



### *Holiday Greetings from the Director*

In 2019, the medical college's global health education initiatives continued to thrive under the auspices of the Office of Global Health Education (OGHE). OGHE facilitates student participation in global health activities, including experiences abroad and elective courses. It also oversees a program that enables international medical students to take clinical electives at Weill Cornell.

- We expanded our network of partners around the world, including new agreements signed by Dean Augustine Choi with the National Taiwan University School of Medicine, Seoul National University Medical School, Université Paris Descartes, and Kilimanjaro Christian Medical College. Our partnership with the Christian Medical College (Vellore, India), University of Sydney (Australia), and Universidad Nacional Mayor San Marcos (Lima, Peru), as well as our program at the Weill Bugando School of Medicine (Mwanza, Tanzania), continue to be very popular elective placements for our students.

- In 2019, 50 Weill Cornell students traveled abroad to various countries on all continents, except for Antarctica. One student took a year off to conduct research in rural Guatemala, where she focused on chronic kidney disease, which is highly prevalent in this country. Ten first-year students took an international elective during the summer, where they were engaged in a variety of projects, including HIV research, cervical cancer screening, and chronic disease management. Eight 4th year students spent up to 4 months conducting research as part of their Area of Concentration Scholarly Project. Three of the eight students spent time at Weill Bugando where they were engaged in clinical research, and the others conducted their research in Lima, Peru; Mumbai, India; Salamanca, Spain; and Nagalama, Uganda, respectively.

- The clean water project in rural Tanzania, a student initiative entitled "Maji Kwa Afya", is changing the lives of local residents who now have access to filtered water.

- Several WCM students who went abroad had Abstracts accepted at prestigious conferences this past year, and some students already had a manuscript accepted for publication!

- Our Global Health Career Seminars series enables students to meet physicians engaged in global health activities. Guest speakers share insights on ways to combine a career in medicine or surgery with global health.

- In 2019, we received 684 applications from international medical students who applied to take a clinical elective at Weill Cornell. Of this, 155 were selected. This program is highly competitive, as we select the 'best and the brightest' from around the world to participate in this program.

We are grateful to our generous donors who help make it possible to provide funding for our students to experience the delivery of medical care in other countries. Without such financial support, our global health education program would be quite limited. Special thanks to benefactor Barbara Slifka for her continued support of our global health education program. Her 2019 gift is very much appreciated.

Looking back, this past year was filled with accomplishments and new opportunities. Support from the administration, faculty, students, and especially our donors enables this wonderful program to flourish. In the following pages we share with you some of the highlights of 2019.

Warm holiday greetings and best wishes for a happy, healthy 2020.

*Madelon L. Finkel, Ph.D.*

## *The Global Health Curriculum at WCM*

Since 2009, we have demonstrated the importance of integrating global health into both the pre-clinical and clinical components of medical education through a multi-disciplinary program focused on education, clinical field placement, and collaborative research. We are constantly striving to prepare students to address complex, multi-disciplinary health issues in the US and abroad in new and innovative ways. This year, **61** out of 106 students in the Class of 2023 attended the Global Health Orientation, where they had the chance to learn about the curriculum and how to become involved in global health activities at Weill Cornell.

### Certificate in Global Health

**9 students** from the Class of 2019 received a Certificate in Global Health. This certificate recognizes students' involvement in global health activities both in the field and on campus, spanning the four years of medical school.



### Introduction to Global Health Elective

**26 students** in the Class of 2022 attended the Introduction to Global Health elective during the Spring of 2018. This weekly student and faculty-designed elective is comprised of a mix of lectures and case studies, providing a rich introduction to current issues in global health. The objective of this elective is to establish knowledge on global health core competencies, develop problem-solving skills and learn multidisciplinary approaches to addressing global health problems.

*"The Intro to Global Health course provided me with a glimpse into what it looks like to be a global health practitioner in the field."*

*-Survey Respondent*

### Global Health Preceptorship

**13 first-year students** enrolled in the Global Health Preceptorship this past Fall. This program provides students with the opportunity to work with physicians who practice in underserved areas of New York City. The objective of this program is to expose students to ethnically diverse populations, illuminate healthcare disparities, and illustrate how physicians provide care to vulnerable patients.

