

# GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH NEWSLETTER

## THE UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

### Spring 2017 Lecture Series

The 2017 GPH Spring Lecture Series “Global Public Health: Experiences and Insights”

Speakers in this year’s series ranged in topics from “Health Care in Ethiopia” to “Dental Hygiene in Rural Settings” and information on the Global Health Service Partnership and all the ways to measure global health that you could imagine.

This year the lecture series was honored to host six visiting speakers from outside Missoula. Jessica Crawford presented on, “Health Systems Strengthening at the Last Mile”

Bob Quinn, is an Organic Farmer and President of Kamut, Int. in Big Sandy, MT. He presented on, “Can the Health Problems Created by Modern Wheat be solved with Ancient Wheat?” Linda Jacobsen: “The Global Health Service Partnership: A Novel Approach to Addressing Human Resources for Health.” Lisa Fleischer: “Challenges in Health-care Delivery in St Lucia.”



GPH and Global Grizzly students with Speaker Linda Jacobsen, left, and EAC member Gail Pohlman, right.

All of the lectures are recorded and put online by Missoula Community Access Television. To view them, visit the GPH Website or visit [mcat.org](http://mcat.org). Thanks MCAT!

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## 2017 GPH CELEBRATION EVENT A SUCCESS!

On May 3rd, 2017

GPH students, faculty, EAC members, lecture series presenters, and community members joined together to recognize the GPH seniors and scholarship recipients.

CONGRATULATIONS to Andrew Honken and Joshua "Teague" Rutherford for receiving the EAC award this year!

## March for Science!



On April 22nd, Director of GPH minor and Political Scientist Peter Koehn joined the March for Science in Washington, DC.

### JOIN US

For the upcoming conference on Flathead Lake!  
BRAVE Conference  
Building Resiliency, Awareness and Vision through Education  
Conference will be held on June 27-28th, 2017 at  
KwaTaqNuk Resort in Polson, Montana.

## The Global Grizzlies

Since 2008, the University of Montana has been sending students interested in health professions to volunteer in hospitals and clinics around the world. The University of Montana Global Grizzlies provides aid to countries with strained medical systems, while also learning about non-western medicine and gaining first-hand experience with global health issues.

This summer, the Global Grizzlies are volunteering in a hospital in Iganga, Uganda. The students in the group have spent the past five months gathering medical supplies to take to Uganda, as well as studying Ugandan culture and global public health issues to prepare them to work safely and ethically in a new country. They will be working as volunteers in the hospital for four weeks starting in mid-May. Until then, they will be working to raise money to fund the trip. They'd love to have your support! If you're interested in donating to their cause, please contact Caroline Schmell: [caroline.schmell@umontana.edu](mailto:caroline.schmell@umontana.edu).

For more information, visit the Global Grizzlies website:  
<http://www.dhc.umt.edu/opportunities/globalGrizzlies.php>

**“Five years ago, four non-faculty participants at UM were instrumental in the successful launch of the GPH minor. Each has gone on to advance global health in their own unique ways. As we prepare the self-study for our first program review, I wanted to recognize and honor their contributions.”**

**-Peter Koehn**



Annē Linn was awaiting her Peace Corps assignment when she joined the task force for the creation of a new minor in Global Public Health at The University of Montana. Having finished her coursework for her Masters in Public Health at Tulane University, where she focused on International Health and Development, Anne had moved back home to Montana while she and her husband went through the Peace Corps application process. During that time, she found a great opportunity to work on rural health workforce issues at the Western Montana Area Health Education Center (AHEC), which is housed at the University and was thus introduced to the group putting together the Global Public Health program.

In March 2012, Anne left Missoula for Senegal to serve as a Preventive Health Educator.

As almost all Returned Peace Corps Volunteers tend to say about their own service, Anne’s time in Senegal was incredibly defining both personally and professionally. Her work focused on building cervical cancer screening services, addressing occupational exposure to mercury in artisanal gold mining, and piloting a proactive case detection program for malaria, which has since been scaled up in several regions in Senegal and elsewhere in Africa.

Since returning stateside, Anne spent two years working at Rutgers University in New Jersey managing an HIV workforce grant and helping to build a Global Health program in the School of Nursing. In summer 2016, she moved to D.C. for a job at Johns Hopkins University with the Demographic and Health Surveys Program, a USAID project which supports national statistical agencies and ministries of health in the collection of reliable health data. She also works on the side for the Peace Corps where she provides technical support to volunteers working on malaria projects.

