



## UMB GLOBAL NEWSLETTER

Sharing UMB Updates From Around the World

### CGE News

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### Alicia and Yaya Initiative in Aging Research Hosts Three Researchers from Costa Rica at UMB

This semester, UMB is hosting three Fellows from Costa Rica as part of the Alicia and Yaya Initiative in Aging Research, which provides support to UMB and University of Costa Rica students and scholars to

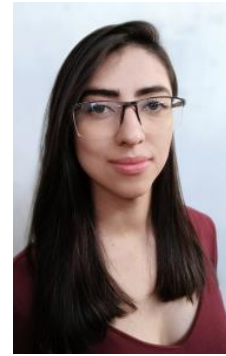
study and learn together through fellowships, collaborative learning opportunities, symposia, seed funding, and other means of financial support.

The Alicia and Yaya Fellowship in Global Aging Research brings selected pre-doctoral and post-doctoral researchers to study at UMB or UCR in individualized programs that include courses, mentoring, and participation in research programs. This year's Fellows from UCR are:



**Ericka Méndez-Chacón, MSc.**

A Full Professor and Researcher in UCR's Statistics Department, Dr. Méndez-Chacón will compare determinants of health inequalities in elderly populations of Costa Rica and the United States.



**Mónica Cortés-Ortiz**

A former Research Trainee at UCR's Health Research Institute, Mónica will investigate interplay between dietary, genetic, and environmental factors in relation to aging and different complex diseases in older adults.

In addition, the Alicia and Yaya Initiative in Aging Research's Faculty Exchange Fellows are UCR and UMB faculty members with an established record of research in aging or a related field who will use the Fellowship to conduct research at the partner institution as part of a collaborative research team or using shared data and resources.



**Carolina Santamaria-Ulloa, PhD**

Dr. Santamaria-Ulloa is the Director and Researcher of the Institute for Health Research, Associate Professor at the Human Nutrition Department and the Public Health and Human Nutrition Graduate Programs, all at the Universidad de Costa Rica. During her Fellowship, she will be working with Dr. Amanda Lehning, Senior Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Associate Professor at the University of Maryland School of Social Work. Together they will compare the determinants of health inequalities in the elderly populations of Costa Rica and the United States.

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**GLOBAL HUB**



## Submit Your Global Project to the Global Hub Map

UMB is everywhere! Check out what we're doing around the globe on the map of UMB's Global Activity.

Don't see your global work on the map? Add your international research, global course, certificate, degree program, service project, education abroad, MOU, exchange or affiliation agreements to the map with this easy form.

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### MPower Co-Sponsoring This Year's Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH) Conference

Globally-focused students, faculty, and staff: UMB and University of Maryland College Park are co-sponsors of the next Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH) conference that will be held in-person in Washington, D.C. on April 14-16.

The two universities are co-sponsoring under the MPower banner to focus on our individual and shared global health assets. Dr. Man Charurat, Ciheb Global Director at the UM School of Medicine, will moderate a plenary panel on "Transformative Partnerships with the National Public Health Institutes for Sustained Global Health Implementation and Research" at the conference.

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CUGH 2023 • 14th Annual Conference



### Global Health at a Crossroads: Equity, Climate Change & Microbial Threats

In Conjunction With: The M8 Alliance WHS Regional Meeting 2023 & The AAHC1 Global Innovation Forum 2023

Washington Hilton, Washington DC  
April 14-16, 2023

In-person Satellite Sessions: April 13, 2023  
Virtual Satellite Sessions: April 3-7, 2023

[CUGH2023.org](https://CUGH2023.org)

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## UMB Global News



### UMB Signs MoU with Dow University of Health Sciences in Pakistan

The University of Maryland, Baltimore signed a Memorandum of Understanding between UMB; Dow University of Health Sciences in Karachi, Pakistan; and Dogana, the Dow Graduates Association of North America.

Dr. Muhammad Mohuiddin, a graduate of the Dow University of Health Sciences and Professor of Surgery at UM School of Medicine and Director of the Cardiac Xenotransplantation Department, was instrumental in creating this relationship.

