Advancement, Innovation, and Best Practices to Achieve Global Goals

Unite For Sight
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“After an amazing experience volunteering with Unite for Sight in Ghana in 2005, where I made lifelong friends, learned to face challenges I never dreamed I would encounter, and most importantly helped hundreds of people who had previously been unable to see, I could not wait to become involved with Unite for Sight again. The incredible experience I had in Chennai, India this past summer made me realize that the success of my first internship was not a fluke, that Unite for Sight’s programs all over the world are strong not only in helping the medically underserved, but also in educating and changing the lives of volunteers.

The medical staff at the Uma Eye Clinic in Chennai were hard-working, welcoming, and totally committed both to caring for the patients funded by Unite for Sight and to helping Unite for Sight volunteers become comfortable in a foreign environment. Time and time again they went out of their way to teach us ophthalmologic skills with care and patience. It was a true gift to be able to learn one-on-one from excellent physicians about all steps in the cataract surgery process. The men, women, and children I met at our traveling eye camps were badly in need of eye care, and I am grateful that we were able to help them. They were also lovely hosts and were excited to show us their culture. As they showed me where they worked and lived, I was often struck by the fact that their sight is important not only to their quality of life, but often also to their ability to provide for themselves and their families. It was at these times that I realized the importance of Unite for Sight’s mission.

Without Unite for Sight, I cannot imagine how I could possibly have seen and learned so much as an undergraduate about medicine, other cultures, and my own desire and ability to make a difference in others’ lives.”

Charlotte Hogan, Unite For Sight Volunteer in Chennai, India (’06) and Ghana (’05)
Unite For Sight is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that empowers communities worldwide to improve eye health and eliminate preventable blindness. The goal of Unite For Sight is to work with its partner communities and eye clinics to create eye disease-free communities. Community-based chapters of Unite For Sight in 25 countries implement eye health education and screening programs. Unite For Sight works with eye clinics worldwide that previously attempted to provide free cataract surgeries and other eye care services in their community, but were precluded from doing so by lack of staffing and funding. Unite For Sight’s model engages students and lay persons (both local and visiting) as support staff to eye doctors in the field, thus enabling community-based screening programs led by eye clinics without the need for extensive paid staff. The volunteers and eye clinic’s doctors jointly provide daily screening outreach programs in rural communities, and transport patients to the base eye clinic for treatment and surgery. Unite For Sight funds the eye care for the patients, who receive the same quality of surgical care in the same facilities as those who can afford to pay.

Unite For Sight empowers its partner communities to create sustainable change to eliminate preventable blindness. At Buduburam Refugee Camp in Ghana, for example, a dedicated group of refugee volunteers received training by Unite For Sight, and they now work daily to screen their local community members. Those requiring treatment and surgery are brought to Crystal Eye Clinic, and all of their eye care is funded by Unite For Sight. The program is so successful that patients from the neighboring country of Liberia - a country with only 1 ophthalmologist for the entire population of 3.5 million - have been reported to travel to the refugee camp just to have their sight restored through Unite For Sight’s program.

Since Unite For Sight’s international launching nearly three years ago, its programs have evolved into a standardized model at 13 eye clinics worldwide that have provided eye care to more than 400,000 people thus far, including more than 6,000 sight-restoring cataract surgeries, in addition to other types of eye care to thousands more. During 2006, we sponsored 4,000 cataract surgeries and anticipate sponsoring at least 6,000 during 2007. Our global programs are based in rural villages, urban locations, as well as in refugee camps.

“I have no word to express our gratitude for your hard work and untiring commitment towards the eye care work world wide and putting optimum effort to recruit all good volunteers for deployment. As we have been working with partnership by deploying volunteers to our Kalinga Eye Hospital and NYSASDRI based in Orissa, India, it gives me immense pleasure for such worth while partnership for restoring vision of thousands of eye sight from the remote and rural villages. Your support for conducting cataract surgery for poor patients empowered them to live independently and earn their own bread.”

Sarangadhar Samal, Director, NYSASDRI, Kalinga Eye Hospital, Orissa, India

“Unite For Sight has touched the lives of so many people in Ghana and reduced the suffering of mankind. Many people now see Unite For Sight as a symbol of hope. The question I have always asked myself is ‘what would have happened to all these people who have benefited from Unite For Sight programs had the organization not come to their aid?’ It is likely that many would have perished in their agony.”

Dr. James Afful Clarke, Ophthalmologist/Medical Director, Crystal Eye Clinic, Ghana
Unite For Sight’s volunteers (local and visiting) work as support staff with eye clinics in Africa and Asia. The eye clinic’s eye doctors and Unite For Sight volunteers jointly participate on community-based screening programs. The clinic’s eye doctors diagnose and treat eye disease in the field, and surgical patients are brought to the eye clinic for surgery. Unite For Sight funds the surgeries for those patients unable to afford eye care. Ophthalmologist volunteers work with local ophthalmologists to provide surgical care and skills transfer. Optometrist volunteers work with local eye nurses and optometrists to provide primary eye care in the field. Students, public health professionals, educators, and other non-eye care professionals serve as community-based interns to assist the eye doctors. This partnership between Unite For Sight volunteers and eye clinics enables sustainable programs while simultaneously reducing the barriers to health care, including financial, transportation, cultural, and education hindrances. Unite For Sight’s model also reduces costs and expands the ability of all people to “Unite For Sight” and help in the fight against blindness.

Unite For Sight’s volunteers make a significant, meaningful, tangible impact in the lives of children and adults worldwide. The volunteers immediately see the joy on people’s faces when their sight is restored after years of blindness. In addition to helping the community, volunteers are also in a position to witness and draw conclusions about the failures and inequities of global health systems, as well as worldwide atrocities. The experience broadens their view of what works, and what role they can have to insure a health system that works for everyone and that leaves no person blind in the future. Unite For Sight believes that anyone can become part of a global solution.

“Visits of Unite For Sight volunteers help us enormously. They assist us in eye camps when we do surgeries, help us in outreach clinics screening patients for eye diseases and children for refractive error. They help us check vision and distribute glasses. Each volunteer also gives a presentation to the local ophthalmologist on global community ophthalmology at our eye clinics, which is very informative for all. As each day passes, my faith and belief becomes stronger in the fact that our desire to serve the poor patients and their desire to see wouldn’t have been possible without the assistance of Unite For Sight.”

Dr. Ajit Sinha, Director, A.B. Eye Institute; President, All India Ophthalmological Society

“Unite For Sight is the only organization that has been able to give free treatment in this settlement since I have been on this refugee camp, and right now there are people coming all the way from Liberia here for help from Unite For Sight. Many of our patients have returned to Liberia with the good news about Unite For Sight in the refugee camp in Ghana.”

Karrus Hayes, President of Unite For Sight Chapter at Buduburam Refugee Camp
Unite For Sight annually honors its most stellar volunteers who make the greatest contributions to Unite For Sight and to global eye care. We are tremendously grateful for their incredible work, and consider it a privilege to honor each volunteer for their generous donation of time, effort, dedication, and talents.

Sabrina Adamski, University of Toronto, Canada: Executive Assistant Intern; Founding President of University of Toronto Chapter of Unite For Sight

Thomas Baah, MD, Ophthalmologist, Our Lady of Grace Hospital, Asikuma Breman, Ghana: Unite For Sight Asikuma Breman Program Director

Samuel Baharestani, NYU School of Medicine, New York: Unite For Sight Executive Vice President

Joe Cartwright, Stanford University, California: Unite For Sight Volunteer in Accra, Ghana; Stanford University Chapter Founding President

James Clarke, MD, Ophthalmologist, Crystal Eye Clinic, Accra, Ghana: Unite For Sight Ghana Program Director and Medical Advisor

Osei Darkwa, PhD, Ghana: Unite for Sight Ghana Program Coordinator

Cathy Deluca, Rhode Island: Unite For Sight’s Press Release Writer

Margaret Duah-Mensah, Ophthalmic Nurse, Crystal Eye Clinic

Jeremy Eden, Michigan: Unite For Sight’s Web Designer

Henning Friedrich, OD, Norway: Unite For Sight Volunteer in Sangklaburi, Thailand

Nicholas Greene, San Mateo, California: Unite For Sight Volunteer in Tamale, Ghana; Founder of Dedicaid, a nonprofit organization that he founded after identifying hospital equipment needs throughout Ghana

Ernesto Guevara, Mexico: Unite For Sight Graphic Designer

Jay Gladis, JD, Patton Boggs LLP, New York: Unite For Sight’s Pro Bono Legal Counsel

Tyler Gordon, Illinois: 6-year old who collected more than 200 eyeglasses

Karrus Hayes, Buduburam Refugee Camp, Ghana: President of Unite for Sight Chapter

