



## UMB GLOBAL NEWSLETTER

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#### CVD Researchers Examine HIV Viral Load in Pregnant Women in Malawi

Center for Vaccine Development and Global Health faculty and colleagues from the Blantyre Malaria Project at Kamuzu University of Health Sciences in Malawi highlight the success of antiretroviral therapy (ART) in Malawi. The [Malaria Research Program](#) is dedicated to developing and applying innovative scientific

tools to fight global infectious disease, eliminating malaria, and training the next generation of scientists.

Approximately 90% of women who reported receiving ART had an undetectable viral load however many women did not report previous ART exposure, likely due to persistent stigma associated with the diagnosis of HIV infection. This report identifies especially vulnerable populations of pregnant women who require additional support.

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A new partnership among Operation Smile, the [University of Maryland School of Dentistry](#), and the University of Rwanda School of Dentistry will link these three organizations to provide training and support for oral health in Rwanda over the next three years.

The partnership will offer opportunities for faculty and student mentorship, education, and research, with exchanges enabling UMSOD and Rwandan faculty and students to learn from one another. Faculty and student exchanges between the two universities are slated each year.



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## CGE Awards 16 Global Scholar Program Stipends for Summer 2024

Fifteen students from across UMB were selected for the Global Scholar Program, which provides a \$2,000 stipend to help students grow in their understanding of how their actions can address the

world's most pressing and enduring issues collaboratively and equitably.

Check out who the scholars are and their projects [here](#).

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## Student Group Hosts Food Tour with Mac n Cheese Competition

The United Students of African Descent hosted a Taste Bud Tour & Mac n Cheese Competition Feb. 28, featuring food from many different cultures.

Congratulations to Oluwaseyi Oladigbolu, a student at the School of Pharmacy, for his winning mac n cheese dish!





## [Join United Students of African Descent's Board for 2024-25](#)

**Deadline: March 29 at noon**

The United Students of African Descent has opened applications for its 2024-25 Board. Open positions include: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, USGA Representative, and Public Relations Coordinator.

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## Malaria Prevention: Advancing Clinical Trials to Policy

Miriam Laufer, MD, professor of pediatrics and associate director for malaria research, and colleagues from Malawi recently published a [commentary](#) in *The Lancet Infectious Diseases* on a [clinical trial](#) that studied malaria prevention in pregnant women living with HIV infection.

In their commentary, Dr. Laufer and her colleagues highlighted the central role of malaria surveillance to inform the implementation of new interventions and policy

decisions.



## Round Up of CVD's Typhoid Efforts: Typhoid Mary to Typhoid Conjugate Vaccines, How Far We've Come

While typhoid is a disease of the past in developed countries, it still plagues many in low- and middle-income countries. The [Typhoid Vaccine Acceleration Consortium \(TyVAC\)](#) – led by the [Center for Vaccine Development and Global Health \(CVD\)](#) – has joined forces to [Take on Typhoid](#).

Read more about the [Center's work on typhoid](#) around the world.

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## UMB Global Events



### Indian Association Food Festival

March 8 at 6:30 p.m. in SMC Campus Center

Enjoy a wide variety of delicious food at the Indian Association Food Festival. The event is co-sponsored by USGA and the Center for Global Engagement. [Registration](#) required.

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### Bollywood Dance Workshop

March 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the SMC Campus Center Room 349

Whether you're a beginner or have some dance experience, this workshop is designed for everyone. Instructors will guide you through the steps, ensuring a fun and energetic atmosphere as you learn the signature Bollywood dance style, known for its expressive movements and infectious energy.

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### The Table Dialogue: The Significance of Ramadan

April 3 at noon online

In collaboration with the Muslim Students and Scholars Association, join The Table Dialogue for

a discussion of the significance of Ramadan and how to best support Muslim students, staff, and faculty. Hosted by the Intercultural Center.

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## CGE News



### [CGE Support for Student Events with Global Theme](#)

The Center for Global Engagement is happy to support student organizations holding events with a global focus with marketing and limited funding. Funding is available on a first-come, first-served basis (once per academic year) and groups receiving funding must credit CGE as an event sponsor.

If you're not sure whether your organization qualifies for funding, email us at [globaltimore@umaryland.edu](mailto:globaltimore@umaryland.edu). To request funding, please fill out [a request form](#) at least two weeks before the event date.

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## Focus on Fulbright



### [UMB Named Fulbright Top Producing Institution](#)

The U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs has named UMB as a Fulbright Top Producing Institution for 2023-2024. Colleges and universities that receive this honor have the highest number of faculty and administrators selected for the Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program, which provides funding for international opportunities.

