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St. Michael's  
UNITY HEALTH TORONTO

*All Current and Incoming Residents, Fellows and Faculty  
are invited to the*

**Postgraduate Medical Education and PGME at St. Michael's  
10th Annual PGME Global Health Day  
Reflections on  
The Future of Global Health**



Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at 1:30-6:30 pm via Zoom.  
Complimentary but required registration from this [link](#).

**Welcome by Dr. Meredith Giuliani**

Associate Dean, Postgraduate Medical Education  
Associate Professor, Department of Radiation Oncology

**Keynote by Mr. Joseph Belliveau**, Executive Director Doctors  
Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières - Canada

***"Global Health and the Future of Humanitarianism"***

**Roundtables on the Future of Global Health**

Innovation - Antimicrobial Resistance - Health Law and Policy  
Refugee Health - Governance - Economics - Clinical Surgery

***Recognition of the 2023 PGME Global Health Education Initiative Graduates***

# *Learning Objectives*

- develop a deeper understanding of motivations and processes for effective global health activism
- develop deeper understanding of impact of global health on global economics, communities and societies
- encourage participation and engagement in advancing global health
- create opportunities for peer to peer discussion, to share global health concerns, education under the lens of "Reflections on the Future of Global Health"
- identify inequities and find strategies to enhance the the future of global health
- encourage further practice, research and scholarly work on global health

*The University of Toronto and the Toronto community represents extraordinary leadership in global health education, research service and advocacy across disciplines, locally, nationally and internationally. This Global Health Day program showcases many of these leaders and celebrates the accomplishments of our PGME Global Health Education Initiative 2023 graduates.*

*We look forward to learning with you...*

## **2023 PGME Global Health Day Resident Planning Committee**

Dr. Ellen Avery, Clinical Microbiology Fellow  
Dr. Karlijn Cornel, Gynaecologic Oncology Fellow  
Dr. Mimi Deng, Cardiac Surgery PGY2  
Dr. Angela Dong, Internal Medicine PGY1  
Dr. Chioma Okechukwu Pediatric Fellow  
Dr. Rafael Dib Possiedi, Plastic Surgery Fellow  
Dr. Barry Pakes and Judy Kopelow from PGME Global Health

*Special Thanks To.....*

Dr. Patricia Houston, Vice Dean, Medical Education, Temerty Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto  
Dr. Meredith Giuliani, Associate Dean, Postgraduate Medical Education  
and the  
Postgraduate Medical Education community

*Acknowledgment of Traditional Land*

We wish to acknowledge this land on which the University of Toronto operates. For thousands of years it has been the traditional land of the Huron-Wendat, the Seneca and, most recently, the Mississaugas of the Credit. Today, this meeting place is still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work on this land.

# Program-at-a-Glance

**1:30 - 2:45 pm CLASS OF 2023 PGME GLOBAL HEALTH EDUCATION INITIATIVE GRADUATION**

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

**Mr. Joseph Belliveau , Executive Director, Executive Director  
Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) Canada**

***"Global Health and the Future of Humanitarianism"***

**WELCOME**

Dr. Meredith Giuliani, Associate Dean, Postgraduate Medical Education;  
Associate Professor, Department of Radiation Oncology

**COMMENTS**

Dr. Barry Pakes, Global Health Academic Lead, Postgraduate Medical Education;  
Director, Public Health and Preventive Medicine Residency Program

**MODERATED BY**

Dr. Angela Dong, Internal Medicine PGY1

*Roundtable leads will reflect on the future of global health critical issues and challenges from their disciplines.  
Q & A and interactive discussion to follow.*

**3:00 - 4:00 pm ROUNDTABLES 1, 2, 3 and 4**

**ROUNDTABLE 1**

Reflections on the Future of Global Health: Innovation  
Dr. Obidimma Ezezkia  
Moderated by Dr. Mimi Deng, Cardiac Surgery PGY2

**ROUNDTABLE 2**

Reflections on the Future of Global Health: Antimicrobial Resistance  
Dr. Tony Mazzulli  
Moderated by Dr. Ellen Avery, Clinical Microbiology Fellow

**ROUNDTABLE 3**

Reflections on the Future of Global Health: Health, Law and Policy  
Professor Trudo Lemmens  
Moderated by Dr. Angela Dong, Internal Medicine PGY1

**ROUNDTABLE 4**

Reflections on the Future of Global Health: Refugee Health  
Dr. Meb Rashid  
Dr. Rafael Dib Possiedi, Plastic Surgery Fellow

# *Program-at-a-Glance*

**4:15 - 5:15 pm    ROUNDTABLES 5, 6, 7 and 8**

**ROUNDTABLE 5**

Reflections on the Future of Global Health: Global Health Governance, Colonialism