The MOU is laying the foundation for a faculty/student exchange.



### Internationally Acclaimed Virologist Robert Gallo, MD, Steps Down as Director of IHV

Robert C. Gallo, MD, one of the world's leading virologists and cancer researchers, announced he has stepped down from his position as Director of the [Institute of Human Virology](#) at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, effective March 24.

Shyam Kottlil, MBBS, PhD, of the Division of Clinical Care and Research Director at IHV, and Professor of Medicine and Chief of the Division of Infectious Diseases at UMSOM, will assume the role of Interim Acting Director of IHV.

Dr. Gallo was Founding Director of the Institute when he and his colleagues established it in 1996, and holds the Homer & Martha Gudelsky Distinguished Professor in Medicine, Professor of Microbiology and Immunology. He now takes on the role as Director Emeritus of IHV and Special Advisor to the Dean at UMSOM before retiring next spring.

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**USAD**  
**E-Board Positions**  
It's that time of year!  
We have the following positions  
open:

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**Vice President**  
**USGA Rep**  
**Public Relations**  
**Historian**  
**Program Coordinator**

## Join the United Students of African Descent Board

Join United Students of African Descent's Board for 2023-2024! When you complete the interest form, you will be sent the group's constitution and application, which is due April 15.

Open positions include Vice President, USGA Representative, Public Relations Coordinator, Historian, and Program Coordinator.

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## CGE Events



### Don't Miss the Global Perspectives Conversation Program's Spring Social and Movie Screening

**April 27 from 4-6 p.m. in SMC Campus Center Room 353**

Join current facilitators and participants of the Global Perspectives Conversation Program for a screening of [Kiki's Delivery Service](#) and refreshments **April 27 from 4-6 p.m. at SMC Campus Center, Room 353**. There are only 25 seats so register as soon as possible. **Registration required by April 17.**

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### J-1 Scholar Orientation

**May 3 at 11 a.m.**

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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## UMB Global Events



### Join the International Student Organization for a Spring International Mixer

**April 6 from 6-8 p.m. at the SMC Campus Center Rooms 208/210**

Join the International Student Organization for its spring international mixer April 6 from 6-8 p.m. in the Campus Center. The event features international cuisine, games, and interactive fun.

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### Join United Students of African Descent for a Mixer

**April 7 from 6-9 p.m. at Terra Café**

Join United Students of African Descent for a mixer at Terra Café April 7 from 6-9 p.m. USAD will be collaborating with the Black and national organizations at UMB.

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## The Table Dialogue: Dismantling SWANA Stereotypes

**April 11 at noon**

Join the Intercultural Center virtually for this month's The Table Dialogue on dismantling SWANA stereotypes. By unpacking these stereotypes, we hope to create opportunities to unpack any internalized implicit bias that may show up in our studies and practice at UMB.

The Table is a monthly dialogue series where UMB students, staff, and faculty are invited to discuss current issues and unpack questions regarding race, ethnicity, culture, and norms.

**REGISTER TODAY**

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## External Global Events & Opportunities



### Apply to Be an Atlantic Fellows for Health Equity

**Applications Due April 10**

The [Atlantic Fellows for Health Equity](#) program brings together many diverse industries and professions that influence health and well-being including art, law, business, academia, government, journalism, social enterprise, research, media, housing, and health care delivery.

Fellows will be selected based on demonstrated commitment in the area of health equity and leadership potential. The program will build and support a group of global, multidisciplinary leaders equipped with the technical knowledge, skills and network to advance health equity in their organizations and communities.

**APPLY TODAY**

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## Early Career Researchers: Apply for a Global Health Research Grant

Applications Due April 28 at 9 a.m.

The [Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene](#) is accepting applications for grants up to 5,000 from early career researchers and global health professionals based anywhere in the world, who have not had research funding of 5,000 or more in their own name before.

The projects can be on any topic related to tropical medicine and global health, from across the research spectrum of lab, translation, implementation and policy, and should take up to one year.

APPLY TODAY



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### About Us

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