

# GLOBAL WARRIORS

## THE WSU GHA NEWS BULLETIN

2018 Was an exciting year for the Wayne State University Global Health Alliance (WSU GHA). Now in its second academic year, we are continuing to see sustained interest from the educational community and community-at-large in the opportunities we have to offer. Our goal is to bridge the gap across professions and disciplines to find solutions to challenges in health inequity, both at home and abroad. Below are just a few highlights from our year in review...

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Number of medical students, residents, fellows, research assistants, and faculty enrolled in the Global & Urban Health Equity (GLUE) Course



GLUE - Health Systems & the Globalization of Healthcare: Students participate in group tele-interviews with citizens from countries around the world, and Detroit, who answer questions about the intricacies of their healthcare system.

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Core competences covered this academic year from the Consortium of Universities for Global Health educational toolkit :

- "Healthcare Systems & the Globalization of Healthcare"
- "Health Equity & Social Justice"
- "Strategic Analysis of Health Trends & Interventions"

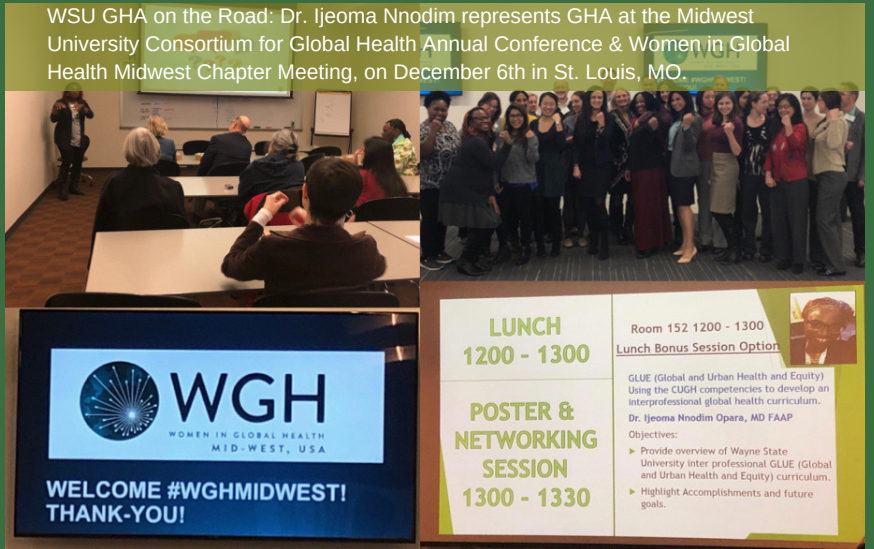


GLUE - Strategic Analysis Class. Students engage in an interactive activity designed to illustrate the challenges associated with epidemiological population sampling when gathering the data needed for planning health program interventions.

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Number of national conferences with faculty presentations and representation:

- Midwest Global Health Conference, Feb 24th
- Consortium of Universities for Global Health, March 18th
- Yale/Unite for Sight Global Health Innovation Conference, April 14th
- National Arab American Medical Association, August 31st
- Henry Ford Global Health Institute, Oct 19th
- Midwest University Consortium for Global Health + Women in Global Health Conference, Dec 6th



WSU GHA on the Road: Dr. Ijeoma Nnodim represents GHA at the Midwest University Consortium for Global Health Annual Conference & Women in Global Health Midwest Chapter Meeting, on December 6th in St. Louis, MO.

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Number of "capstone" service learning & research project sites students participate in around Detroit and the world

- Detroit - immigrant health
- Detroit - homeless population
- Detroit - first aid public education
- India - mental health
- India - dental hygiene
- India - geo-mapping health outcomes
- India - community health education
- Ecuador - WHSO
- Haiti - WHSO



"Time Outs" & "Capstones": Photos of scholars volunteering and participating in health equity-related activities outside of class

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Dollar amount of cash prizes and mentorship/consulting time awarded to winners of the "Ignite to Innovate" Global Health Innovation Competition (May 2nd, WSU SoM)

Local scholars and entrepreneurs had the opportunity to pitch ideas seeking to solve problems in global and local health. Our Guest speaker was Dr. Ajay Gambhir. Our distinguished panel of judges included Dr. Kenneth Massery (Mayor of Farmington Hills), Dr. Dinesh Shah (entrepreneur), Ruth Fisher (VP, Vascular Services, Henry Ford), Faris Alami (CEO Integration Systems Management), Andrew Kirk (CFO, Trion Solutions), Dr. Sorin Draghici (Assoc. Dean for Innovation & Entrepreneurship, WSU), Dr. Reda Jaber (Dir. of Business Dev., Gemphire Therapeutics), Piyush Khanna (President, Triarg Health), and Mr. Avinash Rachmale, (CEO Lakeshore Global).



Award sponsors included International Strategic Management & WSU College of Engineers Anderson Institute



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Number of registrants for the inaugural WSU GHA Global Health Conference: "Collaborations & Innovations in Global & Local Health" (May 3rd, WSU SoM)



Local and international experts from Detroit to Haiti, led 3 panel sessions: capacity building (Ms. Doreen Dankerlui, Ms. Lilianna Angel Reyes, Dr. Obi Ekwenwa, Ms. Claudia Thomas Riché), education (Dr. Jessica Evert, Dr. Kristiana Kaufmann, Dr. Thuy Bui), and research (Dr. Echezona Ezeanolue, Dr. Philip Levy). Guest speakers included Dr. Jack Sobel (Dean, WSU SoM), Dr. Kameigh Khaldun (Dir. Detroit Health Dept.), and Dr. Herbert Smitherman (Vice Dean of Diversity & Comm. Affairs, WSU SoM). Sponsors included ScriptGuide Rx, Merrill Lynch, Henry Ford Transplant Services, Kelechi Nnodim PLLC, and multiple Wayne State University offices. Comments from our attendees included: "practical changing from start to finish", "practical regarding research strategies", "great networking event", and "fascinating panel discussions".

## A look ahead to 2019...

WSU GHA Summer Institute in Research and Fieldwork Practices:

One of the goals of the Wayne State University Global Health Alliance is to develop leaders who will conceive transformational and innovative solutions to international and domestic problems. To help promote this, Dr. Vijaya Arun Kumar of the GHA and his team, including Dr. Sidd Verr and undergraduate student Dhruvil Patel, have been chosen to create the "WSU GHA Summer Institute in Research and Fieldwork Practices". The aim is to have a collaborative effort with GHA, WSU Center for Integrated Biosciences, and the Henry Ford Global Health Initiative will utilize their resources and expertise to develop a robust and sustainable training program. This four week program will invite fellows, faculty, and students interested in global health research to the city of Detroit from nations all around the world and train them in strategies to develop successful and professional research projects. These trained individuals, who will then become a part of the extended WSU GHA network after completing the program, will conduct projects at their own countries and institutions. This program will help promote seamless collaboration between research projects on a global scale that will eventually lead to substantial change on a macro level. Furthermore, the relationships that will be developed with institutions partnered with the WSU GHA to create this program will aid in creating an academic year that spans the globe. Enrollment for the program will begin early next year and classes will start in the summer of 2019.

## Wayne State University Global Health Alliance

The WSU GHA is committed to promoting health equity in the global and urban (Detroit) setting, educating healthcare professionals in our academic sphere, and facilitating the evolution of the field of global health to be collaborative, multi-disciplinary, partnerships that dignify & respect those we seek to serve. Please join our efforts!