Dear colleagues,

It is with great pleasure that the Women in Global Health-Midwest Chapter is sharing with you this booklet, to celebrate the achievements and contributions of women leaders in Global Health from our region.

Women in Global Health is an international organization established in 2015 with the goal to achieve Gender Equality in Global Health Leadership. Our chapter in the Midwest Region was founded in December of 2018, at the margins of the Midwest Universities for Global Health. It has grown to have more than 100 members, and we are looking forward to continued growth and new initiatives. If you are interested in joining us, please use the QR code at the bottom of this page to access the membership form.

The nominees featured in the booklet have been nominated by a colleague, employer or employee, to recognize their contribution to Global Health, and we know that there may be colleagues whom were missed, and we looking forward to celebrating their achievements in the near future.

Caline S. Mattar, MD

WGH-Midwest Chapter founder
Araceli Alonso, PhD, RN, MA, MS
Director of the University of Wisconsin UNESCO Chair on Gender, Wellbeing and the Culture of Peace

Dr. Alonso is the Director of the University of Wisconsin-Madison UNESCO Chair on Gender, Wellbeing and Culture of Peace. She is a faculty member at the School of Medicine and Public Health and a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Gender and Women's Studies. Dr. Alonso is also the Founder and Director of Health by All Means (HbAM), a Global Health initiative, that provides a cultural and geographical sensitive model of integral health promotion and disease prevention for women and girls living in remote and isolated communities around the world. For her work with women’s health and women’s rights in rural Kenya, Dr. Alonso received two of the world most prestigious awards—the United Nations Public Service Award and the Jefferson Award for Public Service. Dr. Alonso is also the Director of Women’s Health and Social Issues for Women’s Knowledge International (WKI), an organization based in Spain and anchored at the Foundation for a Culture of Peace directed by former UNESCO President. Dr. Alonso has worked on Human Trafficking issues and to end the sexual exploitation of women and girls for the last fifteen years in the United States, Spain, Morocco, Cuba, Uganda and Kenya. She is currently the Director of Gender, Health and Clinical Practice of the 4W-UW-Madison initiative STREETS (Social Transformation to end the Sexual Exploitation of Women and Children). Alonso’s research expertise is on women’s global health and human rights. In 2015 Alonso was named one of the 100 most influential women world leaders in global health.

Kirsten M. M. Beyer, PhD, MPH, MS
Associate Professor and Associate Director

Dr. Beyer is an Associate Professor of Epidemiology, Associate Co-Director of Global Health Pathway, and Associate Director of PhD Program in Public & Community Health at Medical College of Wisconsin. Her work focuses on the intersection of health, place, and social justice. Her research passion is to identify environmental and systematic causes of health disparities, and to apply a translational research framework, including community engaged research, to move research findings into program and policy interventions to close the gaps. While her interest in social justice has early roots, her specialization in geography and public health stems from her undergraduate focus on international studies, her work in the nonprofit sector after college, and her graduate work in global health, geospatial analysis, and health disparities. Dr. Beyer’s research focuses on the impacts of neighborhood environmental characteristics such as residential racial segregation and green space on cancer outcomes, particularly through pathways that include stress, time spent outdoors, social interaction, and food and physical activity behaviors. Dr. Beyer’s collaborative work in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Uganda includes disease mapping, social and spatial epidemiology, and mixed methods approaches that aim to identify spatial patterns of disease and injury and understand the complex human-environment processes that create them. Her goal is to conduct research that leads to the development of community-based interventions and policies to reduce health disparities. She is also an External Examiner at the Makerere University School of Public Health in Kampala, Uganda.

Amy Blair, M.D.
Assistant Dean for Clinical Transformation and Family Medicine Physician

Dr. Amy Blair received her undergraduate degree through the University of Iowa in Biochemistry, Spanish, and Global Health and then completed medical school at Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine. After completing her residency in Family Medicine at the University of Michigan, she returned to Loyola to serve as faculty. Dr. Blair co-founded the Center for Community & Global Health at the Stritch School of Medicine in 2008. Since then, over 80 medical students have graduated from the Community & Global Health Honors and Scholars program. She has been responsible for designing and implementing a 4-year curriculum that involves field experience, community engagement, and didactic sessions. As the Assistant Dean for Clinical Transformation, she oversees 4th year medical students’ electives. As a practitioner and community advocate committed to the health of her diverse patients, Dr. Blair co-designed the “Sanctuary Doctoring” toolkit. Recently featured in the New York Times, this resource helps the healthcare community advocate for their undocumented patients and their families. Dr. Blair has been a visiting professor and volunteer faculty in local and international underserved settings. She has field experiences in Central America and the Caribbean, South America, and Southern Africa. She has been an inspiration to many students and young faculty, and was most recently awarded the Jack MacCarthy Service in Medicine Award.
Alexis N. Bowder, MD
Paul Farmer Global Surgery Research Fellow and General Surgery Resident

Dr. Bowder is a general surgery resident at the Medical College of Wisconsin currently pursuing a Master’s in Public Health in Clinical Effectiveness at Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health. She is also a Paul Farmer Global Surgery Research Fellow. Throughout her career Alexis has worked in 8 countries but has focused most of her global health efforts in Haiti. Alexis joined the surgical team at St. Boniface Hospital four years ago. Previously, she spent one year at Hôpital Universitaire de Mirebala in Mirebalais, Haiti. There, Alexis served as a surgical research associate and radiology coordinator for Partners in Health. In addition to completing her clinical and educational duties as a surgery resident, she has found time to create and lead the surgical research group at St. Boniface Hospital, coordinating a group of ten Haitian and American investigators at all stages of medical training. Alexis has an aptitude for leading research and managing complex projects in challenging settings. Prior to her arrival, St. Boniface Hospital had no sustained research program. Alexis has now developed and spearheaded multiple inquiries describing the work of our team in building surgical capacity in southern Haiti, as well as PIH’s work in central Haiti. These efforts have enabled several members of our Haitian staff to make their first presentations at academic research conferences. In addition, by strengthening our local surgical research capacity she continues to help Haitian physicians design projects that can improve patient outcomes.