Sachin Jain, MPH, Rush School of Medicine, Illinois: Unite For Sight’s Director of North America

Habib Kamara, Buduburam Refugee Camp, Ghana: Vice President of Education, Unite for Sight Chapter

Imran Khan, OD, USA: Unite For Sight Volunteer in Sangklaburi, Thailand

Yasha Modi, Yale University School of Medicine, Connecticut: Unite For Sight’s Director of Chapter Development

Michael Nedelman, Yale University, Connecticut: Unite For Sight Volunteer in Chennai, India; Founder of Project Phokas, a special photography program in Chennai and Orissa, India

Sally Ong, Duke University, North Carolina: Unite For Sight’s Director of International Outreach; Buduburam Refugee Camp Filmmaker
Joanne Pedro, Philippines: Unite For Sight Graphic Designer

Ryan Prall, MD, USA: Unite For Sight Two-Time Volunteer in Tamale, Ghana

Gabe Rosen, Illinois: 13-year old who fundraised more than $6,000 to support Unite For Sight’s programs at Eye Clinic of Tamale Teaching Hospital, Ghana

Bernard Sakran, OD, Australia: Unite For Sight Volunteer in Sangklaburi, Thailand

Sarang Samal, Kalinga Eye Hospital; Orissa Program Coordinator

T. Senthil, MD, Consultant Ophthalmologist, Uma Eye Clinic, Chennai, India: Unite For Sight India Program Coordinator; Unite For Sight Volunteer in Sangklaburi, Thailand

Jared Simon, Harvard University: Unite For Sight Volunteer in Patriensa, Ghana; Coordinated partnership with Kraft Foods

Ajit Sinha, MD, Pooja Sinha, MD, and Satyajit Sinha, MD, Patna, India: Unite for Sight Patna Program Directors

Dave Southwood, England: Unite for Sight Chennai, India Filmmaker

Keith Tauro, Wharton School of Business, Pennsylvania: Coordinator of partnership with Emirates Airlines Foundation

Seth Wanye, MD, Ophthalmologist, Eye Clinic of Tamale Teaching Hospital: Unite For Sight Tamale Program Director and Medical Advisor

Leigha Winters, Stanford University, California: Unite For Sight Volunteer in Patna, India; Stanford University Chapter Founding Officer

Carrie Zaslow, Jefferson Medical College: Unite For Sight Volunteer in Patriensa, Ghana; Jefferson Medical College Chapter Founding President
**Unite For Sight Volunteer Team of the Year:**

July & August Tamale, Ghana Team with Dr. Seth Wanye: Joseph Bergsten, Hannah Brotherstone, Lorraine Colpitts, Jeremy Durston, Sandra Easdale, Annie Middleton, Kim Tran, Abraham Wei

**Unite For Sight Chapters of the Year**

**Chapters of the Year:**
Bangladesh Chapter- Dr. Rafiqul Islam, Founding President
Buduburam Refugee Camp, Ghana Chapter- Karrus Hayes, Founding President
Institute of Medicine, Tribhuvan University, Nepal -Gopal Bhandari, Founding President
New York Institute of Technology - Julia Nemiroff, Founding President

**Chapter Special Service Award**
Chattahoochee High School Chapter, Georgia - Pranav Kaushish and Kaitlin Lawler
Boston University Chapter - Nalini Gupta and Akshay Sanan

**Chapter Humanitarian Service Award**
New York Institute of Technology Chapter - Julia Nemiroff

**Unite For Sight Corporate Humanitarian Service Award**

Emirates Airlines Foundation, providing free airline tickets for Unite For Sight’s optometrist and ophthalmologist volunteers to provide eye care in Ghana and Thailand.

"With the help of Unite For Sight and its Volunteers we are able to improve in the number of free cataract surgeries. Prior to our association with Unite For Sight we were doing around 10-30 free cataract surgeries each month. With the help of Unite For Sight we were able to improve our surgical statistics three to four folds and our free surgical volume increased to around 100 each month. Every dollar of donation given to Unite For Sight is reaching to the deepest corners of the world and impacting changes in lives of people by giving them the gift of vision."

Dr. T. Senthil, Ophthalmologist, Uma Eye Clinic and Vision Foundation, Chennai, India

**Conference Exhibitors**

» The Amblyopia Foundation of America
» Asian Liver Center at Stanford University
» Child Family Health International
» Global Health Fellows Program / Public Health Institute
» Hesperian
» NOVA Research Company
» Solar Cooker
Saturday Conference Schedule

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Saturday, April 14, 2007

08:30 - 09:00am
Fairchild Auditorium: Opening Session and Awards

09:05 - 10:50am
Fairchild Auditorium: Public Health and Eye Care: Challenges and Solutions for Marginalized Populations in Asia and Africa

“Impossible Dreams - The First Ascent of the East Face of Mt. Everest and Eradicating Blindness in Mountainous Asia”, Geoffrey Tabin, MD, Professor of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences; Director of the Division of International Ophthalmology, John A. Moran Eye Center, University of Utah; Co-Director and Founder, Himalayan Cataract Project; Unite For Sight Medical Advisory Board Member

“Once I Was Blind....The Challenges of Eye Care in Ghana”, James Clarke, MD, Ophthalmologist and Medical Director, Crystal Eye Clinic, Ghana; Unite For Sight Partner Ophthalmologist and Medical Advisory Board Member

“Eye Care Services in Northern Region, Ghana: The Role of NGOs”, Seth Wanye, MD, The Eye Clinic of Tamale Teaching Hospital, Ghana; Unite For Sight Partner Ophthalmologist and Medical Advisory Board Member

“Problems With Glaucoma Care Delivery in a Developing Nation”, Alan Robin, MD, Associate Professor of Ophthalmology, Wilmer Eye Institute, Johns Hopkins Hospital; Professor of Ophthalmology, University of Maryland; Associate Professor of International Health, Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University

Clark Auditorium: Medical Care in Developing Countries

“The Perfect Storm? - XDR TB (extensively drug-resistant TB) and HIV/AIDS”, Timothy Holtz, MD, MPH, FACP, International Research and Programs Branch, Division of Tuberculosis Elimination, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

“Emergency Medical Care Systems in Low and Middle Income Countries”, Scott Sasser, MD, Assistant Professor; Department of Emergency Medicine, Emory University School of Medicine

“Life Sciences and Health in Africa”, A.S. Daar, DPhil, FRCP, FRCS, FRCSC, Senior Scientist, McLaughlin-Rotman Centre, Professor of Public Health Sciences and Professor of Surgery, University of Toronto; Co-Director, Canadian Program on Genomics and Global Health; Director of Ethics and Policy, McLaughlin Centre for Molecular Medicine; Senior Fellow, Massey College, University of Toronto

“Microbicides for HIV and STI Prevention: Opportunities and Challenges”, Polly F. Harrison, PhD, Director, Alliance for Microbicide Development

M104: Healthcare and HIV/AIDS in Low Resource Settings

“Addressing the Root Causes of Disease in Haiti”, Ian Rawson, MD, CEO/Directeur General, Hopital Albert Schweitzer Haiti
“Access to Antiretroviral Medicines: The Brazilian Case”, Katia de Souza Alves, MD, MPH, Clinical Science Research Associate, Stanford University School of Medicine

“Global Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission of HIV: Challenges for Low Resource Settings”, Landry Tsague, MD, William H. Foege Fellow, Department of Global Health at Emory Rollins School of Public Health

“Advances and Ongoing Challenges in HIV Therapy”, Paul Volberding, MD, Professor and Vice Chair, UCSF Department of Medicine; Chief, Medical Service SF Veterans Affairs Medical Center; Co-Director, UCSF-GIVI Center for AIDS Research

M106: Childhood Diseases: Morbidity and Mortality

“Bringing Child Survival to Scale: The Achievement and Promises of Community Treatment in Three Post-Conflict Countries”, Emmanuel d’Harcourt, Senior Child Survival Technical Advisor, International Rescue Committee

“Tears of a Dying Child: An Insight into Child Mortality From Disease in Ghana”, Samuel Edusa, MD Candidate, University of Ghana Medical School; Chairman, LifeSavers Initiative NGO

“Global Epidemiology of Childhood Blindness: Challenges for Public Health Ophthalmology”, Mohammad Muhit, MD, Clinical Research Fellow, International Centre for Eye Health, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

“Childhood Blindness in Sri Lanka”, Habiba Rawoof, MBBS, DOphth, M.Sc. CEH, Ophthalmologist, Sri Lanka

M108: Public Health in Latin America

“Honduran Health Alliance: Blending Community-Oriented Primary Care with Public Health in Rural Honduras”, Bonzo Reddick, MD, Clinical Instructor, Department of Family Medicine, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill

