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FUTURE HEALTH SYSTEMS
Empowering Local Researchers, Innovating Health Systems

STUDENT HONORS & AWARDS

JOHNS HOPKINS BLOOMBERG SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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Operational research, implementation research and health systems research all attempt to provide information to improve the delivery of health services. All are multidisciplinary research efforts using quantitative and qualitative methods to improve the effectiveness of health interventions and programs. Operational research is action oriented in response to specific identified problems in intervention delivery or support services. Implementation research, as defined by the NIH Fogarty International Center which has made it a priority, “creates generalizable knowledge that can be applied across settings and contexts to address central questions” (Madon et al. Science 318:1728-9, 2007). Questions—such as why do highly efficacious interventions have a lesser effect when implemented in resource-poor countries and how must interventions be modified in these settings to achieve the greatest benefits—must be prioritized. Health systems research addresses more complex problems of the health system.

In November 2010 the First Global Symposium on Health Systems Research in Montreux, Switzerland, drew 1,200 participants from more than 100 countries. Department faculty, students and alumni were prominent leaders and participants. The statement from the conference Steering Committee recognized the move toward a further agenda of “science to accelerate universal coverage.” A cosponsor of the symposium and an important organization taking this agenda forward for more than a decade is the Alliance for Health Policy and Systems Research, formerly directed by Associate Professor Sara Bennett and currently directed by IH alumnus Abdul Ghaffar, MD, PhD ’01, MPH.

Since its inception 50 years ago, the Department has engaged in these areas of applied research to bring effective services to populations in low- and middle-income countries and to generate knowledge of global relevance. In this issue of The Globe we highlight the work of the Future Health Systems consortium led by Department faculty Associate Professors Sara Bennett and David Peters and funded by the UK Department for International Development. In addition to the University of Sussex, the consortium includes three Asian institutions and seven African schools of public health that work together to address local research priorities within overall program goals.

Other faculty have recently begun new applied research projects. Assistant Scientist Kate Gilroy was funded by USAID for implementation research to improve the quality of integrated community case management of serious childhood infectious diseases in Malawi and Mali. Professor Peter Winch is beginning an assessment of the treatment of malaria with combination anti-malarial drugs in Ghana with funding from the Clinton Health Access Initiative.

These areas of applied health systems and community research have been a priority for the Department throughout its history. They are essential to scaling up health services and improving health systems to achieve the largest and most equitable health benefits.
The Department’s Health Systems faculty recently won a second 6-year award to lead the Future Health Systems (FHS) consortium. During this second phase, researchers from four continents will continue investigating how to deliver effective primary health care services to the most vulnerable and disadvantaged populations around the world. Building on the Department’s long tradition of community-based healthcare, FHS is designed around the mandate of locally driven research. Not only do local experts lead research activities, local communities are also a part of the research design and implementation processes. As with the first 5 years of Future Health Systems, this innovative approach will help local communities implement sustainable programs while producing globally relevant research findings.

Global Collaboration
Chief Executive Officer Dr. Sara Bennett, associate professor in International Health, oversees a decentralized management team composed of representatives from across the globe. While Hopkins administers the grant, specific research activities are not predetermined by the UK Department for International Development (DFID), which funds the grant, or by Hopkins. Along with representatives from each of the partner organizations, a special advisory group will help guide research priorities based on overall program goals. Experts from various disciplines and a range of organizations comprise the advisory group. One member, Alumnus Dr. George Pariyo of Makerere University and WHO, received his doctorate from the Department of International Health. He along with the other members will help ensure that the consortium fosters south-to-south learning and overall research capacity.

Main partner organizations are headquartered in both high- and low-income countries: Bangladesh, China, India, Uganda, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Moreover, each organization shares in the responsibility of taking the lead of important facets of the project. See the table on the next page for an overview of the main partners’ roles.