Sabrina Butteris, MD
Director of the Pediatric Global Health Track

Dr. Butteris is the director of the Pediatric Global Health Track in the School of Medicine and Public Health at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She is a pediatric hospitalist with University of Wisconsin Health and the American Family Children’s Hospital, whose work within global health focuses on curriculum development and education in the U.S. and abroad, strengthening of health systems via training of health care professionals, the use of simulation in resource-limited settings, culture shock and communication, and partnership development. Butteris coordinates the UW Department of Pediatrics partnership with Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia (a partnership aimed at strengthening pediatric emergency and trauma care in Ethiopia). Additionally, she oversees the UW Graduate Medical Education global health elective process. Butteris earned her medical degree from the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee and completed her residency at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

Stacey Chamberlain, MD, MPH
Director of Academic Programs

Dr. Chamberlain is the Director of Academic Programs at the University of Illinois at Chicago Center for Global Health. In this role, Dr. Chamberlain works to develop and implement global health educational opportunities for health professionals including undergraduate and graduate students, resident physicians, and fellows. In response to student demand and to address the need for global health professionals, Dr. Chamberlain co-created a Global Medicine (GMED) Program for medical students in 2012. She now serves as the GMED Director and has been instrumental in making curricular changes that address global health competencies and support students in mentored scholarly capstone projects. Dr. Chamberlain is an emergency physician at University of Illinois Hospital and also serves as the Director of the International Emergency Medicine and Global Health Fellowship Program. She took on this role in 2015 to help train global emergency physicians and also started a global health track for resident physicians focused on a multi-disciplinary skills-building curriculum. Additionally, Dr. Chamberlain independently created and implemented a global health service learning course for undergraduate students that partners student teams with community organizations to apply global health concepts in the local context. Dr. Chamberlain has done clinical, educational, public-health, disaster-response, and emergency medicine development work, including working with several globally-focused NGOs, spanning five continents. In addition to her focus on global health education, her global health work focuses on capacity building in emergency care in Uganda where she works with Global Emergency Care, a non-profit organization she co-founded. With this organization and numerous Ugandan partners, she helped create an emergency nurse practitioner training program to train front line providers in acute and emergency care.
Mary Crave, PhD
4W Director of Youth and Women in International Agriculture and Food Security

Dr. Crave has worked in extension and outreach programs for 40 years at the community, state, national, and international levels. For the past 25 years she has worked in more than 20 African, Caribbean, and Latin American countries with programs that address food security, gender in agriculture, leadership development for youth, and girls’ education. She currently works in Ghana on extension education and menstrual hygiene management projects and leads study abroad courses for global health certificate students. As a trainer and evaluator, she focuses on participatory methods that engage traditionally marginalized persons in community programs and has developed several training curricula that are used around the world. She has also contributed to secondary and higher education textbooks and facilitated workshops for the American Evaluation Association (AEA). Dr. Crave has also been a leader in the international units of AEA and the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) and has received awards from the US Department of Agriculture Foreign Agricultural Service, AAFCS, the University of Wisconsin-Extension, and other professional associations.

Lori DiPrete Brown, MSPH, MTS
Associate Director for Education and Engagement, and 4W Director

DiPrete Brown focuses her scholarship and practice on global health, particularly the health and well-being of women and children in highly vulnerable situations around the world. She is an Associate Director of the UW-Madison Global Health Institute, where she has been an architect of education programs and has developed and facilitated internships and service-learning programs in local settings and around the world. DiPrete Brown is the lead author and editor of Foundations for Global Health Practice, a text that articulates a broad vision of global health that goes beyond health care systems, to include topics such as human rights, global mental health, water and sanitation, food systems, climate change and urban health. She is also the founding Director of the 4W Women and Well-being Initiative, which has catalyzed a range of innovative programs that address gender-based inequality and injustice. DiPrete Brown collaborated with a range of international organizations to develop quality improvement strategies for health and development programs. She continues this work at UW through the QI Leadership Institute, which has trained over 100 leaders from 17 countries. She has also collaborated on QI research, capacity building, policy development and evaluation in Chile, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Cameroon, India, Nepal, and Malawi.

Larissa G. Duncan, PhD
Child & Family Well-Being Director and Associate Professor

Dr. Duncan is the Elizabeth C. Davies Chair in Child & Family Well-Being and Associate Professor of Human Development and Family Studies in the School of Human Ecology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. She also holds appointments as the Healthy Minds, Children, and Families Specialist with UW-Extension and as an Associate Professor in the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health in the School of Medicine and Public Health. Dr. Duncan is the Faculty Director of the Center for Child and Family Well-Being and a faculty affiliate of the Center for Healthy Minds at UW-Madison. She also directs the AWARE (Awareness, Well-Being, and Resilience for Equity) Research Lab. Dr. Duncan is internationally recognized for her development of a framework to promote and assess mindful parenting as well as her work to bring mindfulness and compassion training to pregnant women, children/adolescents, and families in school, community, and medical contexts. Dr. Duncan employs mixed methods to study the biological and psychological pathways through which contemplative practices may support healthy child and family development as enhancements to other evidence-based strategies for prevention and life course health promotion. She is committed to working to improve the cultural relevance of these approaches to increase their impact in reducing racial/ethnic disparities in child and family well-being and advance health equity. Dr. Duncan has received research funding from the National Institutes of Health (National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health and National Institute on Drug Abuse), as well as private donors and foundations, to support these efforts.
Sarah Ehlinger Affotey, MPhil
Executive Director

Sarah Ehlinger Affotey is the Executive Director of Milwaukee Global Health Consortium (MGHC), joining in September, 2016. MGHC is unique in its inclusion of academic, healthcare, government, and non-governmental sectors in the Metro Milwaukee area. As its Executive Director, Sarah guides member institutions, located in Greater Milwaukee who already share a common geography. The consortium matrix not only minimizes duplication of work and use of resources; it provides a platform for innovative approaches to research, education, and care. Sarah completed her undergraduate degree in geochemistry, studying water and soil pollution as it pertains to sustainable development initiatives in Sierra Leone and Romania. She has received a Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholarship to undertake graduate work at the University of Ghana and graduated with a Master's in Geography and Resource Development in 2013. Over the following year she remained in West Africa writing grants for a sanitation and toxic waste project in Medie, Ghana, and a solar-powered borehole project in Freetown, Sierra Leone. Her research has led to speaking engagements in Turkey, Romania, Sierra Leone, and across the United States. Sarah sits on the Board of Directors of the United Nations Association of Greater Milwaukee.

