



Dalhousie has continued to be involved with the maternal and newborn project lead by Western University: TSAM (Training, Support and Access Model for MNCH in Rwanda and Burundi). This project is funded through Global Affairs Canada (formerly DFATD) and addresses “Partnerships for Strengthening Maternal, Newborn and Child Health”. The project timeline is April 2015 to March 2020. After some initial delays the project has now taken shape and is being implemented. It is multifaceted addressing both pre and post service needs of care providers in Rwanda with a strong emphasis on mentorship. Political unrest has led to delays with project implementation in Burundi although meetings with key individuals in Burundi have taken place. Thus far two courses have been run with new interns to prepare them to provide emergency obstetrical and newborn care. In addition, a mentorship workshop has taken place to train Rwandan mentors and they are now, as multidisciplinary teams, visiting health centres monthly providing support, training and expert review. A second mentorship workshop is planned for late September. In addition, emphasis is now being placed on simulation and drills as a teaching and mentorship tool and expertise from Dalhousie will be provided in the coming months. The project also addresses the importance of inter-professional collaboration and ethical and gender issues and acknowledges that these underpin the entire project (described as the cross cutting themes). Members of the Dalhousie team will be in Rwanda in August and again in September.

Announcements

2017 Award Recipients:

Congratulations to Dr. Heather Scott who was the 2017 recipient of the Dr. John Savage Memorial Award for Faculty Leadership in Global Health; and Amanda Moore who was the 2017 recipient of the Dr. Jock Murray Resident Award for Leadership in Global Health.

Notice from Dr. Scott:

“Please join me in welcoming to the Department and the IWK Health Centre, the new Administrative Coordinator of the Global Health Unit, Samira Thomeh.

Samira completed her Master of Public Health at the University of Alberta in 2016. After the completion of her MPH she served as the Global Health Coordinator with the Department of Anesthesia, Pain Management and Perioperative Medicine from January to March 2017. Most recently, Samira has been providing administrative and research support with the Department of Pediatrics.

Please join me in welcoming Samira – she will be working within the Department on Mondays and Fridays.”



Above: Dr. Heather Scott and the Rwandan members from TSAM.

An Update on Outreach Clinics Jocelyn Stairs

"The Global Health Interest Group has been active in serving our local community through several initiatives over the past academic year.

We continued to build on the vision and hard work of several graduating R-5s by staffing monthly well women's clinics to help ensure patients served by the Refugee Health Clinic, primarily Syrian refugees, had timely access to PAP smears and contraceptive counselling after arriving in Canada. We also hosted monthly clinics serving Mobile Outreach Street Health (MOSH) clients with PAP smear and STI testing services in collaboration with the North End Community Health Centre and the MOSH team.

We have continued to expand our reach in our education initiatives by collaborating with several facets of the Phoenix Youth Programs to provide informal Q&A sessions for their clients. We are excited by the robust interest in and commitment to local global health and social justice initiatives by the current residency group. Going forward next year, we hope to invest time in meeting with our stakeholders to ensure that our programming is best meeting the needs of our community in a sustainable and value-added manner. "



Above L-R: Navi Bal & Jocelyn Stairs, MOSH residents.

Global Health Updates Samira Thomeh Zoghby

On September 14, the Obs/Gyn Global Health Unit held a lively panel discussion on the politics and ethics of global health 'aid' towards sustainability. Panel participants included: David Black (Dept. of Political Science), Robert Huish (Dept. of International Development Studies), Jeff Kirby (Dept. of Bioethics), and Shawna O'Hearn (Global Health Office). A video recording of this discussion is available and will be played for all those interested in watching. Stay tuned for the exact date, time and location where the video will be played.

A poster for a panel discussion. The title is "The politics and ethics of global health 'aid': towards sustainability?". Below the title, it says "Join us for a lively panel discussion of the topic with panel members:". The panel members listed are David Black, Robert Huish, Jeff Kirby, and Shawna O'Hearn, with their respective departments. To the right, it specifies the date and time: "WHEN? Sept 14, 2017 at 7pm" and the location: "WHERE? Rowe Building Room 1011". The background of the poster is a stylized world map.