



Congratulations to the class of 2022!

HERE'S WHERE THEY MATCHED:

Julie Conrad

Medicine/Pediatrics
at University of Illinois
at Chicago

Meghna Nagam

Internal Medicine
at Cleveland Clinic



Mohannad Safadi

Internal Medicine
at University of Illinois
at Chicago

Debra Eluobaju

Obstetrics & Gynecology
at Johns Hopkins University

Yaseen Saleh

Emergency Medicine
at University of Miami

Ava Graf

General Surgery
at University of Chicago

Georgina Sorrentino

Emergency Medicine
at Ohio State University

Stefan Vidovich

Otolaryngology
at Medical College
of Wisconsin

Robert Haemmerle

Internal Medicine
at Mayo Clinic

Hoda Sayegh

Internal Medicine
at Stanford University

Pearl Ugwu-Dike

Prelim in Internal Medicine
at Beth Israel (Boston),
Dermatology at NYU

Meet our new M1 class!

HERE IS WHERE THEY COMPLETED THEIR UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES:

Nihmot Adebayo

Northwestern University

Kavya Anjur

Johns Hopkins University

Saneha Borisuth

University of Illinois Chicago

Israel Makinde

University of Illinois at
Chicago

Hana Ahmed

University of Illinois at
Chicago

**Ahmadou
Babana El Aloui**

Northern Illinois University

Diane Edwards

Texas Christian University

Gayatri Sanku

University of Illinois at
Chicago



**Gabriela
Gonzalez-Perez**

University of Florida

Eman Sharif

University of Illinois at
Chicago

Lina Issa

University of Illinois
Champaign-Urbana

Sarah Izquierdo

University of Illinois at
Chicago

GMED has made many updates over the past several years, largely based on student feedback.

MEDICAL COLLOQUIA

With the new three-phase College of Medicine curriculum, GMED launched a series of new colloquia integrated with the COM schedule in 2018. These colloquia have allowed GMED to expand its curriculum and are associated with skills-building workshops. Students participate in three colloquia in the fall of M1 year focused on community engagement with skills focused on doing a community health needs assessment, writing MOUs (memorandums of understanding), and planning for community-based research. In the M1 spring, colloquia focus on building research skills that help students with their capstones including doing literature reviews, applying to the IRB, and writing for scientific audiences. In the M2 fall, the colloquia focus on global health policy and advocacy with workshops focusing on Op-Ed writing, writing policy briefs, and using social media for advocacy. We hope that these colloquia not only provide knowledge but increase skills for students to use in their future global health work and expand their toolkit. With the addition of these colloquia, increased scholarly requirements, and mandatory extra-curricular and simulation sessions, GMED is now a six-week decompressed elective.

MENTORING PROGRAM AND SCHOLARSHIP

With the expansion of CGH faculty and the leadership of Dr. Jarrett, in 2019, GMED launched a new Mentoring Program. Under the new structure, all GMED students are assigned an Academic Mentor, and students themselves identify a Capstone Project Mentor. Students meet with this mentorship team at least twice yearly to discuss capstone project plans and progress and academic career guidance. With greater support for student scholarship, capstone projects now include completing and submitting a global health abstract in the M3 year and completing a final capstone paper at the end of the M4 year. Student successes have been tremendous - just in the past two years, GMED students have had 35 national abstract presentations and 17 global health publications!

DECOLONIALITY AND ANTI-RACISM

In the wake of George Floyd's murder in 2020 and the national reckoning on issues concerning structural racism that ensued, GMED students and CGH faculty developed several student-faculty working groups to evaluate GMED and CGH activities and identify areas to strengthen. Subsequently, GMED incorporated many changes including adding a new two-day orientation that allows entering students to explore in greater depth topics including power and positionality, the history of global health, personal motivations, cultural humility, and structural violence, among others. Discussions of decoloniality and racism are also embedded into mentorship discussions and all curricular elements. Upcoming plans include building more opportunities for using the humanities to explore these essential topics including a global health film series. Related to these efforts, you should check out the excellent paper by GMED alum, Dr. Sayegh, and CGH faculty, Dr. Goba, on Global health education in high-income countries: confronting coloniality and power asymmetry, published in *BMJ Global Health* in 2022.