Ann E. Evensen, MD, FAAFP
Family Medicine Physician and Director of Global Health

Dr. Evensen joined the UW Health Verona faculty in 2007 and was soon after named a Master Teacher by the UW Department of Family Medicine (DFMCH). Dr. Evensen has professional interests in low-risk obstetrics, women’s health, and the intersection of primary and emergency care, including emergency obstetrics. She is the Director of Global Health for the DFMCH. As the inaugural course director and ongoing advisor for the Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics (ALSO®) programs in Ethiopia and India, Dr. Evensen remains a contributing editor and author in emergency obstetrics skills for the GVK Emergency Management and Research Institute’s Manual of Prehospital Emergency Care Protocols. Since 2013, she has been an advisor to the inaugural family medicine residency program at Addis Ababa University School of Medicine in Ethiopia. In 2015, she volunteered at the residency program for seven weeks as a clinical supervisor, instructor, research colleague and mentor. Dr. Evensen’s family subsidized World Organization of Family Doctors (WONCA) membership for 14 Ethiopian family medicine residents who wished to join. Dr. Evensen is also a board member of the AAFP’s Patient Safety and Maternity Care Advisory Board, the AAFP’s Center for Global Health Initiatives Advisory Board and the ALSO India Advisory Board.

Tifany Frazer, MPH
Program Manager, Office of Global Health

Tifany Frazer has served at the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) as Program Manager for the Office of Global Health for nearly 10 years. She has supported global health efforts for hundreds of MCW students, residents, fellows, faculty and staff. Along with Dr. Stephen Hargarten, Associate Dean for Global Health, she helps to develop a sustainable platform of local and international partnerships to support the education, research, clinical, public and community health training of the College’s faculty and trainees. Prior to developing the Office of Global Health, Tiffany served as a program manager in the College’s Department of Pediatrics, Center for the Advancement of Underserved Children where she administered programs in community-based pediatric resident graduate education, clinic-based early literacy promotion and community academic partnerships that addressed pediatric oral health care access, medical/legal collaborations and faith-based emergency preparedness in Milwaukee. Prior to coming to the College, Tiffany worked in three different continents holding international positions with the United States Peace Corps, and United Nations program of UNAIDS, and UNICEF in El Salvador, Peru and Thailand respectively. Tiffany received a master of public health degree in International Health from Tulane University and a Bachelor’s Degree in Community Health Education from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.
Gelila Goba, MD, MPH  
Assistant Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology

Dr. Goba has spent more than 20 years dedicated to improving women’s healthcare in Ethiopia and the United States. She is the Director of the University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) Obstetrics and Gynecology (OB/GYN) Global Women’s Health Fellowship, and a core faculty member of the UIC Center for Global Health. Dr. Goba established The Mela Project, a four-year OB/GYN Residency Program through Mekelle University in Ethiopia. Supported by the Chicago-based IDP Foundation, The Mela Project provides resident education, mentored research and OB/GYN faculty development in Mekelle University with the ultimate goal of establishing an “OB/GYN Center of Excellence” at Mekelle University. Under Dr. Goba’s leadership, The Mela Project is expanding regionally and beyond, to include South Sudan, Uganda, and Somaliland. In 2016, Dr. Goba received the UIC Rising Star Award for Obstetrics & Gynecology, and in 2017, she was named the first recipient of the Martin-Peterson Global Health Scholar Award. Prior to her residency in OB/gyn, Dr. Goba was the Director for “EngenderHealth Ethiopia”, an organization aimed at improving maternal and child health globally and obtained grant and private donor funds to support maternal health and HIV/AIDS efforts in Ethiopia.

Susan Gold, BSN, RN, ACRN  
Field Experience co-leader, Cofounder and Clinician

Susan Gold has over 25 years of experience in the field, currently practicing in the Infectious Disease and Immunology Clinics at University of Wisconsin-Madison Health. Gold began her nursing career working with pediatric oncology patients before moving to the Teenage Clinic where she also began working with the Pediatric Infectious Disease physicians. She has volunteered as a nurse in East Africa since 2003 where she first was placed at the Nyumbani Children’s Home in Kenya. Working with HIV positive children, Gold became aware of a startling lack of knowledge amongst adolescents regarding HIV, reproductive health and prevention of transmission. Gold received a Fulbright Grant in 2007 to evaluate a curriculum on reproductive health for HIV-positive adolescents. Since 2011, she has led global health field courses to Africa, in which students help teach the HIV curriculum. In 2017, Gold was awarded a Mandela Washington Fellowship Reciprocal Exchange Award to collaborate with Sicily Mburu, a Kenyan physician who co-founded AIDS No More. In the same year, she was named “Magnet Nurse of the Year” for Exemplary Professional Practice, by the American Nurses Credentialing Center - one of the top honors a nurse can achieve. Susan is founder and director of Talking Health Out Loud, a curriculum in HIV/AIDS education for youth in African nations offering a practical way to address sensitive topics of critical importance.

Katarina Grande, MPH  
Public Health Supervisor

Katarina is the Maternal and Child Health supervisor at Public Health Madison & Dane County. She utilizes a diverse skill set to approach both local and global public health issues. With an educational background in journalism, ecology, epidemiology, environmental health, and global health, Katarina excels at translating complex scientific concepts into understandable messages. Through recent work at the Minnesota Department of Health, Milwaukee Health Department, USAID SDS Program in Uganda, and CDC-Tanzania, Katarina has developed expertise in the following areas: facilitating interdisciplinary partnerships between public health and other fields; researching systemic and global public health issues using both quantitative and qualitative methods; organizing communicable disease outbreak response efforts; improving internal management practices to promote policy, systems, and environmental changes and utilizing new media to disseminate information.
Valerie Griffin, DNP, PPCNP-BC, FNP-BC, RN
Director of Family Nurse Practitioner Program and Professor

Dr. Griffin is an Assistant Clinical Professor in Family Health and Community Health Nursing, as well as the Director of the Family Nurse Practitioner Program at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE). Her education includes a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree from Maryville University; a Masters in Nursing (MSN) from Vanderbilt University, and a Bachelor Degree in Nursing (BSN) from Saint Louis University. She also holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Illinois. She works in the community as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner. Her clinical areas of expertise include Certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, Certified Family Nurse Practitioner, and Scholarship Activities in Childhood obesity. Dr. Griffin is well known at SIUE and in the School of Nursing as a champion of international service course work. Through her leadership students in the SIUE community are able to earn course credit while contributing to global health abroad in Costa Rica, Haiti, and Guatemala. Students involved in the learning experiences are from all levels of the nursing program, from Bachelor to Doctoral students.

