



Weill Cornell Medicine
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NEWSLETTER
Summer 2023

Notes from the Directors



We are delighted to share the summer newsletter from the Office of International Medical Student Education (IMSE). We are thrilled to report that during this past academic year we have had a resurgence of interest and record participation in the diverse global health curricular offerings and international elective programming run through the IMSE Office.

After the huge success of the Fall Semester's Introduction to Global Health Seminar Series, attended by over half of the MS1 class, we were excited to launch our Spring Semester curricular offering, the Global/Local Health Equity Clinical Preceptorship, which was adapted from Dr. Oliver (Oli) Fein's original 'Global Health Preceptorship' last run in 2020. Through the Essential Principles of Medicine/Health Illness Disease courses, each first-year medical student works with a clinical preceptor to learn patient interviewing skills. The Global/Local Health Equity Clinical Preceptorship is an optional 5-week companion course that runs parallel to the clinical preceptorship allowing students to explore themes related to Global/Local Health Equity through weekly self-directed readings, a final narrative essay and reflection session. The course was a huge hit with the dozen MS1 students who participated and culminated in a lively reflection session involving fourth-year peer preceptors who had participated in the course when they were first year students!

The Spring was filled with exciting events such as the Career Conversations in Global Health featuring 4 of our WCM Global Health Faculty. This mixer was attended by WCM faculty, students and visiting international students from around the globe who are participating in clinical electives across the WCM hospitals.

In our Spring International Fellows Reception, 12 of our fourth-year students presented posters showcasing their incredible experiences in funded international clinical electives at our partner sites around the world, including: France, Scotland, Brazil, Taiwan, Singapore, Tanzania, Austria, and Israel. We also celebrated our graduating fourth year students and awarded Certificates of Distinction in Global Health to those who had shown outstanding participation and engagement in the longitudinal global health curriculum throughout their training. We recently completed a pre-departure workshop with 9 WCM students who will be carrying out mentored international projects in Thailand, Tanzania, Ghana and India this summer.

This Summer Newsletter highlights IMSE's activities for the second half of the 2023 academic year - from our Global/Local Health Equity Preceptorship Course, Global Health Grand Rounds, Career Conversations, to our Global Health Reception. The 2023 awardee of the Barbara Slifka Global Health Award will also be highlighted. This award honors a graduating student who has shown consistent leadership and participation in global health activities during medical school.

Wishing you a safe and healthy summer!

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Global Health Grand Rounds



This past spring the Office of International Medical Student Education only had one lecture for the CME accredited Global Health Grand Rounds. On January 27th, Dr. Junaid Razzak, Professor of Emergency Medicine presented on Global Emergency Medical Care. Dr. Razzak talked about emergency care delivery and setting up emergency care systems. His talk gave a wholistic view of what is required to measure and improve emergency care in developing countries.

IMSE's Global Health Grand Rounds are held via ZOOM and are offered for 1 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)TM. Please visit our website at <https://international.weill.cornell.edu/whats-happening/events> for upcoming lectures



Global Health Career Conversations



James J. Gallagher, MD
Associate Professor of Clinical Surgery
Weill Cornell Medicine

This past spring the Office of International Medical Student Education (IMSE) held its first Global Health Career Conversations. Pulled from what was previously called the Global Health Career Seminars, IMSE decided to bring multiple faculty members together for students who are interested in global health work to meet and engage with one another. Thank you to Drs. James J. Gallagher, Caitlin Hoffman, Richard Lee, and Julie Solomon for volunteering their time and meeting with students to share the adventures on their global health career paths.



Caitlin Hoffman, MD
Associate Professor of Neurological Surgery
Weill Cornell Medicine



Richard Lee, MD, MBA
Associate Professor of Urology
Weill Cornell Medicine



Julie Solomon, MD
Assistant Professor of Clinical Obstetrics and Gynecology
Weill Cornell Medicine

Global Health Curriculum

The Office of International Medical Student Program (IMSE) is excited to report that the Global Health Curriculum is back in full swing.