PRE-DEPARTURE TRAINING

With COVID-19 temporarily putting a pause on international travel (and the health safety concerns of travel highlighted by the pandemic), it allowed an opportunity to explore how GMED could better support students planning to travel internationally for global-health work. A fantastic GMED student-led committee spearheaded the development of a GMED Pre-Departure Field Training Guide launched in 2021, to better prepare students for travel. This includes considerations for travel logistics, health and safety, cultural considerations, personal resilience, and professional expectations and goals. We have also added didactic sessions to the curriculum that focus on pre-departure training. The student and faculty team have written an academic paper on their work which they are planning to publish soon!

UIC Center for Global Health Updates

The Center for Global Health continues to expand and has hired several new faculty over the past few years. In addition to their global health work, they have been great teachers and mentors for many of the GMED students.



Dr. Olamide Jarrett, MD, MPH, joined CGH in 2019 as the Associate Director of Academic Programs where she supports GMED students in their capstone projects and runs the GMED Mentorship Program. She is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Infectious Diseases with research interests in HIV and other sexually transmitted infections in women in sub-Saharan Africa, particularly in Sierra Leone where she has family.



Dr. Mary Bunn, PhD, LCSW joined CGH in 2019. She is a Research Scientist at the UIC Department of Psychiatry and Deputy Director of Global Mental Health in the Center for Global Health. She provides therapy services to survivors of war and forced migration in the Mood and Anxiety Disorders Clinic. Her research program focuses on the long-term effects of political violence and forced migration on culturally diverse communities and mental health and psychosocial interventions including research projects in Jordan and Thailand.



Dr. Lelia Chaisson, PhD, MSc, joined CGH in 2020. She is a Research Assistant Professor in the Division of Infectious Diseases. Her research interests center on tuberculosis and HIV, including global epidemiology and control, prevention, and diagnostics. Her current work in Brazil and Uganda focuses on scale-up of tuberculosis preventive therapy for people living with HIV and active case finding for tuberculosis.



Dr. Catherine Ford, MD, MPH, FACOG joined CGH in 2021 as the Director of Graduate Global Health Programs. She oversees the multi-disciplinary Graduate Global Health Certificate Programs for UIC residents and fellows. She is also an Assistant Professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and has a strong interest in infectious diseases and Global Women's Health. She completed a two-year fellowship in Global Women's Health in Zambia, and her experiences in Zambia continue to impact her work today, with her current academic focus on resident education and research in obstetrics care.



Dr. Abiola Ibraheem, MD, joined the CGH in 2021. She is an Assistant Professor of Hematology/Oncology. Her research work is focused on improving cancer globally by making innovative cancer treatments available and affordable to cancer patients living in Low- and Middle-Income Countries. She is involved in conducting interventional cancer trials in Nigeria.



Linda Humaidan, MPH, joined the Center for Global Health in August 2022 as our new Senior Research Specialist. Her MPH focused on health education/promotion and epidemiology. She is obtaining her PhD in Public Health focusing on Community Health Research. She has research experience in domestic violence, HIV/AIDS, and community health needs for the Arab American population. Her recent work focuses on intimate partner violence and contraceptive practice among the Arab American community.

