Emory Global Health Connection

Building Bridges for Better Health

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In March, the Emory Global Health Institute celebrated the 10th anniversary of its annual global health case competition program by hosting 30 university teams charged with developing hurricane preparedness strategies for multiple countries. This year’s winning team traveled halfway around the globe from Melbourne, Australia to participate and help EGHI mark the competition’s milestone year.

Dr. Phil Batterham and his colleagues at the University of Melbourne have been sending student teams to the International Emory Global Health Case Competition since 2014. He learned about the opportunity during a conference where he met Dr. Mo Ali, a Rollins School of Public Health faculty member who had participated in the competition as a faculty advisor. Batterham was intrigued and advocated for
the University of Melbourne to send a team to Emory.

"A group of students from different discipline backgrounds focusing the best of their abilities on a shared goal of providing a realistic solution to a wicked global health problem is one of the best possible educational experiences that any university could offer," Batterham explains as one of the primary reasons why he has sent top students to the competition for the past six years. "The opportunity for our students to test themselves in competition against students from some of the best universities in the world is something they relish," he adds.

The Emory Global Health Case Competition began in 2009 and was developed and initially coordinated by members of EGHI's first Student Advisory Committee. The first competition took place on a Saturday morning and included eight multidisciplinary teams representing numerous Emory schools. The program has grown significantly both in scope and popularity over the last 10 years, with EGHI hosting an annual intramural competition reserved for up to 12 multidisciplinary Emory student teams and an international competition that hosts the winning Emory team along with 29 teams from top universities located around the world.

To read more, please click [here](#).

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**Dr. Isabella Alexander Wins Inaugural Warren Westerberg Global Health and the Arts Prize for Documentary Film, The Burning**

In fall 2018, the Emory Global Health Institute awarded Dr. Isabella Alexander its inaugural Warren Westerberg Global Health & the Arts Prize for her latest documentary film, *The Burning: The Untold Story of Africa's Migrant Crisis*. On March 19, Dr. Alexander, a Visiting Assistant Professor in the departments of Anthropology and Film & Media Studies at Emory University, led an event in which she invited audiences behind the scenes of *The Burning*.

As the documentary’s title indicates, Africa’s migrant crisis receives little media attention, despite being the world's largest humanitarian crisis. Because foreign media is banned from covering the story across North Africa, few are aware of the human rights abuses unfolding in Morocco, Algeria, and Libya. Through an interactive discussion, Dr. Alexander provided staggering statistics on the number of Africans who travel an average of 3,000 miles from across the continent to Morocco for the small chance of successfully crossing into the Spanish enclaves of Ceuta and Melilla or over the Mediterranean Sea and receiving refugee status in Europe. She spoke of the significant sacrifices that these young men make so that the even younger boys, girls, and women in their groups will have a better chance of reaching safety on the other side.

To learn more about *The Burning*, please click [here](#).

To learn more about the Warren Westerberg Global Health & the Arts Prize, please click [here](#).

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**EGHI Welcomes Pam Redmon as Chief Operating Officer**

In January, Pam Redmon, MPH, joined the Emory Global Health Institute as Chief Operating Officer. In this role, Ms. Redmon manages the business and administrative operations of EGHI, along
with the implementation of strategic programmatic activities.

Before joining EGHI, Ms. Redmon was Administrative Director for the Tobacco Centers for Regulatory Science at Georgia State University. The Center research focuses on understanding the human and economic factors that contribute to decision-making regarding the use of tobacco products. Additionally, Ms. Redmon was also the Executive Director of the China Tobacco Control Partnership and the Executive Director of the Tobacco Technical Assistance Consortium (TTAC).

We are happy to have Ms. Redmon as part of our team!

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