“Emphasis on Empowerment: The Evolution of a Flexible Approach for Improving Maternal and Child Health”, Mary Fifield, Executive Director, Global Pediatric Alliance

“Quality of Care Gives Bolivian Indigenous Women Opportunities for a New Future”, Lynn Johnson, Bolivia Country Director, EngenderHealth

“Making Mental Health a Priority in Belize”, Cheryl Killion, PhD, RN, Associate Professor, Case Western Reserve University

M112: Social Entrepreneurship, Microfinance, and Sustainable Development

“An Effective Model of Rural Microfinance”, Brian Lehnen, Executive Director and Co-Founder, Village Enterprise Fund

“Microfinance and Health: New Synergies and Opportunities,” Alex Counts, President, Grameen Foundation, USA

“Increasing Income, Confidence and Business Growth Through Effective Business Education for Low Income People”, Fiona Macaulay, Founder and President, Making Cents

“Passing on the Gift: Heifer’s Approach to Sustainable Development and Program Expansion”, Jim DeVries, MD, Senior Vice President of Programs, Heifer International

M114: Technology and Telemedicine: New Innovations in Health Care

“Case Studies of the Interactions between Governance and Healthcare Technology Solutions”, Kathryn McDonald, Executive Director and Senior Scholar, Center for Health Policy/Center for Primary Care and Outcomes Research, Stanford University
“Deploying a Low Cost, Long Distance WiFi-based Teleophthalmology Network in Rural India: The Aravind Experience”, Sonesh Surana, PhD Candidate, University of California at Berkeley

“Project ECHO: Using “Knowledge Networks” For Complex Disease Care to Under Served Populations”, Sanjeev Arora, MD, Executive Vice Chairman, Department of Medicine, University of New Mexico School of Medicine

“RICE: Remote Interaction, Consultation, and Epidemiology - A New Use For Cell Phones”, Eliot Grigg, MD Candidate, George Washington University School of Medicine

M208: The Health of Women and Babies


“A Comparative Study of Sociocultural Factors Contributing to Maternal Mortality in Urban and Rural Areas of Southern Part of Edo State, Nigeria”, Chinwe Lucy Marchie, PhD, MEd, MHPM, School of Nursing, University of Benin Teaching Hospital, Nigeria

“Cross-Cultural Partnerships for Reproductive Health”, Anne Foster-Rosales, MD, Chief Medical Officer, Planned Parenthood Golden Gate

“Growing Big Babies: A Positive Deviance Approach to Nutritional Support for Pregnant Women in the Republic of Guinea”, Jennifer Peterson, Country Director, Guinea and Sierra Leone, Helen Keller International

M212: Community Health and Research

“One Earth: The Interface Between Biomedical Research and Communities”, Anna Cooper., MPH Candidate, University of Rochester School of Public Health

“HBV: The Untold Story of an Asian Epidemic”, Steven Lin, MD Candidate, Stanford University School of Medicine

“Public Private Partnership on Health Sector Reforms in Indian Context”, Sarang Samal, MA, Director, NYSASDRI, Kalinga Eye Hospital, Orissa, India; Unite For Sight Partner

“The Global Micro-Clinic Project: Health Care from the Bottom Up”, Daniel Zoughbie, Founder and Executive Director, Global Micro-Clinic Project; MPhil Candidate, Oxford University

Fairchild Auditorium: Public Health in the 21st Century

“Critical Health Issues in the 21st Century”, Rear Admiral Susan Blumenthal, MD, MPA, Former US Assistant Surgeon General; Deputy Assistant Secretary For Women's Health; Distinguished Advisor For Health, Center for Study of the Presidency; Clinical Professor, Georgetown Medical School

“Challenges in Public Health: From Smallpox and Polio Eradication to SARS and Avian Influenza”, David Heymann, MD, MPH, Former Executive Director for Communicable Diseases, World Health Organization

Clark Auditorium: Global Connections and International Development

“Global Food Systems: Does How We Eat Threaten Food Security For Low-Income Countries?”, Robert S. Lawrence, MD, Edyth H. Schoenrich Professor of Preventive Medicine and Associate Dean for Professional Practice and Programs; Director, Center for a Livable Future, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

“Social Investing and Entrepreneurship in the Business of International Development”, Philip Berber, Founder, Chairman, A Glimmer of Hope Foundation
M104: Volunteers Inspired To Humanitarian Action: Going Beyond The Call of Duty

“Perspectives on Tamale From A Unite For Sight Volunteer”, Nicholas Greene, Unite For Sight Volunteer in Tamale, Ghana

“Project Phokas: Photography, Film, and Eye Care”, Michael Nedelman, BS Candidate, Yale University; Unite For Sight Volunteer in Chennai, India

M106: Glaucoma in the Developing World

“Caring For Glaucoma Globally: Five Important Issues”, M. Roy Wilson, MD, MS, Chancellor, University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center

“Does Screening for Glaucoma Make Sense in the Developing World?”, Kuldev Singh, MD, MPH, Professor of Ophthalmology, Director of Glaucoma Service, Stanford University; Unite for Sight Medical Advisory Board Member

M108: Malaria Prevention and Treatment Strategies

“Preventing Malaria During Pregnancy: Intermittent Preventative Treatment on Bioko Island, Equatorial Guinea”, Josephine Czechowicz, MD Candidate, Stanford University

“Protecting Border Security and Health: Effective Strategies for Monitoring and Treating Malaria among Burma’s IDPs”, Emily Whichard, Program Officer, Global Health Access Program, Berkeley School of Public Health

M112: Eye Care Programs in Africa

“River Blindness Control and Elimination Programs”, Ken Gustavsen, Manager, Global Product Donations, Merck & Co, Inc

“Unite for Sight at Buduburam Refugee Camp in Ghana – A Film and Discussion”, James Clarke, MD, Ophthalmologist and Medical Director, Crystal Eye Clinic, Ghana; Unite for Sight Partner Ophthalmologist and Medical Advisory Board Member; Margaret Duah-Mensah, Ophthalmic Nurse, Crystal Eye Clinic, Ghana; Unite for Sight Partner; Sally Ong, BS Candidate, Duke University; Filmmaker; Unite for Sight Director of International Outreach

M114: Beyond Firewood: Basic Needs in Developing Countries

“Fuel Alternatives and Protection Strategies for Displaced Women and Girls”, Sandra Krause, MPH, BSN, Reproductive Health Project Director, Women’s Commission for Refugee Women and Children

“Solar Cooking and Solar Water Pasteurization - Addressing Two Basic Needs in Developing Countries”, Robert Metcalf, PhD, Professor Biological Sciences, California State University, Sacramento; Treasurer, Solar Cookers International

M212: Eye Care in the Developing World

“Optometric and Ophthalmological Cooperation in Education in the Developing World”, Jay Enoch, OD, PhD, Professor of the Graduate School; Dean Emeritus, School of Optometry, Berkeley School of Optometry

“Improving Surgical Eye Care in Ecuador: Corneal Transplantation, Cataract and Pterygium Surgery”, Ronald N. Gaster, MD, Adjunct Professor, Department of Ophthalmology, University of California, Irvine

Clark Center: Lunch
Fairchild Auditorium: Unite For Sight Worldwide: A Film and A Discussion With Eye Clinics Worldwide - Learn About Eye Care From 4 Ghanaian and 3 Indian Eye Clinics

Clark Auditorium: Health As If People Mattered

“Health As If People Mattered: Development With A Human Face”, John Hammock, PhD, The Alexander N. McFarlane Associate Professor of Public Policy, Gerald J. and Dorothy R. Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy and The Fletcher School, Tufts University; Former Executive Director, Oxfam America; former Executive Director, ACCION International; Founder and Former Director, Feinstein International Famine Center, Tufts University; Consultant, Women’s World Banking and USAID

“The Philosophies of International Care: Do No Harm”, Cliff O’Callahan, MD, PhD, Middlesex Hospital Family Practice Program; Chair, American Academy of Pediatrics Section on International Child Health

M104: Did Eye Disease Affect Rembrandt, Van Gogh, Monet, Or Other Famous Artists?