RESEARCH GOALS
FHS focuses on developing strategies for delivering effective maternal and child health services to the most disadvantaged. The consortium’s efforts are broadly organized around three overarching research goals that are not mutually exclusive:

1. Unlocking Community Capabilities: developing systems for identifying existing resources that can be used to improve the quality and effectiveness of health services
2. Stimulating Innovations: harnessing new technologies and organizational innovations to improve health care quality and coverage sustainably
3. Learning by Doing: systematizing health care processes so that all stakeholders can develop and refine skills for improving services

In the previous 5 years, FHS produced a wide range of high-quality health systems research. Over the next 6, FHS will build on past experiences while expanding into new areas of sustainability and capacity. Below are three brief examples of success stories from the first round of FHS. Although the lessons learned from a project are rarely limited to one category, the following are organized by one of the three primary research goals. Plans have not been finalized for the new phase of FHS, but these projects offer promising avenues for future health systems research.
Unlocking Community Capabilities
Taxi Drivers Providing Safe Delivery in Uganda

In rural Uganda, affording adequate health care is not the only challenge for expectant mothers. Finding transportation to a skilled provider is also a major obstacle. Complications during delivery, therefore, result in many unnecessary maternal and child deaths.

FHS found through many consultations with community groups and leaders that boda bodas, or motorcycle taxis, were the only available and reliable means of providing transportation to health care services for expectant mothers. After further consultation with communities, a voucher program was developed for mothers to use the taxis and to pay for antenatal, delivery, and postnatal care. At the same time, health service providers were trained to accommodate the anticipated increase in service utilization. And a media campaign was launched to spread the word about the program.

Response to the program was overwhelmingly successful, with over 12,000 women receiving vouchers. Births with a skilled provider increased, as did antenatal and post-delivery care visits. The Ugandan research team, led by Dr. Elizabeth Ekirapa-Kiracho at Makerere University, is now developing a study to investigate how this particular program can become self-sustaining. The study should also produce generalizable information about tapping into existing local capacity to improve health delivery and services.

Stimulating Innovation
Village Doctors in Bangladesh

One of FHS’s most widely recognized successes is its work with informal health markets. In Bangladesh, what are known as “village doctors” are not actually trained physicians, but rather informal providers in rural areas where formal health care services are lacking. Past research has shown that village doctors routinely prescribe medicines that are not only inappropriate but often detrimental to the patient.

To address these inadequacies, FHS, led by ICDDR,B, developed a branding system called ShasthyaSena, or Health Soldiers. Village doctors were invited to participate in a certification pro-
program that included training to treat the most common illnesses such as pneumonia, diarrhea and malaria. They were given a free reference guide, and were able to market themselves as such as pneumonia, diarrhea and malaria. They were given a free reference guide, and were able to market themselves as part of the ShasthyaSena Network. Media campaigns helped spread the word about the quality of the network to give members a competitive advantage in the marketplace. Initial findings show an increase in appropriate prescriptions by trained providers compared to those with no training.

New research is being planned to link this network of providers with physicians through mobile phones and the internet. Systems for providing financial incentives for referring patients to the formal sector are also being discussed. This linking of the informal sector is part of the FHS goal of both unlocking capacity and stimulating innovation.

Learning by Doing
The Balanced Scorecard in Afghanistan

The development and successful implementation of the Balanced Scorecards in Afghanistan has led to a remarkable improvement in health services in a war-torn country. Since 2004, Health Systems faculty and the Indian Institute of Health Management Research (IIHMR) have worked with the Ministry of Health to develop a set of tools that has become the cornerstone of the government’s monitoring and evaluation system of its primary health care sector. Through consultations with stakeholders, baseline levels of services were set and indicators developed. Regular data collection has helped managers and service providers alike track and improve their own performance.

In addition to learning by doing, findings from Afghanistan will help inform another priority topic for FHS: health care in post-conflict states. FHS will explore expanding the use of the scorecard into other problem areas affecting fragile states, such as social capital and capacity. Researchers will also investigate how improvements in health care can lead to improvements in other sectors of society and to a greater trust in public institutions.

Building Capacity: The African Hub

Health Systems faculty are very excited that FHS includes a mechanism for collaborating with seven African schools of public health. These schools are part of the Higher Education Alliance for Leadership through Health (the HEALTH Alliance) and are referred to as the African Hub. The schools are located in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Uganda.

