



## 2008 UM-GHRT Spring Awards Announced

The UM GHRT program awarded 20 global health travel awards to UM undergraduate, graduate and medical students this spring term. For more on this fellowship program for graduates and medical students visit: <http://ghrt.psc.isr.umich.edu/grad/funding.html> for undergraduates go to: <http://ghrt.psc.isr.umich.edu/ugrad/funding.html>.

**C**ongratulations to: Sara Haack, Ashwin Vasam, Abdulrahman El Sayed, Kilolo Harris, Kristin King, Christine Pierce, Shama Cash-Goldwasser, Joseph Donlin, Chu-Wei Hung, Linda Jong, Shachi Khichadia, Pamela Mallinga, Megan Narsimhan, Emily Pingel, Keith Primeau, Deena Thomas, Sarah Vasquez, John Walters, Sachiko Yoneyama, Susan Palazzo and Eytan Shtull-Leber!

See page 2 of this newsletter for a listing of their countries of travel and their projects.

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**T**anyaporn Wansom, former GHRT travel fellowship recipient, FIC Ellison Overseas Fellowship in Global Health recipient, UM Medical school graduate and graduate student at the Ford School's International Policy Center was chosen to be featured in a National Library of Medicine exhibit called "Against the Odds: Making a Difference in Global Health" which will run for two years (both online and at the actual library). She was nominated by her peers.

Tanya is currently the featured columnist on the website where she responds to such questions (see link below) about her role in the American Medical Student Association, examples of her most rewarding work while serving as the Global HIV/AIDS Coordinator and how her American Medical Student Association experiences shape her future career goals. Tanya took part in a panel as part of the opening at the National Library of Medicine last month, where she had the opportunity to speak to 250 local area students who were among the first visitors to the exhibit.

<http://apps.nlm.nih.gov/againsttheodds//index.cfm>



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## 2008 UM-GHRT Spring Awards

Name	Country	Project Title
Sara Haack	Switzerland	An Analysis of the Current State of Global Antimicrobial Resistance & Policy Recommendations
Ashwin Vasani	Lesotho	HIV/AIDS Care & Treatment Delivered by Non-Physicians
Abdulrahman El Sayed	Guatemala	Understanding the Role of Fumonisin B1 in the Etiology of Neural Tube Defects in Guatemala
A. Kilolo Harris	Cuba	The Invisible Latino: The Implications of Racism on the Psychological Distress of Cubans of African Descent
Kristin King	China	Trends, Determinants & Consequences of C-Sections among Chinese Migrants
Christine Pierce	Peru	The Epidemiology of Cervical Cancer & HPV Infection in Peru
Shama Cash-Goldwasser	Bangladesh	Hib Vaccination Assessment
Joseph Donlin	South Africa	Global Call to Action Against Poverty
Chu-Wei Hung	Egypt	Etiologic Factors & Molecular Characterization of Liver Cancer



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Linda Jong	Switzerland	Duke Global Health Fellowship
Shachi Khichadia	India	Rajagiri Institute of Social Sciences, Community Aid & Sponsorship Project (CASP)
Megan Narasimhan	Rwanda	Neglected Tropical Diseases/Access Project
Pamela Mallinga	South Africa	Africa Centre
Emily Pingel	Colombia	Tejedores de Vida Summer Internship
Keith Primeau	Chile	Genetic Factors Related to Vulnerability to Iron Deficiency & its Effects
Deena Thomas	India	Identifying Sources of Exposure to Lead Amongst Children Participating in a Cohort Study of Lead & Neurobehavior in Chennai, India
Sarah Vasquez	Dominican Republic	Evaluation of Program on Interventions to Reduce HIV Related Risk for Female Sex Workers in Puerto Plata
John Walters	Thailand	Copper Ore Management in Chile & Substance Abuse Management in Thailand
Sachiko Yoneyama	Bangladesh	Assessing the Cost-Utility of Childhood Blindness Screening in Bangladesh
Susan Palazzo	Italy	Pompeii Archaeological Research Project: Porta Stabia
Eytan Shtull-Leber	Uganda	Understanding the Nature of the Baayudaya Community's Support for the New Well

## 2008 IEDP - Jordan!

For the past three years, UM-GHRT has provided partial funding towards the International Economic Development (IEDP) class, an interdisciplinary initiative of the International Policy Students Association (IPSA) at the Ford School of Public Policy. Students who apply to participate in the study tour are selected by IPSA and the faculty advisor. The group then chooses a specific country focus.

Held during the winter semester, the class examines pressing policy issues facing the selected country and how the leaders are dealing with those problems given the internal and external constraints.

This year, the group chose Jordan. Led by Professors Susan Waltz and Ann Lin, the group traveled over spring break where they met with representatives from government Ministries, international NGOs, and the private sector.

