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## Center for Global Health Equity



### **Reciprocal Innovation Grant Contributes to Fight Against Mosquitos That Spread Illness**

Recent malaria infections in the U.S. have increased public awareness and concern about mosquito-borne illnesses, but around the world the threat from mosquitos is always present. In fact, because mosquitoes spread a number of organisms including dengue, Zika, yellow fever and West Nile virus in addition to malaria, they are among the deadliest animals on Earth.

Researchers in the Scheel Lab at the Indiana University School of Medicine-South Bend developed an innovative and environmentally friendly approach to control three types of mosquitoes responsible for the spread of these diseases. They recently received a grant from the Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CTSI) and IU Center for Global Health Equity to conduct studies with their colleagues at the Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI) on the species responsible for the spread of malaria.

[Learn more about the grant](#) >



### **Bucher Named Inaugural Chair of Community and Global Health**

Congratulations to global health affiliated faculty member Sherri Bucher, PhD, who has been named as the chair for the new Department of Community and Global Health at the Fairbanks School of Public Health.

Dr. Bucher's research, education and service efforts focus on reducing maternal, newborn and child death and illness. She has worked in North America, sub-Saharan Africa and Europe and is skilled at building international partnerships.



### **Ramos Contributes to National Water Safety Plan**

Global health affiliated faculty member William D. Ramos, PhD, co-chaired the Data and Public Health Surveillance working group that contributed to the first-ever U.S. National Water Safety Action Plan which was presented at a congressional briefing in June.

Dr. Ramos, a faculty member at the IU School of Public Health-Bloomington, is well-known for his work to raise awareness about water safety.

[Read more about Dr. Ramos's work](#) >



## **Register Now for Tusker Tales on September 26**

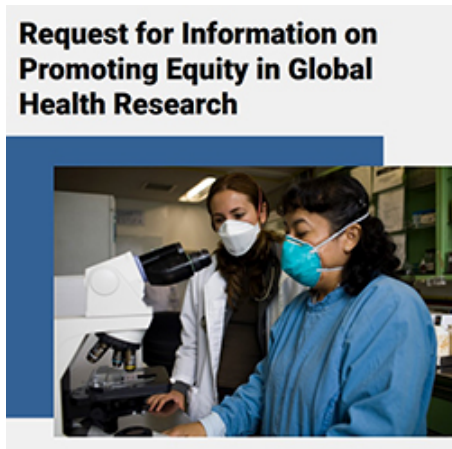
Tusker Tales is an evening of storytelling to celebrate the very personal impact of AMPATH Kenya's programs and people.

Listen to seven live short stories while enjoying food, fellowship and maybe even a "Tusker" — Kenya's national beer.

Register now for the event on September 26 and apply to tell your 7-minute story on stage in Indianapolis or nominate a storyteller.

Sponsorship and donations are welcome to help provide vital funds to give more people better access to quality healthcare in Kenya.

**[Learn more about the event and nominate a storyteller](#)** >



## NIH Summary Report Released

Last year, the National Institutes of Health requested input on how to promote greater equity in global health research and received 186 responses from a diverse range of organizations, including academic institutions, government agencies, non-governmental organizations, professional associations and health care systems.

The respondents represented 46 different countries with a majority based at academic institutions. The information collected in the responses was analyzed and categorized into three main areas: barriers and challenges, key thematic areas, and recommended strategies and solutions.

[Access the full report](#) >



## Registration Open for CUGH 2024 Conference

The Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH) annual conference takes place in Los Angeles, California, on March 7-10, 2024. The theme for the conference is "Global Health Without Borders: Acting for Impact" and subthemes include social determinants of health, noncommunicable diseases, decolonizing and reforming global health, and translational and implementation science.

The deadline to submit abstracts and breakout panel proposals is September 15. Indiana University is an institutional member of CUGH.

[Learn more and register](#) >



## Health Equity Research Symposium Slated for November 9 & 10

The Indiana University Health Equity Advancing through Learning health systems Research (HEAL-R) Collaborative hosts the Health Equity Symposium, a two-day event designed to engage trainees, scientists, faculty and health professionals in practical learning about health equity and share relevant research strategies in the learning health system. Submit an abstract or story slam by Friday, August 18.

Event partners include IU Health's Office of Health Equity Research and Engagement (HERE), IU School of Medicine, Regenstrief Institute, Indiana Clinical and Translational Sciences Institute (CTSI) and Irsay Institute at Indiana University.

[Learn more about the symposium](#) >



### **Anesthesiology Resident Inspires Others**

"Find something in life you're passionate about. Focus on your dream, and it will shape who you become."

That's the life advice of Michael Adjei, MD, a Ghanaian immigrant who is the first Black man to become a chief resident in anesthesiology at IU School of Medicine.