Jamie Ryan Lockman served as the program coordinator for the University of Montana School of Public and Community Health Sciences housed in the College of Health Professions and Biomedical Sciences, from 2008 - 2011. There, she facilitated the online master’s and certificate programs, working with both students and faculty. Part of this work included coordinating the weeklong, campus-based course, “Rural Health Issues in a Global Context,” taught by Professor Peter Koehn. Dr. Koehn subsequently recruited her to assist with the submission of the proposed Minor in Global Public Health to the Montana Board of Regents, which approved the minor in 2012.

In 2011, she left UM when she was hired as the North American Regional Director for Kamut International, a Montana-based company with offices in Belgium, France, Germany, and Italy. She is able to use her background in business and anthropology in her role at KI. She continued her work with Dr. Koehn by volunteering to coordinate the first lecture series in Global Public Health for the 2013-2014 academic years.

In her role promoting and protecting the KAMUT® trademark, Jamie travels frequently to primary markets in the US and Canada to meet with companies using the grain. These companies range from “Mom and Pop” artisan bakeries to large food companies such as Nature’s Path, Bob’s Red Mill, and Kashi. She was an invited delegate of Montana Governor Steve Bullock’s trade mission to Taiwan and Korea in 2015.



Jamie Ryan Lockman





“After Senegal, Tenly was hooked on international work...”

**Tenly Snow MS, International Conservation and Development University of Montana, 2013**

Tenly always knew she wanted to be an English major in college, but hadn't thought much beyond that. When graduation from Whitman College rolled around in 2006, she decided to apply for the Peace Corps. A year after graduating, she received her assignment and departed for a life-changing experience in Senegal, West Africa, where she worked for two years teaching Urban Agriculture. After Senegal, Tenly was hooked on international work returning to her hometown of Missoula to attend The University of Montana's graduate school, attaining a Master of Science from the College of Forestry and Conservation in International Conservation and

Development (ICD Program). During her time at UM, Tenly served as the Peace Corps Campus Recruiter, and worked with Dr. Peter Koehn and others to develop the Peace Corps Partnership Program (PPP)- the first of its kind at a public university in the United States. Tenly currently works as an Information Systems Manager at VillageReach, a nonprofit global health innovator based in Seattle that focuses on developing new solutions to critical healthcare challenges in low- and middle-income countries. Tenly is the Community Manager for OpenLMIS, a powerful, enterprise-class, open source tool for managing health commodity distribution in low- and middle-income countries.

While working as UM's International Development Studies (IDS) program coordinator, Delyla Wilson was invited by International Development Studies (IDS) Director Peter Koehn to participate in the creation of a new international, multi-disciplinary minor at UM; the Global Public Health minor. With her long-term engagement in providing medical support for people seeking social, environmental, and political justice combined with her knowledge of the IDS minor made her an excellent asset to the GPH founding committee. Since the minor was approved in 2012 Delyla began providing a few hours a week in staff support to the minor.

While continuing to be the primary staff person for IDS, GPH, and the related Peace Corps Prep certificate Delyla has also continued her street medic activities and is launching the Diversified Integrated Resiliency Training Center (DIRT Center) an education non-profit. The DIRT Center hosts a variety of education activities that create a foundation for community resilience. The DIRT Center has already been the host to a number of educational events including a *Strawbale Bale Stacking* event and a *Heads, Hearts, and Hands: Hope and Action in Troubling Times* workshop. Upcoming, Delyla's Street Medic passion is coming together with the DIRT Center project for a 3-day, 20-hour Street Medic training on the weekend of June 23<sup>rd</sup> to June 25<sup>th</sup> followed by *Spreading the Health: Personal, Collective and Community Resilience* a five-day Street Medic conference June 28<sup>th</sup> to July 2<sup>nd</sup>. To learn more about what Delyla is doing and to other upcoming DIRT Center events check out the DIRT Center website [dirtcenter.org](http://dirtcenter.org).



## MEET A GPH STUDENT!



Heidi Lissau is a senior majoring in Community Health and Prevention Sciences, pursuing a minor in Global Public Health, and working towards a Peace Corps Program Certificate with the Health Specialization. She completed an Associates of Science in General Education degree at Great Falls College, MSU before transferring here. Heidi attributes her discovery of the Global Public Health minor as one of the reasons she came to UM!

Heidi is a passionate advocate for individual, community, and population health and was amazed when she found an opportunity to study health issues on both the community and global scales. Heidi says her coursework in both Community and Global Public Health has enriched her perspective on the many social, political, economic, environmental, and personal factors that intersect to shape and influence individual and population

health.

