The Center for Global Health held its 1st Annual Benefit “Working for the World” at Maya Del Sol in Oak Park on October 10th. The event began with a cocktail reception, allowing time for our guests to peruse our silent auction tables that were filled with items our global health faculty and other affiliates brought back from their many travels, and were generous enough to donate to our cause.

The main purpose of the benefit was to raise funds for our GMED Program, now in its second year, to help support our students’ work on international service projects. Our students typically spend the summer after their M1 year working abroad on projects that align with the mission of the Center. The funds raised will be used to support the travel expenses associated with these service and humanitarian trips. Part of the mission of the Center is to improve the health of populations around the world by training the next generation of global health leaders; our GMED students will be these leaders!!

In addition to the silent auction, the evening included raffle prizes and global health trivia. The event was a great success, due in part to all of our supporters, and we are grateful to have spent such a beautiful evening with our colleagues and friends of the Center. Your continued support allows us to grow and fulfill our mission to improve the health of populations around the world and continue our growth as the premier site at which to be educated as a global health leader.

If you would like to make a donation at any time, you can do so by visiting our website at globalhealth.uic.edu and follow the “Make a Gift” link. In addition to the GMED fund, you also have the option to earmark your gift to our General Fund, which is used to support research and education initiatives, or to our Resident Global Training Program, which supports resident global medical education and training.
Civil Service Hospital in Kathmandu has had an official affiliation with UIC since April 2013, with the plan to establish the first Blood and Marrow Transplant Program of the country and serve Nepalese patients regardless of their social and economic status. The project was started 2 years ago and continues thanks to the collaboration and support from the Binaytara Foundation. Following a visit of Drs Binay Shah (President and founder of the Binaytara Foundation), Tim Erickson and Damiano Rondelli in Kathmandu in September, the Binaytara Foundation and UIC BMT Program in the Division of Hematology/Oncology have hosted three members of Kathmandu hospital in Chicago for 2 and half months to observe every aspect of stem cell transplant. Dr. Bishesh Poudyal, hematologist and leader of the BMT project in Kathmandu, was enthusiastic about shadowing our team in the hospital blood bank, stem cell lab as well as BMT unit and outpatient: "Although autologous stem cell transplant was started a year back, it was in a private hospital and there is still a desperate need for a comprehensive stem cell transplant center in a Government hospital of Nepal. We believe, if done with the support of the government, transplant can be done in 5000 US dollar in Nepal. It has always been our dream to work with and learn from the experts in this field. University of Illinois at Chicago provided that platform and under guidance of Dr. Damiano Rondelli and many others from transplant unit we have seen and learned key points that can save lives of people in Nepal. My training here has been fruitful and I believe I can work to establish a state of the art transplant center in Nepal."

Dr. Samir Neupane, pathologist at Civil Service Hospital and one of the three people who visited with our program also commented: "It was an immense pleasure for me to visit UIC and learn new things in stem cell transplantation. I equally want to show my gratitude to Binaytara foundation for supporting me. I got an opportunity to observe flowcytometry, immunohistochemistry, brief on HLA typing and stem cells. I found all the concerned doctors cooperative and very much enthusiastic to share the experience and deliver the knowledge. I hope the patient of Nepal will benefit from the stem cell transportation."

After returning to Kathmandu we have communicated regularly with Dr. Poudyal and the plan is moving forward. In fact, Civil Service Hospital has agreed to purchase a flow cytometer and a leukapheresis instrument for stem cell collection and we anticipate that the first autologous stem cell transplant will be performed within the next few months.

Maternal and Infant Health Disparities—Bev Lawton

On October 7, 2013 the UIC Center for Research on Women and Gender and the UIC Center for Global Health co-hosted a seminar featuring Dr. Beverley Lawton, ONZM, Associate Professor and Director, Women’s Health Research Centre, Department of Primary Health Care and General Practice, University of Otago, Wellington, New Zealand. Dr. Lawton presented an excellent discussion on "Maternal and Infant Death Disparities" which was well attended by faculty, staff and students from across the east and west campuses. In 2004 Dr Lawton was made an Officer of the New Zealand order of merit by the Queen for services to women’s health. This distinguished faculty is a member of the Perinatal Maternal Mortality Review Committee, the National Kaitiaki cervical screening group, the National Maternal Monitoring group and co-chair of the International Indigenous HPV Alliance. Her research interests include health inequalities, women’s health, Maori health, sexually transmitted infections, maternal health, contraception, midlife, and menopause.