“Eye Disease and Art”, Michael Marmor, MD, Professor of Ophthalmology, Stanford University

M106: Towards Disease Eradication: The Cases of Trachoma and Polio

“Is Global Elimination of a Bacterial Disease a Feasible Goal? Trachoma 3000 Years Later”, Bruce Gaynor, MD, Assistant Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology, FI Proctor Foundation and Department of Ophthalmology, University of California at San Francisco

“The Polio Eradication Partnership: Some Lessons Learned”, Carol Pandak, Manager, Division of PolioPlus, The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International

M112: The Essence of Communication in Health

“The Essence of Communication in Medical Practice”, Elliott Wolfe, MD, Consulting Professor of Medicine, Stanford University School of Medicine

“Cultural Competence in Global Health: Linguistic Solutions to Cross-Cultural Complications”, T.S. Harvey, PhD, Assistant Professor of Linguistic Anthropology, Case Western Reserve University

M114: Strategy For Infectious Disease: The Case of River Blindness

“The Strategic Reorganization of Community-Directed Treatment with Ivermectin (CDTI) in Post-Conflict Settings: The Case of Sierra Leone”, Mustapha Sonnie, Eye Care Technician, Sierra Leone, Helen Keller International

“Using the Successful Onchocerciasis Control Program Model for Planning and Implementing Vision 2020 Initiatives”, Jeffrey Watson, MS, Director of Overseas Operations, Christian Blind Mission International - USA

M208: International Emergency Medicine

“Curing Sorcery and other Tropical Maladies: A Service Model for International Health Delivery”, Kelly Murphy, MD, Surgery - Emergency Medicine, Stanford School of Medicine

“16 Paramedics for 1 Billion People - Pioneering Advanced Prehospital Care Education in India: Challenges, Lessons Learned, and Future Directions,” S.V. Mahadevan, MD, FACEP,
Clark Center: Lunch

01:05 - 02:05pm

Fairchild Auditorium: An Interactive Intercontinental Exchange: A Discussion With Ophthalmologists From Ghana, India, and United States - Ideas To Achieve Global Goals

Clark Auditorium: Brain Drain and Restricted Access to Resources

“Globalization and the Health Workforce: Historical Perspectives, Future Challenges”, Tom Hall, MD, DrPH, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, UCSF School of Medicine


M104: Strategies to Sustainable Healthcare

“Pursuing a Ghost: Fostering Sustainable Health Care in Developing Countries”, Salvador Baldizon, MD, MA, MPH, Health Protection Specialist, Freedom From Hunger

“Social Impact Through Public Private Partnerships in Entrepreneurship and Health”, Georgia Sambunaris, MA, Financial Sector Specialist, USAID/EGAT, Office of Economic Growth

M106: Surgery and Global Health

“Interplast: Using Innovative Technology to Improve Surgical Care in Developing Countries”, Susan Hayes, President and CEO, Interplast

“Surgery and Global Health: A Mandate for Research, Training, and Service”, Doruk Ozgediz, MD, MSc, Chief Resident in General Surgery, University of California at San Francisco and William P. Schecter, MD, Professor of Clinical Surgery at UCSF, Vice Chair of the Department of Surgery at UCSF, and Chief of Surgery at San Francisco General Hospital

M108: Assistive Technology for Developing Countries

“Operation Catalyst: Action Research Concerning The Use of Assistive Technology To Increase Independence and Improve Attitudes Toward Disability in Developing Countries”, Emily Moore, PhD, Adjunct Professor, Sociology, San Diego State University; and Mark Carlson, Assistive Technology Specialist and Consultant

“Trickle Up: Breakthroughs in Wheelchair Technology from Developing Countries”, Ralf Hotchkiss, Co-Founder; Chief Engineer and Principal Instructor, Whirlwind Wheelchair International

M112: Ophthalmic Training and Instruments in Developing Countries

“To Visit or to Stay?” That is the question! Ophthalmic Education at King Khaled Eye Specialist Hospital and aboard the Orbis DC-Flying Eye Hospital”, Rosalind Stevens, MD, Professor of Surgery (Ophthalmology), Dartmouth Medical School

“Low Cost Lenses and Instruments For Eye Camps”, Rizvi Rawoof, Ed in B Mgmt, MBA, FBIM, Director, Optiquip Surgical, Sri Lanka
M114: Advancing Research in Glaucoma

“Changing Trends in Glaucoma Diagnosis”, Syril Dorairaj, MD, Glaucoma Service at New York Eye & Ear Infirmary

“The Use of Transcleral Cyclophotocoagulation for the Treatment of Glaucoma in the Developing World,” Raghu Mudumbai, MD, Assistant Professor, Department of Ophthalmology, University of Washington-Seattle

M208: Sanitation and Water Use

“Analysis of Water Quality in Villages Within The East Sepik Province, Papua New Guinea”, Helena Horak, MD Candidate, Stanford University School of Medicine

“Ecological Sanitation in Rural Haiti: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Sanitation, Public Health and Soil Fertility”, Sasha Kramer, PhD, Postdoctoral Researcher, Stanford Collaboratory For Research on Global Projects, Civil and Environmental Engineering; Visiting Scholar, Stanford University Department of Biological Sciences

M212: Community Health Programs

“Internationalizing the Broselow Pediatric Emergency Tape: How Reliable is Weight Estimation in Indian Children?”, Naresh Ramarajan, MD Candidate, Stanford University School of Medicine

“Optimizing Prevention: A Comprehensive PMTCT Program in Mombasa, Kenya,” Lara Christine Bishay and Nicholas Gavin, MD Candidates, New York University School of Medicine

Clark Center: Lunch

02:10 - 03:35pm

Fairchild Auditorium: Examining Needs and Solutions in International Eye Care


“A Global Perspective for Vision Research”, Paul Sieving, MD, PhD, Director, National Eye Institute, National Institutes of Health

Clark Auditorium: The Voice of Public Health

“Bringing Public Health’s Voice to Sustainable Trade and Development”, Ellen Shaffer, PhD, MPH, Co-Director, CPATH; Assistant Clinical Professor, Department of Clinical Pharmacy, University of California at San Francisco

“Improving Population Health Through Advocacy,” Beth Rivin, MD, MPH, Director, Global Health and Justice Project; Research Associate Professor; University of Washington

“What America Knows: A National Telephone Survey on Eye Health and Disease”, Rosemary Janiszewski, MS, CHES, Deputy Director, Office of Communication, Health Education and Public Liaison; Director, National Eye Health Education Program, National Eye Institute (NEI), National Institutes of Health
Clark S360: Public Health in Eastern Europe

“Capacity building for HIV prevention, treatment, and care in the Ural Region of the Russian Federation”, Linda Frank, PhD, MSN, Assistant Professor, University of Pittsburgh

“Public Health and Economic Outreach Accomplishments in Croatia”, Carol Cotton, PhD, MEd, Department of Health Promotion and Behavior, University of Georgia College and Rusty Brooks, PhD, Professor and Assistant Director of the International Center for Democratic Governance, Carl Vinson Institute of Government, University of Georgia

“The Ukrainian Eye Project: A 14-Year Effort To Rehabilitate Vision Care Capabilities in Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine”, William Selezinka, MD, Retired Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology, UCSD

S361: Social Entrepreneurship and Health

“Social Entrepreneurship: Correcting Market Failures”, James Phills, Associate Professor of Organizational Behavior; Louise and Claude N. Rosenberg Jr. Director of the Center for Social Innovation; Director of the Strategy for Nonprofit Organizations Executive Program, Stanford Graduate School of Business

M104: International Relief and Local Disasters

“Providing Eye Care in Tsunami Refugee Camps in India,”, T. Senthil, MBBS, Consulting Ophthalmologist, Uma Eye Clinic, India; Unite For Sight Partner Ophthalmologist

“Innovations in Developmental Relief”, Dave Eastman, MPH, MBA, Emergency Response Coordinator, Relief International

“Global Rationalities and Local Disasters: Reconsidering the Role of the State in Global Public Health”, Craig Janes, PhD, Associate Dean, Education, Faculty of Health Sciences Office of the Dean, Simon Fraser University

M106: Children and Human Rights

“The Human Rights of Children in India”, Mini Murthy, MD, MPH, MS, Assistant Professor, Department of Behavioral Science and Community Health, New York Medical College School of Public Health

“Confidence Building Measure in a Blind Girls School in Bihar, India”, Ajit Sinha, MBBS, Founder and Director, AB Eye Institute; Former President, All India Ophthalmological Society; Unite For Sight Partner Eye Clinic

“Improvement of the Quality of Life of the Blind Children in West Bengal India”, Sudipta Dey, Director, Eye Micro Surgery and Diagnostic Center, Kolkata, West Bengal, India
M108: A New Vision For The Future, Eye Health Integration: A Federal, State, and Organization Perspective

“Eye Health Integration: A New Vision For The Future”, Michael R. Duenas, OD, Health Scientist/Project Officer; Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Division of Diabetes Translation and Vision Health Initiative; Christopher Maylahn, MPH, Epidemiologist, Chronic Disease Division of New York State Department of Health; Jeff Todd, JD, Senior Vice President, Prevent Blindness America

