Fostering Bilateral Cooperation to Improve Health and Wellbeing for Migrants and Host Communities at the U.S.-Mexico Border

Emory Intramural

Global Health Case Competition

Connecting students from diverse fields across Emory University to address a global health challenge.
Welcome to Emory Global Health Institute’s 16th Intramural Emory Global Health Case Competition. We are excited to host multidisciplinary, student teams from across all Emory schools to focus on the topic of border health, a global health challenge faced in many regions of the world. By the end of 2022, 108.4 million people worldwide had been displaced due to conflict, violence, persecution, insecurity, human rights violations, and other causes. Among these displaced populations are over 27 million refugees of which over 40% are children. The U.S.-Mexico border faces many challenges requiring binational cooperation to ensure the health and wellbeing of resident communities who live along the border and to provide humanitarian health solutions to migrants.

We wish all students participating in this challenge, Fostering Bilateral Cooperation to Improve Health and Wellbeing for Migrants and Host Communities at the U.S./Mexico Border, a meaningful experience and thank our judges, case advisors, and volunteers.
Teams
Emory Intramural Student Teams

TEAM 1

PRINCESS ALEKE
Neil Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing

PROGGA HASSAN
Rollins School of Public Health

TICHA BRANDON TITA TEMBI
Rollins School of Public Health

HALEY TAYLOR
School of Law

TAMMY HOANG DANG
Emory College of Arts & Sciences

MADISON LI
Emory College of Arts & Sciences

TEAM 2

NEHA MOKASHI
Rollins School of Public Health

HALEY CIONFOLO
Rollins School of Public Health

RAMYA GINJUPALLI
School of Medicine

LILY FREEMAN
Emory College of Arts & Sciences

MADELINE CHANDLER
Rollins School of Public Health/Candler School of Theology

TEAM 3

MUHAMMAD ZAFFER
Rollins School of Public Health

JACOB HELMANN
Rollins School of Public Health

ASHWIN ARORA
Rollins School of Public Health

ZIMENG LIU
Emory College of Arts & Sciences

YEJIN SUH
Emory College of Arts & Sciences

SHARON COLE-PENN
Candler School of Theology

TEAM 4

HYOWON (CLARA) SHIN
Emory College of Arts & Sciences

AMAL PANJWANI
Emory College of Arts & Sciences

THAI VANG
Rollins School of Public Health

SHIFAN YAN
Rollins School of Public Health

JEFFREY LIN
Rollins School of Public Health

JILLIAN WU
Goizueta Business School
Thank you to our CASE ADVISORS

REBECCA BAGGETT, MA, MPH
Woodruff Health Sciences Center

HELEN BAKER, PHD, MSC, FNP-BC
Neil Hodgson Woodruff School of Nursing

BRIDGETTE GUNNELS, PHD, MA
Oxford College

JESSICA HAM, PHD, MA
Oxford College

SARA HARLAN ZEGEYE, MDP
Office of Global Strategy and Initiatives

MICHELLE HYNES, PHD, MPH
Hubert Department of Global Health

HILARY KING, PHD, MA
Laney Graduate School

AMEL OMARI, PHD, MPH
National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health

CARLA RONCOLI, PHD
Laney Graduate School

CAROL RUBIN, DVM, MPH
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

ASHUTOSH WADHWA, PHD, MVSC, DVM
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Beverly Burks serves as the mayor of Clarkston, "the most diverse square mile in America." She is involved in various professional and community organizations, including Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Coalition of One Hundred Black Women, NAACP, and others. She serves on the Prevention Research Center - Georgia State University Community Advisory Board and the Clarkston COVID-19 Task Force. With over two decades of experience, Beverly recently became the Regional Director of Philanthropy and Public Relations at National Church Residences, overseeing Atlanta's growth and leading philanthropy and community engagement efforts. She holds a Bachelor of Science in computer information systems from Alabama State University and pursues an Executive Master of Business Administration from the University of North Alabama. Beverly's extensive career spans community outreach, public affairs, non-profit management, and event planning, showcasing her dedication to service and leadership.

**BEVERLY BURKS**  
Mayor of Clarkston, GA

After 38 years in practice, Leslie joined Clarkston Community Health Center (CCHC) as a volunteer, directly caring for patients as well as advising nurse practitioners and teaching medical students. CCHC serves predominantly an immigrant population but sees anyone without adequate access to healthcare. CCHC is a nonprofit organization that provides primary and specialty medical services, mental health services and women's healthcare.

**LESLIE NORMAN, MD**  
Physician

Jorge Gavilanes is a Partner at Kuck Baxter Immigration, LLC, in Atlanta, GA. He practices in all areas of U.S. immigration and nationality law. Jorge established and serves as lead attorney of Emory Law School's Emory Immigrant Legal Assistance Clinic; a volunteer, student-run clinic that assists the thriving immigrant community in Atlanta with legal advice and access to legal services. Jorge has previously served as Chapter Chair of the Georgia Chapter for American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA). The national organization of AILA has recognized Jorge as a Pro Bono Champion for his commitment to increasing access to legal services for the immigrant community through the law school's clinic. Jorge routinely presents on immigration law to the American Immigration Lawyers Association, the Georgia State Bar, and Emory Law School. Jorge is a graduate of the BYU Law School.

**JORGE GAVILANES, JD**  
Immigration Lawyer
Mary Helen O’Connor works to addressing the social determinants of health among the superdiverse residents of Clarkston, GA. As a researcher, teacher, advocate, volunteer, and community member, she has been developing culturally and linguistically responsive interventions, messaging, and training for health sciences students and professionals as well as establishing a women’s preventive health program, a culturally adapted diabetes management program, and mental health services for RIM community members in the most diverse square mile in America.

Mary Helen O’Connor, PhD
Health Sciences Researcher

Lieutenant Commander John Rossow is a public health veterinarian in the Global Public Health Emergency Branch at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). As one of the first graduates of CDC’s Future Leaders in Infections and Global Health Threats (FLIGHT) Program and a current member of the Humanitarian Health Team, John specializes in global health security, infectious diseases in humanitarian settings, and providing One Health technical assistance across a variety of emergency response and workforce development activities in the global sphere.

John Rossow, DVM, MPH, DACVPM
Veterinarian

Jeffrey Kaplan Staton is the Senior Associate Dean at the James T. Laney School of Graduate Studies and Professor and former Chair of the Department of Political Science at Emory University. He is Judiciary Program Manager for Varieties of Democracy and co-Editor of the Journal of Law, Economics, and Organization. His principal research and teaching interests are in law and politics, human rights, and democratic regime health. His research has appeared in social science, international studies, and law journals. His most recent book Can Courts Be Bulwarks of Democracy? was published with Cambridge University Press in 2022. His current research considers the causes of and potential solutions for due process failures in the American immigration law system.

Jeffrey Staton, PhD, MA
Political Scientist
SUPPORT
Student engagement in Emory Global Health Institute experiential learning programs

SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE!
Follow us on social and share event highlights

#EmoryCaseComp
#BorderHealth
#GlobalHealth