Alumni Updates: Global Health Work

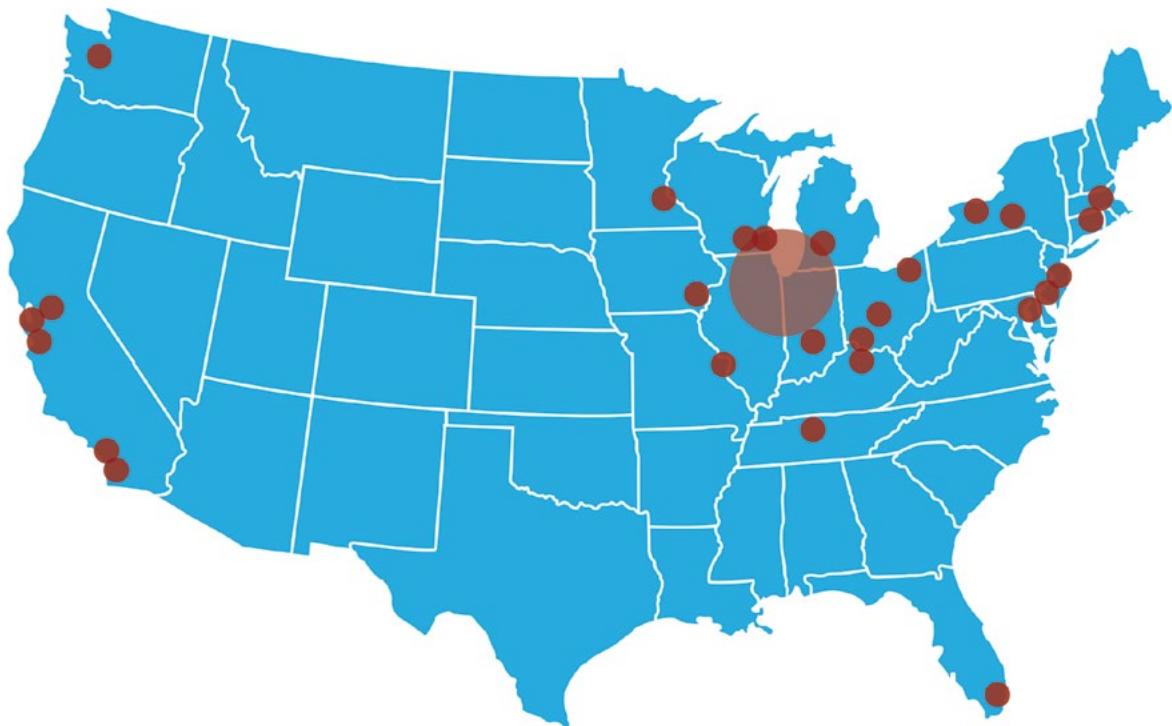
Teresa Liu (2016) was a Johnson and Johnson Global Health Scholar during residency and did rotations abroad in Ecuador and Rwanda.

Chase Westra (2019) is in his final year of emergency medicine residency at the University of Southern California. He won the Challoner Award through the USC Department of Global Emergency Medicine to allow residents protected time and funding for global

health projects. He is developing a simulation curriculum to train medical staff on trauma-informed care for refugees, victims of sexual violence, and the LGBTQ community in Colombia. He is also teaching a WHO basic emergency care and train-the-trainer course in Kenya. He is applying for a post-residency fellowship in global emergency medicine.

Patrick Lanter (2017) completed an ultrasound fellowship after EM

residency and is continuing in another year of fellowship to focus on global applications of POCUS (point of care ultrasound). He has done an US needs assessment project in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, and is currently working on developing an ultrasound training program in Kigali, Rwanda. He is also planning an Ocular POCUS project to reduce unnecessary cataract surgery for eye surgery clinics as part of One World Site Project.



GME has graduated 7 classes!

Here's where they went to residency.