M112: Obstetric Fistula

“Love, Labor, Loss, and a Day in the Life: Two Film-Based Campaigns Addressing Obstetric and Traumatic Fistula in Niger, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Burkina Faso”, Lisa Russell, MPH, Filmmaker

“The Challenge of Treating Complex Obstetric Fistula in Eritrea”, Amreen Husain, MD, Assistant Professor of Gynecologic Oncology, Stanford University

M114: The Retina: Diagnosis and Treatment in Developed and Developing Countries

“Inheritance of Blinding Disease: Pathways to the Cause of Glaucoma and Macular Degeneration”, R. Rand Allingham, MD, Professor of Ophthalmology; Director, Glaucoma Service, Duke University Eye Center

“Advances in the Diagnosis and Treatment of Retinopathy of Prematurity”, William Good, MD

“Role of Retinal Evaluation in Cataract Surgery”, Pooja Sinha, MBBS, Ophthalmologist, AB Eye Institute, Patna, India; Unite For Sight Partner Ophthalmologist

M208: Global Cardiovascular Health

“Hypertension Control in Primary Control Settings in the Republic of Georgia”, Fred Tavill, MD, DpH, Senior Program Consultant, Center For International Health

“Opportunities For Prevention of Rheumatic Heart Disease: A Picture of RHD in India”, Rajesh Krishnamoorthi, MD, Madras Medical College and Government General Hospital, Chennai, India

“Social Capital and Hypertension in Rural Haitian Women”, Cris Malino, MPH

M212: Visioning Tibet

“Visioning Tibet: A Film and Discussion”, Melvyn D. Bert, MD, F.A.C.S., Director, Lhasa Eye Program, Tibet Vision Project; Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology, University of California, San Francisco; Distinguished AOA Professor; S.U.N.Y Upstate Medical University

Fairchild Auditorium: Partnerships in Public Health

“Millennium Development Goals, Partnerships, and Eye Care (By Prepared Videotape)”, Jeffrey Sachs, PhD, Director, Earth Institute at Columbia University; Quetelet Professor of Sustainable Development; Professor of Health Policy and Management, Columbia University

“Partnerships in Public Health”, Jacob Kumaresan, MD, MPH, Dr.PH, President, International Trachoma Initiative
“Public Private Partnerships to Advance Technologies for Neglected Disease”, Christopher Elias, MD, MPH, President of PATH
“Public Private Partnerships to Provide Safe Drinking Water in Africa”, Greg Allgood, PhD, Director, Children’s Safe Drinking Water, Procter & Gamble

Clark Auditorium: Global Youth Entrepreneurship and Volunteerism

“Developing a Global Ecosystem to Foster Youth Social Entrepreneurs”, William Reese, President and CEO, International Youth Foundation
“Constructing a Curriculum for Global Youth Social Entrepreneurship”, James Toole, PhD, President, Compass Institute; University of Minnesota
“Volunteerism and Vision2020: Eliminating Preventable Blindness”, Satyajit and Pooja Sinha, MBBS, Ophthalmologists, AB Eye Institute, Patna, India; Unite For Sight Partner Ophthalmologists

Clark S360: Making An Impact Through Community-Based Health Programs

“Interactive Teaching AIDS: Promoting Awareness Despite Social Barriers”, Piya Sorcar, MA, PhD Candidate, Stanford University
“Building a Foundation for Success in Northern Ghana – The Possibilities and Challenges of Community Outreach Projects”, Joseph Bergsten, BS Candidate, University of New Mexico: Unite for Sight Volunteer in Tamale, Ghana
“Engaging a Participatory Process for the Development of an Integrated Microcredit Program in Nogales, Mexico”, Eva Shaw, MPH, Research Technician, University of Arizona’s Southwest Institute for Research on Women

M104: Developing Programs and Policies

“Maximising the Available Resources: The Intersections of the Individual Human Right to Health and Collective Right to Development”, Benjamin Mason Meier, JD, LLM, PhD Candidate, IGERT-International Development and Globalization Fellow; and Ashley Fox
“Service Learning for College Students: Cross-Cultural Partnerships”, Tanya Whitehead, PhD, University of Missouri - Kansas City
“Teaching In Another Culture: Nursing and Midwifery Education in Liberia”, Carolyn A. Miller, RN, MSN, CNM

M106: Strategies For Community Eye Health in Africa and Asia

“The Fight Against Needless Blindness, The Experiences of a Foot Soldier in Africa”, Thomas Baah, MD, MSc, Our Lady of Grace Catholic Hospital, Ghana; Unite For Sight Partner Ophthalmologist
“Manual SICS vs. Phaco - Randomized Prospective Trial in a Nepalese Cataract Camp”, David Chang, MD
“Techniques For Manual Small Incision Cataract Surgery”, Peter Egbert, MD, Professor, Stanford Department of Ophthalmology; Unite For Sight Medical Advisory Board Member
“Unite For Sight in Chennai, India”, T. Senthil, MBBS, Consulting Ophthalmologist, Uma Eye Clinic, India; Unite For Sight Partner Ophthalmologist
### M108: Student Volunteering Abroad

| “Factors Associated with Poor Follow-up in Glaucoma Patients in South India”, Bradford Lee, MSc, MD Candidate, Stanford University; Unite For Sight Volunteer in India |
| “Phacos, 115 Degrees, and Marriage Proposals? Stories and Lessons From Volunteering in Bihar, India”, Anna Cooper, MPH Candidate, University of Rochester School of Public Health; Unite For Sight Volunteer in India |
| “Unite For Sight Eye Care Programs in Chennai, India”, Pradeep Mettu, MD Candidate, University of Kentucky College of Medicine; Unite For Sight Volunteer in India |
| “Preparing To Volunteer in Ghana”, Nicholas Greene, Unite For Sight Volunteer in Tamale, Ghana |

### M112: Achieving Global Goals For Eye Clinics in Africa

| “Achieving Vision2020 Targets In The Midst of Poverty - Experience From The Bawku Eyecare Program in Ghana”, Michael Ekuoba Gyasi, MD, Ophthalmologist and Director of the Bawku Eye Care Program, Ghana |
| “The Role of Eye Clinics To Eliminate Preventable Blindness”, Margaret Duah-Mensah, Ophthalmic Nurse, Crystal Eye Clinic, Ghana; Unite For Sight Partner |
| “Lessons from the Kenya Mombasa Lighthouse Eye Clinic - Creating a Sustainable Eye Center in the Third World, a New Model for Philanthropy”, Scott Lee, MD, MPH |
| “Mission Impossible: A Day in the Life of a West African Mission Eye Clinic”, Cathy Schanzer, MD, Medical Director and Chief Surgeon, Southern Eye Associates |

### M114: Making A Difference in Glaucoma

| “Current Challenges in Glaucoma Management”, Terri Pickering, MD, Glaucoma Research & Education Group |
| “Screening for Glaucoma Among a Predominantly Mexican American Urban Population”, William Sponsel, MD, Professor, UTHSCSA, San Antonio, Texas |
| “The Glaucoma EyeCare Program: How Do You Make a Difference in Glaucoma?”, Robert Stamper, MD, Professor of Clinical Ophthalmology, UCSF |
| “Pediatric Glaucoma”, Sarwat Salim, MD |

### M208: The Health of Refugees and Communities in Africa

| “Community Based Rehabilitation: Setting the Foundations for Peacebuilding”, Kathryn Azevedo, Ph.D., ATRIC, CMP |
| “Mobilizing War-Torn African Communities to Improve Public Health”, Cornelius Pratt, MA, PhD, Presidential Professor of Strategic and Organizational Communication, Temple University; and E. Lincoln James, PhD, Washington State University |
| “Eye Health Promotion in Southern Rwanda,” Egide Gisagara, Medical Student, National University of Rwanda |
| “The State of Health Care and Education in Post-Conflict Sierra Leone”, Alex P. Columbus, Peace Pals Education Network, Sierra Leone |