Cynthia Haq, MD
Clinical Professor and Chair of the Department of Family Medicine

In her 28 years as a Professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison's School of Medicine and Public Health (SMPH) Department of Family Medicine and Community Health (DFMCH), and Department of Population Health Sciences, Dr. Haq’s work has resonated with medical students, family medicine residents, patients and colleagues in Madison, across Wisconsin, and around the world. She helped launch the first family medicine residency programs in Pakistan, Uganda, and Ethiopia, and created and directed the Training in Urban Medicine and Public Health (TRIUMPH) program at the SMPH. A lifelong advocate for global health, she was also the founding director of what is now the University of Wisconsin-Madison Global Health Institute. Dr. Haq has devoted her career to promoting health equity and increasing access to primary health care for disadvantaged populations. She has led programs to recruit and train physicians and health professionals to work in health professional shortage areas within the US and in low income nations. She has designed and evaluated programs in Pakistan, Uganda, and Ethiopia, with the World Health Organization and with governmental and non-governmental organizations. Her research includes the design and evaluation of medical education and family medicine programs, preparing physicians for work in low-resource settings, doctor-patient communication, gender equity, social accountability in medical education, integrating clinical medicine and public health, health advocacy and community engagement.

Luxme Hariharan, MD, MPH
Pediatric Ophthalmologist

Hariharan abides by her grandmother’s wisdom, “from those to whom much is given, much is to be expected”. She was born in Hyderabad, India, lived in Nairobi, Kenya and grew up in Madison, WI. She completed her undergraduate degree at the University of Wisconsin Madison majoring in Spanish & Latin American & Caribbean Studies, her medical degree at the University of Wisconsin and a Masters of Public Health from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health with an emphasis on global and child health. She completed at internship in Pediatrics at SUNY Downstate in Brooklyn, NY prior to moving to Philadelphia for residency. Luxme has a passion in international health and policy, and is fluent in Spanish & Tamil and conversational in Hindi & French. She has experience creating tobacco control guidelines with the World Health Organization, and has lobbied for health care legislation in Harrisburg, PA and Washington DC on behalf of the Pennsylvania Academy of Ophthalmology and the American Academy of Ophthalmology, respectively. She has traveled to El Salvador, Niger, India and Argentina to work with the Ministries of Health, NGO’s and UNICEF on childhood blindness prevention programs and policies. Her goal is to advocate for children worldwide and to create effective programs & policies to help prevent avoidable causes of childhood blindness both locally and abroad.
Jean Hunleth, PhD, MPH
Instructor in Surgery, Division of Public Health Sciences

Dr. Hunleth is a medical anthropologist with public health training and has professional experience working in global health at Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine. Her research focuses on the experience of caregiving and treatment seeking for infectious and chronic diseases in Africa (most specifically, Zambia) and in the United States. She is especially interested in children’s experiences of and responses to illness, medicine, and health programming. Her work demonstrates that identifying children’s actions and perspectives facilitates the design of more appropriate and family-centered health interventions for children and adults. Hunleth’s approach to research is creative and rigorous. She uses ethnographic and qualitative interview and observational methods as well as participatory techniques such as drawing, role playing, and photography. Her aim is to reduce disparities and improve health care delivery through focusing on the practical knowledge and lived experience of people typically left out of health programming and policy decisions.

Lora Iannotti, PhD, MA
Associate Dean, Professor and Researcher

Dr. Iannotti received her doctorate from the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, and a Master of Arts degree in Foreign Affairs from the University of Virginia. Prior to pursuing her PhD, she worked for over ten years with UN agencies and non-governmental organizations on nutrition and food security programming and policy. She serves on public health advisory and journal editorial boards and consults with WHO, International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), among other international organizations. Currently, Dr. Iannotti serves as the Associate Dean for Public Health, leading the MPH program at the Brown School of Washington University in St. Louis. She has expertise in maternal and young child nutrition and nutrient deficiencies (zinc, iron, vitamin A, B12, choline, and fatty acids) related to poverty and infectious diseases. She applies epidemiological methods to investigate interventions aimed at reducing stunted growth and development. Iannotti leads projects in Haiti, Ecuador, and East Africa where she collaborates with local partners to test innovative, transdisciplinary approaches using animal source foods and small livestock and fisheries development. She is founder and director of the E3 Nutrition Lab, working to identify economically affordable, environmentally sustainable, and evolutionarily appropriate nutrition solutions globally.

Juliet Iwelunmor, PhD
Associate Professor and Researcher

Dr. Iwelunmor is the Associate Professor of Behavioral Science and Health Education College for Public Health and Social Justice at Saint Louis University. She received her doctoral degree in Bio-Behavioral Health with a minor in Demography from Penn State University. She is a global health scientist who conducts research in the areas of implementation science, sustainability, and social innovations for health. Her current research focuses on the role social innovations and social entrepreneurship can play with fostering sustainable health programs that enhance the health and well-being of young people in low and middle income countries. Dr. Iwelunmor has ongoing community-based projects, including an annual Youth Health Fair in Nigeria; a task-strengthening project in Ghana to train community health workers in evidence-based hypertension interventions; an adolescent sexual health and empowerment program in Nigeria; and community-based social innovations focused on access to low-cost, point-of care health services to people in low and middle income countries.
Nancy Kendall, Ph.D.
Chair, Professor of Educational Policy Studies and Faculty Director