Makerere University in Uganda is the lead partner of this initiative, which is designed to improve health systems research and instructional capacity in sub-Saharan Africa. A long-time collaborator with the Bloomberg School, Makerere University recently partnered with Johns Hopkins Schools of Medicine, Nursing, and Public Health to conduct institutional capacity-building activities. The program was funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and findings were published this year in a special issue of BMC International Health and Human Rights, entitled, “An innovative approach to building capacity at an African university to improve health outcomes.” These findings will inform many of the capacity-building activities planned under FHS.

The connections built between faculty and staff at these institutions and other FHS partners will serve the dual purpose of building local capacity while also engaging local researchers in the development and conduct of studies. Plans are already underway to mentor faculty on grant writing and course development. An evaluation tool to assess current health research capacity has also been developed by Associate Professor Sara Bennett and faculty in the African Hub.

The Next 6 Years

Future Health Systems continues the Department’s commitment to partner with local organizations to better serve disadvantaged and marginalized populations. The next 6 years of FHS will build on its previous success by reaching out to African schools of public health and empowering local researchers to take the lead on many research priority areas. While the mission of FHS is to improve health care delivery through quality systems research, it is also a successful model of a truly global research collaboration.

JHSPH Student Dissertations Supported by Future Health Systems

Aneesa Arur

Adrijana Corluka

Sachiko Ozawa
Trust matters: Villagers’ trust in providers and insurers in the context of a community-based health insurance scheme in Cambodia. (2010)

Laura C. Steinhardt
Determinants of access to primary health care services in rural Afghanistan. (2010)

---Jeff Knezovich at IDS and Daniela Lewy at Hopkins contributed to this article.
Student Scholarships and Fellowships

Baker, Taylor, Reinke Scholarship in International Health
Alison Connor, GDEC
Erica Layer, SBI

Established in 2004, this scholarship commemorates over 100 combined years of dedicated public health service by Drs. Timothy D. Baker, William Reinke and Carl E. Taylor. The efforts of these three men were instrumental in establishing the field of international health as a distinct discipline. This fund supports graduate students in the Department of International Health and is targeted toward students working in the following areas: organization of health delivery systems, community-based healthcare or injury control in less developed countries.

Clements – Mann Fellowship
Laveta Stewart, GDEC
Dustin Gibson, GDEC

Mary Lou Clements-Mann, MD, MPH’79, professor of International Health, and her husband Jonathan Mann, MD, MPH, visiting professor of Health Policy and Management, died in September 1998 when Swiss Air Flight 111 to Geneva crashed into the North Atlantic. The Manns were at the forefront of the worldwide struggle against AIDS. Dr. Clements-Mann was an internationally known physician who devoted most of her career to developing and testing vaccines to combat respiratory viruses, AIDS, and diarrheal diseases. As professor of International Health, she was the founding director of the Center for Immunization Research, where she worked with colleagues to develop the master’s and doctoral programs in vaccine sciences. Dr. Jonathan Mann founded the World Health Organization’s AIDS program and was one of the first scientists to bring the international AIDS crisis to the world’s attention. The Clements-Mann Fellowship was established by family members, friends, and colleagues as a tribute to Mary Lou and Jonathan’s tireless devotion to vaccine development, research, and human rights. The fund supports outstanding graduate students working in vaccine sciences.

The Mary and Carl Taylor Fund
Kiely Houston, SBI

The Mary and Carl Taylor Fund was created in 1995 with contributions from faculty and alumni in honor of the Taylors’ commitment to the students of the School of Public Health and to improving international health through research and action. The fund provides support to a student working in the area of international bioethics.

Robert & Helen Wright Fund
Sarah Dalglish, SBI
Nathan Miller, GDEC
Melissa Poulsen, SBI

This fund was established in 1983 with donations from family members and friends of former International Health faculty member Robert Wright, MD, MPH ’40. The Fund provides support for continuing doctoral students who expect to contribute to the improvement of public health in Africa, particularly in Nigeria.

Diana Hess Scholarship
Meredith Dyson, Health Systems

In 1983 the Diana Hess Memorial Fund was established with contributions from her family and friends. Diana Hess, a former Peace Corps volunteer in Kenya, was devoted to improving public health in Africa. The Hess Fund provides an annual scholarship to students in the Department of International Health. The award is based on academic and professional accomplishments and need for financial support. Preference is given to those planning to work in Africa, but this is not a requirement for receipt of the award.