### M212: Preventive Services Workshop

| “Preventive Services Tool Kit Workshop: How To Get The Bureaucracy and Legislature To Do What You Want Them To Do”, Joel Nitzkin, MD, MPH, DPA, Principal Investigator and Project Manager, AAPHP Preventive Services ToolKit Project |
“As anticipated, the month I spent with Unite for Sight in rural Ghana profoundly impacted my life and shaped my plans for the future. Though I came to Ghana to help bring medical care to those in need, I found that the experiences I had in Ghana gave me far more than can be expressed in words. From the first evening when I stepped off the plane in Accra until I tearfully left the village of Patriensa four short weeks later, I was humbled by the geniality and indomitable spirit of the Ghanaian people. During the four hour tro-tro (van) ride from Accra to the clinic in Patriensa I learned about Ghanaian culture and worked on mastering rudimentary Twi (the local dialect) with the help of a local volunteer (Gloria) whose uncle helped found the clinic in Patriensa. Once settled in Patriensa, I formed close friendships with several individuals with whom I am still in contact, and hope to one day revisit. While filing patient data in the evenings at the clinic, I shared my snacks with the night guard, Adom, in exchange for oranges and cacao from his farm. One day Adom showed up at the clinic with his son who had sustained blunt trauma to one eye. After Dr. John assessed the injury, we were able to help Adom and his son get to the hospital for successful treatment. This is just one of many meaningful experiences from Ghana that have strengthened my resolve to continue post-graduate work in global health. While in Ghana I also witnessed first-hand the contextual roots of certain health problems - namely pterygium (an under-researched condition prevalent among people living in tropical regions exposed to direct sunlight) and “premature” cataracts (which can be caused by chronic exposure to sunlight). Since most Ghanaians living in and near Patriensa make a living farming, spending long days in the fields without access to sunglasses, medications or close proximity to eye care professionals, it isn’t surprising that pterygium and cataracts were 2 of the most common diagnoses seen in patients from Patriensa and those we visited during outreach trips to more remote villages. The ease with which I, as an American, collected and bulk-ordered hundreds of adult’s and children’s sunglasses to bring to Ghana made me grateful for the opportunity to travel with Unite for Sight - an experience which has helped motivate me to continue working to alleviate health-related global inequities.”

Sadie Richards, University of Vermont Student, Unite For Sight Volunteer in Patriensa, Ghana
Sunday, April 15, 2007

09:05 - 10:50am

**Fairchild Auditorium: Health and Human Rights**

“International Women’s Health and Human Rights”, Anne Firth Murray, Founding President, The Global Fund for Women; Consulting Professor, Human Biology Program, Stanford University

“Is Women’s Health a Human Right?”, Mini Murthy, MD, MPH, MS, Assistant Professor, Department of Behavioral Science and Community Health, New York Medical College School of Public Health

“Providing Eye Care At A Refugee Camp in Ghana”, Margaret Duah-Mensah, Ophthalmic Nurse, Crystal Eye Clinic, Ghana; Unite For Sight Partner

“Health and Human Rights: The Impact of War on Vision and Ocular Health”, Derek Mladenovich, OD, MPH Candidate, Fellow, World Council of Optometry; External Examiner, International Rescue Committee, Thailand

**Clark Center: Healthcare in Thailand and Vietnam**

“Cultural and Behavioral Precursors to “Severe” Malaria on the Thai - Myanmar Border”, Peter Kunstadter, PhD, University of California, San Francisco (retired)

“The Importance of Utilization of Community Infrastructure in the Provision of Rural Eye Care Service: A Study in Sangklaburi, Thailand”, Imran Khan, OD, Unite For Sight Volunteer in Thailand

“To Save Newborn Lives”, Quynh Kieu, MD, Assistant Clinical Professor of Pediatrics, University of California at Irvine

**M104: Cornea Transplants and Eye Banks in the Developed and Developing World**

“Histology of the Eye”, Pat Cross, PhD, Professor and Associate Dean for Medical Student Research and Scholarship, Stanford School of Medicine

“Advances in Cornea Transplantation”, Shachar Tauber, MD, Director of Ophthalmology Research, Cornea and Refractive Surgery, Department of Ophthalmology and Optometry, St. John's Hospital and Clinics; Unite For Sight Medical Advisory Board Member

“Cornea Transplant Needs and Barriers in Ghana”, James Clarke, MD, Ophthalmologist and Medical Director, Crystal Eye Clinic, Ghana; Unite For Sight Partner Ophthalmologist and Medical Advisory Board Member


**M106: HIV/AIDS Prevention and Care**

“AIDS, Eyes, and Africa: A View of Zambia Health Care Through The Eyes of an American Ophthalmologist Working For CBMI at the Lusaka Eye Hospital, Zambia”, Tom Beggins, MD, Former Medical Director and Surgeon, Lusaka Eye Hospital, Zambia

“Delivering HIV Prevention and Care Services to Rural African Villages Through Christian and Muslim Religious Groups”, Ellen S. Schell, RN, PhD, International programs Director, Global AIDS Interfaith Alliance

“HIV/AIDS in China”, Jessica Haberer, MD, MS, Assistant Professor of Clinical Medicine, UCSF

M112: Engaging Universities, Students, and Communities in International Health

“Engaging Students in International Health: A Case Study”, Robert David Siegel, MD, PhD, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, Program in Human Biology, and Center for African Studies, Stanford University

“Innovations in Global Health Education”, Thomas Novotny, MD, MPH, Director of International Programs; Professor in Residence, Epidemiology and Biostatistics, UCSF School of Medicine

“The Role of Student Volunteerism to Eliminate Blindness in Ghana”, Seth Wanye, MD, The Eye Clinic of Tamale Teaching Hospital, Ghana; Unite For Sight Partner Ophthalmologist and Medical Advisory Board Member

“Changing Latitudes and Attitudes: Measuring the Impact of Global Health Immersion”, Steven Schmidbauer, Executive Director, Child Family Health International

M114: Student Perspectives on Volunteering Abroad

“A Vision in Chennai”, Prachi Mayenkar, BA/MD Candidate, University of Missouri-Columbia; Unite For Sight Volunteer in India

“Remote Eye Care in the Himalayas”, Vinay Yagnik, BS Candidate, University of California at Berkeley; Unite For Sight Volunteer in India

“Volunteering With Unite For Sight in New Delhi”, Sidhant Nagrani, MD Candidate, Medical College of Georgia; Unite For Sight Volunteer in India

“Unite For Sight in Chennai, India”, Preethi Ravichandran, DO Candidate, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine; Unite For Sight Volunteer in India

M208: Eye Care Services: Dilemmas and Successes

“Eye Care Services to Malnourished Tribal Children in Tribal Belt of Western Part of India: A Success Story of an NGO”, Nagesh S. Tekale, PhD, President, Navdrushiti

“A Medical Student’s Perspective on Volunteering With Unite For Sight”, Ana Carolina Victoria, MD Candidate, Albert Einstein School of Medicine; Unite For Sight Volunteer in India

“Mobilizing a Profession Toward Philanthropic Giving: The Practice Giving Program To End Global Refractive Error Blindness”, Pamela Capaldi, Bsc, AAS, Director of Operations and Development, Optometry Giving Sight

“Ophthalmic Disaster Preparedness”, Daniel Schainholz, MD

M212: International Humanitarian Programs

“Rotary International’s Humanitarian Programs”, Carolyn Schuetz, Vice Chair, Strategic Planning Committee of Rotary International

“Light of the Himalayas Film”, Himalayan Cataract Project
Fairchild Auditorium: Changing The World Through Social Entrepreneurship

“New Approaches to Social Entrepreneurship in International Health and Development”, Martha Campbell, PhD, President and Founder, Venture Strategies for Health and Development; Lecturer and Co-Director, CEIHD, Center for Entrepreneurship in International Health and Development, School of Public Health, University of California, Berkeley

Clark Auditorium: Community Health and Activism I

“Advocacy and Community Health”, Gabriel Garcia, MD, Professor of Medicine, Associate Dean of Medical School Admissions, Stanford University School of Medicine
“Jade Ribbon Campaign: Uniting The World To Eliminate Hepatitis B and Liver Cancer”, Samuel So, MD, Lui Hac Minh Professor of Surgery; Director, Asian Liver Center; Director, Liver Cancer Program, Stanford University School of Medicine

M104: Volunteers Supporting Physicians in India

“A UK Ophthalmologist’s India Eye Care Experience”, Jasvir Grewal, MD, Ophthalmologist, UK; Unite For Sight Volunteer in India
“Providing Eye Care in Patna, India”, Leigha Winters, BA Candidate, Stanford University; Unite For Sight Volunteer in India

M106: Community Health Needs and Strategies

“Kasensero: The Forgotten Village Coming Out of the Shadow”, Kiran V. Patel, MD, Resident, Department of Internal Medicine, Yale University School of Medicine
“Implementation of Adolescent Sexual Health Education in El Salvador,”, Gabriel Brat, MSc MD Candidate, Stanford University School of Medicine

M108: Preventing Blindness and Restoring Sight in India

“World Bank-Assisted Cataract Blindness Control Project in India”, Eirini Iliaki, MD, MPhil, Harvard School of Public Health
“Community Eye Care - The Right Solution For The Growing Need”, Muralidharan Krishnamurthy, President, Sankara Eye Foundation