Dr. Kendall is professor of educational policy studies. Her research examines the consequences of national and international policies and funding streams directed at improving marginalized children's, communities' and states' wellbeing. Research projects have examined Education for All, political democratization and educational governance, structural adjustment and education, US higher education, sexuality and HIV/AIDS education, and gender and schooling. Kendall has conducted extended research in Malawi, Mozambique, and the U.S., and has conducted short-term research in Colombia, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, and Zimbabwe. Kendall was a 2009 National Academy of Education/Spencer Foundation postdoctoral fellow, and has received research support from the Fulbright Foundation, Social Science Research Council, TAG Philanthropic Foundation, Wenner-Gren Foundation, WT Grant Foundation, and Lumina Foundation, among others. She is the author of The Sex Education Debates (University of Chicago Press, 2012), and has published in journals including Compare, Comparative Education Review, Current Issues in Comparative Education, Educational Assessment Evaluation and Accountability, International Journal of Educational Development, and Sexuality Research and Social Policy. Kendall is Chair of Educational Policy Studies and Director of the African Studies Program and Development Studies Program. She is also affiliated with the Department of Gender and Women's Studies and Global Health Institute at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Sarah Leineweber, MS
Global Health Pathway Coordinator

Sarah Leineweber joined the Medical College of Wisconsin in June 2016 as an Educational Coordinator for the Scholarly Pathways Program which is part of the Curriculum Department. She facilitates and manages four of the eight Pathway courses which include; Global Health, Health Systems Management & Policy, Molecular & Cellular Research and Urban & Community Health Pathways. Within this role, she is a constant destination of support for the approximately 280 students, comprised of medical and pharmacy students, enrolled in these Pathways each year. Sarah has a Bachelor of Arts in Journalism & Mass Communication from the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee. While in Denver, Colorado she worked at a private international study abroad provider assisting students through the study abroad process within the countries of Australia, New Zealand and Fiji. She also worked as a Career Advisor at The Art Institute of Colorado, assisting and supporting Media and Design students and graduates through their career preparation and job search process. After moving back home to Wisconsin, she joined her sister's company as a line therapist working with children on the Autism Spectrum. Sarah then joined The Art Institute of Wisconsin as their Career Advisor and worked with Media, Design, Fashion and Culinary students and graduates.

Jessica Levy, PhD, MPH
Associate Professor and Cofounder of the Minga Foundation

Dr. Levy’s is an Associate Professor of Practice at the Brown School of Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. Her research focuses on the intersection between gender, poverty, and global maternal and child health. She aims to identify culturally appropriate interventions that promote gender equality and improve reproductive health and development outcomes. Levy is also a faculty scholar at the Institute for Public Health and a member of the School’s Global Advisory Committee. Levy has worked in underserved communities in the United States, Latin America, sub-Saharan Africa and the Middle East. She has provided research support and technical guidance as a consultant for multilateral and bilateral governmental and non-governmental agencies, including large private organizations such as the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Levy is also the senior reproductive health associate with Iris Group, a consulting firm working to enhance the inclusion of groups marginalized by gender, sexual orientation, economic status and/or race/ethnicity. She also co-founded and sits on the board of the Minga Foundation, a non-governmental organization that partners with community-based organizations to improve socioeconomic conditions and health equity among vulnerable populations.
Caline Mattar, MD  
Founder of WGH Midwest and Associate Professor of Medicine

Dr. Mattar is an infectious disease specialist at Washington University in St. Louis (WUSTL), Missouri. She received her medical degree from American University of Beirut, Lebanon. Dr. Mattar is interested in antimicrobial resistance and the prevention of hospital-acquired infections in resource-limited settings. She has collaborated with the World Health Organization (WHO) Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Secretariat, and has served on WHO Expert Groups on the Education of the Health workforce and behavior change for AMR. Dr. Mattar currently chairs the Expert Advisory Group for the Global Antimicrobial Resistance Research and Development Hub based in Berlin, Germany. She also has a specific interest in global health policy and governance. She has previously served in many leadership positions in international organizations such as the International Federation for Medical Students Associations and more recently, the World Medical Association as the immediate past Chair of the Junior Doctors Network and their advocacy lead on AMR and Health Workforce. She is involved in teaching Global Health at the undergraduate level and directs the Global Health Pathway for Internal Medicine Residents and Global Health Track for Infectious Diseases fellows, and serves as an Associate Program Director for Internal Medicine at WUSTL.

Mary McKay, Ph.D.  
Neidorff Family and Centene Corporation Dean

Dr. McKay is the Dean of the Brown School at Washington University in St. Louis. Her academic experience connects deeply to both social work and public health, and she has received substantial federal funding for research focused on meeting the mental health and health prevention needs of youth and families impacted by poverty. She also has significant expertise in child mental health services and implementation research methods, as well as over 20 years of experience conducting HIV prevention and care-oriented studies, supported by the National Institutes of Health. She has authored more than 150 publications on mental and behavioral health, HIV/AIDS prevention and urban poverty, and more. Prior to joining the Brown School, Dean McKay was the McSilver Professor of Social Work and the inaugural director of the McSilver Institute for Poverty Policy and Research at New York University's Silver School of Social Work. She previously served as the head of the Division of Mental Health Services Research at Mount Sinai School of Medicine. Her prior academic appointments include Columbia University and University of Illinois at Chicago.

Maria Moreno, PhD  
Associate for Experiential Education

Dr. Moreno is an outreach specialist, who teaches in diverse settings across the educational spectrum at UW-Madison. Based in the Department Planning and Landscape Architecture, she has led multi-cultural outreach for Earth Partnership since 2012. She also serves as the Associate for Experiential Education for the Global Health Institute. Maria designs and facilitates curricular materials and leads outreach programs. She provides professional development for school teachers, college students and community educators locally and internationally through workshops on environmental education. She develops and facilitates internships and service-learning programs in local settings and globally. She leads Earth Partnership Global Initiatives in Mexico, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic, Ecuador and Puerto Rico. She holds a PhD in Cultural Anthropology from the UW-Madison and teaches in the Department of Planning and Landscape Architecture and College of Agricultural and Life Sciences.
Indira Mysorekar, PhD
James P. Crane Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology

Dr. Mysorekar is the director for the Center for Reproductive Health Sciences at the Washington University School of Medicine. She was recruited as a tenure track faculty to the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology where she has established her own laboratory and is continuing her work on mechanisms of epithelial renewal in the normal and diseased urinary bladder. Her research work encompasses studies of acute and recurrent UTIs to fundamental mechanisms of urinary bladder development and homeostasis. She is the recipient of multiple awards and fellowships including the prestigious 5 year Pathway to Independence (K99/R00) award from the National Institutes of Health. She holds an investigator award in reproductive Sciences at the Burroughs Wellcome Fund. She also received the Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award from the National Cancer Institute, the Infectious Disease Scholars Program Postdoctoral Fellowship award and the Academic Women’s Network Leadership Award for Outstanding Student from Washington University School of Medicine.