Wendy Klag Memorial Fund
Emma Sacks, Health Systems

This fund supports students at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health who are working on issues related to the health and well-being of children.

Humanitarian Assistance Award
Eva Leidman, Health Systems

This fund provides support to master’s and doctoral students who are committed to improving humanitarian response and health for refugees, displaced persons and populations affected by conflict and natural disasters.
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Henry and Lola Beye Scholarship
Olakunle Alonge, Health Systems

This fund was established in 2001 through the estate of Lola Beye, widow of Henry Beye, MD. Dr. Beye received his MPH degree from the School in 1942 and was an authority on tropical diseases. He spent many years at the U.S. Public Health Service where he was the director of the Middle America Research Unit. He conducted intensive studies on elephantiasis, hemorrhagic fever, filariasis and schistosomiasis, and during his career worked in such countries as Bolivia, British Guiana, Thailand, and Panama. Mrs. Beye, a nurse, often worked in the field with Dr. Beye. This fund supports an outstanding student who has completed a medical degree and is pursuing a graduate degree in the Department.

Nancy Stephens Fund
Aimee Summers, GDEC
Sonja Goedkoop, Human Nutrition

Established in 1970 as the International Health Fund, this fund provides grants to master’s or doctoral students in the Department of International Health who are completing their degrees. For 37 years Nancy Stephens was the immensely popular student coordinator in the Department of International Health. At her retirement in 2001, Dr. Robert Black honored her by renaming this fund the Nancy Stephens Student Support Fund.

The R. Bradley Sack Family Scholarship Award
Sarah Dalglish, SBI

Established in 2000 by R. Bradley Sack, MS, MD, ScD ’68, the award supports outstanding doctoral students studying infectious disease in the developing world. Dr. Sack has served on the faculty at the School for over 30 years and has consulted and worked all over the world on problems related to infectious diseases.

Georgeda Buchbinder Award
Sarah Peitzmeier, GDEC
Hieu Pham, SBI
Rohit Ramchandani, DrPH candidate
Kwame Sakyi, SBI
Haneefa Saleem, SBI

Dr. Georgeda Buchbinder received her MPH from the School in 1984. She then moved to Hawaii and began a public health career by teaching Population Science and International Health. Her career was progressing extraordinarily well when she was diagnosed with cancer. This fund was established by friends and colleagues after her death to celebrate her all-too-brief career in public health. This fund annually supports students, junior faculty, or other priority projects in international health.

Harry D. Kruse Fellowship in Nutrition
Muzi Na, Human Nutrition
Lenis Chen, Human Nutrition

Presented annually to a continuing full-time student who has demonstrated outstanding academic performance and professional potential in the field of nutrition and public health.

The Harry J. Prebluda Fellowship in Nutritional Biochemistry
Hua Jing, Human Nutrition
Sohyun Park, Human Nutrition
Attia Goheer, Human Nutrition

This fellowship was established in 1990 by Mrs. Harry J. Prebluda and her children in memory of her late husband. Harry Prebluda earned his doctorate degree in Biochemistry at the School in 1937, and worked closely with E.V. McCollum. The fellowship fosters the careers of outstanding young scientists focusing on nutritional biochemistry and metabolism.

The Elsa Orent Keiles Fellowship in Human Nutrition in International Health
Seung Hee Lee, Human Nutrition

This fellowship was established in 1996 with a bequest from the estate of Elsa Orent Keiles, ScD ’25, a graduate of the Department of Chemical Hygiene (now Biochemistry and Molecular Biology). In keeping with Dr. Keiles’ research interests, the award provides tuition support for graduate students with demonstrated financial needs in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology or the Program in Human Nutrition in the Department of International Health.
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The David and Elinor Bodian Scholarship Fund
Laveta Stewart, GDEC

The David and Elinor Bodian Foundation established this award to honor the late Dr. David Bodian, who served on the School’s faculty from 1942 to 1947, and his wife Elinor. Dr. Bodian’s seminal research on the behavior of the poliovirus contributed to the development of the polio vaccine and to worldwide progress in combating this crippling disease. Elinor Bodian graduated from the Art as Applied to Medicine Program at the School of Medicine. The fund provides annual support to a doctoral student in any department at the School whose dissertation research is at a critical juncture.