This past academic year, we had seven students complete international research abroad in summer 2022 and nine students who are approved for international research in Summer 2023. Under the guidance of their WCM mentors and assigned mentors from our partnering sites, these students will be traveling to Tanzania, Ghana, India, and Thailand.

This past Spring, twelve students completed a clinical elective abroad at one of our partnering sites. These students traveled to Austria, Brazil, France, Israel, Scotland, Singapore, Taiwan and Tanzania. At the Spring 2023 International Fellows Reception, these students presented posters to highlight their clinical international elective experience from what they learned to how healthcare was delivered. In preparation for the 2024 academic year, IMSE received a record number of applications from students who are interested in completing an international clinical elective during spring 2024. The broad interests of these students include learning the difference between healthcare systems in developing countries, to the stigma surrounding getting mental health care compared to the US. Forty-one applications were received for placement in twenty different countries. Our international electives are funded by our generous donors and we are hoping to place as many students as budget allows.

Global / Local Preceptorship



As mentioned in the Director's notes, the Global/Local Health Equity Clinical Preceptorship was adapted from Dr. Oliver Fien's original 'Global Health Preceptorship'. During the 5-week learning experience, student had the opportunity to become familiar with the concept of 'Global as Local' using methods like readings, interviewing, and observations. During the reflection session students were able to talk about the social determinants that they observed such as language barriers and health inequity (from health insurance to affordable but ineffective medication). Students understand the importance of partnering with community organizations to become involved in health advocacy. Overall, the students enjoyed the self-paced learning experience and felt that the experience, "put learning (and the choice to learn) back in the hands of the student, which made the learning experience that much more authentic, genuine, and heartfelt." A BIG thank you to our preceptors, both MS4 and Residents, for sharing their medical journey with the MS1s. Many of the students who participate in the Global/Local experience, hopes to return as preceptors when they are in their 4th year.

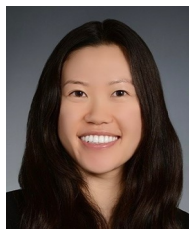
Spring 2023 International Fellows Reception



Rachel Abramson



Ganiat R. Alakiu (Rinu)



Shirley Chen



Candace Chien



Shabnam Z. Eghbali



Chimsom Orakwue

WCM International Fellows

Thank you to our donors for their continued support. This support allows us to fund our Weill Cornell Students who are interested in global health engagement opportunities.



Marian and Jack Blankenship Fellow

Na Hyun Park (Nana) - Taiwan

Samuel Fleming and Rolf Fein US EU MEE Program and American Hospital in Paris Foundation

Rachel H. Abramson - France

Dr. B.H. Kean Class of 1964 & 1965 and Max Kade Foundation Fellows

Aleksandr Talishinsky - Austria

Ryka R. Sehgal - Austria

Shabnam Z. Eghbali - Austria

Lorraine and Ralph Lubin International Fellow

Shirley Chen - Scotland

Lynford Family International Fellows

Ethan Zhao - Singapore

Heba Shaaban - Brazil

Ganiat R. Alakiu (Rinu) - Tanzania

Joan M. May Fellow

Candace Chien - Taiwan

Dr. Milton B. Rosenbluth Fellow

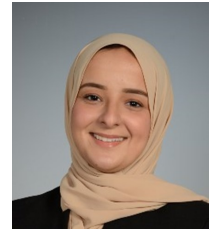
Joshua Weiss - Israel

Barbara Slifka International Fellows and American Hospital in Paris Foundation

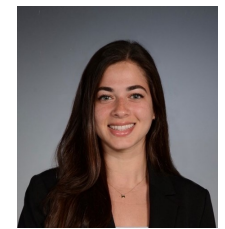
Chimsom Orakwue - France



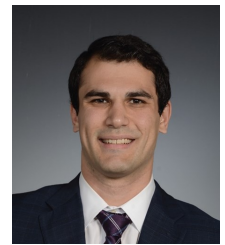
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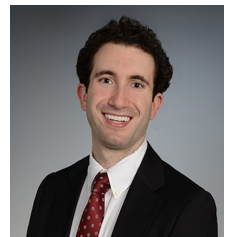
Heba Shaaban



