

**American College of Academic International Medicine
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Speaker Biographies**



Veronica Ades, MD, MPH

Role: Speaker

Organization: Director of Global Women's Health at NYU, Founder of EMPOWER Clinic for Survivors of Sex Trafficking and Sexual Violence

Talk Topic: OB-GYN Internationally

BIO:

Veronica Ades is a board-certified obstetrician-gynecologist. She completed her Doctor of Medicine degree at the State University of New York at Downstate in Brooklyn, NY, and a Master's degree in Public Health with a concentration in Quantitative Methods at the Harvard School of Public Health. She completed residency training in obstetrics and gynecology at the Albert Einstein School of Medicine in the Bronx, NY, and a fellowship in Reproductive Infectious Disease at the University of California, San Francisco. Dr. Ades also completed a Certificate in Comparative Effectiveness at the NYU School of Medicine. Dr. Ades has worked with Médecins Sans Frontières/Doctors Without Borders on assignments in Aweil, South Sudan in 2012 and 2016 and in Irbid, Jordan in 2013. Dr. Ades is currently an Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology and Director of Global Women's Health at the New York University School of Medicine (NYUMC). Her clinical work is at the New York Harbor VA, Gouverneur Health, and Bellevue Hospital. She is the Founder and Director of the EMPOWER Clinic for Survivors of Sex Trafficking and Sexual Violence at Gouverneur Health on the Lower East Side. Dr. Ades conducts research on sexual- and gender-based violence and trauma, and runs the Empower Lab at NYU.



Harry Anderson III, MD, FACS, FICS, FCCM, FCCP

Role: ACAIM Treasurer

Organization: Surgical Critical Care Fellowship Program Director St. Joseph Mercy Ann Arbor

BIO:

Dr. Anderson III works in Ann Arbor, MI and is the Surgical Critical Care Fellowship Program Director at St Joseph Mercy Hospital. He specializes in General Surgery and Trauma Surgery.



Bonnie Arquilla, DO

Role: ACAIM Past President

Organization: SUNY Downstate Medical Center/Kings County Hospital

Talk Topic: Past President Lecture, Abstracts

BIO:

Dr. Arquilla completed medical school at the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine and her Emergency Medicine residency at Lincoln Hospital and Mental Health Center, Bronx New York. She is board certified in Emergency Medicine and Palliative Care. She joined the Emergency Department at SUNY Downstate in 2000. Since then she has been active in the SUNY Downstate residency educational mission. Her area of interest has been in Disaster Medicine and Emergency Preparedness. Dr. Arquilla is the Medical Director of Emergency Management and Disaster Medicine at SUNY Downstate and its affiliate clinics. The New York Institute, All Hazards Preparedness (NYIAHP), was started in 2003 by Dr. Bonnie Arquilla and Dr. Michael Augenbraun. NYIAHP and has been grant funded since its inception. She works collaboratively with The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, The Greater New York Hospital Association, and the New York City Emergency Management. Dr. Arquilla has extensive national and international experience in Emergency Management and Education where she provides consultation on system problems and disaster readiness to local and national governments. Dr. Arquilla is the founder and director of the Disaster Preparedness Fellowship Program at SUNY Downstate, a non GME fellowship. Additionally, Dr. Arquilla has been both a

primary and secondary grant reviewer the Centers for Disease Control. Dr. Arquilla is the Past President of ACAIM.



Juan Asensio, MD, FACS, FCCM, FRCS

Role: Speaker, Board of Governors

Organization: Creighton University Medical Center Trauma Medical Director, Trauma Critical Care Surgery, Trauma Surgery, Professor School of Medicine

Talk Topic: Lessons From the Past to Prepare Our Future

BIO:

Juan Asensio, MD is an internationally recognized surgeon at Creighton University Medical Center specializing in Trauma Surgery and Surgical Critical Care. He is double board certified in Surgery and Surgical Critical Care, and is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons. Dr. Asensio is a native of Cuba, and immigrated to Chicago, Illinois at the age of 13. He completed his undergraduate education at the University of Illinois and went on to Rush Medical College for medical school. He completed his surgical residency at Northwestern University in Chicago, and undertook further postgraduate surgical training at the Medical College of Ohio. Dr. Asensio previously served as the Director of Trauma Clinical Research, Training and Community Affairs, and the Director of the Trauma and Surgical Critical Care Fellowship in the Department of Surgery of the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. He was a professor of Surgery and a Senior Attending Surgeon at Jackson Memorial Hospital. Within that role, he served as the Director of the International Visiting Scholars/Research Fellowship for the Division of Trauma, and also directed the Trauma Outreach Program and Community Affairs Program.

Dr. Asensio is a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Honorary Medical Fraternity. In addition, he holds memberships in more than 77 professional societies, and is currently a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons (FACS), a Fellow of the American College of Clinical Care Medicine (ACCM), a Fellow of the American Association for the Surgery of Trauma (AAST), where he has participated in multiple committees and is currently leading the International Relations Committee of this society. In addition to the many other honors, Dr. Asensio has also been given the Honorary Fellowship from the Royal College of Surgeons of England. Dr. Asensio is internationally recognized for his work in Trauma Surgery. His area of focused study is surgical techniques and outcomes for difficult injuries and difficult problems in Trauma Surgery. His main interests are cardiovascular, thoracic, and complex abdominal and peripheral vascular injuries and has published extensively in this area. He has lectured extensively nationally and internationally in Europe, North, Central, and South America, Asia, Australia, and New Zealand.



Christopher Austin, MD

Role: Speaker

Organization: Director of the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences at the NIH

Talk Topic: Harnessing Translational Science for Maximal Impact

BIO:

Christopher P. Austin, M.D., is director of the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Dr. Austin now leads the Center's work to improve the translation of observations in the laboratory, clinic and community into interventions that reach and benefit patients. Under his direction, NCATS researchers and collaborators are developing new technologies, resources and collaborative research models; demonstrating their usefulness; and disseminating the data, analysis and methodologies for use by the worldwide research community.

Austin is trained as a clinician and geneticist and is a member of the National Academy of Medicine. He earned an M.D. from Harvard Medical School and an A.B. *summa cum laude* in biology from Princeton University. He completed a research fellowship in developmental neurogenetics at Harvard, studying genetic and environmental influences on stem cell fate determination. Austin also trained in internal medicine and neurology at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, after which he practiced medicine in academic and community hospitals, providing primary care in urban settings and in rural Alaska and Africa. Before joining the NIH in 2002, Austin worked at the pharmaceutical company Merck, where he directed programs on genome-based discovery of novel targets and drugs, with a particular focus on treatments for schizophrenia and Alzheimer's disease.



Rafael Barrera, MD FCCM

Role: Speaker

Organization: Northwell Health, Medical Missions for Children

Talk Topic: Global Health Program Leaders

BIO:

Dr. Barrera is physician at Northwell Health specializing in both Critical Care and Surgery. He received his medical degree from Universidad Autonoma de Guadalajara and completed his residency training at Long Island Jewish Forest Hills. He then went on to complete his fellowships at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. He currently serves as the director of the Long Island Jewish Medical Center SICU at Northwell Health, and he is also a member of the board for Medical Missions for Children (MMFC). MMFC is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a dedicated group of approximately 375 volunteer surgeons, anesthesiologists, medical, dental, speech and nutritional specialists who conduct close to 20 missions a year and to operate on children all over the world.