This year's end of term group papers include such topics as: water scarcity, chronic disease (diabetes), performance of the Jordan-US Free Trade Agreement, IT education for private sector development, and the needs of displaced Iraqis.

### 2008 participants:

Vanessa Frey, Linda Galib, David Gavilinski, Megan Ryan, Emily Stivers, Haley Gallagher, Maggie Gebhard, William Nash, Nick Occhipinti, Brooklyn Walker, Aaron Batsakis, Salik Farooqi, Joanna Kopicka, Ko Nishiuchi, Adam Van Loon, Marwa Al Nasa'a, John Chin, Shawn Leonard, Claudia Muñoz, Brooke Reilly, Elaine Denny, Kristina Donnelly, Roland McKay, Geoffry Ponte, Tetsuya Uetake



## Dean Alcindor Visits UM Campus in April

Hilda Alcindor, Dean of the Faculté des Sciences Infirmières de l'Université Episcopale d'Haïti (FSIL), visited the University of Michigan campus at the beginning of April. She was here as a guest of the U-M Student Nurses Organization who held their first annual Charity Ball on April 4 to raise money for FSIL. In addition, she met with some SCHOOL of Public Health faculty to explore future collaboration.



Dormitory at the Nursing School

FSIL was dedicated and the first class of students enrolled in January, 2005. This class will graduate next January. There are over 90 students enrolled in the 4-year program, the first baccalaureate nursing program in Haiti.

School Link:  
<http://haitinursing.org/index.html>

For more on the story including a YouTube video click on  
[http://www.mlive.com/business/index.ssf/2008/04/school\\_of\\_nursing\\_in\\_haiti\\_suc.html](http://www.mlive.com/business/index.ssf/2008/04/school_of_nursing_in_haiti_suc.html)



## 2006 GHRT Travel Fellowship Awardee Joel Selway

In 2006 Joel Selway, a UM political science doctoral student, applied for the first round of the UM-Global Health Research and Training Travel Fellowships to fund his predissertation research on Political Representation and Health Policy in Thailand. Shortly after receiving the \$3000 GHRT award, Selway received a Fulbright-Hays which facilitated an entire year's stay in Thailand.

Selway's research, in a broad sense, addresses governments' ability to coordinate, or not (conflict). He looks at a range of phenomena, from civil wars to the provision of health and education. Theoretically, he looks at how two things affect these phenomena; first, political institu-



tions, which offer restraints and incentives for coordination/conflict; and second, social structure (the distribution and structure of ethnic, religious, geographic and class-based groups in society). Selway hopes to graduate this year and enter the job market. His career ambitions for now include that of political science professor and potentially consulting organizations such as the World Bank.

## Interdisciplinary Doctoral Seminar on Global Health

One of the requirements of the UM-GHRT travel fellowships for predissertation research is attendance in the Interdisciplinary Doctoral Seminar on Global Health. Taught by GHRT program director, Siobán Harlow, the class offers students the opportunity to develop pre-dissertation proposals and dissertation prospectuses, together with their peers, in an interdisciplinary setting. Through critical readings and presentation of dissertation research proposals, students have an opportunity to develop their research prospectuses.

Joel Selway, a UM political science doctoral student featured in the above article, speaks highly of the course. "I learnt so much in Siobán's class. First, I realized how little I knew about global

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public health issues, which encouraged me to seek out more training. Siobán herself was a wonderful resource for pointing me to useful literatures, as well as give me straight-out advice on such things as potential measures. The class was very helpful for developing ideas - and having them wonderfully scrutinized by a diverse group of scholars. We had anthropologists, epidemiology students and health economics students. It was a great mix, and we gave each other a hard time, but also it was all very helpful, especially in knowing how to present your research to the global health community in general, something I have no exposure to in Political Science. I highly recommend it."

### Save the Date!

October 17, 2008

Gender, Sexuality, Health and Human Rights  
in Latin America and the Caribbean

*A mini-conference at the University of Michigan*  
sponsored by Latin American and Caribbean Studies  
and the Department of Health Behavior and Health Education



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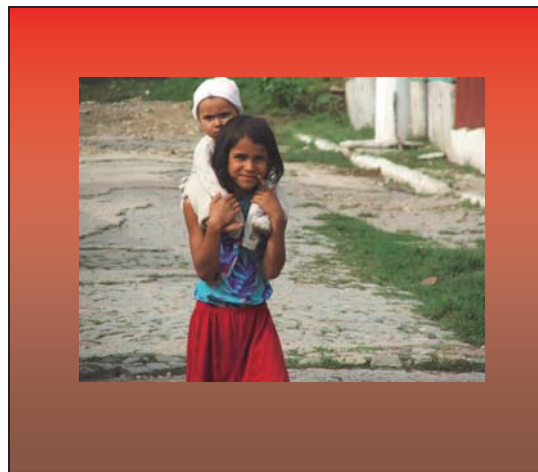
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