*"The Global Health Preceptorship exposed me to underserved patient populations and the resourceful physicians who treat them. I loved this experience!"*

*-Survey Respondent*

## Meet our Global Health Fellow

The Office of Global Health Education welcomes Priyanka Patel as its 2019-2020 Global Health Teaching Associate. Priyanka, a 2019 Cornell University graduate, was a pre-med student and has a rich background in global health. She participated in an international field experience in Lusaka, Zambia studying sanitation and hygiene practices in health care. She plans on attending medical school next Fall.

## Global Health Journal Club

The Global Health Journal Club is a popular student initiative. Once a month, students meet to discuss an article on a timely global health topic. Through short student presentations, key concepts are reviewed and discussed by the group. The Journal Club is an excellent way to educate students about a global health issue and illustrates diverse ways in which global health work is carried out in the field of medicine.

## Global Health Career Seminar Series

Throughout the academic year, the Office of Global Health Education hosts several Global Health Career Seminars. These roundtable discussions enable students to meet physicians who have incorporated global health into their careers. Dr. Babacar Cisse of WCM and Dr. Seydou Badiane of Fann Hospital in Dakar, Senegal led the first seminar of the 2019-2020 academic year. They discussed the Senegalese healthcare system and neurosurgery education in a resource-poor setting. The second seminar featured Dr. Randi Diamond, an expert in geriatrics and palliative care, who discussed the work she does on palliative care education in rural Uganda.



Drs. Badiane and Cisse posing with the group after a discussion about neurosurgery education in Dakar, Senegal

*“Through the Global Health Career Seminars, I have been able to meet some amazing physicians. The work they do around the world in medicine, research, and education inspires me to incorporate global health into my future career.”*

*-Survey Respondent*

## Global Health Grand Rounds

The Global Health Grand Rounds is a lecture series that serves as a platform for dialogue on contemporary global health challenges.

This Fall we welcomed Giles Clarke, a humanitarian and crisis photojournalist, whose lecture entitled “Communicating Crisis: Visual Storytelling in Conflict Zones” provided insights into his experiences documenting crises around the world. Mr. Clarke shared photos and stories from Yemen, Guatemala, Somalia and India with students, faculty, and staff.

These events are open to the public. Please join us!



## *Global Partnerships: Highlights in Photos*

Our program is built on collaborative partnerships across the globe. These partnerships allow our students to learn about healthcare delivery in different settings. We are very grateful to the faculty, students and institutions that make this collaboration possible.

### *Australia*

- ◆ University of Sydney

### *Austria*

- ◆ Max Kade Foundation Program in Vienna

### *Bhutan*

- ◆ Khesar Gylapo University of Medical Sciences

### *Brazil*

- ◆ Universidade Estadual Paulista “Julio de Mesquita Filho” - UNESP

### *Costa Rica*

- ◆ Universidad Ciencias Medicas

### *China*

- ◆ South Central University Xiangya School of Medicine

### *England*

- ◆ King’s College London School of Medicine

### *France*

- ◆ American Hospital of Paris
- ◆ L’Université Paris Rene Descartes

### *Germany*

- ◆ Ludwig Maximilians Universitat Munchen
- ◆ Technischen Universitat Munchen
- ◆ University of Cologne Faculty of Medicine

### *Hungary*

- ◆ University of Pecs Medical School

### *India*

- ◆ Christian Medical College Vellore

### *Peru*

- ◆ Universidad Nacional Mayor de San Marcos School of Medicine

### *Scotland*

- ◆ University of Edinburgh School of Medicine
- ◆ University of Glasgow School of Medicine

### *Singapore*

- ◆ National University of Singapore

### *Spain*

- ◆ University of Zaragoza
- ◆ Universidad Francisco de Vitoria

### *South Korea*

- ◆ Seoul National University Medical School
- ◆ Yonsei University College of Medicine

### *Sweden*

- ◆ Karolinska Institute

### *Taiwan*

- ◆ National Taiwan University College of Medicine

### *Tanzania*

- ◆ Kilimanjaro Christian Medical College
- ◆ Weill Bugando Medical Center

### *Thailand*

- ◆ Chulalongkorn University Faculty of Medicine

### *Turkey*

- ◆ Hacettepe University Faculty of Medicine

### Visit to Taipei



Dr. Madelon Finkel and Portia Harvey from OGHE meeting with the Dean of National Taiwan University Medical College, Dr. Yen-Hsuan.