Christina Bloem, MD

Role: ACAIM President-Elect, Speaker

Organization: SUNY Downstate Medical Center/Kings County Hospital

Talk Topic: Global Health Program Leaders

BIO:

Dr. Christina Bloem is President-Elect and member of the Board of Directors of ACAIM. She is an Associate Professor and the Director of the International Division of Emergency Medicine and the International Emergency Medicine Fellowship Program at SUNY Downstate Medical Center/Kings County Hospital in Brooklyn, NY. Dr. Bloem also serves on the steering committee for the SUNY Global Health Institute. Dr. Bloem completed her Emergency Medicine residency at SUNY Downstate, where she was chief resident and was involved in the establishment of their International Division. She currently serves as the International Director for ABRAMEDE (Brazilian Association of Emergency Medicine) and is a member of the Specialty Implementation Committee of IFEM (International Federation of Emergency Medicine). Dr. Bloem is of Brazilian descent and has done medical work abroad in Haiti, Brazil, Peru, Guyana, Cote d'Ivoire, India, Turkey, and Qatar. She is fluent in Portuguese, Spanish, French, and speaks Haitian Creole and German. Her areas of interest include development of emergency medicine systems and intercultural communication.



William Burdick, MD, MS.Ed

Role: Speaker

Organization: FAIMER, Drexel University College of Medicine

Talk Topic: Developing Global Educational Leaders

Handles: Twitter ([@drwburdick](https://twitter.com/drwburdick))

BIO:

Dr. Burdick is Clinical Professor of Emergency Medicine at Drexel University College of Medicine, where he helped develop the Program for Integrated Learning (a problem-based curriculum). Dr. Burdick the Vice President of Education for the organization, FAIMER, where he oversees the foundation's efforts to create educational opportunities for international health professionals. He is also a Founding Co-Director of the FAIMER Institute. He has been recognized for teaching excellence with the Lindback Award and the Trustees' Award. Dr. Burdick is a graduate of Oberlin College, the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education, and Cornell University Weill School of Medicine, Dr. Burdick completed training in Internal Medicine at Boston City Hospital and is certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine and the American Board of Emergency Medicine.



Christine Butts, MD

Role: Speaker

Organization: Clinical Associate Professor in EM at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, Director of Ultrasound

Talk Topic: International Medicine Ultrasound Applications & How to Address Challenges to International US Programs **Handles:** [@EMNSpeedofSound](https://twitter.com/EMNSpeedofSound)

BIO:

Dr. Butts is originally from Nashville, TN and attended the University of Tennessee to obtain her Bachelor of Science degree. From there, she went on to obtain her Doctorate of Medicine from the University of Southern California and subsequently matched into the Emergency Medicine residency at Louisiana State University in New Orleans, LA. After completion of her residency,

she obtained further training with a fellowship in Ultrasound at LSU and then remained as faculty. Today, Dr. Butts is a Clinical Associate Professor in EM at LSU and is the Director of Ultrasound. She writes the monthly column "Speed of Sound" in Emergency Medicine News and is interested clinically in all uses of bedside ultrasound, specifically its use in low resource areas. To that end, she has taught in the Kurdistan region of Iraq yearly for the past 7 years and has served as a visiting professor at the Emergency Medicine residency program at Hopital Universitaire de Mirebalais in Mirebalais, Haiti. In her free time, Dr. Butts enjoys traveling, cooking, and competing in any type of athletic endeavor.



John Daly, MD, FACS, FRCSI (Hon), FRCSG (Hon)

Role: Speaker

Organization: Fox Chase Cancer Center at Temple University Health Systems

Talk Topic: How to Engage Your Dean in IM

BIO:

Dr. John Daly is a surgical oncologist at Fox Chase Cancer Center. Dr. Daly attended medical school at Temple University and then went on to train in Houston at MD Anderson Cancer Center and remained there as faculty. Following his time in Houston, he went on to become faculty at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center for six years, the Chief of Surgical Oncology at the University of Pennsylvania hospital for eight years, and later returned back to New York as the Chairman of the Department of Surgery at New York Hospital for nine years. Ultimately, Dr. Daley returned to Philadelphia where he had attended medical school to become the Dean of the Medical School at Temple University School of Medicine and a Professor of Surgery. He is currently a Professor of Surgery at Fox Chase Cancer Center. Dr. Daly's main research focuses on epigenetics of cancer and disparities in cancer care.



Pia Daniel, MD, MPH

Role: Moderator, ACAIM Board of Directors

Organization: Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine, Associate Medical Director of Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Fellowship Director at SUNY Downstate Medical Center

Talk Topic: AIM Program Leaders Moderator

BIO:

Pia Daniel MD, MPH is an Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine, Associate Medical Director of Emergency Preparedness and Disaster Fellowship Director at SUNY Downstate Medical Center. Dr. Daniel completed her Emergency Medicine residency and Emergency Preparedness Fellowship at SUNY Downstate Hospital in Brooklyn, New York. Dr. Daniel completed her Masters in Public Health at Columbia University, with a focus across three areas of expertise: organizational leadership and management, health policy and public health, and health systems. Dr Daniel developed a niche in Disaster Preparedness and Response, combining her MD and MPH degrees to promote the integration of clinical response and public health policy in disaster readiness. Dr. Daniel serves on the New York City Health Care Coalition Leadership Council Governance Board, working with the NYC Department of Health to support NY's health care system preparedness and response to disasters. Dr. Daniel serves as Chair of Board of Directors for The American College of Academic International Medicine, working to promote public health programs globally. Dr. Daniel has helped develop multiple disaster drills including adult mass casualty incidents and pediatric hospital evacuations for hospitals and disaster coalitions in the NYC area. Dr. Daniel has worked with NYC Department of Health on developing and testing policies related to Disaster Response. Dr. Daniel lead a Disaster Response team to help the relief efforts for the Puerto Rico 2017 Hurricanes. Dr. Daniel has organized disaster preparedness seminars for medical conferences in India, Sri Lanka and Qatar. Dr. Daniel has published on disaster response and training; she has presented her research at multiple international conferences, including IPRED in Israel, INDUS EM in India and WADEM in South Africa. Dr. Daniel completed medical school at UMDNJ Rutgers in New Jersey and an undergraduate degree at NYU, New York.



Annelies DeWulf, MD, MPH

Role: Vice President, Board of Governors

Organization: Louisiana State University

Talk Topic: Women in AIM

BIO:

Dr Annelies De Wulf is Director of the International Emergency Medicine Division at the Louisiana State University Health Center in New Orleans, and Associate Program Director of the Emergency Medicine Residency there. She is an Assistant Professor, working as academic faculty at both University Medical Center in New Orleans and Lallie Kemp

Regional Hospital in Independence, Louisiana. Dr De Wulf went to the Tulane School of Medicine, completed her Emergency Medicine residency at Louisiana State University, then completed her fellowship in International Emergency Medicine at the State University of New York Downstate in Brooklyn, New York.