Professor Billie-Jo Hardy

Moderated by Dr. Angela Dong, Internal Medicine PGY1

**ROUNDTABLE 6**

Reflections on the Future of Global Health: Economics

Dr. Brian Chan, Dr. Beate Sander, Dr. Gebremedhin Gebretekla

Moderated by Dr. Ellen Avery, Clinical Microbiology Fellow

**ROUNDTABLE 7**

Reflections on the Future of Global Health: Clinical Surgery

Dr. Dominique Vervoort

Moderated by Dr. Mimi Deng, Cardiac Surgery PGY2

**ROUNDTABLE 8**

Reflections on the Future of Global Health: Refugee Health

Dr. Nabiha Islam

Moderated by Dr. Rafael Dib Possiedi, Plastic Surgery Fellow

**5:30 - 6:30 pm    NETWORKING**

***With PGME Global Health Day Planning Committee members***

Dr. Ellen Avery, Clinical Microbiology Fellow

Dr. Karlijn Cornel, Gynaecologic Oncology Fellow

Dr. Mimi Deng, Cardiac Surgery PGY2

Dr. Angela Dong, Internal Medicine PGY1

Dr. Chioma Okechukwu, Pediatric Fellow

Dr. Rafael Dib Possiedi, Plastic Surgery Fellow

## *Keynote Speaker*

**Mr. Joseph Belliveau , Executive Director, Executive Director  
Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) Canada**

Mr. Joseph Belliveau is the Executive Director of Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) Canada. He began supporting MSF humanitarian medical teams in a refugee camp in eastern Zambia in 2000, and subsequently worked in Democratic Republic of Congo, Liberia, Cote d'Ivoire, Sierra Leone, Pakistan and Zimbabwe before overseeing operations at MSF's HQ in Amsterdam. Belliveau has expertise in humanitarian negotiations, political and context analysis, and organizational change. He has also been at the forefront of MSF's efforts to integrate climate awareness into its programs and ways of working. Belliveau has been a consistent champion of MSF's advocacy work, speaking out against the policies and actions that cause human suffering and the restrictions that prevent an adequate humanitarian response. Belliveau has a Master's degree in International Relations from the University of Toronto.

# *Roundtable Leads Bios*

## **ROUNDTABLE 1**

### **Reflections on the Future of Global Health: Innovation**

#### **Dr. Obidimma Ezezika**

Dr. Obidimma Ezezika is an Assistant Professor in the School of Health Studies at Western University and holds an adjunct appointment in the Department of Health & Society at the University of Toronto Scarborough. Dr. Ezezika's research lies at the nexus of global health and implementation science and examines how to scale evidence-based innovations to meet marginalized communities' health needs locally and globally. These innovations range from mHealth (mobile health technologies, vaccination campaigns, and infectious disease treatments), to large-scale nutrition programs. He is the founding director and principal investigator of the Global Health and Innovation Lab (an implementation science research and education initiative on the systematic uptake of evidence-based interventions into routine practice in global health). He is also the founder of the African Centre for Innovation and Leadership, Development; a non-profit think tank focused on fostering innovation and youth leadership in Africa. Over the past 15 years, Professor Ezezika has worked at several organizations taking innovations to scale, including the United Nations Development Program, the Ministry of Science and Technology, the Sandra Rotman Centre, and Grand Challenges Canada. He is the inaugural recipient of the Global Educator Award from the University of Toronto and the recipient of several international awards, including the D2L Innovation Award in Teaching and Learning and the Next Einstein Award. He has a PhD in microbiology from the University of Georgia and a master's degree in environmental management from Yale University.

## **ROUNDTABLE 2**

### **Reflections on the Future of Global Health: Antimicrobial Resistance**

#### **Dr. Tony Mazzulli**

Dr. Tony Mazzulli is the Microbiologist-in-Chief for Sinai Health. He is also the Infectious Diseases Consultant in the Department of Microbiology at Mount Sinai Hospital and University Health Network and the Acting Head, Division of Microbiology, at the University of Toronto. He is a Professor in the Department of Medicine and a Professor and Clinician Investigator in the Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathobiology at the University of Toronto. He holds a certificate of special competence in Infectious Diseases. He is also a consulting Medical Microbiologist at the Public Health Ontario Laboratories. He is an Advisor to the Subcommittee on Antimicrobial Susceptibility Testing, Clinical and Laboratory Standards Institute in the United States, the Vice-Chair, Specialty Committee in Medical Microbiology, Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, and Councillor, Association of Medical Microbiologists and Infectious Diseases Canada.