Lazzara Family Foundation
Hsin-Jen Chen, Human Nutrition
Nadine Budd, Human Nutrition

This fund supports students who are studying obesity-related issues.

Richard and Barbara Hall Fund
Bess Lewis, Human Nutrition
Amy Desai, Human Nutrition

This fund supports the School’s education and research mission in human nutrition through research conducted by graduate students and junior faculty.

Marjorie F. and Joseph I Berman Family Award
Sarah Beckham, SBI

Congratulations New Delta Omega Members

Assistant Professor
Christian Coles
James Fuller
Alice Hu
Ashley Jackson
Naoko Kozuki
Aubrey Levine

Siti K. Mohd-Hanafiah
Aliya Noormohamed
Suzanne Pollard
Melissa Roach
Lauren Schwartz
Ah Young Shin
Alaina Thomas

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Marjorie F. and Joseph I Berman Family Award
Sarah Beckham, SBI

SBI Alumni Award
Jeremy B. Lapedis, MSPH student
Stephen R. Kodish, PhD student

This award is made possible by contributions from master’s and doctoral graduates of the SBI program.
**Faculty Promotion**

Parul Christian, DrPH, MSc, Professor, Human Nutrition

**New Faculty**

Ketan S. Jumani, BDS, Research Associate, GDEC

Shannon McMahon, MHS, Associate, SBI

Eunice “Wangeci” Kagucia, MHS, Research Associate, GDEC

David Roger Murdoch, MD, MS, Senior Associate, GDEC

Yunhwan Lee, MD, DrPH, MPH, Senior Associate, Health Systems

Sandra S. Retsky, DO, MBA, Senior Associate, Health Systems

Arif Billah Al Mahmud, MBBS, MSc, Associate, Health Systems

Anthony Scott, MD, MSc, Associate, GDEC

Rachel Strom, MPH, Research Associate, SBI

**New Staff**

Carla Blauvelt, Senior Research Program Coordinator II

Eileen O’Brien, Grant Writer, Health Systems Program

Donna Dennis, Research Assistant, Human Nutrition

Shirin Wadhwaniya, Senior Research Assistant, Health Systems

Ramani Dinavahi, Laboratory Manager, CIR

Paula Warner, Research Program Assistant, Human Nutrition

Matthew Lee, Research Program Coordinator, Human Nutrition

**New Staff**

Viraj Bhise, MBBS, Associate, Health Systems

Scott Compton, PhD, Associate, SBI

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Dagna O. Constenla, PhD, Associate Scientist, Health Systems, IVAC

Vivian Fei-Ling Go, PhD, MPH, Joint Appointment, Associate Professor, SBI

Laura L. Hammitt, MD, Assistant Scientist, GDEC (CAIH)

Steven A. Harvey, PhD, MHS, Assistant Professor, SBI

**Congratulations**

Sofia Arriola, Global Disease Epidemiology and Control (GDEC), "Antimicrobial Resistant Bacteria and Use of Antimicrobials in Pig Farming in Peru."


Rakesh Gupta, Health Systems, “Evaluating the delivery huts program to promote institutional deliveries in Haryana, India”

Ji Li, Human Nutrition, “Genetic and Environmental Influences on Children’s Dietary Intakes, Growth and Health during Puberty: A Twin Study in China.”

Anant Murthy, Health Systems, “The Economic Burden of MRSA in Europe: A Swiss Case Study on Sources of Bias, Cost-effectiveness, and Organizational Factors Affecting Hospital Policy.”


Dan Roth, Human Nutrition, “Vitamin D Supplementation in Pregnant and Non-Pregnant Women in Dhaka, Bangladesh: Pharmacokinetic and Safety Studies.”
Faculty Honors

Professor and Chair Robert E. Black received the 2011 Canada Gairdner Global Health Award. The award recognizes Dr. Black’s discovery that zinc can both treat and prevent diarrhea and “for his significant contributions to improving child survival and particularly for critical clinical and epidemiological studies to reduce childhood diarrheal deaths.” Since 1959, the prestigious Gairdner Awards have honored the world’s most promising medical discoveries.

