Although threats of rain showers were seen throughout the early evening, the Center for Global Health Third Annual “Working for the World” benefit, held at the National Hellenic Museum in Greektown, was a bright spot for all who attended. Over 150 individuals, including UIC faculty and staff, friends of the Center, and Global Medicine (GMED) students ate, drank, and enjoyed the fellowship of globally-minded individuals.

In addition to viewing the museum’s standing collections and the special “Transcending Boundaries: The Art of Anthony Quinn” exhibit, Center supporters were treated to a welcome from Michael Amiridis, the new UIC Chancellor, and online visits from Dr. Aruna Ramesh (who leads our HeartRescue India project in Bangalore) and Bishesh Poudyal (whose work in Nepal with the faculty has led to construction of a bone-marrow transplantation center there).

The Benefit also included a silent auction, and poster presentations by GMED students.
Meet Our Newest GMED Class

The GMED program is now in its third year and growing by leaps and bounds. We had another successful recruitment season and are delighted and proud to announce the GMED class of 2019 and the undergraduate schools they hail from:

- Arjun Arya, University of Illinois at Chicago
- Camila Castellanos, University of Texas
- Eleanor Ganz, University of Wisconsin - Madison
- Tegan Gomez, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
- Lewis Jordan, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
- Gina Lee, Illinois Wesleyan
- Mary McGlynn, Creighton University
- Agata Parfieniuk, University of Illinois Urbana Champaign
- Giancarlo Saldana, University of Illinois at Chicago
- Gwyneth Sullivan, University of Notre Dame
- Sumana Vardhan, University of Illinois at Chicago
- Chase Westra, Washington University St. Louis

John & Grace Nuveen Award Sponsor Assembly

On May 14 and June 25, the Office of International Affairs “John & Grace Nuveen Award” sponsored an Assembly, led by Andrew Dykens, MD, MPH, at the UIC Center for Global Health to host several stakeholders engaged in Global Health work. The groups represented included:

- The US Peace Corps and Masters International Program
- The National Peace Corps Association and Chicago Area Peace Corps Association
- The University of Illinois at Chicago Center for Global Health, School of Public Health, and Institute of Health Research and Policy
- The CDC Prevention Research Centers Global Network
- 50,000 Feet – Creative Agency
- Peace Care (a Chicago-based nonprofit organization)

The purpose of the assembly was to convene potential partners to refine a collaborative approach aiming to: 1) Improve community access to quality primary health care services in low resource settings in low- and middle-income countries, and 2) Innovate in the arena of global health education through an interprofessional approach to health systems strengthening.

This partnership model is known as the Global Community Health Partnership Model. The proposed partnership would consist of 1) a local community advisory board and local health system leaders, 2) Peace Corps volunteers and/or local Rotary chapters, and 3) a US-LMIC academic institutional collaboration. Within this model, the contributions of each partner are as follows: the local community and health system leadership guides the work as it relates to local priorities and context; the Peace Corps and Rotary chapters provide logistical support, community expertise, local trust, and advocacy; and the academic institutions offer professional technical and public health educational and training resources and research support.

Global Health Delivery and Research Education Conference

On October 6th, Advocate Children’s Hospital in Park Ridge, IL held their first Global Health Delivery and Research Education Conference. The conference was well attended by many faculty from the Chicago area, along with family medicine and pediatric residents and medical students. Topics included the future of HIV/AIDS Global Burden, Ethical Considerations in Providing Global Health Care, Health Care Delivery and Medical Education in Nigeria, and Primary Care and Child Advocacy in Ecuador. Dr. Stacey Chamberlain, Director of Service with the UIC Center for Global Health, presented on Global Health Activism in Residency. She is hoping to inspire our future global health leaders to get involved and act now!
Capacity of Emergency Medicine Development and Integration of Public Health Interventions in Kisumu, Kenya

This past summer, faculty and students from the UIC College of Medicine and School of Public Health (Janet Lin, MD, MPH, Asim Sheriff, MD, Rebecca Bridge MPH candidate, Frank Ebai M2, Katherine Reiffer M2) conducted a needs assessment to build capacity for emergency medicine development in Kisumu, Kenya. We partnered with Maseno University School of Medicine (MUSOM). Established three years ago in 2012, it is the third national medical school established in Kenya to train medical students to address local, national, and regional health problems. To better serve their patient population, Maseno University School of Medicine identified emergency care as an area requiring development. Despite the critical role of emergency departments, Kenya currently does not have any formal training opportunities with regards to emergency medicine, and there is currently no organized national emergency or trauma care system. Approximately one in three patients transferred or admitted to a hospital in Kenya do not receive any treatment while in an emergency department (Arnold et al). In addition, communicable diseases, especially HIV, are also a major burden of disease seen in health care facilities in Kenya.