Dr. Mazzulli's primary research interests are in the study of antimicrobial resistance in community acquired infections, such as respiratory and urinary tract infections, and the diagnosis and management of viral infections. He has received grant funding from the Canadian Institute for Health Research, National Institute of Health and The Physician Services Incorporated Foundation. He has published 150 articles in peer reviewed journals as well as book chapters and other teaching materials. He serves as a reviewer for several granting agencies including: Canadian Blood Services Grants Review Panel, Canadian Foundation for AIDS Research, Canadian Institutes of Health Research Grants Competition and Medical Research Council of Canada. He is currently the President of the Canadian Association of HIV Clinical Laboratory Specialists, Vice-Chair of the Internal Review Committee for Postgraduate Medical Education at the University of Toronto and a Member of the Expert Panel on Infection Control for the Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto.

# Roundtable Leads Bios

## ROUNDTABLE 3

### Reflections on the Future of Global Health: Health, Law and Policy

#### Professor Trudo Lemmens

Professor Trudo Lemmens, CandJur, LicJur (KULeuven), LLM bioethics, DCL (McGill), is Professor and Scholl Chair in Health Law and Policy. He is cross appointed to the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, the Faculty of Medicine, and the Joint Centre for Bioethics. His research focuses on the interaction between law, governance tools, and ethical norms and values in the context of health care, biomedical research, pharmaceutical and other health product development, and knowledge production.

Since joining the Faculty of Law, professor Lemmens has been a member of the School of Social Science of the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, a visiting fellow of the Royal Flemish Academy of Belgium for Science and the Arts, a visiting professor at the K.U.Leuven (Belgium), the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana (Bogota, Colombia), the University Torcuato di Tella (Buenos Aires, Argentina), and the University of Otago (Dunedin, New Zealand) ; a Plumer Visiting Fellow at Oxford's St. Anne's College, and an academic visitor at the Faculty of Law and the HeLEX Center for Health, Law and Emerging Technologies of the University of Oxford.

Professor Lemmens' publications include the co-authored book *Reading the Future? Legal and Ethical Challenges of Predictive Genetic Testing*, the co-edited volumes *Regulating Creation: The Law, Policy and Ethics of Assisted Human Reproduction*, and *Law and Ethics in Biomedical Research: Regulation, Conflict of Interest, and Liability*, as well as numerous chapters and articles in national and international law, policy, science, medicine and bioethics journals. He has been consulted widely by national and international organizations and has presented in the area of his expertise before a variety of parliamentary committees. He is currently a member of the Advisory Committee on Health Research of the Pan American Health Organization. In the last five years, he was a member of two expert panels of the Council of Canadian Academies: one on access to health data, the other on advance requests and medical assistance in dying.

## ROUNDTABLE 4

### Reflections on the Future of Global Health: Refugee Health

#### Dr. Meb Rashid

Dr. Meb Rashid has had the privilege of spending the last fifteen years of his career working with newly arrived refugees in Canada. He is the medical director of the Crossroads Clinic, a medical clinic housed in Women's College Hospital that serves refugees arriving in Toronto. He has also co-founded the Canadian Doctors for Refugee Care, an organizations founded to advocate for refugees to access health insurance. He was on the steering committee of the CCIRH, a group that developed evidence based guidelines for the assessment of newly arrived immigrants and refugees and is a co-founder of the Christie Refugee Health Clinic, a health clinic located in a refugee shelter. He has written and lectured extensively about the health of refugee populations and has a particular interest in health equity and access to health care. He is an Assistant Professor with the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the University of Toronto.

## ROUNDTABLE 5

### Reflections on the Future of Global Health: Global Health Governance

#### Dr. Billie-Jo Hardy

Professor Billie-Jo Hardy is an Assistant Professor at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health at the University of Toronto where she leads Indigenous health research projects in partnership with Indigenous communities. Her research interests include Indigenous and global public health research and implementation, innovation sciences, health equity and research ethics. Dr. Hardy is a member of the Ethics Review Board at Public Health Ontario, the Unity Health Research Ethics Board and the First Nation, Metis, Inuit and Indigenous Community Advisory Panel at Unity Health Toronto. Dr. Hardy started her career as a research fellow at the Sandra Roman Centre for Global Health Research, specializing in research ethics, global health and innovation sciences. She has advised global health agencies and foundations, including the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, PATH and Grand Challenges Canada.

# *Roundtable Leads Bios*

## **ROUNDTABLE 6**

### **Reflections on the Future of Global Health: Economics**

**Dr. Brian Chan, Dr. Beate Sander, Dr. Gebremedhin Gebretekle**

Dr. Brian Chan is an Affiliate Scientist with the Neural Engineering and Therapeutics Team at KITE - Toronto Rehabilitation Institute and an Assistant Professor at the Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation at the University of Toronto. His research focuses on economic analyses and health technology assessment for individuals requiring rehabilitation including spinal cord injury and dementia. The goal is to provide evidence that will inform the development of technologies that can improve health. Current projects include developing a framework for evaluating assistive technologies for dementia and understanding the economics of activity based therapies.