She is Belgian American and enjoys close ties in both countries. Her interests include improving global access to emergency care, interpersonal violence intervention, ethics of international medical engagement, and education and cultural competence in health care settings globally. She is on the Board of Directors of EMEDEX International, an organization that seeks to build capacity in emergency care through education and is currently involved in ongoing projects in Haiti. She also serves as the Vice-President of the American College of Academic International Medicine. She lives in New Orleans with her husband and two children



Howard Friedman

Role: Speaker

Organization: United Nations, Columbia University

Talk Topic: How to Evaluate a US Based International Medicine Project

BIO:

Howard Friedman is a prominent American statistician, data scientist, health economist, writer and artist currently employed at the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) and as an adjunct Associate Professor at Columbia University. Friedman is widely known for his role as a lead statistical modeler on a number of key United Nations projects and for his wide-ranging publications in the fields of statistics, data science and health economics. He moved to a fulltime position at the United Nations in 2007 where he has since been a lead on work including the ICPD @ 15 Costing, High Level Task Force on Innovative Financing, and the Adding It Up reports. He is credited with being the lead developer of the Integrated Health Model (used for costing the Health-related Millennium Development Goals within UNDP) and the Reproductive Health Costing Tool in UNFPA^[3] He is a lead scientist for the interagency collaboration among UNICEF, World Bank, World Health Organization, UNFPA, UNAIDS and UNDP for the development of the Unified Health Model, a project sponsored by the IHP+.^[4] In 2014, he was a Visiting Researcher at Oxford University's Department of Economics.

Friedman is the author of over 100 scientific articles and book chapters in the areas of applied statistics, health economics and politics and has created data science courses using R, Python, SQL and SAS software.



Jason Frieson, MPH, EMT-P

Role: Speaker

Organization: Trek Medics

Talk Topic: Logistics of Managing Programs Abroad

BIO:

Mr. Frieson is a paramedic by training, and has been working in international development since 2003. He earned his B.A. in English from Westmont College, completed his Paramedic training at Southwestern College, and received an MPH from Columbia's Mailman School of Public Health. He is originally from New York City, and has spent many years living in Central America, the Caribbean, and Europe, working for a number of recognized international humanitarian organizations including Project HOPE, where he was the Haiti Country Director until mid-2012. In addition to ambulance operations and EMS management, he has also worked as a flight medic, paramedic instructor, contributing author for EMS publications, and provides consulting for a range of global health initiatives in both systems development and disaster response. When the opportunity arises, Jason also spends his time exploring coastlines for surfing.



Micheal Frisina, PhD, MA

Role: Certification Instructor

Organization: The Frisina Group

Talk Topic: Global Leadership Certification

Handles: [@Drfrisina](#)

BIO:

Michael Frisina, PhD is an internationally recognized leadership expert, speaker, author, and the CEO of The Frisina group. Dr. Frisina speaks nationally and internationally to healthcare organizations, non-profit organizations, and audiences as diverse as engineers to organ procurement organizations. He is a featured speaker for the American Hospital Association, The American College of HealthCare Executives, the Joint Commission, and the South Carolina Hospital Association. Dr. Frisina retired from the United States Army having served in the

Medical Service Corps in a variety of positions. He completed his postgraduate studies at Cambridge University, in England, and served as a faculty member and subject matter expert in leadership and ethics at the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York and the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences and School of Medicine in Bethesda, MD. Prior to entering civilian healthcare, Dr. Frisina served as a consultant to the Army Surgeon General for medical research and development, and to the Department of Defense Human Genome project. He is a Visiting Fellow in Medical Humanities at the Medical College of Pennsylvania and a Visiting Scholar at the Hasting Center.



Sagar Galwankar, MD, MPH

Role: Executive Director World of ACAIM, Board of Governors

Organization: Florida State University and the University of Florida Department of Emergency Medicine

Talk Topic: Moving ACAIM Forward

BIO:

Dr. Sagar Galwankar graduated with his bachelors in Medicine and Surgery from the University of Pune with honours and distinction in Otolaryngology. He is Board Certified in Internal Medicine from the National Board of Examinations in India. Following his specializations in Internal Medicine he went on to train at the University of South Florida in areas of International Health Diplomacy, Infectious Disease, and Emergency Medicine. Dr. Galwankar also holds a Masters in Public Health from the University of South Florida and is a Board Certified Emergency Physician with the American Board of Emergency Medicine.

Dr. Galwankar's academic and clinical career spans over a decade with experience in education, care, and research both in India and the USA. He is extensively published, cited, and honoured for his works in International Medicine, Public Health, Infectious Disease, Emergency Medicine and Injury Sciences. He has also held various leadership positions, and is the driving force behind many prestigious International Journals. Dr. Galwankar is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of the INDUSEM Collaborative for Health & Medicine. He continues to play a defining role in establishing Emergency Medicine as a separate specialty in India. Dr. Galwankar has appointments at the Florida State University & University of Florida in the Department of Emergency Medicine. His areas of interest include Emergency Medical Intelligence, health policy, Injury Medicine, International Health, Humanitarian Assistance, Quality Health Care Delivery in Emerging Economies and Global Health Diplomacy. He believes that the future is dependent on what is done today and how it is done today.



Manish Garg, MD, FAAEM

Role: President, Board of Governors

Organization: ACAIM, Professor, Director of Global Medicine LKSOM at Temple University, Senior Associate Residency Program Director Emergency Medicine

Handles: Twitter (@TheGargFather)

BIO:

Dr. Garg is a Professor of Emergency Medicine, the Senior Associate Residency Program Director, and the Director of Global Medicine at the Lewis Katz School of Medicine and Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Dr. Garg graduated from Kalamazoo College in Michigan with a Bachelor of Arts in Health Sciences and then completed his medical education at Wayne State University School of Medicine in 2001. He completed his residency in Emergency Medicine at Detroit Receiving Hospital and joined the Emergency Medicine faculty at Temple University School of Medicine in 2004. He will begin a new position as the Program Director for the New-York Presbyterian Emergency Medicine Residency Program in September. Dr. Garg is a member of the American Academy of Emergency Medicine, the Council of Emergency Medicine Residency Directors, and is the current president of the American College of Academic International Medicine (ACAIM).

Dr. Garg's contribution to global medicine involves a combination of service, research and teaching. He founded the international medical program/curriculum at Temple and has had the privilege of leading multiple medical student, physician, and allied health care provider missions throughout the world. In this capacity, he feels fortunate to help future leaders in medicine become responsible global caregivers. Dr. Garg has been recognized with numerous teaching awards and honors including 8 medical student/resident departmental awards, multiple golden apples, institution-wide teacher of the year, and faculty inductee into the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society. In addition to his involvement in teaching, Dr. Garg serves as the Temple site primary investigator for the EMERGENCY ID Net, an NIH/CDC research surveillance group, where he has received annual grant funding and been able to assist his fellow physicians in recognizing and treating emerging infectious disease.



Sona Malkani Garg, DO

Role: AIM 2019 Conference Chair, ACAIM Secretary, Board of Directors

Organization: Occupational Medicine Einstein Medical Center Montgomery

BIO:

Dr. Garg received her medical degree at Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and completed her family medicine residency at Abington Memorial Hospital – Jefferson Health. Dr. Garg is board certified in family medicine and is a proud member of the American Board of Family Medicine, American Academy of Family Physicians, and American College of Academic International Medicine.

Dr. Garg is a strong patient advocate and has a passion for preventive medicine. She values patient needs, considering a person’s physical, mental and spiritual health. She has evolved her practice into occupational medicine and enjoys meeting employees and caring for them at Einstein Medical Center Montgomery. Creating a safe, healthy work environment for all employees and offering sound clinical decisions on current evidence-based guidelines are hallmarks of her practice.

Dr. Garg has a passion for international medicine that helps keep her personal and professional life in balance. She enjoys traveling and has implemented primary preventive measures in hospitals, orphanages, and schools, during her trips around the world.



