/UPM) with the Institute of Gerontology, University of Michigan (IoG/UM). Dr. Tengku Aizan Tengku Abdul Hamid is director of IG/UPM, and Dr. Sharifah Norazizan Syed Abdul Rashid leads IG's gerontechnology research group. CIRRIE is funded by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research and is housed at the University of Buffalo.

Several research units besides IoG will help host the Malaysian colleagues and sponsor seminars by them: UM-GHRT, the Population Studies Center, and the Center for Southeast Asian Studies. Please contact Dr. Verbrugge ([verbrugg@umich.edu](mailto:verbrugg@umich.edu) for further details about the linkage.)



## Fulbright Programs for students with global interests

While the University of Michigan has had great success in student and faculty Fulbright awards over the years, the number of successful applicants with a health focus have been few. Nevertheless, the number of applicants with a global health focus to the State Department US Student program is increasing including a large number of UM students who applied to the program last Fall. Consider this opportunity for your students with global health focused dissertations:

### STATE DEPARTMENT U.S. STUDENT FULBRIGHT PROGRAM

IIE Fulbright awards provide round-trip airfare, a stipend and health insurance for approximately 9 months for US citizens to study, or conduct research in over 100 countries. Applicants must be U-M undergraduate, graduate, professional school students; must have completed an undergraduate degree (or its equivalent) by the beginning of the award and must demonstrate the language skills necessary to complete the proposed project. The deadline is usually early September for grants beginning the following fall. Please see complete program and application information on-line at: [www.fulbrightonline.org](http://www.fulbrightonline.org). Please note: the U-M application deadline is significantly earlier than the deadline listed on this website.

For more information, contact Amy Kehoe, University of Michigan Fulbright Program Advisor, International Institute, Suite 2660 , School of Social Work Building, [akehoe@umich.edu](mailto:akehoe@umich.edu) .

# INSTITUTE ON WOMEN AND RESEARCH RESEARCH ON GENDER

## Gender & Global Health Speaker Series

The Institute for Research on Women and Gender's Gender & Global Health program is sponsoring a speaker series in 2007. This series, cosponsored by UM-GHRT and the International Institute is linked to a book project that will be edited by Rachel Snow, Associate Director of the International Institute.

### February 9th, 12 noon Lane Hall Room 2239

Donna Mergler, PhD, Emeritus Professor

CINBIOSE: International Research Development Center, WHO-PAHO Collaborating Centre for the Prevention of Occupational & Environmental Illness, University of Quebec at Montreal, *An Ecosystem Approach to Integrate Gender into Environmental Health Studies; Concepts and Cases*

### March 9th, 12 noon Lane Hall Room 2239

Jennifer Langhinrichsen-Rohling, PhD University of South Alabama

*In the US: She tries and He dies: the gender paradox in adolescent and young adult suicidal behavior*

### April 4th, 3pm Lane Family Auditorium, Room 1690 SPH Crossroads

Epidemiology Seminar

Anna Thorson, MD, MPH, PhD, Karolinska Institutet, Sweden

*A Gender Equity Perspective on Tuberculosis*

### April 5th, 12 noon Lane Hall Room 2239

Rachel Snow, D Sc

University of Michigan, School of Public Health, Population Studies Center

*Sex, Gender and Risk Taking*

## EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

## Feb. 5-6, 2007, Poorest of the Poor

The University of Michigan Institute for the Humanities and the Center for International and Comparative Studies present a conference to consider the "poorest of the poor" from the perspectives of faculty drawn from philosophy, business, public health, public policy, population studies, and higher education. Five panels cover these topics: Measurement Techniques and Poverty; Doing Business at the Base of the Pyramid; Poverty Alleviation and Business Innovation; Health, Hope and Despair; Poverty in the United States: Up and Down the Class Ladder; The Place of the Poor in the Theory of Justice. This is the second conference offered under the rubric "Crossing the Diag: Humanities in Dialogue" and in conjunction with the LSA Citizenship Theme Year.