The overall objective of our research this summer was to conduct a needs assessment in order to build capacity for emergency medicine development and to understand how to better integrate acute care and public health interventions (particularly HIV). Faculty and students evaluated the current hospital infrastructure and available resources, conducted a chart review of patients seen in the equivalent of an emergency department at the teaching hospital associated with Maseno University, and reviewed current HIV testing programs at the hospital and community programs offering HIV prevention and treatment services to better understand integration of health care.

Maseno University School of Medicine has identified emergency medicine as a core clinical rotation in the fourth year of their six-year medical school curriculum. They begin the fourth year of the program in January 2016. As we continue to analyze the data collected this past summer, we are currently working with Maseno University to determine the best way to implement an emergency medicine curriculum into medical school training and to reconfigure the current clinical space to facilitate emergency care. We are partnering with the African Federation of Emergency Medicine to adapt existing curriculum that has been used in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Global Health Delivery and Research Education Conference

The UIC College of Medicine conducted a 4 day Medical Education Conference from October 5th to October 8th at MS Ramaiah Medical College in Bangalore India for 46 Faculty focusing on utilizing Standardized Patients, Simulation, and E Learning in Medical Education. Faculty presenting at the conference from UIC were Valerie Dobiesz from the Center for Global Health and Department of Emergency Medicine, Dan Robinson from the Department of Emergency Medicine, Jerry Stapleton from the Department of Medical Education and Laura McKenzie from the Dr. Allan and Mary L. Graham Clinical Performance Center. The conference was well received and participants were motivated to learn and collaborate on future additional educational initiatives.

Developing EM Conference in Cuba

UIC Faculty and an international global health fellow from Emergency Medicine, Cindy Bitter MD, had the opportunity to attend the Developing EM Conference held in Cuba this September. The conference highlighted emergency care in the Caribbean. Janet Lin, MD, MPH was guest faculty, and spoke about an ongoing program developing and training the Haitian community in disaster risk reduction.

Developing EM is an innovative medical education program that combines cutting edge training in critical care medicine, with a focus on providing a meaningful contribution to medical professionals in developing regions through an inclusive and philanthropic approach. It is a not for profit conference organizing agency that specializes in providing a practical clinical approach to the delivery of emergency medicine and critical care education to senior practitioners in the fields of emergency medicine, intensive and critical care medicine, and prehospital and retrieval medicine. In the past they have held conferences in Cuba, Brazil, Australia; in 2015 the conference will take place in Sri Lanka.
As migrants and refugees stream into Europe from Africa, the Middle East, and South Asia, European leaders and policymakers are faced with one of the greatest humanitarian challenges in recent history. Not since World War II has there been this many displaced individuals. The Mediterranean Sea has become one of the world’s most dangerous border crossings. While many nations focus on securing their borders and limiting the numbers who may enter, we should support protecting the rights of migrants and refugees. After all, didn’t our American ancestors once make dangerous border crossings to create a better life for us and our future generations?

“Migrants and refugees are not pawns on the chessboard of humanity.”
~ Pope Francis ~

CGH Network Meeting Presenters

August 2015
Dr. Valerie Dobiesz — “Global Women’s Health: Awareness and a Call to Action”

September 2015
Scott Franzblau — “The Global Burden of Drug Resistant Tuberculosis”

October 2015
Dhamapuri Vidyasagar — “Born Too Soon: Prevention and a Global Agenda”

GMED Spotlight—Darshana Bhattacharyya

Darshana Bhattacharyya was recently named an Albert Schweitzer fellow for 2015-16. Schweitzer fellows develop and implement year-long service projects that address health disparities in under-resourced communities. Darshana is working with Thresholds Mothers Project to create a wellness curriculum that covers issues of nutrition, self-empowerment, and disease management for young mothers and families affected by severe mental illness. She will incorporate informal discussions, lectures, yoga/fitness sessions, and “field trips” to introduce members to free events and resources around Chicago. The series will culminate with a small entrepreneurial project to be determined by the group.

“Where in the World…?”

Alan Lau presented a program on ‘Developing the competencies of an Effective Clinical Practitioner and Teacher’ and also keynote presentation at the 15th Asian Conference of Clinical Pharmacy, Bangkok, Thailand. He also presented at the ‘2014 Clinical Pharmacy Summit’, a program offered by the American College of Clinical Pharmacy for the Philippines Pharmacists Association.

Prerna Mona Khanna, MD, MOH, FACP, FACPM, FACOEM, embedded 2 weeks in earthquake-demolished Nepal treating survivors while on a 3-month Ebola virus disease response assignment in Liberia for the World Health Organization.

Olamide Jarrett was in Sierra Leone working on the CDC sponsored study of an Ebola vaccine (STRIVE trial) and will be returning next year as a medical monitor.

Chris Stout presented at Stanford Medicine X, Palo alto.

Dr. Vidyasagar delivered a Dinner Lecture on Sept 25th 2015. He spoke on “Global Neonatal Health” at the The IX SWAN NEONATAL CONFERENCE held at Temple Texas.