UMB was cited in the Special Four-Year Institution category, along with 10 other colleges and universities. Two UMB scholars were selected for Fulbright awards for academic year 2023-24.

- Martha Ertman, JD, professor at the School of Law, developed her Fulbright project around using contracts and commercial law to address racial injustice in Montreal, Canada
- Marlene Matarese, PhD, MSW, a former clinical associate professor at the School of Social Work, received a Fulbright award in social work to Galway, Ireland

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### [School of Social Work Professor Named Fulbright Scholar in Mexico](#)

Congratulations to Fernando Wagner, MPH, ScD, professor at the School of Social Work, who was selected as a Fulbright U.S. Scholar for 2024-25 in Mexico!

[Fulbright Scholar Awards](#) are prestigious and competitive fellowships that provide unique opportunities for scholars to teach and conduct research abroad. Fulbright exchange experiences lead to greater international co-publication, continued international exchange, and stronger cross-cultural communication skills.



### [School of Pharmacy Professor Completes Fulbright Fellowship in Finland](#)

Nicole Brandt, PharmD, MBA, executive director of the Peter Lamy Center on Drug Therapy and Aging and a professor in the School of Pharmacy's Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research, spent three weeks in January in Helsinki, Finland, to expand research on older adults as part of a grant from the Fulbright Finland Foundation.

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## CGE Fulbright Initiative Seeking Motivated Students

**Deadline: September 15**

Are you interested in a Fulbright? CGE is here to help you as a part of a new Fulbright Initiative.

The Fulbright U.S. Student Program competition opens April 2. Students can register for an [informational webinar on April 3](#) from 6-7:15 p.m. to learn more about studying or researching abroad through this prestigious program.

For more information, complete this [brief form](#).

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## Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence Program Open

**Deadline: June 3**

The Fulbright Scholar-in-Residence program is open through June 3. If you're interested in hosting an international scholar in your department through the prestigious program, learn more [here](#).

Only one application is accepted per University, so please reach out to CGE for coordination and support.

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## CGE Events



### J-1 Scholar Orientation

**March 13 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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## External Global Events & Opportunities



### [Register for Hybrid International Public Health Conference](#)

March 21-23 in Singapore and Virtually

The [3rd Edition of International Public Health Conference](#) will take place March 21-23 in Singapore and virtually and focuses on the theme “Restraining Pandemics Through Exploration of Trends and Public Health Challenges.”

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### [Register for Public Health Conference in Arlington, VA](#)

March 21-23 at Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington, VA

The [2024 Association of Schools & Programs of Public Health](#) will hold its Annual Meeting for Academic Public Health March 21-23 in Arlington, VA.

The annual meeting convenes graduate and undergraduate academic public health leaders, faculty, students, and members of the public health community from around the world to engage in discussions and share new strategies and tools to strengthen education, practice, and research in public health.

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## [American Mock WHO Conference for Global Health Students](#)

**April 5-7 in Chapel Hill, NC**

The American Mock World Health Organization will hold the 2024 AMWHO International Conference April 5-7 in Chapel Hill, NC.

This year's conference centers on the theme of "Rectifying Historical and Contemporary Discriminations And Oppressions Undermining Global Health."

For students interested in global health policy through the World Health Organization, the conference will provide crucial opportunities to grow and practice their research, communication, and diplomacy skills while networking with public health students from across the country.

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## **WomenLift Health Global Conference 2024**

## [Register for WomenLift Health Global Conference](#)

**April 6-8 in Tanzania**

The [WomenLift Health Global Conference 2024](#) will be held April 6-8 in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, with the theme "Reimagining Leadership: New Approaches to New Challenges."

Recognizing the necessity of inclusive leadership for a robust global health system, the conference aims to foster honest conversations, actionable insights, and empower today's health leaders to share power with women from diverse backgrounds. The event seeks to engage a broad and diverse audience, amplify new voices, and facilitate context-specific discussions while maintaining a global sense of community, learning, and passion.

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## **Funding Opportunities**



## [Mosaic's Carman International Fellowship: Tanzania](#)

**Deadline: May 1**

The Carman International Fellowship has opened applications for its 13-month fellowship to work with Mosaic International, a healthcare organization serving people with diverse needs, and Building a Caring Community in Tanzania.

Building a Caring Community works with 220 children and young adults with intellectual disabilities, who receive support in one of the 11 day centers in Moshi or through home visits by outreach workers.

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