Robert Gore, MD

Role: Speaker

Organization: Founder of the Kings Against Violence Initiative (KAVI), Clinical Assistant Professor at Kings County Hospital

Talk Topic: Past President Lecture: Advancing Your Community Globally

BIO:

Dr. Rob Gore is an Emergency Physician and the Founder of the Kings Against Violence Initiative (KAVI). He is a Clinical Assistant Professor at Kings County Hospital Center. He was an inaugural TED Resident in 2016, and in 2018 was named a CNN Hero. Dr. Gore received his

MD from the University of Buffalo School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, and completed his residency at Cook County Hospital in Chicago, IL where he was a chief resident. Dr. Gore has worked with Clinique Esperance et Vie, a medical clinic in Haiti that supports nearby areas since 2008. He also founded the SUNY Downstate Medical Center Minority Medical Student Emergency medicine (MMSEM) Summer Fellowship- a mentoring program for underrepresented minorities in medicine. In 2009, he founded the Kings Against Violence Initiative (KAVI), an in-school, hospital and community non-profit anti-violence program that looks to teach young people how to resolve conflicts peacefully. KAVI is part of the NYC Health + Hospitals with similar initiatives in Harlem and The Bronx. He was chosen as one of 2018 Presidential Leadership Scholars. In 2016, he delivered a Ted Talk titled *Healing Inner City Trauma*. He was a TED resident in the inaugural program in 2016. His achievements were honoured by the United Hospital fund in 2017. That year he was also selected as one of Black Enterprise's 100 Men of Distinction. In 2018 he was selected as a CNN hero. Dr. Gore has also been awarded the Citizens Committee for Children Vanguard Award for his work serving at-risk youth.



Alyssa Green, MD

Role: Speaker

Organization: Department of Emergency Medicine New York Presbyterian Hospital Columbia University Irving Medical Center

Talk Topic: Refugee Care

BIO:

Dr. Alyssa Green is an Emergency Medicine physician at New York Presbyterian/Columbia University. She received her MD from Lewis Katz School of Medicine in 2014 and completed her Emergency Medicine residency at Temple University Hospital.



Alisa Gutman, MD, PhD

Role: Speaker

Organization: Founder and Director of the Philadelphia Human Rights Clinic (PHRC), Clinical

Assistant Professor of Psychiatry Perelman School of Medicine

Talk Topic: How to Complete an Asylum Evaluation

BIO:

Dr. Alisa Gutman received her MD from Emory University School of Medicine, is a Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry University of Pennsylvania and the Founder and Director of the Philadelphia Human Rights Clinic (PHRC). PHRC is a student-run organization with a mission to provide no-cost psychiatric and physical evaluations of survivors of persecution seeking asylum in the United States. PHRC was founded in 2012 as a collaboration between Physicians for Human Rights and medical students and physicians at the University of Pennsylvania. By documenting the physical and psychological sequelae of persecution and submitting a medical affidavit to court, physicians and students can make a difference in whether these individuals are granted asylum or other relief from deportation.



Esther Han, MD

Role: Speaker

Organization: Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery Fellow at Columbia University Hospital

Talk Topic: OB/GYN Care Internationally

Handles: @DrOnThePlane

BIO:

Dr. Esther S. Han is a Fellow in Minimally Invasive Gynecologic Surgery at New York Presbyterian Hospital - Columbia University Medical Center. Her interests include women's health, health equity, and simulation-enhanced training for surgical trainees in the United States and abroad. She is particularly interested in capacity building in low and middle income countries where the benefits of minimally invasive surgical procedures are increasingly recognized and sought-after. As part of her work as a fellow at Columbia University, she established a laparoscopic gynecologic surgery training program for local OB-Gyns in Santiago Atitlan, Guatemala and will soon begin a similar program in Lilongwe, Malawi.

Dr. Han's career began in public health where she received a Master of Public Health in Health Policy at the Milken Institute School of Public Health at The George Washington University in Washington, DC. She then worked as a Senior Health Care Analyst for Research at the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) from 2006-2010 where her work focused on health care disparities, culturally and linguistically appropriate services and care coordination. She completed medical school at The Boston University School of Medicine in Boston, MA and completed a residency in Gynecology and Obstetrics at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD.

Dr. Han is a member of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and AAGL.



Nicole Kaban, MD

Role: Speaker

Organization: Louisiana State University

Talk Topic: International Medicine Ultrasound Applications

BIO:

Dr. Nicole Kaban received her Bachelor of Science degree from Tulane University in New Orleans, LA before returning to her native New York City to attend medical school. After obtaining her MD from New York University, Dr. Kaban completed residency in Emergency Medicine at the Bellevue/NYU program.

Following graduation, Dr. Kaban pursued further training in Ultrasound, completing a fellowship at St. Luke's Roosevelt Hospital. She is interested in the intersection of ultrasound and global health; particularly clinical uses in low resource settings, as well as ultrasound as a tool for capacity-building and pedagogical medicine. Dr. Kaban has worked in rural Indonesia, Laos, and South Africa on projects involving both clinical care and health education. She has helped to develop and teach ultrasound courses in Rwanda, Laos, and Israel.

Today Dr. Kaban is a Clinical Assistant Professor in Emergency Medicine at Louisiana State University in New Orleans, where she is also Associate Director for the divisions of Ultrasound and International Emergency Medicine.



Vikas Kapil, DO

Role: Speaker

Organization: Associate Director for Science/CMO at the Center for Disease Control

Talk Topic: CDC Global Update

BIO:

Dr. Vikas Kapil comes to CGH from CDC's National Center for Environmental Health/Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (NCEH/ATSDR) where he has served in several roles as part of the senior management team, including most recently as Associate Director for Science and Chief Medical Officer. In addition, he has been responsible for coordination of NCEH/ATSDR's global environmental health activities, including CDC's initiative on household air pollution and health and a long-standing collaboration on environmental and occupational health and injury prevention and control in India.

Dr. Kapil attended medical school at Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in East Lansing, Michigan and received a Masters in Public Health from The University of Michigan. He completed residency training in emergency medicine at POH Medical Center in Pontiac, Michigan and in occupational and environmental medicine at the University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Prior to coming to CDC/ATSDR in 2002, Dr. Kapil served as Director of University Health Services and as Associate Professor of Environmental Health at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center, and as Director of Occupational Health Services at St. Luke's Medical Center in Toledo, Ohio. His clinical and research interests include environmental and occupational pulmonary diseases, occupational infections and vaccine preventable diseases, environmental emergencies and environmental health problems, and injury in low and middle income countries.



Kristiana Kaufman, MD, MPH

Role: Speaker

Organization: Director of the Global Health Section and International EM Fellowship at Wayne State University Department of Emergency Medicine, Co-Director of WSU Global Health Alliance and Global and Urban Health Equity Scholars Program

Talk Topic: Global Program Leaders

BIO:

Dr. Kristiana Kaufmann is director of the Global Health Section and the International EM Fellowship at the WSU Department of Emergency medicine. She is also the co-director of the WSU Global Health Alliance and its Global and Urban Health Equity Scholars Program. Dr.

Kaufmann is the ACEP Ambassador to Lao PDR through her long-standing work with Health Frontiers, including development and director of the new Lao EM residency training program. She created the Urban Clinical First Encounters first aid training for incoming students in the WSU School of medicine and is faculty adviser for the First Aid First WSU student organization aimed at teaching first aid in the Detroit community. Dr. Kaufmann is also the Eastern Michigan Region Medical Director for the National Ski Patrol and actively patrols as a Senior patroller at Alpine Valley Ski Patrol in White Lake, Michigan.