Debra Olson, DNP, MPH
Professor Emerita, Division of Environmental Health Sciences

Dr. Olson was the Executive Director 2013-16 of the Center for Global Health and Social Responsibility facilitating global engagement across the University of Minnesota Academic Health Center. She also served as the Associate Dean for Global Health at the School of Public Health. Responsible for developing strategic partnerships and learning opportunities for interdisciplinary health professional students and the public health practice community, her years of experience in the practice of public health and an extensive background in the delivery of academic and professional education allows for leadership both in the global community and the University. Dr. Olson engages University partners with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN, addressing global food security issues affecting the almost 190 member countries of the FAO. As an occupational and environmental health specialist, Dr. Olson served as the inaugural chair of a major in Public Health Practice in the School of Public Health providing dual degree options for veterinary, medical, pharmacy and dental students who wish to integrate population science into their clinical careers and public health certificates for working professionals who wish a credential in public health.

Nasreen Quadri, MD
Global Medicine Chief Resident

Dr. Quadri is currently a Global Medicine Chief Resident at the University of Minnesota, who will be spending 5 months of this academic year in Arusha, Tanzania partnering with a local medical system in a teaching capacity after spending 2 months at the same site as a resident learning about the system. She is interested in migration as a social determinant of health with experience working with newly arrived refugees to Minnesota in the clinic setting. She is passionate about primary care with involvement in recent projects looking at diabetes screening and mental health screening in newly arrived refugees. Dr. Quadri also hopes to play a role in health equity by focusing on diversity and inclusion at the medical school with involvement in the admissions committee for the University of Minnesota Medical School. She also works with the Minnesota Doctors for Health Equity and the Campaign Against Racism through University of Minnesota-International Organization for Migration partnership, to better connect the pre-departure and post-arrival process for refuges.
Mackenzie Robinson, MPH
Research Manager

Mackenzie is a Research Manager at the Brown School at Washington University in St. Louis. In her role, she supports Dr. Lindsay Stark, DrPH with various studies and working with people from conflict-affected areas across the globe. She manages the Salama project, a study of Arabic-speaking adolescents from conflict-affected areas in the Middle East and North Africa region who have resettled in the US, Canada, and the UK. She is a recent MPH graduate from the Brown School who specialized in epidemiology/biostatistics and global health. During her time at Brown, she served as a Masters Research Fellow in Dissemination and Implementation Science with the Prevention Research Center in St. Louis with Ross Brownson and Renee Parks. During the summer of 2018, she also served as a reproductive, maternal, and newborn health research fellow with the Centre for Infectious Diseases Research in Zambia to evaluate new technologies for HIV testing and interventions to reduce adverse perinatal outcomes among low-income populations. Prior to starting her MPH, she worked for 4 years in Kenya and Tanzania on various health and education programs with an international non-profit organization, Good Neighbors International.

Deborah Salvo, PhD
Assistant Professor and Physical Activity Researcher

Dr. Salvo earned her PhD in Biomedical Sciences (Nutrition and Health Sciences, Epidemiology and Public Health track) from Emory University in 2013, and served as the Co-Principal Investigator for the IPEN study in Mexico (IPEN: International Physical Activity Environment Network). She currently serves as faculty at the Brown School at Washington University in St. Louis. Dr. Salvo works to understand the context-specific relationships between the built environment and health; documenting and improving geospatial health disparities; and using and improving objective measures to quantify obesity-related behaviors (physical activity, diet) and relevant geospatial exposures (social and built environment) using GIS, accelerometry, GPS, geostatistical approaches, and other new technologies. She is an active member of a global network of researchers working jointly to advance the understanding of the relation between the features of urban environments and obesity-related behaviors. She is committed to advancing this field of study globally, with particular emphasis in Latin America. Salvo is also an adjunct researcher and faculty member at the Nutrition and Health Research Center at the National Institute of Public Health of Mexico.

Joyce L. Sanchez, MD, FACP
Assistant Professor

Dr. Sanchez is an Assistant Professor of Medicine in the Division of Infectious Disease at the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW). There she serves as the Medical Director of the Travel Health Clinic. She is a Global Health Pathway faculty member for MCW students and a mentor for internal medicine residents with global health interest. Locally, she is a member of the Milwaukee Global Health Consortium Advisory Committee, and serves as an advisor for the newly formed Global Health Scholars program, a program for students across multiple disciplines who share interest in local and global health equity issues. Her passions are in travel and tropical medicine, global health and medical education. Dr. Sanchez is a graduate of the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine where she stayed to complete her internal medicine residency. She received her infectious disease fellowship training at Stanford Hospital and the University of Minnesota.
Jessica Schmidt, MD, MPH
Director of Global Health and Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine

Dr. Schmidt is an Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine at the University of Wisconsin Madison. She serves as the Director of Global Health in Emergency Medicine and the Assistant Ultrasound Director for Medical Student Education. She graduated medical school from Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and completed a Master’s in Public Health at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She trained at Yale New Haven Hospital for residency and completed an ultrasound fellowship at Denver Health Medical Center. Her academic interests include education, ultrasound, and global health. Dr. Schmidt’s academic interests include emergency ultrasound, international medicine and resident education. She has studied, taught or worked in Nepal, Rwanda, Uganda, Ethiopia, Guatemala, Peru, Thailand, Mali, Senegal, Belgium, and France.