Associate Professor Sara Bennett was appointed to the World Health Organization Advisory Committee on Health Research, and has been invited to chair the Wellcome Trust’s African Institutions Initiative Advisory Committee. The Initiative seeks to develop a critical mass of sustainable health research capacity across Africa.

Assistant Professor Pamela Surkan won one of the first annual Center for Public Health and Human Rights Junior Faculty Research Awards for, Nepali widows' understandings of human rights and impact of rights violations on their health and the health of their children. The awards are meant to stimulate new research on the intersection of public health and human rights, and are made possible through an anonymous gift to the Center.

Assistant Professor Alain Labrique won a Faculty Innovation Award for “Wireless Public Health Technologies to Prevent Drowning.” He was also accepted into the 2011 NIH mHealth Summer Institute.

Associate Professor Adnan Hyder will receive the Aron Sobel Guardian Award from the Association for Safe International Road Travel at the Pillars of Action for Global Road Safety Gala.

Visiting Professor Cesar Victora received the 2011 Programme for Global Paediatric Research Award for Outstanding Contributions to Global Child Health, which is presented annually by the Programme for Global Paediatric Research, The Hospital for Sick Children, Toronto.

EXCELLENCE IN FACULTY ADVISING

The Johns Hopkins Center for Global Health and the Master of Public Health program recognized five faculty for Excellence in Global Health Advising. Faculty were nominated by their advisees and selected by a committee.

Teaching Excellence Recognition Awards
3rd Term

Assistant Scientist Sachi Ozawa and Associate Krishna Rao
Health Financing in Low- and Middle-Income Countries

JHU Alumni Association Awards
Knowledge for the World Award, which honors alumni who exemplify the Johns Hopkins tradition of excellence and have brought credit to the university and their profession in the international arena through their professional achievements or humanitarian service.

Patricia N. Mechael, MHS ’98
Joanne Katz, ScD ’93

Professor Bob Black at the Canada Embassy in Washington, DC, for the Gairdner Awards Reception. With him are John Dirks, Director of the Gairdner Foundation (left) and Professor Mathu Santosham (right).

Professors Sue and Tim Baker next to their portrait by Ingrid Egeli, now on display in the Bloomberg School. The portrait was presented by the School in honor of their contributions to public health.
50th Anniversary Highlights
Recent and Upcoming Events in Recognition of This IH Milestone

International Injury Research Unit (IIRU)
Now a WHO Collaborating Center

Dr. Adnan Hyder, IIRU Director, accepts the WHO Collaborating Center official letter from Dr. Etienne Krug, WHO Director of the Department of Violence, Injury Prevention and Disability, Geneva, and Chair of the United Nations Road Safety Collaboration. A seminar and exhibit were held to mark this recognition and as an IH 50th anniversary celebratory event.

Institute for Vaccine Safety
Hosts Anniversary Events

In April the Institute for Vaccine Safety hosted two well-received seminars as part of the Department’s 50th Anniversary celebrations.

Seth Mnookin’s book, The Panic Virus: A True Story of Medicine, Science, and Fear, explores the controversies over vaccines and their rumored connection to developmental disorders. Mr. Mnookin’s lecture to the School was “The Vaccine Debates: A case study of the media’s coverage of medicine in modern society.”

Journalist Brian Deer, whose recent series in the British Medical Journal exposed the fraud in the link between MMR vaccine and autism, addressed the School with a lecture entitled, “An Elaborate Fraud: Vaccine and Autism.”

Global Health Conference Alumni Reception
June 14, 2011
6–8 p.m.
Cafe Paradiso
2649 Connecticut Avenue
Washington, DC 20008
RSVP: pmoore@jhsph.edu

Fifth Annual George G. Graham Lectureship
Presented by the Middendorf Foundation

Right to left: Professor Keith West, Jr., Professor Andrew Prentice, and Dean Klag at the 5th Annual George G. Graham Lecture. Professor Prentice of the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine gave the keynote address, From Bench to Bush in Designing Nutrition Interventions: Avoiding Snakes and Climbing the Ladders. The annual lecture is made possible by the Middendorf Foundation.

