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## UMB GLOBAL NEWSLETTER

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## UMB Global News

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### Two New Globally-Focused Degrees at UMB Graduate School for Fall 2021

#### **MS and Certificate in Vulnerability and Violence Reduction**

This unique [30-credit MS](#) and [12-credit certificate](#) program is taught in conjunction with the internationally-renowned Center for Trust, Peace, and Social Relations at Coventry University in England.

Faculty with experience in community organizing, public health, criminology, and dispute resolution in multiple settings will provide critical approaches to understanding the evolution of violence, how the exposure and exploitation of vulnerabilities can lead to violence, and an expanded range of solutions to address violence. This program will prepare students from diverse personal and professional backgrounds to organize, lead, and support effective violence and vulnerability reduction initiatives in their own communities.

UMB staff can use the [Tuition Remission](#) benefit to participate in the course.

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## Certificate in Global Health Innovation (10 weeks in Costa Rica)

This unique [12-credit graduate certificate](#) offers students an opportunity to learn about global health and health care innovation in Costa Rica, a country recognized as a global leader in translating good ideas into positive health outcomes – especially in the areas of biotechnology and health care delivery.



The program will be delivered during a 10-week learning experience in Costa Rica and consists of courses in Intercultural Communication and Conflict Resolution; Global Health and Social Innovation; Innovations for Universal Health Care; Urban Health and Social Innovation; and a final practicum with an NGO, all of which are taught by bilingual Costa Rican faculty from the InterAmerican Center for Global Health (CISG).

The certificate will prepare students from diverse personal and professional backgrounds to organize, lead, and support effective global health practice initiatives across the world.

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## UMB Global Profiles

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### SOM Surgeon Works to Build Local Expertise in Guyana

Rodney Taylor, MD, MSPH has always had a passion for two things in life: travel and health care.

And through his work with Maryland ENT Abroad, he's found a way to merge his two passions.

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## CGE News & Events

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### Nursing Professor Authors WHO Roadmap on Newborn Care

Nancy Bolan, PhD, MPH, FNP, CNM, Assistant Professor and Director of the Office of Global Health at the School of Nursing, first-authored "Roadmap on Human Resource Strategies to Improve Newborn



Care in Health Facilities in Low- and Middle-Income Countries" for the World Health Organization.

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## Traveling Internationally? Read New UMB and U.S. Travel Requirements

Faculty, staff and students who plan to travel internationally must now complete the [Essential Travel Request Form](#) in addition to the existing UMB online travel request process.

In addition, the United States is now requiring all arriving air passengers provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test or recovery from COVID-19, starting January 26. Read more about the [new requirement on the CDC website](#).

[Essential Travel Request Form](#)



## J-1 Scholar Orientation

**February 17 at noon**  
**March 10 at noon**

At the virtual J-1 Scholar Orientation, staff with UMB's Office of International Services will review the rules for maintaining J-1 Scholar status and review topics about getting to know the UMB campus. Once you register, you will be sent the Zoom link.

[Register Today](#)

## H-1B Orientation

**March 2 at 1 p.m.**

At the virtual H-1B Orientation, staff with UMB's Office of International Services will provide information on



immigration regulations pertinent to H-1B employees of UMB. Information on social security cards and driver's licenses will also be discussed. Once you register, you will be sent the Zoom link.

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## Spots Still Available: UMB Students Register for New Virtual Elective on the Twin Pandemics of COVID-19 and Systemic Racism

The COVID-19 pandemic has disproportionately affected groups that have long suffered from systemic health and social inequalities.

"Practice, Programming, and Policy in the Face of Twin Pandemics: COVID19 and Racial/Ethnic Inequity" is an international, interprofessional elective that brings together a cohort of students from UMB and University of Haifa (Israel) to explore social justice implications to identify hurdles and opportunities for promoting social justice across disciplines, cultures, and social systems; and share global knowledge that can inform their future practice.

Synchronous course meetings, most with students from both universities, will take place virtually from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. on six Mondays: February 22; March 1, 8, 22; and April 4, 11 as well as the Monday-Thursday of Spring break, March 15-18 with asynchronous class work to be completed by UH/UMB partners between meetings.

Please contact [csdaimah@ssw.umaryland](mailto:csdaimah@ssw.umaryland) for any questions and to learn how to register.

More Information

## External Global Events & Opportunities



Check out the 30 CUGH Global Health Learning Sessions – All FREE

March 1-11

For 11 days before the CUGH Virtual Conference, CUGH will offer 30 pre-conference satellite sessions, most of which are free to attend. Separate registration for each session is required.

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## Virtual Conference: Global Citizen Forum

**March 3-5**

Drake University and the University of KwaZulu-Natal in South Africa are hosting a virtual global conference on equity and inclusion in higher education March 3-5.

Institutions of Higher Education face diversity, equity, and inclusion issues globally with unique challenges and creative solutions. The 2021 Global Citizen Forum will bring together educators, students, policy makers, and citizens from around the world to explore the struggles, strategies, and solutions for creating a more equitable and inclusive higher education field.

This conference will take place entirely online, and registration is required via Eventbrite. The cost to attend the virtual conference is \$50 and all undergraduate and graduate students from any institution are eligible for free entry and should select the "Student" ticket type when registering.

[Learn More](#)

## UMB Events



### Speaker Series: "How to Be an Anti-Racist" with Ibram X. Kendi, PhD, MA

**February 17 at 11 a.m.**

The next UMB President's Panel on Politics and Policy – a speaker series examining issues important to the UMB community – will feature author, historian, and anti-racist scholar Ibram X. Kendi.

Kendi is one of America's foremost historians and leading anti-racist scholars as well as a National Book Award-winning and best-selling author. The Andrew W. Mellon Professor in the Humanities at Boston University, he is the founding director of its Center for Antiracist Research.

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## Soundbath Meditation with a Singapore DJ

**February 18 at 8 p.m.**

Reflect and meditate as you "bathe" in the soothing soundwaves produced by the human voice and Tibetan singing bowls. Bring your favorite yoga mat or blanket and let the sounds of

Tibetan singing bowls carry you away into a deep meditative state until you reawaken fully rejuvenated.

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## We Are Not Ovary-acting!

**March 9 at 6 p.m.**

Help create more awareness for Menstrual Justice. Join SGAC and ISWO for a discussion with guest speakers Dr. Margaret Johnson and Madhu Kushwaha.

Explore more on the topic with "[Menstrual Health: Upacking Rights, Dignity and Agency](#)" and "[Menstrual Health of India.](#)"

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## COVID-19 Resources

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### UMB's COVID-19 Resources

For the latest information and resources on COVID-19 at UMB, check out the university's [FAQs](#) and [community guidance](#).

[UMB COVID-19 Info](#)



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