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*Spring 2020 - News for alumni and friends of the Emory Global Health Institute*



## Emory Global Health Connection

*Building Bridges for Better Health*

Spring 2020



Photo credit: Sabrina Haque, Laney Graduate School | *A Steep Climb for Dirty Water* | Rwanda  
2019 EGHI Global Health Student Photography Contest Submission

**About this photo:** "A Community Health Worker shows our study team around her village, taking us to different homes to discuss their water access. The houses are far from one another, often separated by steep hills. We learn that most fetch their drinking water from a spring outside the village. Diarrhea is one of the most common childhood sicknesses the Community Health Worker has to treat."

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### [COVID-19 Children's eBook Competition](#)

Submissions due April 29, 2020

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### [EGHI/Georgia Tech Hack COVID-19](#)

May 8 -16, 2020

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### [2020-2021 Student Advisory Committee Executive Board](#)



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# COVID-19 CHILDREN'S EBOOK COMPETITION

Submissions due  
**April 29, 2020**

Applications Due

May 1, 2020

Have an event or story  
to share with EGH?!

Please contact  
Britton Tuck at  
[btuck@emory.edu.](mailto:btuck@emory.edu)

Are you a writer and/or illustrator (or aspiring writer and/or illustrator!)? EGH invites you to submit a children's ebook to our COVID-19 Children's Ebook Competition for a chance to win \$10,000!

Anyone is eligible to participate. All submissions must be original, unpublished, illustrated, and age-appropriate for children ages 6-9 years old.

[Learn more >>](#)

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EGHI is co-hosting a virtual hackathon with students from Emory University and Georgia Tech to pursue solutions to challenging problems sparked by the COVID-19 pandemic.

This hackathon will include teams comprised of Georgia Tech and Emory students who will develop solutions for multiple COVID-19-related problems. Three winning teams will each receive a **\$10,000 cash prize**, the opportunity to take their solution to market through Georgia Tech's CREATE-X Startup Launch accelerator, and other potential investment opportunities.



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# EGHI/GT HACK COVID-19

A virtual hackathon for Emory University and Georgia Tech student teams to create outside the-box, creative, and novel solutions to challenges related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

3 winning teams will receive a \$10,000 cash prize  
and enrollment in Georgia Tech's  
CREATE X Startup Launch Program

May 8 - 16, 2020

Register here: [eghigt-hackcovid19.devpost.com](https://eghigt-hackcovid19.devpost.com)

Register by  
May 7, 2020

[Register here >>](#)

## 2020 EGHI Faculty Seed Grant Awardees Announced

# 2020 EGHI FACULTY SEED GRANT AWARDEES



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Congratulations to the 2020 EGHI Faculty Seed Grant Award recipients! Eight projects were selected to receive funding. Please [click here](#) to read more about each project.

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IANPHI's COVID-19 Resources for

Use of Electronic Nicotine Delivery  
Systems (ENDS) in China: Evidence

## Members and Global Health Professionals

To assist International Association of National Public Health Institute (IANPHI) members, partners, and other public health professionals, IANPHI created a list of publicly available resources, links and documents related to the COVID-19 response, as well as a list of publicly available web pages and documents detailing responses of IANPHI member organizations. Resources are primarily in English.

[Click here for resource list >>](#)

## from Citywide Representative Surveys from Five Chinese Cities in 2018

China is the largest cigarette consuming country in the world. The emergence of electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS) in China may have important implications for the Chinese tobacco market. Unfortunately, research on ENDS in China, while growing, is still limited. This study was designed to examine the awareness and use of ENDS among adult urban residents in China.

[Read more >>](#)

## EGHI Awards First Rapid Response Seed Grant

EGHI awarded its first rapid response seed grant to Dr. Natália Bueno, Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science at Emory College of Arts & Sciences, to examine the consequences of a housing quality intervention in Brazilian slums on different outcomes related to the new coronavirus pandemic.