Related Exhibition: "Texas Death Row: Executions by Lethal Injection"



## "Mandatory Vaccination of 6th Grade Michigan Girls against HPV???" UM President's Ethics in Public Life Initiative



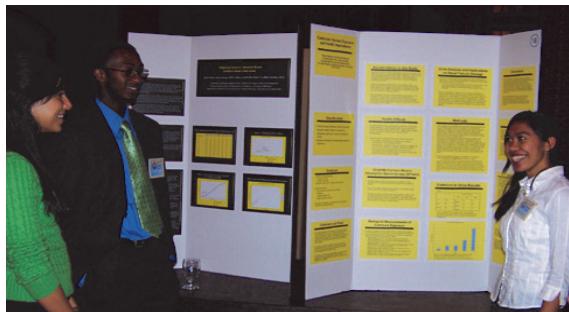
**March 14, 7-9pm** Ann Arbor District Library, Panelists to include Former Michigan Senator Bev Hammerstrom and Janet Gilsdorf, Chair of HPV working group of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices.

## First Annual Global Health Symposium and Trainee Poster Session

On November 9, forty undergraduate and graduate trainees funded through the GHRT (Global Health Research and Training) and MHIRT (Minority Health International Research Training) programs with co-sponsorship from their many university partners shared their research experience via posters and a panel discussion. The symposium officially honored two Michigan faculty, now distinguished faculty emeriti, who have played a particularly formative role in shaping global health scholarship and the practice of international partnerships at the University of Michigan,



John Leahy and Rich Torres



Left to Right: Donna Hassoun, Justin Taylor, Rachel Beredo



Left to Right: Siobán Harlow, Ruth Simmon, Al Hermalin



David Stern—MHIRT  
Program Director



## Ken Warner and Gil Omenn named Global Health Ambassadors

UM's Ken Warner and Gil Omenn are among twenty-seven named Global Health ambassadors by the Paul G. Rogers Society for Global Health Research. The Rogers Society is named for the former Florida Congressman, champion for research to improve health and current Research!America chair emeritus. Research!America launched the Society this summer to increase awareness of—and make the case for greater U.S. investment in—research to fight diseases that disproportionately affect the world's poorest nations. Members of this prestigious research advocacy team are recognized leaders in medical and global public health research and represent a spectrum of the nation's "scientist advocates." Selected by an Advisory Council that includes three Nobel Laureates, the inaugural class of Ambassadors will work to build a national discussion about the need to assign a high priority to global health research. Read full article at <http://www.researchamerica.org/media/releases/11.20.2006.ambassadors.html>



### APPLICATION DEADLINE

**March 6** UM-GHRT Graduate Global Health Travel Fellowships

### DATES TO REMEMBER

**January 11** 4pm, 2239 Lane Hall, Series on Women at the Margins: Law and Policy

Dina Refki, Deputy Director, Immigrant Women for the Center for Women in Government at SUNY-Albany *Immigrant Women in the Shadows: from Invisibility to Inclusion*

**January 11**, 7-8:30pm, Rackham Auditorium, Global Impact Speaker Series

Trevor Field, Playpumps International - Field developed the *Roundabout Outdoor Play Pump*, a children's merry-go-round attached to a water pump & storage tank being installed in rural villages across South Africa & internationally. He won the 2000 World Bank Development Marketplace competition. Sponsors: WISE, UROP, the William Davidson Institute, UM-GHRT

**January 25, 4-6pm**, 2239 Lane Hall, Series on Women at the Margins: Law and Policy

Jill de Zapien and Cecilia Rosales (University of Arizona) discuss community-based health interventions with immigrant women. Co-sponsors: Center for International and Comparative Law, Ginsberg Center for Community Service and **Learning, School of Social Work, Department of Psychology**

**February 7**, 3:00pm, Lane Family Auditorium, Room 1690 SPH Crossroads

Osman M. Galal, MD, PhD, Professor of Community Health Sciences, Director, International Health Program, UCLA School of Public Health

*The Nutritional Transition in Developing Countries: Current Status and Future Implications*

**March 8**, 12-1:30pm, Lane Hall Conversations, 2239 Lane Hall

Elizabeth Roberts (IRWG), *The Traffic between Women: Female alliance and familial egg donation in Ecuador*

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**March 15, 4-6pm**, Series on Women at the Margins: Law and policy

Susan Tiefenbrun (Thomas Jefferson School of Law), Trafficking of Women: a contemporary form of slavery. Co-sponsors: Center for International and Comparative Law, Department of Psychology, Ginsberg Center for Community Service and Learning, School of Social Work