Dr. Beate Sander is an internationally recognized leader in infectious disease economics with extensive expertise in health economics and simulation modeling. Dr. Sander holds a Canada Research Chair in Economics of Infectious Diseases. She is a Senior Scientist at the Toronto General Hospital Research Institute, where she directs the Population Health Economics Research (PHER) group. She holds appointments as Professor at the Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation (IHPME), University of Toronto and Adjunct Scientist at Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES) and Public Health Ontario.

Dr. Sander serves as President of the international Society for Medical Decision Making. Dr. Sander's research program in economics of infectious diseases addresses challenges to economic evaluation methods by advancing scientific methods for the economic evaluation of infectious disease interventions at the population level, while developing critical evidence to inform policy making in important disease areas. Dr. Sander contributes substantively to federal/provincial policy decision-making, serving as an expert to advisory bodies, including Canada's National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI), where she also chairs the Economics Task Group and the Economic Guidelines Task Group. She is serving as a Steering Committee Member for CIHR's Centre for Research on Pandemic Preparedness and Health Emergencies and for EPIC (Emerging and Pandemic Infections Consortium). Dr. Sander co-chaired the Ontario COVID-19 Modeling Consensus Table and was a member of the Science Advisory Table.

Dr. Gebremedhin Gebretekle is a senior health economist at the Public Health Agency of Canada. He completed his PhD in Public Health; master's degree in Pharmacoepidemiology and Social Pharmacy, and a bachelor's degree in Pharmacy. Gebremedhin also pursued his postdoctoral fellowship with Dr. Beate Sander at the University of Toronto (IHPME/THETA) with focuses on policy and economic analysis of pneumococcal vaccination. In addition to several years of research and teaching, he also held adviser roles in a number of national and international organizations. He published more 50 articles and received several grants (national and international). Prior to joining the PHAC, Gebremedhin has been working at the Canadian Agency for Drugs and Technologies in Health (CADTH). Gebremedhin's areas of expertise encompass several methodological domains including economic evaluations, decision modeling, quality of life, costing, and epidemiological studies with a focus on infectious diseases.



# *Roundtable Leads Bios*

## **ROUNDTABLE 7**

### **Reflections on the Future of Global Health: Clinical Surgery**

#### **Dr. Dominique Vervoort**

Dr. Dominique Vervoort is a PhD in Health Services Research student at the Institute of Health Policy, Management and Evaluation at the University of Toronto, focusing on Health Technology Assessment in cardiac surgery. For his PhD, he has been awarded the Canadian Institutes of Health Research Vanier Canada Graduate Scholarship and the Dr. Jack V. Tu Memorial Award for Excellence. He previously completed his MD at the KU Leuven and his MPH/MBA dual degree at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and the Johns Hopkins Carey Business School as a Fellow of the Belgian American Educational Foundation, and was inducted into the Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health in recognition of his global and public health work throughout the pandemic. Dominique completed the Paul Farmer Global Surgery Fellowship at the Program in Global Surgery and Social Change at Harvard Medical School, working with Ministries of Health on National Surgical, Obstetric, and Anaesthesia Plans (NSOAPs) in Pakistan and West Africa, and studying access to cardiac surgical care around the world. Dominique has introduced the concept of global cardiac surgery to literature and established the Global Cardiac Surgery Initiative to advocate for the nearly six billion people worldwide without access to cardiac surgical care. In recognition of this, Dominique was named an Emerging Leader by the World Heart Federation. Clinically, as an aspiring cardiac surgeon, his interests lie in aortic and congenital heart surgery outcomes and disparities in accessing cardiac care.

Dominique is Co-Founder and Past Chair of InciSioN - International Student Surgical Network, the world's largest global surgery trainee organization worldwide with over 8,000 members in over 100 countries. He serves as an Advisor for the Global Surgery Foundation, Advisor for the Johns Hopkins Global Surgery Initiative, Board Member for the Global Alliance for Rheumatic and Congenital Hearts, and co-Founder of the Gender Equity Initiative in Global Surgery. He has published over 180 peer-reviewed publications in leading cardiovascular, surgical, and global health journals, and serves on the Editorial Board of multiple high-impact cardiovascular and health services research journals.

## **ROUNDTABLE 8**

### **Reflections on the Future of Global Health: Refugee Health**

#### **Dr. Nabiha Islam**

Dr. Nabiha Islam completed medical school and residency at the University of Toronto. She is currently a staff Internal Medicine physician at the Scarborough Health Network - Birchmount Hospital in Toronto. She also provides medical care in refugee camps and conflict zones, including on the Syrian-Jordanian border, on the Venezuelan-Colombian border, on the island of Lesbos in Greece, on the Bosnian-Croatian border, and in northern Pakistan. She has spent the greatest amount of her time volunteering in the Rohingya refugee camps in Bangladesh, where she witnessed firsthand the aftermath of genocide in 2017 as one of only a few physicians in the camps in the early days of the crisis.

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