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Annals of Global Health Releases UMB Special Collection on Decolonizing Global Health Education

The Annals of Global Health has released the first part of UMB's Special Collection on Decolonizing Global Health Education, featuring articles by participants in the May 2021 UMB Global Health Summit. The collection includes articles by a former Rwandan Minister of Health, faculty members at Leeds University, UK and the UMB School of Pharmacy, members of the International Advocacy for Global Health Partnerships organization, and a UM School of Medicine medical student.

In their introduction to the special collection, guest editors Carlos A. Faerron Guzmán, MD, MSc, Associate Professor of Global Health at the UMB Graduate School, and Virginia Rowthorn, JD, LL.M, Assistant Vice President for Global Engagement at UMB, wrote:

"We developed this special issue around the theme of decolonization broadly, emphasizing how coloniality and neo-colonial thought are woven through and still affect higher education. Through this issue, we provided an opportunity for authors (faculty, researchers, practitioners, students, and administrators) to express their vision of what a decolonized global health field looks like."

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President's Global Impact Fund Update with Dr. Jarrell

On June 2, the grant recipients of the President's Global Impact Fund (PGIF) provided updates on their projects to UMB President Dr. Bruce Jarrell.

Run by the Center for Global Engagement, PGIF provides initial support for transformative initiatives that develop cross-campus and international collaborations and

enhance UMB's global engagement and reach.

Representatives from UMB and their international partners shared their project's goals and current status with Dr. Jarrell and fellow grantees. Notwithstanding the impact of the pandemic on every project, the seed funding program has resulted in new sources of external funding, bi-directional international collaborations, and several publications.

To learn more about PGIF projects, visit the website.

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Seeking International Students for Virtual Chats with Incoming International Students

The Office of International Services is seeking students from all UMB schools who would be willing to be panelists for a Virtual Senior Student Talk July 15 from 10:30 a.m.-noon on Zoom.

We need help from our seasoned students to moderate a small group of new international students, where you will share your experiences as a student at UMB and life in the U.S.

If you're interested in participating, please [register here](#). For more information, contact [Mio Kamijo](#).

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CGE Events



H1-B Orientation

June 7 at 1 p.m.

This program provides information on immigration regulations pertinent to H-1B employees of the University. New and transfer employees are required to attend this session. Information on social security cards and driver's licenses will also be discussed for those that need that information.

Once you register for the event, you will receive the Zoom link.

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J-1 Scholar Orientation

June 8 at noon

Join the Office of International Services to review the rules for maintaining J-1 Scholar status, as well as other topics about getting to know the UMB campus.

Once you register for the event, you will receive the Zoom link.

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CGE Advisory Committee Members Named Distinguished University Professors

Congratulations to two members of the CGE Advisory Committee who were recognized with the designation of Distinguished University Professor, the highest appointment bestowed on a faculty member at UMB.

- **Robert Percival, JD**, Robert F. Stanton Professor of Law and Director, Environmental Law Program, Francis King Carey School of Law
- **Peter Swaan, PhD**, Professor and Chair, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences, and Associate Dean for Research and Advanced Graduate Studies, University of Maryland School of Pharmacy



The CGE Advisory Committee is comprised of faculty members and administrators from all seven UMB schools and central administration who focus on global health, education, and service. They support UMB's innovative and community-driven global programs and work to bring life to the Global Strategic Framework.

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Njie-Carr Awarded More Than \$1 Million in Funding from NIH's Fogarty International Center

Veronica Njie-Carr, PhD, RN, ACNS-BC, FWACN, Associate Professor at the UMB School of Nursing, has been awarded more than \$1.18 million from the Fogarty International Center of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for the five-year project “Strengthening Capacity in Health Research Ethics and Methodology in The Gambia.”

Njie-Carr will work with collaborators in The Gambia and will serve as co-principal investigator with Henry Silverman, MD, MA, professor, University of Maryland School of Medicine, and Jainaba Sey-Sawo, PhD, University of The Gambia (UTG). The principal investigators are also working with co-investigators Thomas Senghore, PhD, UTG, and Effua Usuf, MD, PhD, Medical Research Council, Gambia Unit (MRCG).

Through their project, the co-PIs will collaborate with faculty from University of The Gambia and Medical Research Council, Gambia Unit to extend the efforts of the UMB President’s Global Impact Fund (PGIF) to develop a Research Ethics and Methods

Certificate Program in The Gambia as a foundation for subsequent expansion to a master's program.

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International Student Organization Recruiting New Members

June 15 at noon on Zoom

The International Student Organization is the collective voice of international students at UMB. As a USGA-affiliated group, ISO promotes and advocates for the interests of international students and helps new students feel at home at UMB.

To learn more about the group and available officer position, register today. Once you register for the event, you will receive the Zoom link.

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United Students of African Descent Looking for New Members

The United Students of African Descent, a campus-wide student organization, is looking for new members and new members of its leadership team.

If interested in learning more, contact [Cindy Rice](#).

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External Global Events & Opportunities



Submit Your Proposal for AAC&U's Global Learning Conference

Proposals due June 13.

The American Association of Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) is now accepting proposals for presentations for its 2022 Conference on Global Learning, "Transforming Global Learning Practice: Time for Action."

The field of global learning has undergone a necessary period of reflection amid recent social, economic, and public health crises. To address the uncomfortable realities that have been uncovered, educators across the United States and around the world are reframing global learning to emphasize the intentional inclusion of those who have been excluded; equitable and reciprocal forms of engagement; cultural readiness to facilitate meaningful interaction and learning; innovation and versatility in curricular design, and the situation of diversity, equity, and inclusion within global contexts.

AAC&U is accepting proposals for presentations based upon the following topical tracks:

- Intentional Alignment of Global Learning and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Innovation and Emerging Trends in Global Learning
- Career and Cultural Readiness for Global Engagement
- Civic Engagement in Global Contexts
- Decolonization of Global Learning Practices and Experiences
- Equity in Digital Global Learning
- Educating for Democracy in a Global Context

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Applications Open for Semester of Medical Research Aachen

Application Due June 30

Semester for Medical Research Aachen (SEMERA) is a 12-week English-taught virtual research program from the Faculty of Medicine, RWTH Aachen University. It runs Sept. 26 - Dec. 16. Participants will learn necessary research skills for future research projects and apply that knowledge during the program. SEMERA was designed to be completed parallel to your studies, at your own pace.

The program is for students from all health degree programs, with a strong interest in research. During the final two weeks, participants will present their posters.

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