Dr. Bueno, in partnership with TETO, a well-known non-governmental organization that mobilizes slum squatters to build higher quality prefabrication houses, aims to study the effects of TETO's housing quality intervention on 1) behavioral changes towards adherence to preventive behavior (basic hygiene and social distancing); 2) mental health disorders due to region-wide restrictions and confinement; 3) civic engagement within slums to mobilize for aid; and 4) community collective action towards maintaining quarantine.

## Global Health Forum: Local & Global Preparedness in Response to the Novel Coronavirus Outbreak

The Global Health Forum is a speaker series presented by the Emory Global Health Institute. These events feature a distinguished panel of experts who discuss timely global health topics as they relate to Emory University, the U.S., and beyond.

On February 27, 2020, Dr. Hansa Bhargava, WebMD Senior Medical Director and Global Health Council member of the Emory Global Health Institute, moderated a panel discussion about the coronavirus outbreak and local and global preparedness.

February 27, 2020 | 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.  
Emory School of Medicine,  
Room 120  
Light refreshments served

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Hansa Bhargava, MD  
Senior Medical Director  
WebMD and Medscape

Jim Lavery, PhD, M.Sc.  
Professor  
Rollins School of Public Health &  
Chair in Global Health Ethics  
Emory Center for Ethics

Paul Meyer  
Assistant General Manager  
Operations and Transportation  
Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta  
International Airport

Marybeth Sexton, MD  
Epidemiologist  
The Emory Clinic

Henry Wu, MD  
Assistant Professor  
Division of Infectious Diseases  
Emory School of Medicine

## GLOBAL HEALTH FORUM

*Local & Global Preparedness in Response to the Novel Coronavirus Outbreak*



Panelists included Dr. Henry Wu, Assistant Professor, Division of Infectious Diseases, Emory School of Medicine; Dr. Marybeth Sexton, Epidemiologist, The Emory Clinic; Mr. Paul Meyer, Assistant General Manager of Operations and Transportation, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport; and Dr. Jim Lavery, Conrad N. Hilton Chair in Global Health Ethics, Emory Center for Ethics.

This Global Health Forum was co-sponsored by the Emory Global Health Institute and WebMD.

[Watch the recording here >>](#)

[Read the Q & A on the WebMD blog!](#)

## Global Health Forum: Preserving Mental Health during the Coronavirus Pandemic

# WEBINAR RECORDING NOW AVAILABLE!



**Hansa Bhargava, MD**  
Senior Medical Director  
WebMD and Medscape



**Heather Haq, MD, MHS**  
Chief Medical Officer,  
Baylor College of Medicine International  
Pediatric AIDS Initiative  
American Academy of Pediatrics,  
Section on International Child Health



**Adaobi Iheduru, Psy.D.**  
Licensed Clinical Psychologist &  
Clinic Manager  
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**Rachel Waford, PhD**  
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# GLOBAL HEALTH FORUM

## *Preserving Mental Health during the Global Coronavirus Pandemic*

Moderated by:  
Parmi Suchdev, MD, MPH, FAAP  
Emory Global Health Institute

On April 14, 2020, Dr. Parmi Suchdev, Associate Director of the Emory Global Health Institute, moderated a panel discussion about the coronavirus pandemic. With the number of cases on the rise, panel members highlighted best practices and resources for preserving mental health during social distancing and extended quarantine.

Panelists included Dr. Hansa Bhargava, WebMD Senior Medical and Global Health Council member of the Emory Global Health Institute; Dr. Heather Haq, Chief Medical Officer, Baylor College of Medicine; Dr. Adaobi Iheduru, Licensed Clinical Psychologist and Clinic Manager at The Center for Victims of Torture (CVT); and Dr. Rachel Waford, Licensed Clinical Psychologist and Assistant Professor at the Rollins School of Public Health and Emory School of Medicine.

