



## UMB GLOBAL NEWSLETTER

Sharing UMB Updates From Around the World

### CGE News

#### UMB Signs Memorandum of Understanding with University of Costa Rica

On April 18, University of Maryland, Baltimore President Dr. Bruce Jarrell and Universidad de Costa Rica Rector Gustavo Gutiérrez Espeleta, PhD, signed a Memorandum of Understanding, which will allow the two universities to collaborate on new programs.

The first result of the partnership is the Alicia and YaYa Global Fellowship in Aging Research, designed to recognize and support outstanding pre-doctoral and/or post-doctoral students pursuing aging research and to reinforce diversity in aging research.

The Fellowship was made possible by the support of Marco Chacon, PhD.

Learn more about the inaugural Fellowship [here](#) and apply by July 1.





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## President's Global Impact Fund Spotlight: Energizing Gastroenterology Development in Rwanda

The UMB President's Global Impact Fund (PGIF), run by the Center for Global Engagement, provides initial support for transformative initiatives that develop cross-campus and international collaborations and enhance UMB's global engagement and reach.

One of the first cohort of awardees is focused on energizing gastroenterology development in Rwanda (EGD-Rwanda), lead by Erik von Rosenwinge, MD, Associate Professor at UM School of Medicine), and Kenechukwu Chudy-Onwugaje, MBBS, MPH, an Associate Scholar at the Center for Global Health at the Perelman School of Medicine at University of Pennsylvania (and former GI Fellow at UM School of Medicine).

EGD-Rwanda is a partnership with the Rwandan Society for Endoscopy, the University of Rwanda, and collaborators at Harvard and Dartmouth universities. The primary goals are to improve gastroenterology care in Rwanda, jump-start the formation of a self-sustaining Rwandan gastroenterology fellowship training program, expose UMSOM trainees to global health and global health research, and strengthen the partnership between the University of Maryland Baltimore and Rwanda.

To learn more about PGIF projects, visit the website.

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## Welcome New CGE Employee Michelle Sullivan

The Center for Global Engagement has a new face in the office: Michelle Sullivan, Global Program Specialist.

Michelle previously worked as the Program Manager and then Program Consultant for Comp-U-Dopt, a national technology and education nonprofit, where she specialized in writing and executing budgets, managing program logistics, creating program curriculum, and developing partnerships.

Before her time at Comp-U-Dopt, Michelle was a member of the Peace Corps in the Republic of Georgia for two years. During her time in Georgia, Michelle worked as an English teacher, an Assistant Translator for the Georgian Bureau of Labor, and the Finance Committee Chair for Girls Leading Out World Inc., a gender equality organization.

Michelle attended Waseda University in Tokyo, Japan, and the University of Michigan where she received a Bachelor of Arts in History in 2017. In addition to English, Michelle has varying levels of proficiency in 5 languages including Georgian, Spanish, Japanese, Arabic and Aanishnabemowin (Ojibwe).

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## CGE Events

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### J-1 Scholar Orientation

**May 11 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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## IHV Receives \$5.5 Million Grant to Foster the Next Generation of Global Health Scientists

The UM School of Medicine's Institute of Human Virology received a \$5.5 million award from the National Institute of Health's (NIH) Fogarty International Center to help foster the next generation of global health scientists.

The award entitled, "Integrated Network of Scholars in Global Health Research Training (INSIGHT)" will expand global health research across sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia, Latin America, and the Caribbean by providing one-year mentored research training to U.S. and lower-middle income country scholars.

The five-year grant will train 105 scholars as predoctoral or postdoctoral fellows. The trainees will spend most of the year at a location in a lower-middle income country and each trainee will have an onsite mentor, as well as one based in a U.S. partner institution.

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## UMB Global Events



### Care to Care? Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Experiences in Higher Education and Health Care

May 10 at noon

The historical erasure and invisibility of the Asian Pacific Islander Desi American community in U.S. society has real implications in the fields of higher education and health care.

In this workshop organized by the Intercultural Center, participants will develop a critical awareness of the "model minority myth" and explore how to proactively challenge and disrupt the stereotypes in their everyday lives, educational journey, and professional practice.

[Register Today](#)



## Showing Up for Asian American and Pacific Islander Communities

May 11 at noon

Join The Table Dialogue during Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month to discuss how we can show up for AAPI communities and build solidarity. Sponsored by the Intercultural Center.

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## External Global Events & Opportunities



### Women in Global Health: Exploring Non-Academic Careers

May 25 at 8:30 a.m.

Johns Hopkins Center for Global Health is hosting a virtual discussion on non-academic careers for women in global health. The guest speaker is Hsien-Hsien Lei, PhD, CEO of the American Chamber of Commerce (AmCham) in Singapore,

who has a PhD in Epidemiology from the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health.

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## About Us

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