He recently received an inaugural Diversity Champion Award presented by the Multicultural Physicians' Alliance for his work in mentorship, recruitment and retention of medical students and residents from backgrounds underrepresented in medicine.

[Read more about Dr. Adjei](#) >



### **Podcast Focuses on Diversifying Research and Overcoming Mistrust**

In the latest episode of Healthcare Triage, Dr. Aaron Carroll talks with Dr. Sylk Sotto, a leading advocate for diversity and ethics in research, about the importance of equity in academic medicine.

They discuss the history of mistrust around medical research—especially among minority communities—and what scientists and institutions can do to change it. Dr. Sotto is an associate professor of medicine at the IU School of Medicine; director of All IN for Health and co-director of workforce development at the Indiana CTSI. She leads health equity in the IU Simon Comprehensive Cancer Center's Office of Community Outreach and Engagement.

[Listen to the episode](#) >





## Ryan White Award to Honor Sarah Ellen and Joe Mamlin in December

The School of Public Health-Bloomington and Rural Center for AIDS/STD Prevention (RCAP) will present the Ryan White Distinguished Leadership Award to Dr. Joe and Sarah Ellen Mamlin on Wednesday, December 6, 2023 at 6 p.m. in recognition of their leadership role in the AMPATH Kenya partnership for more than three decades.

The evening will include a "fireside chat" with Dr. and Mrs. Mamlin and Provost Professor William L. Yarber, senior director of RCAP.

[Add to your calendar](#) >

# Mark Your Calendar

August 3 • 8 a.m.

## **Global Oncology Seminar: Dr. Susan Cu-Uvin**

Register via Zoom

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August 8 • Noon

## **Global Health Research Virtual Speaker Series: Palka Patel, MD and Shaina Hecht, MD**

via Zoom

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August 25 • 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

## **Latinx Research Conference**

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September 26 • 5:30 p.m

## **Tusker Tales**

The Cabaret--Indianapolis

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November 9 & 10

## **Advancing Health Equity Through Learning Health System Research Conference**

NCAA Conference Center--Indianapolis

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December 6 • 6 p.m.

## **Ryan White Distinguished Leadership Award**

Indiana Memorial Union, Bloomington

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March 7-10, 2024

## **CUGH 2024 Conference**



Los Angeles, California

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**Global Oncology Seminar Series: Naftali Busakhala discussing the Role of the Kenyan Society of Haematology and Oncology**

Recordings available on demand

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**Recent Global Health Research Publications including Affiliated Faculty**

**The Effect of HIV Treatment Interruption on Subsequent Immunological Response.** Thomadakis C, **Yiannoutsos CT**, Pantazis N, Diero L, Mwangi A, **Musick BS**, **Wools-Kaloustian K**, Touloumi G. Am J Epidemiol. 2023 Jul 7;192(7):1181-1191.

**Influence of health-insurance on treatment outcome of childhood cancer in Western Kenya.** Langat S, Njuguna F, Olbara G, Martijn H, Sieben C, Haverkort M, Njenga D, **Vik TA**, Kaspers G, Mostert S. Support Care Cancer. 2023 Jul 15;31(8):467.

**Treatment outcomes of pediatric acute myeloid leukemia in Western Kenya before and after the implementation of the SIOP PODC treatment guideline.** van Weelderen RE, Wijnen NE, Njuguna F, Klein K, **Vik TA**, Olbara G, Kaspers GJL. Cancer Rep (Hoboken). 2023 Jun 22:e1849. Online ahead of print.

**Ethical Aspects of Involving Adolescents in HIV research: A Systematic Review of the Empiric Literature.** MacDonald KR, **Enane LA**, **McHenry MS**, **Davis NL**, **Whipple EC**, **Ott MA**. J Pediatr. 2023 Jul 1:113589. Online ahead of print.

**Neither the African-Centric S47 Nor P72 Variant of TP53 Is Associated With Reduced Risk of Febrile Malaria in a Malian Cohort Study.** Bhardwaj J, Upadhye A, **Gaskin EL**, Doumbo S, Kayentao K, Ongoiba A, Traore B, Crompton PD, **Tran TM**. J Infect Dis. 2023 Jul 14;228(2):202-211.

**Indiana University affiliation indicated in bold.**

The IU Center for Global Health develops mutually beneficial partnerships across disciplines, schools and countries for the primary purpose of creating and implementing sustainable programs that improve health and human flourishing in underserved areas worldwide, and preparing a critical mass of health education and health research experts in these communities to become the next generation of local, national and global health leaders. [Adrian Gardner, MD, MPH](#), is director of the Center. Please [send us](#) your ideas for future global health stories.

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