The Center for Global Health celebrates World Health Day, sponsored by the WHO (World Health Organization), on the first Wednesday of April every year. This year we present “Violence Prevention: Community and Public Health Approaches,” with opening remarks and introductions by special guest Junaid Afeef, Director, Illinois Targeted Violence Prevention Program, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority.

Speakers for the event are:

**Brent Decker, Cure Violence**
R. Brent Decker is the Chief Program Officer at Cure Violence, based at the UIC School of Public Health. Mr. Decker began at Cure Violence in 2003 and has worked with a wide range of US and International partners to adapt, design and provide ongoing technical assistance on the implementation of the Cure Violence health based violence prevention model, which has been implemented in 53 community based sites in 25 cities globally. Before joining Cure Violence, Mr. Decker worked on a number of social justice and community health projects in Latin America.

**Christian Picciolini, Co-founder, Life After Hate**
After leaving the white supremacist skinhead movement he helped build in the 1980s and 90s, Christian Picciolini graduated from DePaul University and became a respected entrepreneur. Most notably, in 2010 he co-founded Life After Hate, a nonprofit dedicated to helping others gain the knowledge necessary to implement long-term solutions that counter racism and violent extremism. In 2015, Picciolini published his memoir, *Romantic Violence: Memoirs of an American Skinhead*, where he details his involvement in the early American white power skinhead movement.

**Dr. Stevan Weine, UIC Department of Psychiatry and Center for Global Health**
Stevan Weine M.D. is Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine, where he is also the Director of the International Center on Responses to Catastrophes and the Director of Global Health Research Training at the Center for Global Health. Weine is author of *When History is a Nightmare: Lives and Memories of Ethnic Cleansing in Bosnia-Herzegovina* (Rutgers, 1999) and *Testimony and Catastrophe: Narrating the Traumas of Political Violence* (Northwestern, 2006).
Dr. Stacey Chamberlain, Director of Service at the UIC Center for Global Health, published an article in March with her collaborators in *Pediatrics* titled “Mortality in Children Under Five Receiving Nonphysician Clinician Emergency Care in Uganda.” The article highlights how task-shifting can be used to train non-physician clinicians to care for the majority of acute illness and injury in pediatric patients in a rural hospital in Uganda. The article emphasizes how important development of emergency care systems are in these resource-limited settings, including training different cadres of providers, not only physicians. However, in severely ill pediatric patients treated by an emergency physician, mortality was even lower. Dr. Chamberlain’s non-profit organization, Global Emergency Care Collaborative (GECC), focuses on training mid-level providers as emergency care specialists, and with GECC’s assistance, a Ugandan University will also start training the first class ever of emergency physicians in 2016.

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### 2016 CUGH Global Health Conference

The UIC Center for Global Health will be collectively presenting 16 accepted abstracts at the Annual 2016 CUGH Global Health Conference being held in San Francisco April 9th through the 11th. Here are just some of those accepted:

- **'The Industrial Nakba: A Public Health Study of Industrial Dumping in Palestinian Cities’**
  Lena Elmuti, Global Medicine Program

- **'First Blood & Marrow Transplant (BMT) Program in Nepal: a high cost procedure in a low economy country made available in a public hospital’**
  BS Poudyal, B. Shah, T. Erickson, D. Rondelli

- **'Development of a Nurse-Paramedic Model for Acute STEMI/SCA Care in India’**
  T. Erickson, A. Ramesh, T. VandenHoek, K. LaBresh, M. Edison, R. Begemen, P. Kotini, B. Prabhakar

- **'Impact of Ebola on Loss to Follow-Up of HIV-Infected Soldiers and Dependents in Freetown, Sierra Leone’**
  Elizabeth Nagel, Colonel Foday Sahr, MD, Olamide Jarrett, MD MPH University of Illinois at Chicago, College of Medicine, Chicago, IL; Republic of Sierra Leone Armed Forces Medical Unit, Freetown, Sierra Leone

- **'Assessing Prototype Filter Function in Eliminating Fetal Surrogate Markers and Bacterial Load in an Obstetrical Medical Device for Auto-Transfusion in Postpartum Hemorrhage’**
  Brandon Collofello, Nuriya Robinson, Valerie Dobiesz, Pam Kutz, Abby Koch, Amanda Harrington, Hananeh Esmailbeigi, Stacie Geller

- **'Strengthening Decentralized Primary Health Care in Low- and Middle-Income Countries: a narrative review of frameworks’**
  Katherine Reifler, BA; Andrew Dykens, MD MPH

- **'Impact of HIV on Postpartum Hemorrhage in South Africa’**
  A. Thrasher¹, M. Sebitloane, MBChb², N. Robinson, M.D.¹

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As we prepare to graduate our first GMED Class, we are proud to see all of our student successfully matched into their first choice Residency Program:

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**GMED Spotlight—Aaron Case**

This year, I was fortunate enough to be able to travel with the Department of Infectious Disease and third year internal medicine residents from UIC to the Dominican Republic for a Global Elective on Tropical Medicine. The trip was fantastic; we were able to learn about tropical medicine in multiple hospitals and clinics in Santo Domingo and Barahona.

We spent time in the Children’s Hospital and one of the Malaria prevention centers, and even got to go on home visits with nursing teams for general check-ups. We were able to take part in case discussions with the medical teams in the hospitals and would also go on rounds to see various patients. Not only did we strengthen our knowledge of the clinical manifestations of diseases like Dengue, malaria, and parasitic infections, we were also able to witness the health disparities in the various hospital systems.

Challenges to patient care included difficulties such as limited supplies and funding, power outages, and hospital strikes. Despite these problems, the medical teams were able to find ways to provide great treatment for the patients. We were all honored and felt extremely humble to learn from these dedicated physicians. Opportunities such as this trip are quite unique and help to foster a strong sense of cultural awareness especially in the clinical setting. I am very thankful that I was able to be a part of this experience. Global medicine in Latin America has always been an area of focus and I greatly enjoyed being able to learn from this culture. Experiences such as these help to support my interest in global medicine and will continue to be a part of my future clinical plans.
The Salt March, which took place from March 12 to April 6, 1930 in India, was an act of nonviolent protest led by Mohandas Gandhi against British rule and the salt monopoly in India. During the march, thousands of Indians followed Gandhi from his religious retreat near Ahmedabad to the Arabian Sea coast, a distance of 240 miles. The march resulted in the arrest of nearly 100,000 people, including Gandhi himself. India finally was granted its independence in 1947.

As Martin Luther King Jr. would march in Birmingham, Alabama some three decades later, nonviolent social movements today continue to fight struggles against racism, discrimination, economic inequalities and imperial aggression. They can be powerful examples of moral victories that transition to lasting change.

"Victory attained by violence is tantamount to a defeat, for it is momentary."

CGH Network Meeting Presenters

February 2016
Dr. Funmi Olopade, University of Chicago—"Precision Medicine for All"

March 2016
Dr. Andrew Dykens, Family Medicine and CGH—"Centering Global Health"

You can view all of our upcoming events and those of our GH affiliates on our website at globalhealth.uic.edu/events

GMED Family Welcomes 2 New Additions

Our GMED family has grown by 2 with no application or interview needed!

M3 Amina Basha welcomed a boy, Zain in January. Zain already has a favorite onesie to wear out and about!

M4 Peter Wickwire and his wife Cait welcomed Gideon Daniel Wickwire on February 24th.