Megan L Schultz, MD, MA, FAAP
Assistant Professor of Pediatric Emergency Medicine

Dr. Megan Schultz is a Pediatric Emergency Medicine physician at Children’s Hospital of Wisconsin. She completed her pediatric residency at Massachusetts General Hospital. Before medical school, Dr. Schultz worked as a high school teacher in Baltimore with Teach For America, as a Project Coordinator with Partners In Health, as well as a Program Director for Health Horizons International. She is fluent in Spanish and has worked abroad in the Dominican Republic, Uganda, Guatemala, Belize and Liberia. Her research interests lie at the intersection of medical education and global health, and her current research project involves teaching procedural sedation to pediatric providers in Liberia. Dr. Schultz is the Associate Director of the Medical College of Wisconsin School of Medicine's Global Health Pathway and oversees the medical students’ curriculum. The Global Health Pathway is designed for students interested in understanding the unique healthcare needs of patients, families, and communities from neighborhoods to nations’ perspective. Core curriculum topics are consistent with those proposed by the Consortium of Universities for Global Health and other medical schools that have long been on the forefront of global health education and research. Pathway activities are coordinated with the office of the Associate Dean for Global Health. She is also the Associate Director of the Pediatric Residency Program’s Global and Community Health Track. Her leadership is in this track is to prepare pediatricians to engage in sustainable global health endeavors, and improve child health through cultivating academic bidirectional global partnerships.

Sweta Shrestha, MPH
Fellowship Program Manager

Sweta is current the Wisconsin Population Health Service Fellowship Program Manager at the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute. She earned her Master’s in Public Health and Graduate Global Health Certificate from the University of Wisconsin-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health, focusing on global health and bioethics. Sweta was previously the Assistant Director for Education for the UW-Madison Global Health Institute, where she served as an advisor and instructional specialist for both the graduate and undergraduate Certificates in Global Health and the associated field experiences. Her previous experiences also include community based family planning in Uganda and strengthening health care services in Nepal, Zambia, Ethiopia, and South Africa.
Sabina Siddiqui, MD
Pediatric General Surgeon, Assistant Professor and Cofounder

Dr. Siddiqui is a pediatric surgeon at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Her interest in pediatric surgery prompted her to work as a Medical Innovation Fellow, studying the shortcomings in technologies available for the care of children and how to overcome those. She has developed numerous projects to better pediatric care, including an award winning design for children undergoing treatment for neuroblastoma. One of her projects has burgeoned into a full-fledged company, Brio Device, LLC for which she serves as co-founder and Chief Medical Officer. Further pursuing training in pediatric surgical care, Dr. Siddiqui finished an additional two fellowships at the University of Michigan in Pediatric Surgical Critical Care and Pediatric Surgery. She is board certified in General Surgery and Surgical Critical Care and board eligible in Pediatric Surgery. In addition to her practice, she spends a lot of her time overseas performing pediatric surgeries. These include: China, Egypt, Africa and Palestine to name a few. She has a strong passion for global health and assisting people in need. When she arrives to these desolate places the people are coming near and far to have surgeries done on their child. She also brings supplies to do surgeries as well as toys for the children. She has an outstanding team each time who are by her side. Last year when she went to Egypt, she touched the lives of the medical students there and many of them were inspired by her passion.

Dr. Bernadette Sobczak, MSN, ANP, CPNP-PC, PMHS
Clinical Assistant Professor and Pediatric Nurse Practitioner

Dr. Bernadette Sobczak is a professor at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville (SIUE), primarily teaching pediatrics and clinical coursework. She also works as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner in Family Health and Community Health Nursing. She completed her Doctor of Nursing Practice recently, her Nurse Practitioner Degree in 2008 from Saint Louis University, her Master’s Degree in 2003 from SIUE, and her Bachelor’s Degree in 1997. Her Scholarship Activities include pediatric primary care, public health, immunization, infectious diseases, HIV/STD, childhood obesity, asthma management, ASD, and health promotion. Dr. Sobczak leads international medical mission trips to Guatemala each year with nurse practitioner students. She provides students innovative global health and health promotion experiences to enrich their lifelong learning. Students traveling with her provide healthcare to impoverished communities in Guatemala.

Emilie Songolo
African Studies Bibliographer and 4W Director of Information Science for Global Empowerment

Emilie Songolo is Senior Librarian for African, Global and Francophone Studies and Social Sciences. She is also the UW-Madison Coordinator of International and Area Studies for libraries. Emilie currently chairs the Africana Librarian’s Council Title 6 group and is the curator of a large collection of African commemorative fabrics; part of this collection can be viewed on the UW Digital Collection Center’s database of Images of Commemorative Fabrics from Africa. Her current research focuses on the acquisition, preservation and access of African ephemera and media. She has published on women in African cinema. In 2014, she launched the International Women’s Day Conference to examine and address gender disparity locally and globally. Emilie is the recipient of multiple awards including the UW-Madison Librarian of the Year, the UW-Madison Outstanding Woman of Color, the Dr. Brenda Pfaehler Award of Excellence and the UW-Madison Academic Staff Assembly Commendation for Outstanding Service in the Community. She is a graduate of the University of Yaoundé, Cameroon, Mount Holyoke College, and UCLA where she earned her Masters of Library and Information Science.
Nicole St. Clair, MD, FAAP  
Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Hospital Medicine & Global Health

A UW-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health alumna, Dr. St. Clair completed residency at the Boston Combined Residency Program in Pediatrics at Children’s Hospital Boston and Boston Medical Center. While in residency, she participated in a global health elective in Lesotho, Africa—a challenging and sometimes overwhelming experience in which she was the only pediatrician in a high-acuity, low-resource area. The experience impassioned her to continue efforts to address global health disparities, but more specifically, prepare other learners. In 2007, Dr. St. Clair returned to Wisconsin to join the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) faculty as a hospitalist. She founded the MCW Department of Pediatrics’ residency global health training track, and later directed its global child health training program. She also collaborated with Sabrina Butteris, MD, to form the Midwest Consortium for Global Child Health Educators, and was the co-chair for six years. Dr. St. Clair worked to standardize global health curricula and sustainable training partnerships in Belize and Uganda. She has published numerous articles in pediatric and global health medical education.

