

Primary Health Care & Community Health

Department of International Health

The Department of International Health is committed to helping the world's most vulnerable and disadvantaged people improve their health and well-being, wherever they live.

Our work in primary health care and community health encompasses technical support, capacity building, literature reviews, program evaluations, intervention development, and teaching – all with a focus on community-based primary health care. Our faculty are also leading the development of improved community-based interventions for improving maternal and neonatal health.

Meet Some of Our Primary Health Care and Community Health Faculty

William Brieger, DrPH Professor

Dr. Brieger's major research focus is on the social, cultural and behavioral aspects of health and illness, especially in tropical contexts with an emphasis on programs designed around primary health care, community participation and health education. Through his projects, Brieger has endeavored to learn about health and health care from the community's perspective in order to develop communication bridges between consumers and providers, to learn appropriate community participation mechanisms, and to strengthen community capacity during intervention research.



Select Publications

Okeibunor JC, Orji BC, Brieger W, Ishola G, Otolorin EO, Rawlins B, Ndekhedehe EU, Onyeneho N, and Fink G. Preventing malaria in pregnancy through community-directed interventions: evidence from Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria. *Malaria Journal* 2011; 10:227 <http://www.malariajournal.com/content/10/1/227/abstract>

Brieger WR. Health education to promote community involvement in the control of tropical diseases. *Acta Tropica* 1996; 61: 93-106.

Henry Perry, MD, PhD, MPH Senior Scientist

Dr. Perry's primary research interest concerns the impact of community-based primary health care programs on health improvement, especially on the health of mothers and children. He has a broad interest in primary health care and community-oriented public health, community participation, and equity and empowerment.



Anbrasi Edward, PhD Associate Scientist

Dr. Edward has been the principal or co-principal investigator for several projects on health systems research and evaluation, including conducting performance assessments, training on quality management, and community-based research. Her focus has been primarily in low- and middle-income economies, including health systems in post-conflict contexts. She has conducted numerous training programs for health policymakers and clinicians in East and Southern Africa and Asia on quality management, balanced scorecards and other initiatives for enhancing community-based healthcare.



Select Publications

Edward A, Jung Y, ETTYANG G et al. Applying an Equity Lens to Maternal Health Care Continuum in Rural Communities of Cambodia, Guatemala, Kenya, and Zambia. *Internal Medicine Review*. Accepted for Publication, February 2018 <http://internalmedicinereview.org/index.php/imr/article/view/666>

Edward, A., C. Branchini, et al. (2015). "Toward universal coverage in Afghanistan: A multi-stakeholder assessment of capacity investments in the community health worker system." *Soc Sci Med*.

Select Publications

Perry H (editor). *Engaging Communities for Improving Mothers' and Children's Health: Reviewing the Evidence of Effectiveness in Resource-Constrained Settings*. Edinburgh, Scotland: *Journal of Global Health*.

Perry H, Rassekh B, Gupta S, Freeman P. A comprehensive review of the evidence regarding the effectiveness of community-based primary health care in improving maternal, neonatal and child health: 6. Strategies used by effective projects. *Journal of Global Health*. 2017;7(1), doi: 10.7189/jogh.07.010906.

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Meike Schleiff, DrPH, MSPH
Assistant Scientist

Dr. Schleiff is actively engaged in research and consultation on Primary Health Care programs and capacity strengthening in Ethiopia and Madagascar. She also works on curriculum development for the new USAID Sustaining Technical and Analytical Resources (STAR) project and Last Mile Health and continues to manage an NGO, The GROW Project, that she co-founded in Haiti (www.thegrowproject.org).

Select Publications

George, A., LeFevre, A., Schleiff, M., Mancuso, A., Sacks, E., Sarriot, E. 2018. *Hubris, Humility, and Humanity: Expanding Evidence Approaches for Improving and Sustaining Community Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health (MNCH)*. *BMJ Global Health*.

Schleiff, M., Kumapley, R., Freeman, P., Gupta, S., Rassekh, B., Perry, H. 2017. *A Comprehensive Review of the Evidence Regarding the Effectiveness of Community-based Primary Health Care in Improving Maternal, Neonatal, and Child Health: 5. Equity Effects*. 7:1, 1-14. *Journal of Global Health*.

Kerry Scott, PhD, MSc
Associate



Dr. Scott is passionate about building a world where everyone enjoys the right to health. Dr. Scott's key focal areas include human resources for health, social accountability, community participation in health, community health workers, gender, power, provider-patient relationships and health systems governance.

Select Publications

Scott, K., Beckham, S.W., Gross, M., Pariyo, G., Rao, K., Cometto, G. & Perry, H.B. (2018). *What do we know about community-based health workers and their integration with health systems? A systematic review of existing reviews*. *Human Resources for Health* 16(39).

Scott, K., Jessani, N., Qiu, M. & Bennett, S. (2018). *Developing more participatory and accountable institutions for health: identifying health system research priorities for the Sustainable Development Goal-era*. *Health Policy and Planning*: 1-13.

Examples of Current Projects

Strengthen National Community-based Delivery of Primary Health and Nutrition Services in Madagascar

Community directed malaria control in Nigeria and Burkina Faso

International Institute for Primary Health Care - Ethiopia, technical support

Course Highlights

Project Development for Primary Health Care in Developing Countries

Advances in Community-Oriented Primary Health Care

Social and Behavioral Foundations of Primary Health Care

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