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UM Carey Law Students Granted Audience with Malawi Supreme Court Justices

A group of students from the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law, accompanied by Professors William Piermattei and Peter Danchin, embarked on a [transformative trip to Malawi](#). The May trip was part of the Environmental Justice, Human Rights, and Public Health course that took place in the Fall of 2023, a collaboration between Maryland Carey Law and the University of Malawi. This course allows students to explore the intersection of environmental justice, human rights, and public health through international and comparative legal lenses.

This trip not only offered a unique educational experience but also strengthened the partnership between the two institutions. As part of their itinerary, the group engaged in various activities, each contributing to a deeper understanding of Malawian culture, legal systems, and environmental challenges.



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Students: Interested in Global Opportunities on Campus?

September 6 from 4 - 6:30 p.m. in the SMC Campus Center

Join the Center of Global Engagement for our annual Global Kick-Off to start your year learning about global opportunities and connecting with fellow students, scholars, faculty, and staff who have a global interest.

We'll have a global resources fair at the beginning, followed by globally-themed trivia, games, and food to help you connect with the UMB global community. If you have a global course or program and would like space at the resource fair, please complete [the survey](#).

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Pharmacy Student Exchange Connects Students in Baltimore and Lasaka

As part of a rotational exchange program, two fourth-year School of Pharmacy students completed an advanced pharmacy practice experience at the University Teaching Hospital in Lusaka, Zambia. The students spent a month

learning about multiple aspects of hospital-based pharmacy in Zambia and contributed to a research project characterizing antibiotic utilization in the inpatient wards.

Subsequently, the Head of the Department of Pharmacy from the University of Zambia School of Health Sciences and two Masters of Clinical Pharmacy students traveled from Lusaka to Baltimore where they completed a month-long rotation and gained exposure to community, ambulatory, and acute care pharmacy practices in the US.

The exchange is part of the Center for International Health, Education, and Biosecurity (Ciheb), an international health, education, and research center founded by the Institute of Human Virology within the University of Maryland, Baltimore's School of Medicine and is partly funded by the [UMB President's Global Impact Fund](#). Read more about the [exchange program](#).



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Interprofessional Gerontology Class Studies Healthy Aging in Japan

This summer, students from across UMB participated in the [Global Health Aging: Gerontology in Japan course](#).

The two-week faculty-led travel experience in Japan was informed by an interdisciplinary gerontological approach integrating visits to and engagement with academic, business, health and medical, policy, and socio-cultural sites. Japan is considered one of the healthiest countries in the world and improvements in public health, advances in medicine, and socio-cultural practices have given Japan the highest life expectancy in the world. This course explores and analyzes 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.

Read the [students' blog posts](#) about the experience to learn more.



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Interprofessional Retreat for Students Focused on Decolonizing Global Health



Global Health Reimagined: Pathways to Decolonization was a transformative global health retreat held this summer.

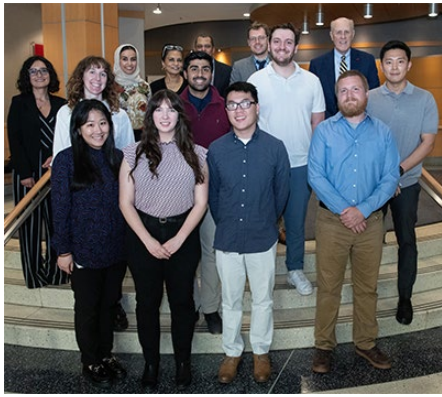
Facilitated by Dr. Shailvi Gupta (SOM), Dr. Elias Snyder (SON), and Dr. Carlos Faerron Guzmán (GS), this immersive experience offered UMB students the opportunity to engage with UMB Global Health leaders through discussions, workshops, and collaborative projects, critically examining frameworks and exploring innovative approaches challenging dominant models.

The goal was to cultivate an inclusive environment for exchanging ideas, challenging assumptions, and co-creating solutions prioritizing local contexts, cultural nuances, and community-driven initiatives, empowering participants as agents of change.



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International Students Shine in Entrepreneurship Program



The President's Entrepreneurial Fellowship encourages innovation and discovery, peeling back the curtain on biotech entrepreneurship and giving students an up-close look at working in biotech startup companies.

Each year, the UM Ventures Baltimore team selects a small cohort of students and partners them with real-world startup companies that are commercializing UMB technologies. Through this hands-on experience, the students develop a unique perspective on advancing early-stage business ventures, learn about career paths they may not have known about or considered, and build a strong network that can support them throughout their academic career and after graduation.

This year's cohort included two international students: Areej Alfaifi, School of Dentistry and Min Ji Suh, School of Pharmacy and Maryland Carey Law.

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UMB Seed Funding Program Leads to Health Systems Strengthening in The Gambia

Building on a project funded by [UMB's President's Global Impact Fund](#), Drs. Melissa McDiarmid and Joanna Gaitens from the School of Medicine's Division of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, have created a long-time collaboration in The Gambia.

Since 2014, they've partnered with the University of The Gambia and the Gambian Ministry of Health to strengthen the Gambian health systems through preventive measures to protect health workers. These preventive efforts have included delivering a series of multi-day workshops, drafting a national health and safety policy for health worker protection, and establishing standard operating procedures for implementation of the policy.

Read their most recent article about the collaboration.

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UMB Global Events



J-1 Scholar Post-Arrival Orientation

Aug. 14 at 11 a.m. in the SMC Campus Center Room 203

Join the Office of International Services to review the rules for maintaining J-1 Scholar status, and go over some topics about getting to know the UMB campus. J-1 scholars are required to attend the in-person J-1 Post-Arrival Orientation.

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J-1 Scholar Pre-Arrival Orientation

Aug. 28 at 11 a.m. online

Join the Office of International Services for information about applying for the J-1 visa; arriving at UMB; estimated cost of living in Baltimore; housing, transportation, and banking options; and health insurance requirements. Once you register for this event, you will be emailed the Zoom link.

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External Events & Opportunities

CUGH Accepting Submissions for Annual in Global Health Conference

February 20 - 23, 2025



CUGH 2025 *Atlanta*

CUGH is now accepting panels, abstracts, and pre-conference workshop submissions for its annual conference, "Innovating and Implementing in Global Health for a Sustainable Future" in Atlanta Feb. 20-23.

- [Abstract](#) submission deadline Aug. 31
- [Pre-conference workshop proposal](#) submission deadline Sept. 30

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