### ***What interested you in the GPH minor?***

*“Public health is my passion and after reviewing the courses offered under the GPH minor would broaden my knowledge base and expose me to global scale issues.”*

After completing her undergraduate degree, her plans include, applying to a number of master’s programs, including the MPH program here at UM and a Master’s in Spatial Analysis for Public Health in Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. When she’s not in school, Heidi likes to read, cook, and spend time in the outdoors.

## **“I feel like it has given me a more open-minded view of the world.”**

Andrew Honken is currently studying Human Biology and Pre-medicine here at the University of Montana, as well as pursuing the GPH minor. He enjoys hunting, fishing, backpacking with friends, and reading books in the little bit of spare time outside of school. Andrew is involved with many different programs on UM’s campus, he is a peer advisor for the Division of Biological Sciences and involved with the Global Grizzlies.

Andrew originally read about the Global Grizzlies on the UM website when he was a senior in high school and looking at colleges. This group had a huge influence on his decision to come to UM. This year the Global Grizzlies are traveling to Iganga, Uganda, a village about four hours east of the capital city Kampala, from May 16<sup>th</sup>-June 18<sup>th</sup>. Andrew learned about the GPH minor through peer advising and talking with other students considering the minor.

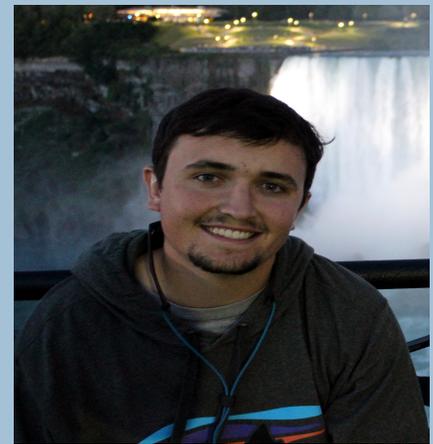
Andrew says the minor has given him an outlet to study and learn about cultural perspectives of health and medicine from around the world.

### *What interested you in the GPH minor?*

*“As a student who hopes to become a doctor eventually, I find it really important for me to develop a broad understanding of medicine and public health. I feel like I have a solid scientific background for a career in medicine. I decided to add the GPH minor in order to gain some real-world knowledge of medicine and public health that my human biology major doesn’t offer me.”*

### *How has the GPH minor helped expand your education here at UM?”*

*“The GPH minor has given me the opportunity to branch away from science-based learning and learn about cultural perspectives of health and medicine around the globe.”*



I have enjoyed stepping out of my comfort zone to take classes within the GPH minor. I feel like it has given me a more open-minded view of the world.”

After Andrew finishes his undergrad in Spring 2018 he plans to take at least one year off in order to go through the long application process for medical school. He recently, has begun to consider take more time off to volunteer for the Peace Corps.



“The GPH minor has allowed me to expand my knowledge about global issues...”

Laurel Naylor is currently a sophomore at UM and is majoring in Community Health. Laurel had an early interest in public health and found the Global Public Health minor through research as she decided what programs to study in and what schools to attend. Actively involved on UM’s campus, she currently works in the University of Montana admissions office and is also a UM advocate, Davison Honors College student and involved with the Global Grizzlies. She has found the Global Public Health minor beneficial to her education and she hopes it helps her with her plans after completing her undergraduate degree. As a member of the Davison honors college, she quickly learned about the Global Grizzlies and the experience abroad sparked her interest in global public health issues. This year the group is traveling to Iganga, Uganda, a village about four hours east of the capital city Kampala.

*What interested you in the GPH minor?*

“I initially became interested in global public health through trips that I did to Nicaragua and Ecuador during high school. The development work that I did in those countries and the introduction that I had to global public health there made me want to pursue it as a career. It was a no-brainer for me to add GPH as my minor here.”

*How has the GPH minor helped expand your education here at UM?*

“The GPH minor has allowed me to expand my knowledge about global issues and has introduced me to ways I can help combat these issues throughout my career. It expands on my knowledge about community health and helps me put that knowledge in a global context, which I will be able to utilize in graduate school and my career.”

After Laurel graduates from UM, she plans on pursuing the Master’s program in Public Health at another institution. She is interested in food security and sustainable farming in small villages.



On April 19, Peter Koehn presented an invited talk on “Emerging Global Leadership on Climatic Stabilization: Why China Will Step Forward” at the World Bank’s Global Environmental Facility, in Washington, D.C. Koehn spoke with about 40 interested attendees from the World Bank, USAID, the U.S. EPA, and NGOs.



Peter Koehn Speaking on the occasion of the launch of his new book on Universities and the Sustainable Development Future at Association of Public & Land-grant Universities (APLU) on April 21, 2017.



