Conference Breakout Sessions

Session 1: Fighting Famine in Africa & Malnutrition in Our Own Community

The current drought and famine in East Africa have endangered the lives of over 10 million people. And, in our own community, hunger affects an estimated one in eight people in the St. Louis area. This session will explore the significant public health issues of famine, hunger and malnutrition seen in developing countries and in the St. Louis area. The panelists will address the emerging solutions and challenges to address these issues of famine and under nutrition.

Panelists

- Claude Fauquet, PhD, ILTAB director, Donald Danforth Plant Science Center
- Frank Finnegan, president and CEO, St. Louis Foodbank
- Lora Iannotti, PhD, assistant professor, Brown School of Social Work, Washington University (moderator)
- Ralph Quatrano, PhD, dean, School of Engineering, Washington University

Session 2: Local & Global Health Initiatives: Lessons learned and shared

Many of the world’s most significant health problems transcend national borders. This session will explore how some of the most challenging public health issues of tobacco use, communicable diseases, health care access and infant mortality are being effectively addressed in one area of the globe. The panelists will share how many of these solutions can be applied to other communities.

Panelists

- Mark Clanton, MD, chief medical officer, American Cancer Society
- Robert Freund, Jr., MHA, MBA, chief operating officer, St. Louis Regional Health Commission
- Richard Knaup, manager, Communicable Diseases Services, St. Louis County Health Department
- Rick Majzun, vice president, St. Louis Children’s Hospital

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Session 3: Our Newest Neighbors: Meeting the Needs of St. Louis’ Increasingly Diverse Population

Newly arrived immigrants—especially refugees who have fled or been forced out of their home countries due to violence—often have difficulty accessing health care services, including preventive medicine and screenings for health conditions such as breast cancer. St. Louis is home to thousands of immigrants and refugees who face significant challenges to obtaining quality care and preventive services. This panel will explore the complex socio-cultural issues that impact the growing immigrant population in St. Louis and how health care professional are addressing these challenges.

Panelists

• Suzanne LeLaurin, MSW, LCSW, senior vice president, International Institute of St. Louis
• Kristin Bulin, MSW, executive director, Center for Survivors of Torture and War Trauma
• Eva Enoch, coordinator, Barnes Jewish Hospital Refugee Health and Interpreter Services
• Edina Karahodzic, MD, family practice physician
• Katherine Mathews, MD, MPH, director of clinical services, Casa de Salud (moderator)