Community Based Research in Ghana

Rachel Perry, MD, Fellow in Family Planning in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology went to Manso Nkwanta in rural Ghana to conduct community-based research with her faculty mentor Stacie Geller, PhD. She first went to this community in April 2013 to conduct a needs assessment around teen pregnancy at the request of the district chief. She returned in November-December 2013 after developing an educational intervention to address areas of need. One hundred adolescent women and parents of adolescents participated in the study and pre- and post-test of knowledge and attitudes toward contraception for teens were administered. Focus groups were also conducted. A statistically significant difference in knowledge scores and attitude scores was seen among both adolescents and parents. Further analysis and presentation of findings is planned in the coming months.

Save the Date! Wednesday, April 2, 2014 Please join us in celebrating World Health Day at the Moss Auditorium beginning at 12:00 PM. Please go to globalhealth.uic.edu and click “Events” for more information including how to enter our “Fotos From the Field” contest
The Network: Towards Unity for Health Annual Conference

Dr. Janet Lin and Dr. Stacey Chamberlain, faculty from the Center for Global Health, and Dr. Michael Glasser and Dr. Matt Hunsaker from the University of Illinois, Rockford, participated in The Network: Towards Unity for Health Annual Conference in Ayutthaya, Thailand in November. The Pre-Conference, co-sponsored by UI Rockford, focused on "Building Health in Southeast Asia: Regional Recognition and Collaboration in Education and Research."

The conference was the culmination of a collaboration between Princess of Naradhiwas University (PNU) in Thailand and the National Center for Rural Health Professions at University of Illinois, Rockford. PNU is a new medical school in Thailand which has developed over the past several years, in association with UI Rockford. PNU is located in a rural area and focuses on training and retaining medical students in underserved rural regions.

Dr. Lin moderated a poster session on Community Approaches to Health in the Philippines that highlighted a community-based medical education model in which Filipino medical students spend part of their curriculum in rural locations doing research and service. Dr. Chamberlain presented a poster on her research evaluating outcomes of emergency patients treated by midlevel providers using a novel task-shifting model.

Global Health Urban Challenges Conference

UIC faculty Tim Erickson, Stacie Geller, Dan Hryhorzuk, Damiano Rondelli and Gregorio Obrador of the Universidad Panamericana participated in “Global Urban Challenges: The Role of Research Universities”, an international conference hosted by the Chicago Council on Global Affairs, Northwestern University, the University of Chicago, and the University of Illinois held at Northwestern University November 18th-20th. The panel members presented their working group session “Translating Global Health Initiatives into Policy, Programs and Practice, describing how their work impacts the global community and how the lessons learned abroad can be translated into new policies, programs and practices domestically in an urban environment.

This conference brought representatives from leading international research universities to discuss the challenges of urban growth, and more specifically, the role that university-based research plays in understanding and addressing challenges confronting cities in the areas of health, education and urban systems. The expert faculty members and leaders on these issues make research universities especially qualified to develop new knowledge and creative solutions that could be beneficial to cities around the world.

The three-day conference poses questions about the role of the research university in better understanding the current and future urban issues such as health, education and vitality in a series of plenary and working group sessions. Leading experts, practitioners and administrators from universities around the world discussed the interactions and structures of the university-government relationship, research methods and use of data, and the role of technology in addressing challenges posed in urbanization.

The conference was a valuable opportunity to forge collaborations with other experts and practitioners dealing with urban challenges. A final conference report will be drafted to summarize the proceedings and highlight initiatives taking place around the world, and will be shared with our network.

ACEP Scientific Assembly

Multiple CGH faculty were invited speakers at the 2013 Emergency Medicine American College of Emergency Physician (ACEP) Scientific Assembly in Seattle this October including Stacey Chamberlain, Valerie Dobiesz and Tim Erickson. ACEP is the largest specialty organization that supports emergency medicine in the U.S. and internationally with over 28,000 members. At this meeting Janet Lin, MD, MPH began her two-year term as the Chair of the International Section, the largest section in ACEP with over 1500 members. Stacey Chamberlain, MD, MPH presented on Emergency Medicine Development in Low-Resource Settings using a Novel Task Shifting Model. Valerie Dobiesz, MD, MPH presented several lectures on Emergency Orthopedics. Tim Erickson, MD, a perennial favorite, presented multiple lectures on the state of the art in Toxicology.