Alumni Updates: Global Health Work

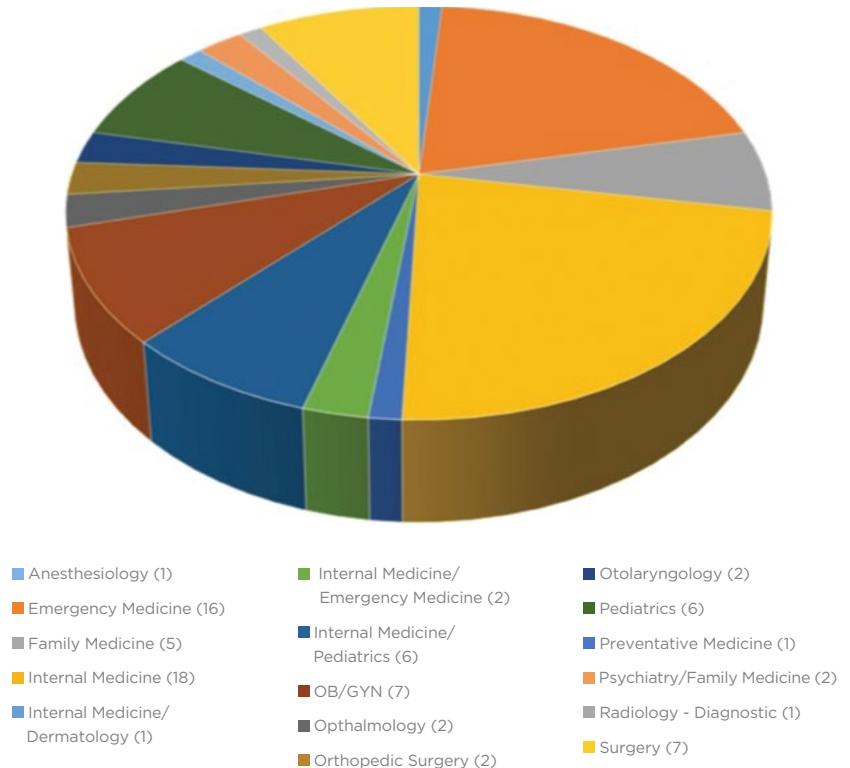
Greg Klazura (2018) took a two-year research sabbatical as the Global Surgery Fellow at UIC. During this time he spent half a year in Uganda as a Fulbright Fogarty Fellow in Public Health working on a quality improvement project for a surgical education course.

Tsige Gebreslasse (2017) was a part of a global medicine pathway during residency and completed a global health chief year where she worked with folks in Tanzania virtually and in a Native American Reservation in-person.

Tegan Gomez (2019) is planning to become involved with RAD-AID and hopefully travel to Nepal during residency.

Amina Basha (2017) went to Pakistan during her second year of residency to do a needs assessment on safe needle use in clinics in and around Lahore, Pakistan.

Diverse specialties of GMED graduates



Katherine Reifler (2018) has been working on research related to Chagas disease for a Central/South American migrant population in Boston. She's working to improve screening rates and diagnostics to predict risk for progression to cardiomyopathy.

Shelbi Olson (2020) is a surgical resident at the University of Minnesota. She is preparing for a global surgery research fellowship involving capacity building in colorectal surgery in Honduras.

Alumni Updates: Professional

Teresa Liu (2016) completed residency at Stanford for Internal Medicine, followed by a health services research fellowship at UCLA, where she received a Masters in Health Policy and Management. Currently she is the Medical Director for the hospitalist group at Providence Saint John's Hospital in Santa Monica.

Flavius Beca (2020) recently won a suturing competition. He finished his first year of ophthalmology residency at Bascom Palmer.

Patrick Lanter (2017) completed residency in emergency medicine at Washington University in St. Louis, including a year as chief resident. He then completed an Ultrasound Fellowship at Stanford and is currently a Global Health Fellow at Stanford.

Greg Klazura (2019) recently completed a UIC Global Surgery Fellowship and UIC Global Health Scholars Certificate Program. He was also a Fulbright Fogarty Fellow in Public Health and a Center for Health Equity in Surgery and Anesthesia Fellow at UCSF.

Shuvani Sanyal (2016) has recently accepted a new position as a Med-Peds Hospitalist at Rush University Medical Center as of August 2022!

Tegan Gomez (2019) previously matched into IM, then re-matched into Diagnostic Radiology which she started this summer!

Stefan Vidovich (2022) just started residency at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. He says "feels so good to finally be practicing medicine as a resident!"

Aaron Case (2016) is a Research Fellow at Johns Hopkins in Pulmonary Critical Care Medicine.