### Visit to Paris



Drs. Madelon Finkel and Gilles Boccaro at the American Hospital in Paris.

### Visit to Bangkok



Dr. Madelon Finkel and colleagues at Chulalongkorn University Medical College in Thailand.



## Visiting International Students Program

Our Visiting International Clinical Electives Program is an excellent way for foreign medical students to obtain exposure to the world-class medical care provided at Weill Cornell-NY Presbyterian Hospital. In 2019, 684 students applied for a clinical elective slot, and of this 155 were accepted into the program. This year, we welcomed students from Asia, Australia, Europe, the Middle East, and Latin America. The students are in their final year of medical school and participate in a wide range of clinical electives. The visiting students spend up to two months completing their electives.

### Visiting Student Spotlight

Yassir Selouani visited Weill Cornell Medicine from his home institution of Mohammed V Military Teaching Hospital in Rabat, Morocco. In November, he completed the Pediatric Neurology elective under his WCM mentor, Dr. Devorah Segal. Yassir came to Weill Cornell with the goal of gaining more experience in neurology in a U.S. setting. He is the first student from Morocco to complete an elective through the Visiting International Students Program!

*“The program was awesome! The attendings were extremely helpful, kind, and always happy to answer my questions. I learned a lot from everyone here on the Pediatric Neurology team. By the end of the experience, I was set on Child Neurology as a career.”*



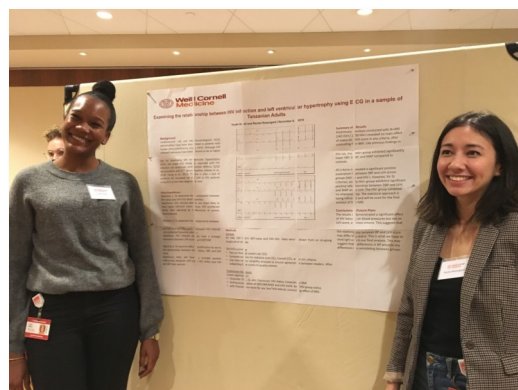
Yassir Selouani upon completing his clinical elective

## Class of 2022 International Fellows

In keeping with strong student interest in the global health program at Weill Cornell Medicine, **10 students** from the Class of 2022 went abroad to 7 different sites this past summer:

- ◆ Sebastian Bidegain (Mexico City, Mexico)
- ◆ Pamela Capellan (London, England)
- ◆ Maneesha Chitanvis (Quito, Ecuador)
- ◆ Yende Grell (Mwanza, Tanzania)
- ◆ Jessica Lu (Cusco, Peru)
- ◆ Paige McMahon (Mwanza, Tanzania)
- ◆ Meridith Pollie (Moshi, Tanzania)
- ◆ Rachel Rosengard (Mwanza, Tanzania)
- ◆ Cheyenne Smith (Moshi, Tanzania)
- ◆ Robert Wozniak (Sao Paulo, Brazil)

The students participated in a variety of clinical observations, research projects, and community health work.



Yende Grell '22 and Rachel Rosengard '22 presenting their summer research at the Fall International Fellows Reception

*“My time in Mwanza was nothing short of inspiring and enlightening.”*

*-Yende Grell*

## ***Congratulations to the Class of 2019 International Fellows!***

**38** members of the Class of 2019 took an international elective in their spring term. Funding the global health program is imperative for its continued success. This past year, we gratefully thank our donors for their support.