Distinguished IH Alumnus Award
Nominate Alumni
Maximum of 500 words. Nominee’s CV appreciated. Email: bhoward@jhsph.edu
Deadline June 30, 2011

UPCOMING EVENTS
September 14
Prince Mahidol Symposium in honor of Professor Robert Black’s 2010 Public Health Prince Mahidol Award

September 20
Peace Corps Program with Aaron Williams, Director of the Peace Corps
The John Snow, Inc. Award
Presented by JSI President and Founder, Joel Lamstein

Joel Lamstein is founder and president of John Snow, Inc. (JSI), an international public health consulting firm. JSI’s mission is to enhance the lives of underserved populations throughout the world. The organization provides technical and managerial assistance to public health programs worldwide. With a staff of over 2,000, JSI has worked in over 100 countries to implement programs to improve the lives of the world’s most vulnerable populations.

JSI is pleased to sponsor the John Snow, Inc. Award at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in recognition of the many fine students who are truly the future of global health.

—Joel Lamstein
President, John Snow, Inc.

This year’s recipients of the JSI Award are

- Jesse Greenspan, who will intern at Curamericas Global, Inc., in Liberia to improve primary healthcare delivery in remote areas, with an emphasis on maternal and child health, and
- Bhavya Gowda, who will be part of the Clinton Health Access Initiative’s laboratory services team in Ethiopia to support the scale-up of early infant diagnostics for HIV.

Mr. Lamstein was also a co-founder of Management Sciences for Health (MSH) and is president of World Education, a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the lives of the poor through education, economic and social development programs. He is currently a senior lecturer at both the Harvard School of Public Health and at the MIT Sloan School of Management. He serves as the vice-chair of the Global Health Council’s board of directors, and is on the boards of advisors at Boston University Public Health School, the University of Michigan School of Public Health, and the Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies.

The John Snow, Inc. Award, an annual award created in 2001, provides financial assistance to outstanding second-year Master of Science in Public Health (MSPH) students in the Department of International Health who are engaged in internships in the field. This year’s recipients of the JSI Award are

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Bhavya Gowda
MSPH Candidate, Health Systems Program
John Snow, Inc. Award Recipient, 2011

Bhavya Gowda, an MSPH candidate in the Department’s Health Systems Program, will use the JSI Award towards her internship with the Clinton Health Access Initiative in Ethiopia. Currently, Bhavya is a research assistant with the Johns Hopkins Cancer Disparities Program. This summer, she will travel to Ethiopia to join that country’s Laboratory Services team. As part of this group, she will help the Ministry of Health scale up Ethiopia’s capacity to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV/AIDS. Bhavya’s training at Hopkins this past year will allow her to work on a variety of important priorities including:

- Introducing new technologies at health care locations
- Starting the accreditation process of in-country labs based on WHO standards
- Forecasting demand and building capacity for all laboratory diagnostic commodities

Jesse Greenspan
MSPH Candidate, Social & Behavioral Interventions Program
John Snow, Inc. Award Recipient, 2011

Jesse Greenspan, an MSPH candidate in the Social & Behavioral Interventions Program, received the JSI Award to intern at Curamericas Global, Inc., in Liberia to improve primary healthcare delivery in remote areas. Before coming to Hopkins, Jesse worked for Partners In Health, where she addressed the logistical and procurement needs of healthcare and social support programs in the Caribbean and Africa. She enrolled in the master’s program at Hopkins to pursue her interests in improving access to comprehensive and community-based healthcare services for underserved populations. Currently, she is a research assistant at the Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health. This summer she will join Curamericas—an organization co-founded by the Department’s own Dr. Henry Perry—to help evaluate and improve the effectiveness of the organization’s network of local community health educators in Liberia. Her internship will also give her the opportunity to conduct research to help inform future interventions related to nutrition and maternal and child health. Liberia is still recovering from a civil war and Jesse is eager to help contribute in whatever way she can to the rebuilding of its health infrastructure.