Zoe Maher, MD

Role: Speaker

Organization: Lewis Katz School of Medicine Assistant Professor of Surgery

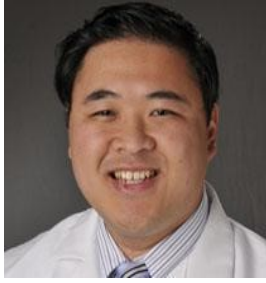
Talk Topic: Women in AIM

BIO:

Dr. Maher received her MD degree from The Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University. She completed her residency in Surgery at Temple University Hospital and a fellowship in trauma and surgical critical care at Temple University Hospital.

She is a member of the American College of Surgeons, Society of American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgeons, Association of Women Surgeons, Society of Critical Care Medicine, The Eastern Association for the Surgery of Trauma International Collaboration for Essential Surgery, European Society for Trauma and Emergency Surgery, and the WHO Global Initiative for Emergency and Essential Surgical Care.

She has been awarded the Metropolitan Surgical Scholar from NYU, Kaplan Mid-Atlantic Teacher Trainer of the Year, Barr Scholar at LKSOM, AMA Foundation Scholar, Dean's Advisory Committee, Ken Ginsburg Soul of Medicine Award from Physicians for Social Responsibility, Herman Brown Award in Surgery, Mary Daly Award, and the H. Taylor Caswell Award for outstanding education by a chief surgical resident.



Danny Mai, MD

Role: Speaker

Organization: Kaiser Permanente, VNHope

Talk Topic: Global Program Leaders

BIO:

Dr. Danny Mai is a board certified family physician. He attended the University of California, Irvine (UCI) to obtain his bachelors of science degree in biology along with a minor in business management. From there he moved east to attend Temple University School of Medicine prior to finishing his residency in family medicine at Abington Memorial Hospital (now Abington Hospital-Jefferson Health). He now works as a family physician at Kaiser Permanente as part of the Southern California Permanente Medical Group, in Santa Ana, California. His focus is on chronic disease prevention. He is concurrently a volunteer professor with the UCI School of Medicine, providing clinical experience to 1st and 2nd year medical students.

His international medicine interest started when one of his patients recruited him to join the Project Vietnam Foundation, an organization focusing on providing medical, dental, and vision care and education to the underserved population of Vietnam. After his first medical mission trip in 2013, he has been heavily involved with the organization and continues to be to this day with its sister organization, VNHope Alliance.



Emmanuel Makasa, MD, MBSc.HB, MBChB, MPH, MMed

Role: Speaker

Organization: The Lancet Commission on Global Surgery, Global Health Diplomat in the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Zambia to the UN

Talk Topic: Diplomacy for Health Equity

BIO:

Dr. Makasa has a keen interest in Global Health diplomacy, entrepreneurship, politics, governance and the arts. Since 2012, Dr. Makasa has served as a Global Health Diplomat in the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Zambia to the UN. Dr. Emmanuel M Makasa is the immediate past coordinator (2014) of Health Attachés' from the African Region at the UN in

Geneva. He proposed, chaired and led the global intergovernmental negotiations that resulted in the adoption of the first ever resolution on surgery and anaesthesia at the World Health Organization's 68th World Health Assembly.

Prior to joining the UN, he worked in a multitude of capacities, ranging from Deputy Director for Emergency Health Services in the Zambian Ministry of Health to Board Member of Doctors Outreach Care International, Secretary General at the Zambia Medical Association and the Surgical Society of Zambia, to an applied research intern at NASA. Dr. Makasa is also a Trustee at the Lusaka Orthopaedics Research & Education Trust (LORET), a non-profit organization dedicated to teaching and providing plastic and orthopedic surgery to rural hospitals in Zambia.

He received his MBChB from the University of Zambia, his MMed in orthopedics and trauma surgery from the University of Zambia, School of Medicine. He received his MPH-Global Health Epidemiology from the University of Alabama at Birmingham where he studied as a Fulbright Scholar.



Esperanza Martinez, MD

Role: Speaker

Organization: Head of Health for the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

Talk Topic: How to Engage the Global Community

BIO:

Dr. Esperanza Martinez is the Head of Health for the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). She is responsible for overseeing the delivery of humanitarian health services to populations affected by war and violence in more than 80 countries around the world.

She is a medical doctor and general surgeon, trained in Colombia, and specialized in International Public Health and Health Management in Australia. Her experience includes over ten years of field work in conflict-affected countries as well as work with UN agencies, government bodies and the private sector.



Marian McDonald, MD

Role: Speaker

Organization: St. Luke's Health

Talk Topic: Global Health Program Leaders

BIO:

Dr. McDonald received her MD from Penn State College of Medicine and completed her residency in General Surgery at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation in Ohio. She is a Board Certified General Surgeon and member of the American College of Surgeons, The Society of Surgical Oncology and the Society of the American Gastrointestinal and Endoscopic Surgery (Minimally Invasive Surgery). Dr. McDonald also completed a fellowship in gastrointestinal surgery at The Lahey Clinic Foundation in Boston, Massachusetts. She is an assistant professor of surgery for Temple University St. Luke's College of Medicine and earned a Master's in Education for Health Professionals from the Johns Hopkins University School of Education. She has participated in several international medical projects in Africa, Haiti and South America.



Andrew Miller, MD

Role: Speaker

Organization: East Carolina University Brody School of Medicine

Talk Topic: Mentoring Trainees Navigating Pearls and Pitfalls

BIO:

Dr. Miller is a graduate of St. Louis University and attended medical school at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine. He completed residencies in Emergency Medicine and Internal Medicine at the State University of New York (SUNY) Downstate Medical Center where he served as Chief Resident for Research. Following this, he completed training in Pulmonary

Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center and Critical Care Medicine at the National Institutes of Health.

He has a track record of publishing original research in high-impact journals, and has been the recipient of numerous local, regional and national awards from groups including the American Medical Association, Society for Academic Emergency Medicine, American Academy of Emergency Medicine, Emergency Medicine Residents Association, and the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education.



Lisa Moreno - Walton, MD, FAAEM

Role: Speaker

Organization: Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center New Orleans School of Medicine, President of the American Academy of Emergency Medicine (AAEM), Professor of Emergency Medicine, Director of Research and Director of Diversity for the Section of Emergency Medicine

Talk Topic: Diversity and Inclusion

BIO:

Lisa Moreno-Walton, MD, FAAEM is the first female President of the American Academy of Emergency Medicine (AAEM). Dr. Moreno also serves as Director of the Latino Scholars Program at LSU Health New Orleans School of Medicine and Director of Viral Testing at University Medical Center's Department of Emergency Medicine. During her years serving on the AAEM Board of Directors, she has focused on the development of women and underrepresented minorities in leadership positions. She holds degrees in Medicine and Clinical Research and is a National Institutes of Health Research Scholar. She is the founder of the Academy for Diversity and Inclusion in Emergency Medicine (ADIEM), an academy of the Society of Academic Emergency Medicine (SAEM). Her multiple awards include the SAEM Martin Leadership Award, Alpha Omega Alpha Medical Professionalism Award, Council of Residency Directors in Emergency Medicine Distinguished Educator Award, and the ADIEM Outstanding Academician Award. Moreno also received the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) Healthcare Executive Diversity & Inclusion Certificate.