### **DR. B.H. KEAN CLASS OF 1964 AND 1965 FELLOWS**

David Chen, Singapore  
Caitlin Gribbin, France  
Roger Ying, Taiwan  
Wesley Rogers, Scotland

### **LYNFORD FAMILY INTERNATIONAL FELLOWS**

Andrew Ebanks, Singapore  
Emilie George, Tanzania  
Cody Nolan, Thailand  
Micha Thompson, Costa Rica

### **DR. MILTON B. ROSENBLUTH FELLOWS**

Eliza Gentzler, Costa Rica  
Lisa Suzanne Leslie, Australia  
Katherine Li, China  
Pallavi Ana Mishra, India

### **BARBARA SLIFKA INTERNATIONAL FELLOWS**

Lee Gottesdiener, Singapore  
Katharine Wilcox, Guatemala

### **JOAN M. MAY FELLOW**

Yu Ting He, China

### **MARIAN AND JACK BLANKENSHIP FELLOW**

Maria Sacta, Costa Rica

### **DR. BYRANT BARNARD INTERNATIONAL FELLOW**

Timothy Kim, Thailand

### **IDA S. SCUDDER, M.D. 1899 FELLOW**

Olivia Sutton, India

### **WEILL CORNELL MEDICAL COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION GLOBAL HEALTH FELLOW**

Lynne Rosenberg, Tanzania

### **MAX KADE FOUNDATION FELLOWS VIENNA, AUSTRIA**

Paul Barone  
Raymond Chang  
Michael Cosiano  
Connie Lu  
Joseph Junyoung Park  
Kristen Salline  
Zhenzhen Shi  
Trent Walradt  
Christine Yang  
Nadir Zaidi

### **INTERNATIONAL CASE DISCUSSION FELLOW**

Joseph Junyong Park, Germany

### **SAMUEL FLEMING AND ROLF FEIN UNITED STATES EUROPEAN UNION MEDICAL EDUCATION EXCHANGE FELLOWS**

Nicole Aguirre, Germany  
Stephanie Chen, Scotland  
Christopher Marnell, Sweden  
Rachel Orleans, England  
Hayley Sacks, Spain

### **LORRAINE AND RALPH LUBIN INTERNATIONAL FELLOW**

Bryan Dooley, Peru

### **SONAM AND DANIEL ROSBERGER INTERNATIONAL FELLOWS**

Shobana Ramasamy, Bhutan & Thailand  
Brandon Sumida, Bhutan & Thailand

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## Class of 2019 International Fellows



Maria Sacta '19 handing out health supplies to children in San Vito, Costa Rica



Hayley Sacks '19 posing with her mentors in Madrid, Spain.

*“Culture and attitudes towards healthcare go hand in hand. This was the part I was most struck with when I came back and saw patients on the Upper East Side again. In India, the patients were above-and-beyond grateful for even a few minutes of your time, even as a medical student. I think it’s seeing that gratefulness that makes us all do what we do, and makes trips like these life-changing for us.”*

*-Olivia Sutton*

### How has your involvement in Global Health influenced your career plans?

*“My weeks in Tanzania were extremely enriching. I learned about cervical cancer in this population, aspects of clinical medicine, and barriers to healthcare in this region of a developing country. I am so grateful to the Global Health department for this opportunity!”*

*“It further inspired my original objective, which was to experience working abroad to determine if it is something I would like to incorporate in my future career, while also allowing me to begin forming international connections.”*

*“The lessons I learned from working in research, as well as in the clinical setting, will be with me throughout my career in medicine.”*

*-Selection of Survey Responses*



Olivia Sutton '19 seeing patients at Christian Medical College in Vellore, India



## The 2019 Year in Photos

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The Office of Global Health Education (OGHE) was established by the Dean of the Medical College to facilitate student participation in global health. OGHE oversees the international educational programs at Weill Cornell. OGHE also provides visiting international students opportunities to take clinical electives at Weill Cornell and its affiliates.



Shobana Ramasamy '19 and Timothy Kim '19 with their medical school peers in Bangkok, Thailand



The February 2019 cohort of Visiting International Students



Lisa Leslie '19 and members of the Royal North Shore Endocrinology team in Sydney, Australia



Weill Cornell Medicine Class of 2019 students during their elective in Vienna, Austria in the Spring

*Happy Holidays from the Office of Global Health Education!*



Priyanka, Dianne, Madelon, Savita, Maritza, Portia