[Watch the recording here >>](#)

[Click here for slide deck >>](#)

## CHAMPS names Cynthia Whitney as Principal Investigator and Executive Director

Child Health and Mortality Prevention Surveillance (CHAMPS) has named Cynthia Whitney, MD, MPH as Principal Investigator and Executive Director. Whitney joined CHAMPS as Senior Advisor in 2018 and is a



Professor in the Emory University Rollins School of Public Health, Hubert Department of Global Health.

"Cyndy is a globally recognized public health leader and researcher with deep experience in infectious disease research and surveillance," says Jeffrey P. Koplan, MD, MPH, Emory University's vice president for global health. "We're delighted and extremely fortunate to have her lead CHAMPS."

[Meet Cynthia >>](#)

## Emory Global Health Institute Hosts 2020 Global Health Case Competitions



February 1, 2020 - Members of the 2020 Intramural Global Health Case Competition winning team.

Pictured from left: Bethany Larkin (Goizueta Business School), Amanda Fitzpatrick (Rollins School of Public Health), Sam Leff (Emory School of Law), Kara Goldstone (Nell Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing/Rollins School of Public Health), Paul Elish (Rollins School of Public Health), and Linda Qiu (Emory College of Arts & Sciences)

In February 2020, the Emory Global Health Institute held its annual Intramural Emory Global Health

**Case Competition.** 12 student teams developed strategies to address internet and gaming addiction/disorder among university students in Hangzhou City, China. The winning team (pictured above) went on to represent Emory University in the 2020 International Emory Global Health Case Competition in March.



*Pictured above from left: International Global Health Case Competition judges practiced social distancing while viewing their assigned stream's presentations. // A case competition participant presents via Zoom.*

Due to COVID-19, EGHI hosted its first virtual International Global Health Case Competition on March 14, 2020. Multidisciplinary teams from 28 universities participated via Zoom. The case, set in the year 2030, prompted teams to serve as a World Health Organization country representative from one of the following countries: India, Madagascar, Nigeria, Syria, or Ukraine. Teams were challenged to develop a detailed nationwide policy and program that controlled the spread of the country's measles outbreak, provided supportive care for those infected, and prevented future outbreaks.

Emory University took home first place. The University of Melbourne won second place, Yeshiva University won third place, University of Virginia won fourth place, and the University of Texas Southwestern received an honorable mention award.



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# CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

2020-2021  
STUDENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
EXECUTIVE BOARD LEADERSHIP



The Emory Global Health Institute is welcoming applications for the 2020-2021 executive board. We are seeking individuals who are passionate about global health and have actively participated in events or shown commitment to the Student Advisory Committee (SAC) in the past. The estimated time commitment is 3-6 hours/month. SAC members will work closely with EGHI's Director of Student Engagement (Rebecca Baggett) to organize monthly meetings and guest speaker events.

**Applications due by 11:59 pm on Friday, May 1**

**<https://bit.ly/20-21SACExecApp>**

[Learn more & apply >>](#)

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## next generation of global health leaders?

To make a donation, please click the button below!

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- 1) Select "Other" and write in Global Health Institute Support
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We sincerely appreciate any donation as your contribution will help  
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## RESOURCES

### [Emory Global Engagement Directory](#)

Wondering which Emory faculty are working where? Visit the Global Engagement Directory and see where Emory faculty are working around the world.

### [Global Health Courses @ Emory](#)

A directory to provide students with a searchable listing of global health related programs available at every school on campus.

### [International Association of National Public Health Institutes \(IANPHI\)](#)

To learn more about IANPHI, please read their latest newsletter, IANPHI Insider, [here](#).

### [Child Health and Mortality Prevention Surveillance \(CHAMPS\)](#)

To learn more about CHAMPS, please read their latest newsletter [here](#).

### [Share Your Story](#)

Have an event, project, or experience to share? We want to hear from you! Please email Britton Tuck at [btuck@emory.edu](mailto:btuck@emory.edu).



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