Urban Global Health Celebration and Gala

Urban Global Health Celebration and Gala at the University of Illinois took place on October 19, 2013 sponsored by the Department of Medicine. Several faculty who are part of the Center for Global Health were involved in this inaugural celebration highlighting research, activities, and programs related to Global Health and our urban environment. Both the day session and the evening gala were well attended. The gala also featured Jerome McDonnell from WBEZ, Worldview as master of ceremony and Dr. Bechara Choucair, Commissioner, Department of Public Health, City of Chicago.

Dr. Max Brito and Dr. Vijay Yeldandi spearheaded the program and convened faculty from the College of Medicine and School of Public Health.
**Director’s Corner of the World**

"Citius, Altius, Fortius" ("Swifter, Higher, Stronger") is the motto of the Olympic Games. The Olympic flag features five interlaced rings colored in blue, yellow, black, green, and red--these represent the continents of the globe: the Americas, Europe, Asia, Africa, and Oceania.

The Games bring out the best in our athletes, and promote civic pride within each participating country. Tragically, some previous Olympics have been marred by political upheaval, social unrest, and war. We should remember that in Ancient Greece, a truce was announced before and during each of the Olympic festivals. During this time, wars were suspended, and armies were not permitted to city hosting the games. It was a time when enemies put down their arms to compete as athletes, not soldiers.

As the 2014 Winter Olympic Games begin in Sochi, Russia, we hope for a unified movement for peace, prosperity, and a narrowing of the global health disparities gap for all those at the games and for the nations they represent.

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"The great difficulty in education is to get experience out of ideas."
~George Santayana~

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**GMED Spotlight—Shaun Harty**

When I started medical school in the fall of 2012, I had two goals: 1) to become the best physician I can be, and 2) to translate my career in medicine to communities in need across the globe. Due to the sheer volume of material and the time constraints in medical school, it may have been easy to lose sight of my second goal had it not been for the Global Medicine Program. Easily my favorite part of medical school thus far, this program, and the inspirational faculty and staff that lead it, have secured my motivation to spend part of my career in medicine abroad. I am constantly humbled by the international work and relief being done by our faculty, who still manage to have time to teach students about global health both in the classroom and in the comfort of their homes. I consider the students and faculty of this program my family, and I know that throughout my career in medicine I will always have them to work and consult with. In fact, I met Darshana Bhattacharyya, another student in the program, and married her!

The GMED faculty not only provides an incredible global health education, but they also strive to introduce students to scholarships and opportunities – foreign or domestic, clinical or research. When I informed Dr. Dobiesz that I might pursue a career in emergency medicine and that I was interested in doing research as a Craig Fellow this past summer, she all but secured my position in a lab specializing in cardiac arrest and ischemia/reperfusion injury. This helped me gain a new insight into how scientific research culminates in our clinical studies. The GMED program has been a formative part of my medical school education, and I cannot thank them enough for encouraging me to be a well-informed, culturally competent physician.

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**CGH Network Meeting Presenters**

**November 2013**
Peter Orris, Professor and Chief of Service, Great Lakes Center—“Negotiating the Minamata Mercury Convention: Meaning for Health Care”

**December 2013**
Tracy Irwin, Codirector, Global Woman’s Health Fellowship, CGH Affiliate—“Gender Based Violence: Current Global Issues”
Don Zeigler, Division of Health Policy and Administration—“Challenges & Opportunities Implementing a Global Strategy on Alcohol”

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**“Where in the World…?”**

Soha Ghossaini from the ENT department returned from an outreach trip representing the American Academy of Otolaryngology-Head and Neck Surgery through WHO. She now heads the international activities between her Academy and the middle east.

Don Ziegler was in Belize with the Pan American Health Organization during a 3-day Sub-Regional meeting on national alcohol policy development. He also traveled to Seoul, South Korea to attend the 3rd Global Alcohol Policy Conference.