IH Alumni Award
Rebecca Kramer, Human Nutrition
Allyson Nelson, Global Disease Epidemiology and Control (GDEC)
Nicholas Fancourt, Health Systems
This award is made possible by annual alumni donations for student support. To contribute, direct your gift to the IH Alumni Scholarship.

Baker, Taylor, Reinke Scholarship in International Health
Kathleen Ridgeway, Social and Behavioral Interventions (SBI)
Naoko Kozuki, GDEC
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
Dan Erchick, GDEC
Wenfeng Gong, GDEC

Diana Hess Scholarship
Victoria Elliot, Human Nutrition
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.

Humanitarian Assistance Award
Emily Lyles, Health Systems

John Snow Award
Yasmin Ogale, GDEC
John Snow, Inc.'s mission is to provide an extensive range of research and consulting services to the health care and service sectors. The International Division provides technical assistance designed to enhance the effectiveness and quality of public health programs. The John Snow, Inc. Award, an annual award created in 2001, provides financial assistance to outstanding, second-year master's students in the Department who are engaged in internships in the field.

Mary and Carl Taylor Fund
Azal Ahmadi, 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
Megan Cherewick, Health Systems
Naasre Jessani, DrPH program
Mufaro Kanyangarara, GDEC
Created in 1983 with donations from family members and friends of former International Health faculty member Robert Wright, MD, MPH ’90. The fund provides support for continuing doctoral students who expect to contribute to the improvement of public health in Africa, particularly in Nigeria.

Nancy Stephens Fund
Brittany Knus, GDEC
Tomoka Nakamura, GDEC
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*The Elsa Orent Keiles Fellowship in Human Nutrition in International Health*

Dorothy Chiu, Human Nutrition
Maxwell A. Barfours, Human Nutrition
Yunhee Kang, 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.

**Global Health Field Research Awards**

Casey Branchini, Health Systems
Jessica Lin, SBI

This program provides grants for undergraduate and graduate students to work with a mentor on a global health project in a developing country.

**Delta Omega Public Health Honor Society**

**New Members**

Khrysta Baig, MSPH
Alison Connor, PhD
William Davis, DrPH
Matthew Dudley, MSPH
Sonnet Gaertner, MSPH
Margaret Glancy, MSPH
Candice Gormley, MSPH
Catherine Hwang, MSPH

Nidi Khurana, MSPH
Kathryn Leifheit, MSPH
Xiao Ma, MSPH
Tora Matsuyaxahi, DrPH
Namrita Singh, PhD
Marie Spiker, MSPH
Ursula Srimat, MSPH

**nHealth for Maternal Health**

**Bridging the Gap**

April 7 – 8, 2014

As mobile phones and other devices become increasingly available and adaptable, demand for evidence to guide their systematic integration into reproductive, maternal, neonatal and child health programs is growing. Dr. Alain Labrique, Director of the JHU Global mHealth Initiative, collaborated with representatives from the World Health Organization, the Maternal Health Task Force, and the Harvard School of Public Health to co-host a high-level technical meeting on mHealth (the use of mobile technologies to facilitate health programs) for maternal health. This was the first meeting of its kind to bring together key research and implementation leaders in the fields of both maternal health and mHealth. Experts discussed how mHealth can be applied to address major health systems constraints in low-resource settings and they reviewed the state of evidence supporting the use of mHealth to improve provider quality of care and to bolster supply chains. Participants focused on issues concerning the persistent challenges in the delivery of known effective interventions. The meeting produced an mHealth for maternal health” evidence agenda and mechanisms for continued collaboration between the two communities.

For more information about the meeting: http://tinyurl.com/nHealth-maternal

**Mathuram Santosham, MD, MPH ’75, professor, Health Systems, received the 2014 Albert B. Sabin Gold Medal Award. He was honored by the Sabin Vaccine Institute for his pioneering role in the prevention of deadly H. influenzae type b (Hib) diseases, including pediatric bacterial meningitis and pneumonia.**

**Faculty Awards and Honors**

Kate O’Brien, MD, MPH ’94, professor, Global Disease Epidemiology and Control, was the Robert Austrian Lecturer at the International Symposium on Pneumococci and Pneumococcal Diseases in Hyderabad, India.

Alain Labrique, PhD ’07, MHS ’99, MS, was appointed to the WHO eHealth Technical Advisory Group, and he was promoted to Associate Professor, Global Disease Epidemiology and Control.

Joel Gittelsohn, PhD, MS, professor, Human Nutrition, received the President’s Translational Research Recognition Award. The award was created to acknowledge research that is improving the health and well-being of the City of Baltimore, and to further encourage community-based research across the University. Dr. Gittelsohn received the award for his work to reduce health disparities and prevent chronic diseases by improving the food environment in Baltimore City.

**Global Health Mentoring Awards**

Assistant Scientist Aida Abashawl, GDEC Research Associate Pablo Yori, GDEC

The faculty awards are designed to recognize excellent global health mentors across Johns Hopkins University. Awardees are nominated by the University’s students and selected by a committee which weighs the students’ comments.

Parul Christian, DrPH ’96, MPH ’92, professor, Human Nutrition, was accepted into the Dannon 2014 International Academic Mid-Career Nutrition Leadership Institute for outstanding nutritional scientists of global stature.

Robert Black, MD, MPH, professor, Director of the Institute for International Programs, was awarded the Dr. C. Gopal Oration Gold Medal from the Nutrition Society of India for outstanding contributions in the field of nutritional sciences. Sight and Life also presented him with its Annual Nutrition Leadership Award for two landmark Lancer nutrition series he led.

W. Courtland Robinson, PhD ’04, was promoted to Associate Professor, Health Systems.

Henry Perry, MD ’74, PhD ’76, MPH ’71, senior associate, Health Systems, received the Ronald McDonald House Charities 2013 Medical Award of Excellence, which carries with it a gift of $100,000 to the non-profit group Perry founded—Curamericas Global.