Moreno's research interests include HIV, violence prevention and treatment, and diversity and disparity in healthcare. She participates in LSU Health New Orleans Summer Research Program, mentoring college students who aspire to careers in medicine towards the completion of basic research projects. She has mentored over 300 students, residents and junior faculty around the world towards successful careers in research and medicine.

As a global health consultant and educator, she has served in over 20 countries with a focus on the development of research and elimination of healthcare disparities for women, underrepresented minorities, and the under-resourced.

The recipient of many research grants, Moreno has also given more than 500 academic presentations and authored or co-authored 45 publications, including six book chapters. She is the author of the textbook, “Diversity and Inclusion in Quality Patient Care.” Her second textbook is in press.



Anjali Niyogi, MD, MPH, PhD

Role: Speaker

Organization: Founder of Formerly Incarcerated Transitions Clinic (FIT), Co-Founder of Forensic Asylum Network Clinic in New Orleans

Talk Topic: Women in AIM

BIO:

Dr. Anjali Niyogi completed her MD at Tulane University School of Medicine and her MPH at Tulane’s School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. In the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Dr. Niyogi developed ad-hoc clinics throughout the city and advocated for the expansion of clinics away from the centralized Medical Center of Louisiana, New Orleans model to community-based clinics.

Following residency, Dr. Niyogi completed the Piper Fellowship in International Medicine, with a focus on pediatric malnutrition and community health worker training in rural India. Dr. Niyogi continued her work in global health with clinical and educational experience in Ghana, Uganda, Jamaica, Ethiopia and most recently with Central American refugees in Mexico, as well as Syrian, Iraqi, and Afghani refugees in Greece.

In 2015, Dr. Niyogi founded the Formerly Incarcerated Transitions (FIT) Clinic, which provides continuity of care for acute and chronic medical conditions to recently released prisoners. She is a trained member of the Physician for Human Rights’ (PHR) Asylum Network and conducts evaluations for asylum seekers in Louisiana. She is co-founder of the Forensic Asylum Clinic in New Orleans, and has also conducted international qualitative and quantitative research in addition to her work in the U.S.

Dr. Niyogi is a hospitalist at University Hospital, teaching medical students and residents. She is also an adjunct professor at the Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine, where she teaches topics in Health and Human Rights. She is a founder and co-director of the Resident Initiative in Global Health at Tulane (<http://tulane.edu/som/right/index.cfm>).



Ijeoma Nnodim Opara, MD

Role: Speaker

Organization: Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics at Wayne State University School of Medicine, Associate Program Director of the Internal Medicine-Pediatrics Residency, Co-Director of WSU Global Health Alliance

Talk Topic: AIM Program Leaders

BIO:

Dr. Nnodim received her medical degree from Wayne State University School of Medicine (WSUSOM) and is a graduate of Detroit Medical Center (DMC)/WSUSOM Internal Medicine-Pediatrics combined residency program, after which she served as Chief Medical Resident. Currently, she is a double-board certified Assistant Professor of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics at WSUSOM, Associate Program Director of the Internal Medicine-Pediatrics residency, and attending physician with Wayne State University Physician Group.

She provides clinical care to a chiefly underserved population, supervises resident clinics, and teaches inpatient and ambulatory medicine. She mentors a number of residents and medical students in wellness, work-life balance, academic, and career development. Her areas of academic interests are in global health, medical education, and physician wellness. She imbues every endeavor with her philosophy of patient-centered, evidence-based, high value, compassionate care and prioritizes attention to social determinants of health, disparities, and equity as part of a comprehensive approach to patients.

She has a long history of leadership in service to the African immigrant and African American communities and co-founded Africans in Medicine, whose mission is to unite African medical professionals to further the health interests of Africans living on the continent and in the Diaspora. Winner of the 2017 “Most Engaged Physician” award given by the Detroit Medical Center, she was recognized for her excellent track record in community service, collaboration with colleagues, and advocacy. She received the “Faculty of the Year” award, given by the internal medicine-pediatrics residents to the faculty member who best embodies the aspects of great clinician educator, including mentorship, teaching, and humanism in medicine.



William Novick, MD, MS

Role: Speaker

Organization: William Novick Global Cardiac Alliance

Talk Topic: Medical Diplomacy

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Current Projects/ Research: William Novick Cardiac Alliance

BIO:

Over the past twenty-four years, pediatric heart surgeon Dr. William Novick and his non-profit medical teams have performed over 8,500 pediatric heart surgeries in more than 30 countries worldwide including in places like Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Libya, Macedonia, Morocco, and Russia.

He has been awarded four presidential medals since 2002 from the Republic of Croatia, Belarus, Nicaragua, and Ukraine. He was awarded the Frederique Constant Passion Award in 2007. Dr. Novick was featured in the 2003 Oscar-winning documentary Chernobyl Heart, and invited to speak to the General Assembly of the United Nations about the effects of the Chernobyl radiation disaster.

Dr. Novick is a graduate of the University of Alabama School of Medicine and completed his General Surgical Residency at the Graduate Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania before entering the Cardiothoracic Residency at the University of Alabama in Birmingham. He completed the cardiothoracic program and remained for two years as Congenital Cardiac Fellow.

A member of the Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS), European Association for CardioThoracic Surgery (EACTS), Southern Thoracic Surgical Association (STSA), World Society for Pediatric and Congenital Heart Surgery (WSPCHS), Dr. Novick also serves on the Executive Committee of the International Quality Improvement Collaborative (IQIC).

He has authored multiple papers on congenital heart disease, contributed to several books on pediatric heart disease, intensive care and thoracic trauma, as well as co-authored the book Healing the Heart of Croatia.

In 1993, he created a foundation to care for children in the developing world. He had seen the disparities in healthcare between children in the developed and developing world and had a vision that every child born with heart disease should have access to the care they need to live a long and healthy life.

Dr. Novick believes that teaching and organizing local healthcare teams to perform surgery and care for children with complex heart defects is just as important as performing life saving heart surgery himself. As a pioneer in this field, he realized early on that helping local teams build and sustain a pediatric heart surgery service would be the only way to provide real hope to children suffering from treatable heart defects.

Over the years, Dr. Novick recruited a group of clinical experts in the field of pediatric cardiac care who shared his passion and vision to help eradicate the suffering caused by congenital heart disease in the developing world. In October 2014, this group of dedicated professionals came together in support of their natural leader and formed the William Novick Global Cardiac Alliance. Together Dr. Novick and his global charity continue to work in any corner of the world where their services are needed, bringing real hope and healing to so many children and families.



Christina Pardo, MD, MPH

Role: Speaker

Organization: Assistant Professor in Obstetrics & Gynecology at SUNY Stony Brook University Hospital

Talk Topic: SVLC Project Haiti

BIO:

Dr. Christina Pardo Maxis is an Assistant Professor in Obstetrics & Gynecology at SUNY Stony Brook University Hospital. She graduated from Howard University in 2004 with a B.S. in Biology. She attended Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, in New Jersey as well as completed a Master's in Public Health at Boston University with a concentration on International Health. Because of her desire to work with underserved and immigrant communities she went on to complete her residency in Obstetrics & Gynecology at SUNY Downstate Medical Center in Brooklyn NY.