M112: Eye Care in the Caribbean

“Project SCENE (Sister Congregations Enjoying New Eyesight)--Building on a Sister Diocese Relationship To Foster Eye Care Collaboration in the Caribbean”, Kevin Treacy, MD, Chief of Ophthalmology, St. Luke’s Hospital; Adjunct Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota Medical School-Duluth
“Working Towards a Brighter Tomorrow”, Ken Onu, MD, Ophthalmologist, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Caribbean

M114: Cervical Cancer: Prevention and Partnership

“Preventing Cervical Cancer in Low Resource Settings: It Is About The Vision Thing”, Harshad Sanghvi, MD, Medical Director, Maternal and Neonatal Health Program, JHPIEGO Corporation
“Partnering For Progress: The “State” of Cervical Cancer Prevention in the US”, Sarah Wells, MA, Associate Director, Women in Government

M208: How To Start a Unite For Sight Chapter at Your University

“How To Start a Unite For Sight Chapter at Your University”, Sachin Jain, MPH; MD Candidate, Rush University; Unite For Sight Director of North America Initiatives

M212: The Evolution of Sight

“The Evolution of Sight”, Elliott Wolfe, MD, Consulting Professor of Medicine, Stanford University School of Medicine

Clark Center: Lunch

Fairchild Auditorium: Sustainable Development

“Colonial Medicine in Postcolonial Africa”, Mutombo M’Panya, PhD, Director of the Science and Humanities Integration Project, Sonoma State University

“Education in Africa: Foreign Aid to the Rescue?” Joel Samoff, Consulting Professor, Center for African Studies, Stanford University

Clark Auditorium: Community Health and Activism II

“The HIV/AIDS Pandemic, Community Response and Disease Specific Activism”, David Katzenstein, Professor of Medicine, Infectious Disease, Stanford University School of Medicine

“Medical Discovery and Social Justice: Linking Child Health with Child Rights”, Paul Wise, MD, MPH, Richard E. Berhman Professor of Child Health and Society, Stanford University

M104: Cataracts, Challenges, and the Way Forward

“Eye Care in Ghana, the Challenges and the Way Forward”, Thomas Tontie Baah, MD, MSc, Our Lady of Grace Catholic Hospital, Ghana; Unite For Sight Partner Ophthalmologist

“Cataracts in Developing Countries: A Humanitarian Emergency”, Harry S. Brown, MD, Founder and President, SEE International

M106: Community Strategies for HIV/AIDS


M108: Volunteering Abroad: The Volunteer Perspective

“Bihar Summer Unite For Sight Volunteer: Perspiration, Inspiration and Mangoes”, Kristin Ow; Unite For Sight Volunteer in India

“Volunteering With Unite For Sight in Chennai”, Shawn Lin, BS Candidate, University of Wisconsin; Unite For Sight Volunteer in India
M112: Vision Care in the Developing World

“Sustainable Eye Care in the Developing World with ORBIS”, Gordon Douglas, MD, Medical Director, Orbis International

“Vision Care in the Developing World - What Kind, if any, Compromise Do We Want To Make On Quality? Quality is in Equality”, Paul Berman, OD, FAAO, Senior Global Clinical Advisor and Founder, Special Olympics Lions Clubs, International Opening Eyes

M114: Leprosy: The Disease and Rehabilitation

“Leprosy Rehabilitation in India”, Robert A. Chase, MD, Emile Holman Professor of Surgery, Emeritus, Stanford University School of Medicine

“Leprosy & HIV/AIDS: History Repeats”, W.S. Bhatki, MD, Mumbai District AIDS Control Society, Mumbai Medical Director; Child Family Health International

M208: Social Activism and Creating Change Through Nonprofit Organizations

“Social Activism: An Informal Discussion About Creating Change Through Nonprofit Organizations”, Anne Firth Murray, Founding President, The Global Fund for Women; Consulting Professor, Human Biology Program, Stanford University

M212: Retina Research

“Patterned Scanning Laser Photocoagulation: a New Approach to Retinal Treatment”, Yannis Paulus, MD Candidate, Stanford University

“RPE Transplantation in Macular Degeneration”, Boris Stanzel, MD, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Department of Ophthalmology, Stanford University School of Medicine

Clark Center: Lunch

Fairchild Auditorium: Perspectives on Eliminating Preventable Blindness

“Education of Ophthalmologists and Allied Eye Care Providers: a Cornerstone of Preservation and Restoration of Vision Worldwide”, Bradley R. Straatsma, MD, JD, President International Council of Ophthalmology Foundation; Professor Emeritus, Jules Stein Eye Institute, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

“Forty Years of Community Ophthalmology in India”, Ajit Sinha, MBBS, Founder and Director, AB Eye Institute; Former President, All India Ophthalmological Society; Unite For Sight Partner Eye Clinic

Clark Auditorium: The Health of Refugee Women I

“Exploring Reproductive and Sexual Health with Liberian Refugee Women”, Rena Patel, MPhil, BA, MD Candidate, Stanford School of Medicine

“Addressing Psychosocial Needs of Refugee & Immigrant Women: From Surviving to Thriving”, Lorrie L. King, MPH, Founder, Executive Director, Just Cause, Inc.

M104: Examining Women’s Health

“Ensuring Equitable Access to Skilled Maternity Care”, Jill Sheffield, President, Family Care International

“Sexual and Reproductive Health 12 Years After Cairo: Successes, Setbacks and Challenges”, Ana Langer, MD, President and CEO, EngenderHealth
M106: Sustainable Disease Control Strategies in the Developing World

“Insecticide-Treated Bednets in Mass Disease Control and Elimination Campaigns”, Brian Blackburn, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor, Infectious Diseases, Stanford School of Medicine

“Logistics of Mass Drug Administration, The Case of Azithromycin For Trachoma Control”, Sam Abbenyi, MD, MSc, Director, Program Planning and Analysis, International Trachoma Initiative

M112: Children, Global Health and Development

“A Performance by Clowns Without Borders: Experience The Laughter and Emotional Relief Provided To Children in Areas of Crisis Worldwide,” Clowns Without Borders

“How To Help Children in Humanitarian Emergencies”, Marisa Herran, MD, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Case Western Reserve University; Co-Director, Rainbow Center for Global Child Health

M114: Travel and Wilderness Medicine

“Travel Medicine: Preparing For A Trip & Evaluating The Ill-Returned Traveler”, D. Scott Smith, MD, MSc, DTM&H, Chief of Infectious Disease and Geographic Medicine, Kaiser Redwood City Hospital

“Wilderness and Environmental Medicine”, Eric A. Weiss, MD, FACEP, Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine; Chair, Disaster Preparedness Committee and Bioterrorism Taskforce; Director, Wilderness Medicine Fellowship; Stanford University School of Medicine

M208: Community Vision Programs

“Phaco Training of Ophthalmologists and Residents in Chennai, India”, Tamilarasan Senthil, MBBS, Consulting Ophthalmologist, Uma Eye Clinic, India; Unite for Sight Partner Ophthalmologist

“Progress Towards Affordable Vision Correction; New Appropriate Technology and Clinical Methodology”, Ian Berger, M.D., M.P.H. Dr.PH, Founding President, InFOCUS

M212: Lions Club, Special Olympics, and Eye Care

“Special Olympics Lions Clubs International Opening Eyes - A Model for Increasing Access to Eye Care Through Education and Screening”, Paul Berman, OD, FAAO, Senior Global Clinical Advisor and Founder, Special Olympics Lions Clubs, International Opening Eyes

“Glaucoma and Volunteerism”, Roger Martin, Allergan/Lumigan Glaucoma Screening Activist

Clark Center: Lunch

Fairchild Auditorium: Health As A Human Right

“Infectious Diseases and Human Rights: Making Research Matter”, Daniel Bausch, MD, MPH, &TM Associate Professor, Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine

“The Neglected Tropical Diseases: New Promise For Their Control”, Kari Stoever, Senior Program Manager, Global Network for Neglected Tropical Disease Control

“Continental Diversities in Community Ophthalmology”, Satyajit Sinha, MBBS, Ophthalmologist, AB Eye Institute, Patna, India; Unite For Sight Partner Ophthalmologist
Clark Auditorium: The Health of Refugee Women II

“Addressing The Reproductive Health of Women and Girls Displaced By Conflict and Natural Disasters”, Sandra Krause, MPH, BSN, Reproductive Health Project Director, Women’s Commission for Refugee Women and Children

“Listening to Women’s Voices: Lessons Learned from Congolese Refugee Women in Rwanda”, Carol Pavlish, PhD, RN, Assistant Professor, UCLA School of Nursing

“Demonstration of a Reproductive Health Assessment Toolkit for Conflict-Affected Women”, Marianne E. Zotti, DrPH, MS, FAAN, Lead Health Scientist and Team Leader, Services Management, Research and Translation Team, Division of Reproductive Health at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

