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Welcome to the third 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

Just in! Another UM Fogarty grant renewed, “A Regional Southern African Program in Environmental and Occupational Health”. **Congratulations to PI Thomas Robins, MD, MPH, Professor Environmental Health**, More details in the fall newsletter. See UM-GHRT fall 2006 newsletter for information on the two other UM Fogarty grant renewals.

UM-Global Health Research & Training Initiative

UM-GHRT Awards 27 Graduate Travel Awards

Congratulations to the 27 recipients of the UM-GHRT Graduate Travel Awards for Winter 2007! Graduate and professional students from across the university received funds for multidisciplinary training in global health. They will participate in internationally-based global health internships, clinical rotations, masters research travel, or preliminary dissertation research travel for a minimum of two months.

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IPSA course takes students to Peru & China

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Right: Students meet with senior citizens in Villa El Salvador, Peru.

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Applications due September 10, 2007

the sisters fund

SMALL GRANT AWARDS

University of Michigan's Institute for Research on Women & Gender

IRWG invites applications requesting support of scholarly activities directed to global health issues, specifically focused on gendered health disparities. In its first call for project proposals, the Sisters Fund seeks to enhance "activist" scholarship or other creative activities that benefit local and global communities experiencing gender-based, health disparities. While providing funds for new and emerging work is a priority for this program, requests for support of on-going programs of research are also considered. Applications from all academic disciplines, including the arts, humanities and sciences, are welcome and encouraged.

2007 GHRT grad travel award recipients

1 ECUADOR

Katherine Connors
Joseph Donlin
Linda Galib
Viridiana Romero
Valerie Varela

2 PERU

Andrew Sechler
Teja Suhas Patil
Allison Stewart

3 SWITZERLAND

Adam Castaño
Allison Leung
Bina Valsangkar

4 GHANA

Iman Kalifa Martin

5 NIGERIA

Edward Okeke
Jack Tocco
Kelly Kirby* (pg. 3)



6 KENYA

Lisa Calhoun
Michael Guterbock
Sara Schmidt
Eric Sifuna

7 TANZANIA

Cathy Sotelo

8 RWANDA

Sarah powers

9 SOUTH AFRICA

Carol Camlin
Lloyd Grieger
Kathryn Van Bemmelen

10 THAILAND

Megan Ryan

11 VIETNAM

Heather Moehle

12 CHINA

Hoang Oanh Thi Nguyen

See <http://ghrt.psc.isr.umich.edu> for more information on individual research projects & internships

Elisha Renne, recipient of IRWG’s Gender & Global Health Faculty Seed Grant



Congratulations to **Elisha Renne, Associate Professor, Anthropology**, who received the Winter 2007 IRWG Gender and Global Health Faculty Seed Grant for her project entitled “Improving Maternal/Child Health & Malaria Prevention in Zaria, Nigeria”. Dr. Renne is collaborating with Mairo Bugaje, Department of Pediatrics at Ahmadu Bello University Teaching Hospital and the ABUTH Institute of Child Health—Ban Zazzau and Stuart Batterman, UM Professor of Environmental Health Sciences at the School of Public Health.

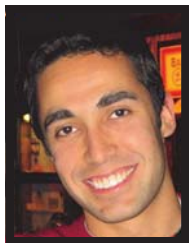
This project will examine women’s knowledge of malaria including its prevention and treatment, and promote and evaluate effective use of insecticide-treated bednets (ITN’s). Renne mentors Kelly Kirby, a UM Anthropology graduate student, who was awarded a GHRT predissertation travel award (see pg 2).

OVPR/UM-GHRT Faculty Seed Grant Project 2006—Update



Margaret Kruk, new Assistant Professor at the School of Public Health, Health Management and Policy Department was recipient of last year’s OVPR/UM-GHRT Faculty Seed Grant for her project on the cost-effectiveness of non-physician surgeons in Mozambique. Her research group presented their results at the African Union meeting of health ministers in Maputo in September of 2006. Ministry officials were supportive of approaches using mid-level providers as one part of the solution to physician shortages. The Mozambique Ministry of Health is now sharing its curriculum with other countries. The paper summarizing the results is in press at the British Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Kruk was recently honored when invited to the June 2007 Bellagio Conference on Strategies for Increasing Access to Surgical Services in Resource-Constrained Settings in Sub-Saharan Africa. This gathering of academics and policy makers will brainstorm approaches to expanding surgical coverage. Kruk will attend and share research results from her project.



Adam Castaño, a first year UM medical student will engage the topic of Antimicrobial Resistance at the World Health Organization.



Allison Leung a first year medical student, will intern with the WHO's department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse.



Bina Valsangkar, a third year medical student, will intern with the International AIDS Society in Geneva, Switzerland and Sydney, Australia.

3 UM medical students head to Geneva



The **Program on Global Policy and Governance** at Duke University's Terry Sanford Institute on Public Policy accepted three UM medical students into their summer 2007 program. They will participate in a Geneva Policy Internship and select one of four intensive, weeklong courses; 1. Health Policy in a Globalizing World; 2. Human Rights and Humanitarian Assistance; 3. Global Economic Governance and Trade; 4. Environment and Sustainable Development. Each student received a UM-GHRT graduate travel fellowship to support this opportunity. [See page 2](#)

Tanyaporn Wanson is UM's first Geneva Global Health Fellow. She is a 4th year UM medical student who completed the Geneva program in the summer of 2006 with partial funding from UM-GHRT. Tanya is currently in Thailand working on an HIV/AIDS clinical research project funded through Fogarty International Clinical Research Scholars, Overseas Fellowships in Global Health and Clinical



Save the Dates!

UPCOMING
FALL 2007
EVENTS

- September 26, 2007, tentative date**, the Office of Public Health Practice (School of Public Health) is planning a fall symposium on global public health.
- October 18, 3pm Rackham Amphitheatre**, Pam Barnes, President, Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, will deliver the Vivian Shaw Lecture, sponsored by IRWG.
- October 22-24, 2007, tentative dates**, GESI Water/Health Symposium.
- November 2, 2007, 4-8pm**. UM-GHRT & MHIRT (Minority Health International Research Training) Programs Symposium & Poster Session.
- November 29-30, 2007**
Symposium on Cancer in Africa and African Americans
Cancer Epidemiology Education in Special Populations Program (CEESP) & the Global Health Program.



**Economic & Social Policies in
Emerging Market Economies: China & Peru**



This interdisciplinary course, an initiative of the International Policy Students Association (IPSA) at the Ford School of Public Policy, studies the evolution of a given country's economic, political, and social institutions and policies. The course examines pressing policy issues facing the country today and how the leaders are dealing with those problems given the internal and external constraints. Students engage in an extensive study of a selected country and then travel to the country over spring break. During the trip, students conduct extensive interviews and discussions with policymakers, members of civil society (non-profit managers, human rights groups, etc), foreign development agencies, and university students. The specific country focus is determined each year by students who applied and were selected by IPSA and the faculty advisor to participate in the study tour. UM-GHRT has assisted in travel funding for the 2006 China and 2007 Peru projects. The Ford School has committed to include a public health module as part of the course and study tour.