Valerie Stull, PhD, MPH  
Postdoctoral Research Associate

Dr. Stull is an interdisciplinary environmental health scientist by training. As a postdoctoral research associate in the Global Health Institute, she is investigating issues at the intersection of agriculture, the environment and global health. Stull explores various aspects of food security and food sovereignty in a changing climate. She has worked in Zambia, South Africa, Kenya, Rwanda, India, Peru and Palestine on research, health and agriculture development projects with non-profit organizations, donor agencies, and governments. At the forefront of Stull’s current research is the MIGHTi Project, which assesses ways to optimize the use of edible insects for human nutrition, smart economic development, recycling and agroecosystem sustainability. MIGHTi is a collaborative research project with several multifaceted projects including evaluations of social perceptions of edible insects, the impact of insect consumption on the human gut microbiome, as well as the nutritional value of insects reared using agricultural byproducts. Outside of academia, Stull dabbles in poetry, is an outdoor enthusiast and advocates for social justice.

Mamta Swaroop, MD, FACS  
Associate Professor of Surgery and Director, Center for Global Surgery

Dr. Swaroop is an Associate Professor of Surgery in the Division of Trauma and Critical Care Surgery and the Director for the Center for Global Surgery in the Institute for Global Health. She also serves as the Global Surgery Program Director in the Feinberg School of Medicine at Northwestern University. Her global surgery lab, the Northwestern Trauma and Surgical Initiative (www.ntsi.global) aims to build sustainable access to surgical care through education and research in low resource settings, both locally and in international settings with varying levels of both healthcare infrastructure and personnel. In 2018, she was honored as one of Oprah’s Health Heroes, received the 39th annual Martin Luther King Humanitarian Award, presented the Key Note Address at the Royal College of Surgeons Global Frontiers Conference in London and held the first international TRUE (Trauma Responders Unify to Empower) Communities Course. Dr. Swaroop and her lab also conduct community directed research and programmatic development in Southeast Asia, South America and Chicago. She is Co-Editor of the book, Success in Academic Surgery: Academic Global Surgery and has authored numerous peer reviewed research articles and presented nationally and internationally on Trauma and Global Surgery.
Linda Vakunta, PhD, MA, CRC  
Deputy Mayor and Researcher

Dr. Vakunta joined the Mayor’s Office in Madison, Wisconsin to assist with housing and human services with more than a decade of experience in grassroots community engagement and program development, monitoring and evaluation work. She served as Program Director at the Chicago-based Heartland Alliance International (HAI), where she led, developed, and designed training programs for government, community, and non-governmental organizations to combat human trafficking. In recent years, she has worked as a researcher with Sustaining Natural Circle’s CDC funded grant on understanding impacts of opioid use among African American women in Madison. Dr. Vakunta is a founder and executive director of a Wisconsin-based non-profit called Project 1808. She was instrumental in the growth, success, and global-local recognition of the group as an important player in transforming lives, enabling youth and adults, and building capacity in Sierra Leone through School-Community-University Partnership Models. She holds a PhD in Environmental Studies, a Master’s Degree in Rehabilitation Psychology and a Bachelor’s Degree in psychology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Jacaranda van Rheenen, PhD  
Manager, Global Health Center

Dr. Jacaranda van Rheenen, the Manager of the Global Health Center at Washington University in St. Louis School of Medicine, is a strong leader and advocate in global health education, and an invaluable mentor to many. Previously, she served as the Assistant Dean for Graduate Student Affairs at Washington University. She developed the Institute for Public Health Summer Research Program, connecting faculty and students across various disciplines to promote public and global health research. She is the faculty mentor for the Global Health Student Advisory Committee, who with her leadership, have implemented successful Global Health Weeks, Case Competitions, Film Festivals, and panels that bring together multiple schools across the university as well as the public to promote awareness and transdisciplinary collaborations addressing healthcare issues. These are only a few of the many hats that she wears, and while she is juggling all of her projects, she still takes the time to be an incredible mentor for her students.

Patricia F Walker, MD, DTM&H, FASTMH  
Professor of Medicine, Past President ASTMH

Dr. Walker’s career focus has been “globally mobile populations,” defining and implementing best practices in care and developing medical education interventions, all to reduce health disparities. Her areas of expertise include refugee and immigrant health care, travel and tropical medicine, globally mobile populations, health disparities and culturally competent health care. Dr. Walker practices tropical and travel medicine and serves as an Associate Professor in the Infectious Disease and International Health division of the University of Minnesota’s School of Medicine. Her experience with immigrants, refugees and global health issues includes clinical care and advocacy for immigrant health. Dr. Walker is co-editor of Immigrant Medicine, the first international medical textbook on immigrant and refugee medicine. She also published articles on medical care of refugees. She speaks both Thai and Cambodian fluently.
Dr. Walker is an Assistant Professor at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Her research focuses on racial and social determinants of health in an effort to eliminate disparities in patients with chronic disease, with a special emphasis on diabetes. Her work concentrates on understanding the impact of social determinants of health in individuals with chronic diseases, and she is particularly interested in psychosocial influences, racial/ethnic and socioeconomic differences in health outcomes, as well as developing interventions that address the impact of social determinants in low-income populations and individuals from low and middle-income countries. She has a particular interest in indigenous health and the use of both technology and community engagement to improve health outcomes. She has ongoing collaborative research with diverse indigenous populations in Panama. Dr. Walker has conducted quantitative analyses investigating the influence of factors such as depression, empowerment, coping, fatalism, self-efficacy, discrimination, and meaning of illness, leading to over 40 publications.

Dr. Wautlet attended medical school at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and completed her residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health, where she was named “Outstanding Ob-Gyn Resident” in 2005. She is certified by the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology and also holds a certification in neonatal resuscitation from the American Academy of Pediatrics. As medical director of the Arboretum Ob-Gyn clinic, Wautlet trains residents and medical students in ambulatory women’s health care with a focus on consulting skills and underserved populations. Dr. Wautlet works locally to globally to increase reproductive choice and health for girls and women. Her work promotes strategies such as long-acting, reversible contraceptives and centering pregnancy and prenatal education. In addition to her role as assistant professor in the Department of Ob-Gyn, she is an affiliate of the UW Population Health Institute and served as a visiting faculty member at the St. Paul Millennium College in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, teaching simulation in abdominal hysterectomy, communication in medicine, clinical skills and reproductive health.