S360: Preventing Obstetric Emergencies

“Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics (ALSO)”, Lee T. Dresang, MD, Associate Professor, Department Maternity Care Clinical Coordinator, University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health

“Preventing Postpartum Hemorrhage, Training Indigenous Health Workers To Use Misoprostol in IDP Settings”, Susan Tuddenham, MSc IR, MD Candidate, David Geffen School of Medicine, UCLA and Catherine Lee, MPH

“Training Nigerian Health Workers on the Use of the Non-Pneumatic Anti-Shock Garment For Obstetric Hemorrhage”, Shola Olorunnipa, MD Candidate, Stanford University

M104: Global Health Education and Ethics

“Global Health Ethics in the New Millennium, Evolving Concepts”, Anvar Velji, MD, Co-Founder and Treasurer, Global Health Education Consortium; Chief of Infectious Disease at Kaiser Permanente, South Sacramento; Clinical Professor, University of California at Davis

“Socially Responsible and Financially Just Global Health Electives”, Evaleen Jones, MD, Founder, President and Medical Director; Child Family Health International; Clinical Assistant Professor, Stanford University School of Medicine

“Teaching Health Profession Students Global Health: Resources, Methods, Opportunities”, Tom Hall, MD, DrPH, Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, UCSF School of Medicine

M106: Corneas and Artificial Corneas in the Developed and Developing World

“Corneal Blindness in the Developing World: Impact and Therapeutic Challenges”, Stephen McLeod, MD, Theresa M. and Wayne M. Caygill MD Endowed Chair; Professor and Chairman, Department of Ophthalmology, University of California San Francisco

“A Safe and Inexpensive Artificial Cornea for the Developing World? The Boston Initiative”, Claes H. Dohlman, MD, PhD, Professor of Ophthalmology, Harvard Medical School - Massachusetts Eye and Ear Institute

“Biominetic Artificial Cornea”, Christopher Ta, MD, Associate Professor of Ophthalmology, Stanford University

M108: Volunteering Abroad To Make A Difference

“A Volunteer Journey in Chennai, India”, Ravin Bastiampillai, BSc Candidate, University of Alberta; Unite For Sight Volunteer in India

“Perspectives on Volunteering in Ghana”, Hafeezah Omar, BS Candidate, University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill; Unite for Sight Volunteer in Accra, Ghana

“Tamale Eye Clinic: What We Did, What We Could Not Do, and What We Are Doing”, Kim N. Tran, BA Candidate, Dartmouth College; Unite For Sight Volunteer in Tamale, Ghana
M112: Aravind: An Eye Clinic Inspired By McDonald’s

“Infinite Vision - The Story of Dr. V(enkataswamy) and the Aravind Eye Care System”, Pavithra Krishnan, Filmmaker

“Beyond Screening Camps in Southern India/Telemedicine-Assisted Vision Centers: Aravind’s New Rural Community Eyecare Strategy”, Christine Melton, MD, MS, Friends of Aravind Association

M114: Nutrition and Eye Care

“An Epidemic of Blindness in Cuba: Lessons on Nutrition and Mitochondria”, Alfredo A. Sadun, MD, PhD, Floral Thornton Chair of Vision Research, Professor of Ophthalmology and Neurological Surgery

“Metabolic and Nutritional Cataract”, Heskel Haddad, MD, New York Medical College

M208: Social Learning and Civic Engagement

“Social Learning and Civic Engagement: Global Applications and Experiences Using A Faith-Based Model”, Daniel J. West, PhD, Professor and Chairman, Department of Health Administration and Human Resources, and Steve Szydlowski, MBA, MHA, PhD Candidate, Medical University of South Carolina

“The Role of Indigenous Faith-Based and Civil Society Organizations in Health Services Development in East and Southern Africa”, Mark E. Anderson, President and CEO, Center For International Health

“Why Wait Until Graduate School? Developing Global Public Health Training For Undergraduates Through A Multi-National, Interdisciplinary Comparative Study Program”, Christina T. Holt, MD, MSc, Assistant Clinical Professor, University of Vermont Medical School

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Fairchild Auditorium: Important Perspectives on HIV/AIDS

“Trends and Successes of the Global AIDS Epidemic”, Peter R. Lamptey, MD, DrPH, President, Family Health International Institute for HIV/AIDS

“The Role of Integration in the Fight on HIV/AIDS”, George Guimaraes, President and CEO Project Concern International

“The HIV Pandemic in the Developing World”, John McGoldrick, Senior Vice President, International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI)

“Healing through Laughter - An Innovative Psychosocial Response to the HIV/AIDS Crisis in Southern Africa”, Tim Cunningham, Outreach Njabulo Coordinator, Clowns Without Borders

Clark Auditorium: Entrepreneurial Social Innovation

“Atrocities and Social Entrepreneurship”, Zachary Kaufman, MPhil in International Relations; DPhil candidate in International Relations, University of Oxford; JD Candidate, Yale University Law School

“A Company’s Vision For Social Responsibility: The Case of Cinepolis in Mexico”, Lorena Guillé-Laris, Corporate Social Responsibility Director, Cinepolis

“Healthcare Needs and Opportunities in Afghanistan - Collaborating Across The Sectors”, Kulsum Janmohamed, MD, MPH
“Global/Social Entrepreneurship”, Kamran Elahian, MS, Chairman, Co-Founder, Global Catalyst Partners; Co-Founder, Global Catalyst Foundation and Schools Online

M106: The Burden of Blindness and Vision Impairment Among Refugees and IDPs
“The Estimated Burden of Blindness and Vision Impairment Among Refugees and Displaced Populations”, Jerry Vincent, OD, MPH, International Rescue Committee - Health Unit; Blindness Prevention Consultant
“Eye Care at Buduburam Refugee Camp in Ghana”, James Clarke, MD, Ophthalmologist and Medical Director, Crystal Eye Clinic, Ghana; Unite For Sight Partner Ophthalmologist and Medical Advisory Board Member
“Examining Glaucoma at Buduburam Refugee Camp in Ghana”, Sally Ong, BS Candidate, Duke University; Unite For Sight Director of International Outreach
“Delivery Mechanisms For The Prevention of Blindness in Difficult Environments”, Stephen Tomlin, Vice President of Program, Policy and Planning, International Medical Corps

M112: Providing Eye Care Where There Was None: Western Thailand
“Surgical and Ophthalmic Needs in Western Thailand”, Tamilarasan Senthil, MBBS, Consulting Ophthalmologist, Uma Eye Clinic, India; Unite For Sight Partner Ophthalmologist
“Prevalence of Refractive Error in a Refugee Population in Thailand”, Alex Ilechie, OD, Department of Optometry, Faculty of Science, University of Cape Coast, Ghana
“Perspectives on Volunteering in Western Thailand”, Maria Cuellar, BA Candidate, Reed College; Unite For Sight Volunteer in Thailand
“Helping the Mon People of Western Thailand”, Sameer Ali, MD Candidate, Wright State School of Medicine; Unite For Sight Volunteer in Thailand

M114: Unite For Sight in India: A Film and Talk
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"An Eye Opener in Chennai - A Unite For Sight Film"

“I must say that Unite for Sight volunteers have come to give hope to the people of Tamale and Northern Region, and all of us appreciate the wonderful work these volunteers are doing for these poor and vulnerable people who otherwise would not have access to quality eye care services.”
Dr. Seth Wanye, Eye Clinic of Tamale Teaching Hospital, Ghana

“The combination of an effective, rewarding volunteer program and immersion into a fascinating culture makes Unite for Sight a wonderfully unique program and is one that I would recommend to anyone looking to make a significant impact for good in a developing area of the world. It was a blessing to be able to provide these key services to people who normally would have been unable to afford them. An invaluable and truly touching aspect of the volunteer experience was the direct interaction I was able to have with the many patients who came to our clinic. Their genuine thankfulness for our help alone made this trip absolutely worthwhile.”
Patrick Grimm, Yale University Student, Unite For Sight Volunteer in Patriensa, Ghana
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“My time in Ghana was truly eye opening. I now realize that there are people in many parts of the world who do not have access to the very basic necessities that I take for granted, and I now sense the responsibility amongst those of us with more to help those in greater need. I found Dr. Wanye and the Tamale Eye Clinic staff truly inspirational. Amidst the many obstacles and frustrations in providing eye care to the people of the Northern Region, he and the staff continue to labor with patience and compassion, often making personal sacrifices for the benefit of the patients. Their attitude has certainly given me something to aspire to in my future career.”

Michael Chen, UCLA Medical School, Unite For Sight Volunteer in Tamale, Ghana
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