Throughout her education and training she traveled abroad and worked with several global health organizations including the Fogarty International Minority International research training program in Ethiopia, GHESKIO, Project Medishare, and Partners in Health. Her interest in medical education and global health brought her to Stony Brook University to pursue her academic & clinical interests upon completion of her residency in 2013. While at Stony Brook she has partnered with Equal health in capacity building efforts at the Partners in Health University Hospital at Mirebalais initiating and leading a Laparoscopy training program. In 2016, along with her colleague she started a Global Women's Health track for OB/GYN residents at Stony Brook University Hospital.



Shama Patel, MD

Role: Speaker

Organization: Clinical Instructor of Medicine at NYP/Columbia University Irving Medical Center

Talk Topic: Global Emergency Care Ethics

BIO:

Dr. Patel is an Emergency Medicine Physician with a focus on global emergency medicine and global health programming. She is dedicated to humanitarian and disaster response as well as the use of point-of-care-ultrasound in resource-limited settings. She has worked in over 15 countries focusing on program development, education, monitoring and evaluation, standards development, health systems strengthening and emergency care. She is eager for opportunities and collaborations in global emergency medicine and global health.



Carlos Pilasi Menichetti, MD, MSc

Role: Speaker

Organization: Doctors Without Borders/Medecins Sans Frontieres

Talk Topic: Life and Death Matters

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BIO:

Dr. Pilasi Menichetti is currently a Consultant in Emergency and Trauma Surgery at King's College Hospital in London. He obtained his MD from Universidad de los Andes. Additionally, he obtained his masters in science from Universitat de Barcelona. He has been working with Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) since 2002. After his first mission with MSF, he returned to Chile to continue his medical training. At Universidad de Chile he completed his training in General Surgery as well as Obstetrics and Gynecology. He has been involved in surgical emergency care in both specialties with an emphasis on surgery in limited-resource settings. After his training in Chile, he continued with MSF in Sydney for 18 months as a medical

advisor. Following this, he completed a trauma surgery fellowship at Liverpool Hospital. He stayed in Australia as a Consultant Trauma Surgeon at St. George's Hospital Trauma Centre in Sydney. In addition to his work with MSF, Dr. Pilasi Menichetti has volunteered with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and at WHO field trauma hospitals. Recently he was appointed the Trauma Surgical Advisor for MSF International. He is an ATLS, DSTC, STAE and EFAST (TUT) instructor as well as ATLS and TUT course director. He has a special interest in humanitarian work and medical education with limited resources.



Anoop Raman MD, MBA

Role: Speaker

Organization: Market Medical Director of the CityLife Neighborhood Clinics, Assistant Professor Department of Health Policy and Management at Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health

Talk Topic: Leadership in Action- Making Global Projects Work

BIO:

Dr. Raman is currently the Market Medical Director of the CityLife Neighborhood Clinics, an organization that is responsible for opening and operating new health centers in underserved neighborhoods that truly provide value based primary care and population health services for Managed Medicaid and Medicare Advantage populations. Additionally, Dr. Raman is a Consultant for Jefferson College of Population Health and an Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health. Dr. Raman received his BA in economics from Brown University, and his MD and MBA degrees from a joint degree program with Tufts and Brandeis Universities. Prior to residency, he worked for Partners In Health (PIH) as a finance advisor and clinical project manager working to expand primary care resources in health centers across rural eastern Rwanda. After his work at with PIH, he completed his family medicine residency at Columbia University. Dr. Raman is deeply committed to serving the underserved; finding fixes to our broken health system; and putting the promise of population health into action.



Adele Schneider, MD

Role: Speaker

Organization: Einstein Medical Center

Talk Topic: Global Health Program Leaders

BIO:

Dr. Adele Schneider graduated from the Witwatersrand Medical School, Johannesburg, South Africa. After an internship and 1 year of Pediatrics in South Africa, moved to the US in 1976 planning to study genetics. After residency in Wilmington, DE, Adele completed her Fellowship in Genetics at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia in 1981. From 1990 to 2018 Adele was the Geneticist at Einstein Medical Center Philadelphia during which time she developed the Anophthalmia/Microphthalmia Registry and Gene Screening Program. Since the mid 2000s, once there were a few eye development genes identified, gene studies have been done among the cohort of Registry patients. The clinical data in the Registry has provided many researchers with a clinical picture in humans for the new genes they identified in animals. In 2017 Dr. Schneider and her team of experts from the US went to Chuuk, FSM to study the large number of individuals with microphthalmia in this island population. We had been alerted to this by a teacher for the blind in Minnesota who has worked extensively in Chuuk and showed us a published article by Dr. A. A. Yomai, which documented this high incidence of microphthalmia in Chuuk, FSM. In 2018 some members of the team returned to Chuuk to discuss the results to date. In June 2018 Adele retired from Einstein but not from her ongoing interest in microphthalmia in Chuuk. Dr. Schneider is the Medical Director of the Victor Center for the Prevention of Jewish Genetic Diseases at Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia, the partner of the Atlanta Jewish Gene Screen project. She is a graduate of the Witwatersrand University Medical School in Johannesburg, South Africa and trained in genetics at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. Dr. Schneider is a recipient of the Einstein Physician Leadership Award and has been featured in “Top Docs for Kids” in Philadelphia magazine. She was named a 2005 Weizmann Institute of Science Distinguished Scientist.



Justin Seeling

Role: Speaker

Organization: GemX, ECFMG - Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates

Talk Topic: GEMx: Using a Multi-lateral Exchange Model to Facilitate International Exchanges
BIO:

Justin Seeling is the Manager of GEMx, a service of the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG), based in Philadelphia, PA. Justin oversees the operations of the GEMx exchange program. In this role, he recruits and engages with students, faculty, and institutional leadership at over 80 GEMx undergraduate and graduate level partners in more than 30 countries to facilitate student exchange opportunities in clinical, research, community health, and observership settings. Before working with the GEMx program in 2013, Justin served as a Medical School Advisor for the Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS) at ECFMG for five years. In 2009, he graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in English from Temple University and then received his Master's Degree in International Marketing Management in 2013 from Boston University. Justin lives with his family in South Jersey and enjoys reading, following Philadelphia sports teams, and traveling.



Richard Sharpe, MD

Role: Speaker

Organization: St. Luke's Health

Talk Topic: Global Health Leaders

BIO:

Dr. Richard Sharpe is a general surgeon with specialty training in trauma surgery and critical care at St. Luke's. He went to medical school at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences and then completed his general surgery residency at the National Naval Medical Center. From 2000-2002, he completed his fellowship in Trauma Surgery and Surgical Critical Care at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Sharpe served in the Navy for 26 years, which included eight deployments to Kuwait, Iraq, Afghanistan and the Horn of Africa. It was during his service as the Senior Surgeon aboard USNS Comfort following the Jan 2010 earthquake in Port-auPrince, Haiti that Dr. Sharpe became interested in developing and international medical program to assist developing countries in sustained improvements in care. After serving in the Navy, Dr. Sharpe moved to the Bethlehem area to develop the St. Luke's International Surgical Studies (SLISS) program, which is committed to sustained improvements in care in developing countries by providing critically needed supplies, equipment, training and visiting medical professionals. He is dedicated to meeting the surgical needs of under-served populations throughout the world as well as training the next generation of health care professionals to meet the needs of the international community.



Ziad C. Sifri, MD, FACS

Role: Speaker

Organization: Rutgers New Jersey Medical School

Talk Topic: Global Health Leaders

BIO:

Ziad C. Sifri, MD, FACS, is an Associate Professor of Surgery at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School in Newark, NJ and a Trauma and Critical Care Attending at University Hospital.

