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Ogbolu Named School of Nursing Dean

Yolanda Ogbolu, PhD, MS, CRNP-Neonatal, FNAP, FAAN, will be the next Bill and Joanne Conway Dean of the University of Maryland School of Nursing. She is an experienced educator, clinician, researcher, and public servant.

A member of the Center for Global Engagement's Advisory Committee, Dr. Ogbolu is currently chair of the Department of Partnerships, Professional Education, and Practice; co-director of the Center for Health Equity and Outcomes Research; co-director of the Global Learning to Advance Health Equity Network; associate professor at UMSON; and assistant professor in the University of Maryland School of Medicine's Master of Public Health Program. She previously served as the director of the Office of Global Health at UMSON.

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SON's Njie-Carr Works to Build Research Capacity in Gambia

The University of Maryland School of Nursing's Veronica P.S. Njie-Carr, PhD, RN, ACNS-BC, FWACN, associate professor, has been awarded \$1.18 million from the Fogarty International Center of the National Institutes of Health to strengthen capacity in health research ethics and methodology in the country.

A member of the Center for Global Engagement's Advisory Committee, Njie-Carr was awarded a [President's Global Impact Fund \(PGIF\)](#) seed grant that supported the beginning work on developing Gambia's capacity efforts, such as holding virtual workshops and conducting surveys to gather data for the Fogarty grant application.

As part of the project, faculty from the UM Schools of Nursing and Medicine; the University of The Gambia; and the Medical Research Council, Gambia Unit will collaborate to extend the work of the PGIF grant to develop a research ethics and methods certificate program in Gambia as a foundation for subsequent expansion to a master's program.

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State-of-the-Art IHV-Nigeria Campus Launched in Abuja

The Institute of Human Virology-Nigeria, an affiliate of the UM School of Medicine's Institute of Human Virology (IHV), recently announced the launch of its state-of-the-art multi-campus of excellence in public healthcare, treatment training, and research to bring quality health services within the reach of millions of Nigerians.

The IHV-Nigeria Campus in Abuja is a combination of leasable office buildings, clinical laboratories for diagnosis, research, and training; functional clinic spaces for patient care and clinical trials; bio-specimen repositories for storing and managing bio-specimens; and multi-media lecture auditoriums, meeting rooms, and offices.

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PGIF Spotlight: Dr. Oluremi Adejumo & Diabetes Prevention in Nigeria

Grantee: Dr. Oluremi Adejumo, DNP, MS, RN, FIAAN
Assistant Professor at the UM School of Nursing

Project: Diabetes Prevention Translation: Integrated Nurse-Led Peer-Facilitated Healthy Lifestyle Controlled Study in a North Central Nigeria Tertiary Hospital

A complex relationship occurs between T2DM and Substance Use Disorders (SUD), as SUD can accelerate the development of risk factors for diabetes due to rapid cell damage and glucose dysregulation from addiction. Therefore, it is imperative to take precautionary measures to reduce T2DM-related complications and halt or delay this chronic disease's occurrence in at-risk populations to reduce morbidity and mortality and save the cost of treatment. Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP) can slow the progression of prediabetes to T2DM. DPP also helps to promote healthy lifestyle changes, such as controlling caloric intake, participating in regular physical activity of 150 minutes or more per week, etc.

The overall aim of the study is to assess the relationship between substance abuse, diet, physical activity, and cardio-metabolic parameters in a cohort of patients (study and control groups) receiving healthcare services at the University of Ilorin Teaching Hospital in Nigeria.

Co-Investigators



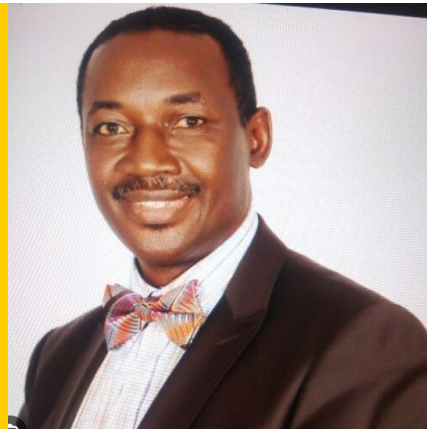
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Gerontology Students Study Aging in Japan, Blogging Their Experiences

Students participating in this summer's **Global Health Aging: Gerontology in Japan** course took part in a two-week faculty-led travel experience in Japan to explore and analyze how broader cultural norms and social institutions of contemporary Japan shape individuals' experiences of growing older, life-stage transitions, and intergenerational relations through a life course perspective.

Led by **Flavius Lilly, PhD, at UMB** and **Takashi Yamashita, PhD, at UMBC**, the course was informed by an interdisciplinary gerontological approach integrating visits to and engagement with academic (research centers and universities), business (biotech, pharmaceutical, robotics), health and medical (geriatrics, hospitals, preventative care), policy (local and prefectural government), and socio-cultural (cultural heritage, living environment, social network) sites.

Through the [President's Global Impact Fund](#), CGE provided a grant to support admitted students. Read the students' blog posts detailing their experiences.



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