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Aleksandr Talishinsky



Joshua Weiss



Ethan Zhao

The Barbara Slifka Global Health Award

The Barbara Slifka Global Health Award was established to honor Barbara Slifka, a generous supporter of our global health education program. The recipient of this award is Rachel Abramson, member of the Class of 2023, who matched in Internal Medicine-Primary Care at the University of Washington. The award, which carries a cash prize, recognizes an individual who showed exceptional leadership in the area of global health throughout medical school. Congratulations to Rachel and many thanks to Ms. Slifka for her generosity and support throughout the years.



Global Health Certificates



Rachel Abramson



CONGRATULATIONS

TO ALL OF THE GLOBAL HEALTH STUDENTS IN THE
CLASS OF 2023!!



Congratulations to Rachel Abramson, Ganiat (Rinu) Alakiu, Kathryn Broderick, Kiara Kaylor, Chimsom Orakwue, Lior Shtayer, and Alice Tao! These members of the Class of 2023 received a Certificate in Global Health based on their active participation in global health activities throughout their time at Weill Cornell. Student support of our global health program is very important, and the Office of International Medical Student Education recognizes this. These students demonstrated initiative, leadership, and commitment to global health work.



Ganiat R. Alakiu (Rinu)



Kathryn Broderick



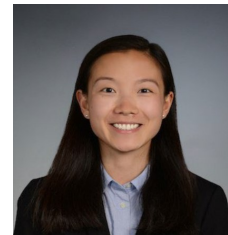
Kiara Kaylor



Chimsom Orakwue



Lior Shtayer



Alice Tao

Visiting International Student Program

The Visiting International Electives Program at WCM has fully resumed accepting applications and placing international medical students in electives to rotate at WCM. Enthusiasm was shown by the number of applications received - 642 applications from 264 schools in 48 countries worldwide. This of course resulted in great competition for the limited spaces offered by the clinical departments. Our placement rate for this academic year remains at approximately 20%. Weill Cornell and affiliated hospitals such as the Hospital for Special Surgery and NYP-Queens welcomed students from Austria, Brazil, Columbia, China, Egypt, England, India, Jordan, Germany, Hungary, Israel, Latvia, Lebanon, Pakistan, Peru, South Korea, Scotland, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, Taiwan, Thailand, and Turkey. These students participated and completed rotations in Anesthesiology, Emergency Medicine, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Ophthalmology, Obstetrics, Orthopedics, Psychiatry, Radiology, General Surgery, Cardiothoracic Surgery and Urology.

This year we heard from two prior visiting international students (from Peru and Jordan) who participated in the Visiting International Students Clinical electives program and successfully matched at a US Residency program! Both matched in Internal Medicine one at Garnet Health Medical Center and the other Baylor College of Medicine. These students considered their time at WCM to have influenced their career trajectory and fortified their residency match.

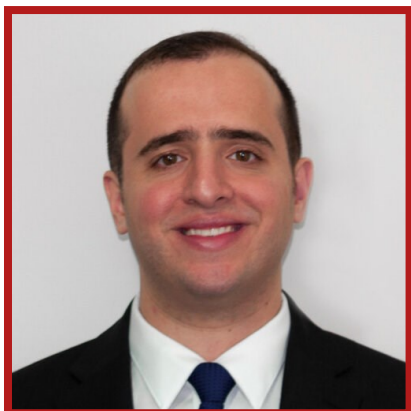


Kelly Meza , MD — Peru

WCM: December 2017 & January 2018

Elective: Pediatric Nephrology and Pediatric Endocrinology

Residency Match: **Categorical Internal Medicine**
Baylor College of Medicine



Qais Dawod , MD — Jordan

WCM: January 2018

Elective: Nephrology

Residency Match: **Internal Medicine**
Garnet Health Medical Center

Snaps from Spring 2023

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*From the Office of International Medical Student
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