

Hubert-Yeargan Center Happenings

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To develop the next generation of globally educated, socially responsible clinician educators and scientists dedicated to improving health equity at home and abroad.

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Announcing the Dr. G. Ralph Corey Legacy Award



In recognition of Dr. Ralph Corey's dedication to clinical education, research, and service, the Hubert-Yeargan Center for Global Health (HYC) and the Duke Clinical Research Institute (DCRI) have partnered to create the Dr. G. Ralph Corey Legacy Award.

The award will provide supplemental funding to support post-graduate trainees and junior faculty research projects related to health equity and health disparities in LMICs and underserved populations.

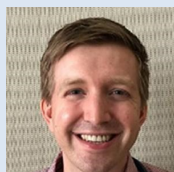
This scholarship is a mechanism to honor Dr. Corey's lifelong commitment to underserved communities and carry on his legacy of training the next generation of global health professionals.

More information on the award can be found here:

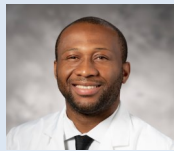
<https://hyc.globalhealth.duke.edu/programs/rc-faculty-award/>

Meet the 16th Class of the Global Health Pathway

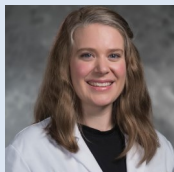
On July 1, the GHP welcomed the newest class of global health clinicians and researchers to the Pathway.



Dr. Hutton Chapman is a Global Health and Pediatric Hematology/Oncology fellow who will work with Dr. Kristin Schroeder at Bugando Medical Center in Mwanza, Tanzania. His research interests include using implementation science methodologies to improve treatments and outcomes of pediatric Burkitt lymphoma.



Dr. Nnaemaka Eze is a Global Health and General Surgery resident, originally from Nigeria, who plans to conduct research in Uganda. His research is focused on reducing disparities in access to surgical supplies for providers in LMICs.



Dr. Catherine Cheney is a Global Health and Internal Medicine resident who will travel to Kilimanjaro Christian Medical Center in Moshi, Tanzania. She is interested in the epidemiology of colorectal cancer, outcomes after acute GI bleeds, and sustainability in gastroenterology.

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HYC Faculty Achievements

HYC Affiliate faculty, **Dr. Julian Hertz** and **Dr. Catherine Staton**, both won School of Medicine faculty awards this spring! **Dr. Hertz**, a GHP alumnus, was awarded the Master Clinician/Teacher Award for his commitment and service to teaching and to his students. Dr. Hertz is an Assistant Professor of Surgery and Global Health. **Dr. Staton** received the 2023 Early Career Mentoring Award in Clinical Science. She is an Associate Professor of Surgery and Neurosurgery and an Associate Research Professor of Global Health.

Dr. Nathan Thielman and colleagues recently received funding for the CONSORT project. This study will explore the role that mobile phones and social networks can play in increasing HIV testing rates in Tanzania. If successful, this may improve testing and interventions related to other diseases.

Congratulations to **Dr. Jerry Bloomfield**, a GHP alumnus, on his induction into the American Society for Clinical Investigation!

Donations

The Hubert-Yeargan Center for Global Health is sustained by generous donations from and collaborations with individuals, organizations, and other academic medical centers dedicated to dramatically improving the healthcare and lives of people around the world. On behalf of our trainees, and everyone whose lives their work has touched, thank you for supporting our programs!

If you would like to support the Hubert-Yeargan Center financially, please visit

<https://hyc.globalhealth.duke.edu/giving-back/> to make an online donation.

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MTRH Echo Course Celebrates First Graduating Class

On April 23rd 2023, the first "Higher Diploma in Clinical Medicine and Surgery" (Cardiology) class completed their "End of Program" final exams. This is one of the newest specialty programs for Clinical Officers offered at the College of Medicine.

Started in October 2021, the class of 5 students embarked on their journey to obtain the knowledge and skills, particularly ECG and Echocardiography, to diagnose and implement first line treatment for Cardiac Disease. Mike Foster ACS is the primary instructor, Reubon Yanoh is the program coordinator, and the Cardiology faculty are occasional class lecturers.



From L to R: Robert Keter, MTRH Staff; Judith Kibet, Iten Referral Hospital; Fred Mareba, Kakamega Referral Hospital; Phoebe Kiprop, resident; Timothy Koech, MTRH Staff; Reubon Yanoh, Program Coordinator; Mike Foster ACS, Primary Instructor.

2023 Elective Rotation and International Trainee Updates

In the Shiprock outpatient clinics, I saw many of the same diseases compared to Duke, but learned nuances of management and unique cultural considerations from the providers here. Since specialty evaluation is more challenging to access, the providers here have a broad scope of practice. I feel this experience has made me better prepared to practice general adult and pediatric medicine.

Dr. Sarah Dillon, Med/Peds, Northern Navajo Medical Center, New Mexico, March-April, 2023



Dr. Sarah Dillon completed a global health elective rotation in Navajo Nation, Spring 2023.



Dr. Kurren Mehta (back, center) with fellow trainees at Siriraj Hospital in Bangkok, Thailand, Spring 2023.

During my rotation, I attended an advanced endoscopy conference in Pattaya. I learned about emerging endoscopic techniques from international experts, saw live demonstrations, listened to several engaging review lectures, and heard about new meaningful research in the field. This experience also equipped me with insight into nuanced differences in clinical guidelines and practice between the US, Asia, and Europe. As a future gastroenterologist, I found this experience extremely gratifying.

Dr. Kurren Mehta, IM Siriraj Hospital, Bangkok, Thailand, March-April, 2023

My time at Duke has been invaluable in shaping my personal and professional development. The rotation taught me the importance of collaboration and teamwork in delivering high-quality patient care. I had the opportunity to round with other healthcare professionals (professors in medicine, nurses, pharmacists and social workers) and learned how to effectively communicate in the American fashion to optimize patient outcomes.

Smathi Piewluang, 6th year medical student at Siriraj Hospital/ Mahidol University, Bangkok, Thailand, April 2023



Natnasak Apiraksattayakul and Smathi Piewluang enjoy a trip to Duke Gardens during their time in Durham.