Amina Basha (2017) is in her second year of fellowship. She was a Chief Resident and won a poster award for translational research on Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease last year!

Prinston Varghese (2019) started a Pediatric Cardiology Fellowship at Yale this summer.

Katherine Reifler (2018) is currently starting her second year of Infectious Disease Fellowship at Boston Medical Center.

Check out these selected GMED alumni publications!

- Liu T, et al. Timing and Predictors of Subspecialty Career Choice Among Internal Medicine Residents: A Retrospective Cohort Study. *J Grad Med Educ.* 2020
- Liu TC, et al. Factors Associated with Post-Acute Sequelae of SARS-CoV-2 (PASC) After Diagnosis of Symptomatic COVID-19 in the Inpatient and Outpatient Setting in a Diverse Cohort. *J Gen Intern Med.* 2022
- Klazura G, et al. Pediatric surgery backlog at a Ugandan tertiary care facility: COVID-19 makes a chronic problem acutely worse. *Pediatr Surg Int.* 2022
- Gebreslasse TH, et al. Global Health Education during the COVID-19 Pandemic: Challenges, Adaptations, and Lessons Learned. *Am J Trop Med Hyg.* 2021
- Gebreslasse T, et al. The Value and Interpretation of Race and Ethnicity Data in the Era of Global Migration: A Change Is in Order. *The American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene.* 2021
- Basha A, et al. A Novel 2-Hit Zebrafish Model to Study Early Pathogenesis of Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease. *Biomedicines.* 2022
- Varghese P, Erickson TB. Pesticide Poisoning Among Children in India: The Need for an Urgent Solution. *Glob Pediatr Health.* 2022

Alumni Updates: Professional

- Sayegh H, et al. Global health education in high-income countries: confronting coloniality and power asymmetry. *BMJ Glob Health*. 2022
- Mohannad G. Safadi, et al. Expanding tele dermatology educational opportunities after the COVID-19 pandemic. *Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology*. 2021
- Ugwu-Dike P, et al. Access as equity: Addressing the distribution of the pediatric dermatology workforce. *Pediatr Dermatol*. 2021
- Pearl O. Ugwu-Dike, et al. Racial and socioeconomic differences in acral lentiginous melanoma outcomes: A Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results analysis. *Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology*, 2021.
- Ugwu-Dike PO, et al. How Coronavirus Disease 2019 Changed Dermatology Practice in 1 Year Around the World: Perspectives from 11 Countries. *Dermatol Clin*. 2021
- Ugwu-Dike P, Nambudiri VE. A review of ethnomedicinal uses of shea butter for dermatoses in Sub-Saharan Africa. *Dermatol Ther*. 2022.
- Jansen NA et al. Men's Migration and Women's Mortality in Rural Mozambique. *Social Science & Medicine*. 2021.
- Singh M, et al. Global Child Mental Health Research: Time for the Children. *J Am Acad Child Adolesc Psychiatry*. 2020
- Jansen NA & Agadjanian V. Polygyny and Intimate Partner Violence in Mozambique. *Journal of Family Issues*. 2020
- Sullivan G, et al. Birth Defects and Long-Term Neurodevelopmental Abnormalities in Infants Born During the Zika Virus Epidemic in the Dominican Republic. *Ann Glob Health*. 2021
- Saleh Y, et al. Completeness of Medical Records of Trauma Patients Admitted to the Emergency Unit of a University Hospital, Upper Egypt. *Int J Environ Res Public Health*. 2020
- Olson SL, et al. Development of Screening Criteria for Retinopathy of Prematurity in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, Using a Web-based Data Management System. *J Pediatr Ophthalmol Strabismus*. 2020
- Wavering HM, et al. The association between educational attainment and resilience to natural hazard-induced disasters in the West Indies: St. Kitts & Nevis. *International Journal of Disaster Risk Reduction*, 2020
- Saleh Y, et al. Knowledge of and attitudes towards cardiopulmonary resuscitation among junior doctors and medical students in Upper Egypt: cross-sectional study. *Int J Emerg Med*. 2020
- Parker JJ, et al. Barriers to contraceptive use among adolescents in two semi-rural Nicaraguan communities. *Int J Adolesc Med Health*. 2019
- Nagel E, et al. Impact of the Ebola epidemic on clinical outcomes of HIV-infected soldiers and their dependents in Sierra Leone. *Int J STD AIDS*. 2019
- Jansen NA, et al. Locales of Trust: How Two Forms of Community Trust are Associated with Mothers' Self-Rated Health in Indonesia. *Maternal and Child Health Journal*. 2018
- Jansen NA, et al. Historical Legacies, Social Capital, and Women's Decision-making Power: Religious Denomination and Child Nutrition in Mozambique. *Journal of Religion and Health*. 2018
- Mehta N, et al. Investigating the role of stigma on fertility desire among HIVpositive women in Bangkok, Thailand: a qualitative study. *Journal of Virus Eradication* 2018
- Conroy M, et al. Information, support, and follow-up offered to women who experienced severe maternal morbidity. *Int J Gynecol Obstet* 2018
- Arya A, et al. The CHAMPIONS NETWORK: Training Chicago High School Students as Health Advocates to Improve Health Equity in Their Communities. *Health Promotion Practice*. 2018
- Brandon Collofello, et al. Testing of the filter function of a prototype device to eliminate fetal surrogate markers and bacterial load for autotransfusion in postpartum haemorrhage in low-resource settings. *Lancet Global Health*. 2016
- Collofello B, et al. A novel obstetric medical device designed for autotransfusion of blood in life threatening postpartum haemorrhage. *J Med Eng Technol*. 2017