A little note from Sydney Gambrel the GPH Assistant Spring 2017!

I am working with Delyla and Peter as the GPH Program Assistant this semester. I am originally from Polson, Montana and did my undergraduate degree here at the University of Montana. I graduated from UM last year

with a BS in Business Administration with a focus in Marketing. After graduating, I stayed in Missoula, keeping myself close to the outdoor adventure. I have been working closely with Peter and Delyla on organizing internships, re-working the website, assisting with the lecture series, the self-study and creating this newsletter!

I currently work for GPH and a small mapping company in town! It has been a great experience to work for the GPH program; it is interesting to learn about a different perspective on health that I have not been exposed to before! The Lecture Series has truly been a wonderful experience and I have learned so much from each and every one of them. I have had a great time meeting all the students and faculty apart of this program! Thank you all so much for this opportunity!

Hope you have enjoyed reading this newsletter! Please feel free to get in touch!

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## New Courses Approved!

The GPH Steering Committee recently approved three new core courses in Social Justice, Drama, and Theatre (taught by Jillian Campana); Ecology of Infectious Disease (taught by Angela Luis); and Community and Regional Analysis (taught by Christiane Von Reichert).

## INTERNSHIPS

The GPH Minor has many internships available to students. Want to volunteer or looking for an internship this summer? Staying in Missoula? Local health is part of Global Health and the Missoula community wants YOU!

- ❖ Poverello Center
- ❖ Missoula medical Aid
- ❖ YMCA Missoula

You can find more internship opportunities on the GPH Website or Contact Dr. Peter Koehn.

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## DIRECTOR PETER KOEHN'S LATEST WORK!

Invited *consultant, conversation leader, and full-day program moderator*, InnovATE (Innovation for Agriculture Training and Education) Institutional Transformation: Design Review *Workshop*, Virginia Tech University, 7-10 June 2016. Moderated sessions on national ATE system transformation, curriculum development and pedagogical reform, and budget and contracting relationships.

Review of Piot, Charles (editor), *Doing Development in West Africa: A Reader By and For Undergraduates* in *Journal of Modern African Studies* 55, 3 (2017).

Manuscript reviewer for *Human Resources for Health*

## OPPORTUNITIES

### Scholarships and Awards

The Global Public Health Program has two affiliated scholarships/ awards:

- The Peter H. Koehn & Phyllis B. Ngai Scholarship -
- The Global Public Health External Advisory Committee Award

**CONGRATULATIONS to Danielle Vasquez and Joshua “Teague” Rutherford for receiving The Peter H. Koehn & Phyllis B. Ngai Scholarship this year!**

**GPH minor and Political Science Major Isabel Langlois has been honored as 2017 Newman Civic Fellow.**

Rachael Schmoker, a 2015 GPH minor and EAC awardee, will be pursuing her interest in international health work as a Peace Corps Volunteer with the Zambia Health contingent beginning in June. Rachael will be working with CHIP (Community Health Improvement Project) as a Health Extension Agent.

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## GPH FACULTY UPDATES!

Liz Putnam is Chair, Department of Biomedical and Pharmaceutical Sciences

Liz Putnam and others. “Partnership with the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes: Establishing an advisory committee for pharmacogenetic research.” *Progress in Community Health Partnerships: Research, Education and Action*. In Press.

Kimber McKay is Vice Chair, Department of Anthropology  
 Michelle U. Grocke and McKay, Kimber H., 2016.

'Like mother, like child? Understanding transitions in diet, health, and nutrition in Humla, Nepal'. *Studies in Nepali History and Society*. 21(2):13-22.

### THE GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN GLOBAL PUBLIC HEALTH HAS BEEN APPROVED!

The certificate is a collaborative initiative of the GPH program and the College of Health Professions.

#### Required Courses (students choose 2 of 4):

- GYD 520. Critical Issues in Helping
- ANTY 426. Culture, Health and Healing
- PUBH 510. Intro to Epidemiology
- PUBH 520. Fundamentals of Biostatistics

#### Elective Courses (students choose 2 or more of 10):

- HHP 544. Community-Based Participatory Research Methods for Health
- ANTY 433. Indigenous Global Health and Healing
- ANTY 522. Medical Anthropology
- COMX 415. Intercultural Communication
- PSCI 463. Development Administration
- PSCI 431. Politics of Global Migration
- PUBH 535. Health Policy
- PUBH 540. Social and Behavioral Sciences in Public Health
- PUBH 560. Environmental and Rural Health
- PUBH 580. Rural Health Issues in a Global Context