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The Andilaye Project: A Demand-Side Sanitation and Hygiene Intervention in Amhara, Ethiopia

Millions of people in Ethiopia are at risk of water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH)-related infectious diseases, including diarrheal-causing pathogens and neglected tropical diseases (NTDs), such as soil-transmitted helminthiasis, schistosomiasis, and trachoma. The government of Ethiopia has made control and elimination of these diseases a priority. "Much of the disease burden in the country is preventable, and a considerable proportion is directly related to unsafe water, inadequate sanitation, and poor hygienic practices," states a report from the Ethiopian Federal Ministry of Health. Amhara is a region of Ethiopia in which several NTDs are hyperendemic, and while progress has been made to address poor WASH practices, behavioral slippage (i.e., relapse to unimproved WASH practices) is common.



Andilaye, Amharic for "togetherness" is a project that seeks to develop and assess the effectiveness of an enhanced, demand-side sanitation and hygiene intervention on sustaining behaviors for the control of NTDs and enteric diseases endemic to Amhara, Ethiopia. The principal investigator of the project, Dr. Matthew Freeman, is Associate Professor of Environmental Health at the Rollins School of Public Health with joint appointments in the Departments of Epidemiology and Global Health.

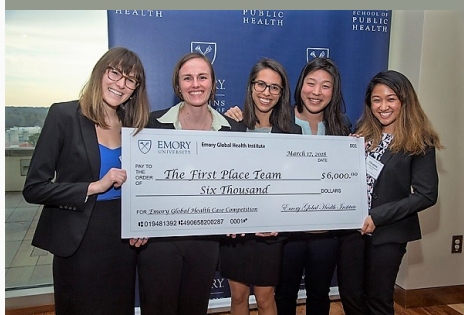
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International Emory Global Health Case Competition

In March 2018, the Emory Global Health Institute hosted its 14th Emory Global Health Case Competition and seventh international competition. The 2018 international competition brought multidisciplinary teams together from 24 universities to develop strategies to address an infectious disease outbreak in Qatar prior to the 2022 World Cup.

Emory University took home the winning prize of \$6,000. This was the first time since 2012 that an Emory team won EGHI's international global health case competition. The University of Minnesota won second place, McMaster University won third place, and the University of Florida received an honorable mention award. For the first time ever, there was a tie for the Participant's Choice Award – the tie was between Emory and the University of Minnesota.

Learn more about this year's competition [here](#), and read the Emory Report article [here](#).



2018 International Emory Global Health Case Competition winning team from Emory University. From left: Kristin Nelson, Sarah Connolly, Taryn McLaughlin, Shawn Wen, & Christine Donorio.

★ Upcoming Events ★

Pre-Departure Training Workshop

April 21st, 2018
8:00AM–2:00PM
CNR Auditorium
Rollins School of Public Health

EGHI Faculty Fellow Spotlight Liza Vertinsky



Through the Emory Global Health Institute's (EGHI) Faculty Fellows Program, EGHI provides a forum for faculty members from across Emory University's campus to meet and discuss global health issues important to them. These meetings engage faculty in existing EGHI activities & provide an opportunity for networking, which fosters collaborative research.

We recently sat down with one of our EGHI Faculty Fellows, Dr. Liza Vertinsky, to discuss her global health work.

To read about her experiences, please click [here](#)!

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