Alumni Updates: Personal



Teresa Liu (2016) got engaged in Ecuador in 2018, got married (twice!) in 2019, added a fur baby in 2020 (mini bernedoodle), and had a real human baby in 2022!

Stefan Vidovich (2020) thoroughly enjoyed his trip this summer to Europe. He spent 8 days in the south of France and Monaco, followed by two weeks split between Budapest, Vienna, northern Serbia, and Amsterdam - a much needed vacation after finishing medical school!



Greg Klazura (2018) had a son, Leo, born on May 30, 2021!



Amina Basha's (2017) first baby, Zain, that she had during medical school, is now 6 years old! She also has a 2 year old daughter, Aliya.



Tsige Gebreslasse (2017) married her wonderful husband Fitsum Tesfamicael, and they have a



beautiful daughter named Selam Gedam Tesfamicael. Selam means peace.

Prinston Varghese (2019) got married on July 17, 2021 to Emily Abraham.

Katherine Reifler (2018) got engaged to Darin Kurti just outside of Yosemite earlier this year, with a wedding planned for summer 2023.



Tegan Gomez (2019) is not married but moved to Colorado with her amazing boyfriend!

Tosha Songolo (2018) and her husband Rogelio, had a baby girl this summer named Nova.



Shaun Harty and **Darshana Bhattacharyya** stopped by the CGH this summer with their 3-year old daughter, Anya. They live and practice medicine in Minnesota.

Stay Connected

The UIC Center for Global Health and GMED would love to stay connected with GMED alumni!

Here are some ways to stay connected or give back:



Send updates to Jeanne or Dr. Chamberlain!



Let us know if you have a **global health project** that would be a good opportunity for a GMED student!



Reach out if you'd like to **be a guest speaker** for CGH or GMED on your global health work!



Join our **monthly global health colloquia** (and other events) on Zoom. You can find upcoming events at:

<https://chicago.medicine.uic.edu/departments/centers/center-for-global-health/events/>



Join our **GMED Facebook group** at UIC GMED Official Page



Follow CGH on **Twitter** at @UIC_CGH

Make a gift at:

<https://chicago.medicine.uic.edu/departments/centers/center-for-global-health/make-a-gift/>

You can designate a specific fund including one to support GMED!