Dr. Sifri is the Director of the Office of Global health and the Center for Global Surgery at NJMS. He is also the current Global Surgery fellowship director at NJMS. He lectures about Global Surgery and access to surgical care for the Health Equity and Social Justice first year medical student course as well as to third year surgery clerkship students. He runs the International Surgery clinical elective for 4th year medical students. He is also a faculty mentor for ISHI NJMS Student Club and the Global Health distinction program.

Dr. Sifri organizes and leads 2-3 surgical trips per year with ISHI, a humanitarian non- profit organization (501c3) that provides free surgical care to underserved communities internationally through volunteer services. He mentors residents and medical students who want to gain an international experience. Dr. Sifri has volunteered in Haiti, Sierra Leone, Ghana, Peru, Guatemala, Bangladesh and the Philippines.

His global surgery research interest includes capacity building (RECOVER Program), long-term outcome of surgical missions, surgical outreach, international teaching (Stop the Bleed), remote teaching, gender equity and task sharing/shifting in surgery.



Stanislaw Stawicki, MD

Role: Executive Director USA ACAIM, Board of Governors

Organization: St. Luke's University Health Network Department of Trauma Surgery

Talk Topic: ACAIM Moving Forward

BIO:

Dr. Stawicki leads the Department of Research & Innovation at St Luke's University Health Network. A specialist in General Surgery, Surgical Critical Care & Neurocritical Care, Dr. Stawicki has co-authored over 565 scholarly publications, including 14 books. In addition to important national and international medical leadership roles, he is a member of numerous editorial boards. His areas of expertise include patient safety, academic leadership, mentorship, trauma, critical care, injury prevention, and sonography.



Harsh Sule, MD, FAAEM

Role: Speaker

Organization: Associate Professor of Clinical Emergency Medicine at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School; Residency Program Director, Co-Director Systems-based Practice & Global Health; Associate Director, Office of Global Health New Jersey Medical School

Talk Topic: Ethics of International Rotations

BIO:

Dr. Sule completed his undergraduate studies in Political Science and Biological Sciences at Northwestern University, medical school at the University of Illinois at Chicago, residency in Emergency Medicine (including serving as Chief Resident) at Cook County Hospital. He also has a Masters in Public Policy from Princeton University.

His professional career has spanned a diverse set of experiences including academic centers in Washington DC and Philadelphia, as well as community hospitals in Miami, FL. He has also worked with International Medical Corps on an emergency medicine development project in Azerbaijan, where he also served as the organization's Country Director.

As someone who is passionate about medical education and global health/development, Dr. Sule was honored to receive a Golden Apple award from the student body of Rutgers NJMS, as well as a Golden Apple Emergency Medicine Teaching Award from the Department of Emergency Medicine at Thomas Jefferson University and the Jefferson Medical College Dean's Award for Excellence in Education. He has lectured regionally, nationally and internationally on emergency medicine and global health topics, with publications and organizational involvements related to these topics too.

Dr. Sule joined Rutgers NJMS in September 2015 and served in a variety of academic roles, with his current roles including leading the residency program and introducing health policy and global health into the medical school.

In his current focus on educational and health policy initiatives, Harsh Sule, MD, MPP, calls upon his experiences related to development work in a variety of countries (Azerbaijan, Ghana, and Sierra Leone) and working with an NGO (International Medical Corps).

His current international work is related to distance learning and medical education in Ghana. Locally, he is involved with helping to develop global health efforts at New Jersey Medical School via leadership of its Office of Global Health and the global health distinction program. Sule also works with colleagues in the Department of Emergency Medicine to promote medical education related to social determinants of health as they affect our patients in Newark, New Jersey.



Mamta Swaroop, MD

Role: Speaker, ACAIM Board of Governors

Organization: Director of the Institute for Global Health - Center for Global Surgery, Associate Professor of Surgery Feinberg School of Medicine Northwestern Medicine

Talk Topic: Global Health Program Leaders

BIO:

Mamta Swaroop, MD, FACS is an Associate Professor of Surgery in the Division of Trauma and Critical Care Surgery and serves as the Global Surgery Program Director in the Feinberg School of Medicine. She completed her General Surgery residency at the University of South Florida in 2009 and her Surgical Critical Care Fellowship at Northwestern in 2010. Her research focus is Academic Global Surgery, including trauma education and prevention. Her global surgery lab, the Northwestern Trauma and Surgical Initiative (www.nts.global) aims to build sustainable access to surgical care through education and research in low resource settings, both locally and in international settings with varying levels of both healthcare infrastructure and personnel. She was honored as one of Oprah's Health Heroes of 2018 and also received the 39th annual Martin Luther King Humanitarian Award from Northwestern Memorial Hospital.



Susan Torrey, MD

Role: Speaker

Organization: Associate Professor of Pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine, Director of Faculty Development and Promotions for the Section of Emergency Medicine

Talk Topic: How to Create Bidirectionality in AIM & Women in AIM

BIO:

Dr. Torrey received her medical degree from the University of Connecticut, was a pediatric resident at St. Christopher's Hospital for Children and completed a fellowship in Pediatric Emergency Medicine at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. She is currently an associate professor of Pediatrics at Baylor College of Medicine and director of faculty development and promotions for the Section of Emergency Medicine. She is also working to support education and clinical operations initiatives within Global HOPE, a global health initiative in pediatric hematology/oncology at Texas Children's Hospital.

Her global health interests focus on systems strengthening and ethical considerations for global health partnerships and education. She has worked in Africa, Central America and the Caribbean. Her current efforts are focused in Malawi, Botswana and Uganda.



Veronica Tucci, MD, JD, FAAEM, FACEP

Role: Speaker

Organization: Oak Hill Hospital EM Residency; Professor of Emergency Medicine & Research, William Carey University SOM

Talk Topic: Navigating Countertransference in Medical Decision Making

BIO:

Dr. Tucci is a Professor of Emergency Medicine and Research at William Carey University School of Medicine. She also served as an Assistant Program Director for Baylor's Emergency Medicine Residency Program from 2013-2015.

She is a medico-legal consultant, educator and mentor for nurses, physicians, residents, medical students, paramedics/EMTs, physician assistants as well as premedical students.

She has authored numerous textbook chapters, articles and blogs and is a national and international speaker in the field of Emergency Psychiatry and Documentation. She also has served on several national committees dedicated to medico-legal issues, patient safety, quality improvement and documentation practices through the American College of Emergency Physicians (ACEP), the Council of Emergency Medicine Residency Directors (CORD) and the Society for Academic Emergency Medicine (SAEM). Dr. Tucci is also a co-President and Founder of the Interdisciplinary Collaborative on Psychiatric Emergencies (iCOPE).

Dr. Tucci received her Bachelor of Arts from Yale University, Honor Juris Doctorate from the University of Florida, Levin College of Law, and her Medical Degree from the University of South Florida. Dr. Tucci completed her residency at the University of South Florida.



Anna Yaffee, MD, MPH

Role: Speaker

Organization: Assistant Professor Grady Memorial Hospital

Talk Topic: Adapting Education in Low Resource Settings

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BIO:

Dr. Yaffee is currently a faculty member at Emory University and Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta, and has previously served as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Additionally, she has also worked as Emergency medicine response team lead for Serious Communicable Diseases Unit at Emory University Hospital. She received her medical degree from the University of Michigan Medical School, and she completed her Emergency Medicine residency at Emory University School of Medicine. Dr. Yaffee's global health focus is in emergency response and health disparities in resource limited settings.