In 2017, the Office of Global Health Education (OGHE) continued to build collaborations and strengthen those with our existing partners around the world. Notably, we formed collaborative partnership with the University of Costa Rica School of Medicine and School of Public Health. I had the pleasure of visiting Dr. Pablo Ortiz Roses, Director of the Coto Brus Health Area, who oversees an innovative rural health program near the Costa Rica-Panama border serving migrants who work on coffee plantations. In 2018, two WCM students will spend up to 6 weeks at the local clinics in San Vito, Costa Rica.

I was invited to the Kingdom of Bhutan to establish a collaborative relationship with the Khesar Gyalpo University of Medical Sciences of Bhutan. OGHE donors, Drs. Sonam and Daniel Rosberger, were instrumental in helping to organize this visit. The Sonam and Daniel Rosberger International Fellowship was established specifically to enable WCM students to take a clinical elective in Bhutan. As part of the Agreement, 1-2 faculty members from Bhutan will spend up to 4 weeks at WCM as clinical observers. In 2018, two WCM students will spend 4 weeks in Thimphu, Bhutan’s capital, at the tertiary care hospital.

Our US-EU medical exchange program provides interested students with the opportunity to take a clinical elective at a partner medical center as well as to learn first-hand about the country’s health care system. Presently students can take an elective at King’s College London, Ludwig Maximilian University in Munich, Universidad Francisco Vitoria in Madrid, and in Vienna (thanks to the long-standing American-Austrian Foundation/Max Kade Foundation program). I established a new exchange program with the medical school at the University of Pecs (Hungary) and with the Karolinska Institute (Stockholm, Sweden).

In addition to our thriving international electives program, with many thanks to all of our generous donors, the global health curriculum continues to attract a large number of prospective medical students to WCM. In particular, the Global Health Area of Concentration enables interested students to complete their required Scholarly Project (independent research project) abroad. This past year, Paul McClelland spent several weeks in Dar es Saalam, Tanzania, conducting research for his Scholarly Project that focused on traumatic brain injury. Andrew Vincent Raikhel spent several weeks at the Christian Medical College Vellore (India) conducting research on his Scholarly Project that focused on palliative care, and Katherine Li was in India conducting research on gestational diabetes as a risk factor for TB.

Looking back, this past year was filled with exciting new opportunities and accomplishments. Support from our students, faculty, and especially our donors enables this wonderful program to thrive and grow. Sadly, this past year OGHE champion, Collette Kean, passed away. Her guidance and wisdom will be sorely missed.

Warm holiday greetings and best wishes for a happy, healthy 2018.

Madelon L. Finkel, Ph.D.
A significant number of students in the class of 2020 completed the Introduction to Global Health elective. This weekly student/faculty-designed elective is a mix of lectures and case studies, providing a rich introduction to current issues in global health. Topics include: Pandemics and Epidemics, Behavior Change, Health Systems, Complex Humanitarian Emergencies, Noncommunicable Diseases, Gun Violence, Implementation Science, and Medical Anthropology.

Seventy-three members of the Class of 2021 participated in the annual Global Health Orientation, where they had the chance to learn about the curriculum and how to become involved in global health activities as first-year medical students.

**Students’ Impressions**

- Giving people a glimpse of the challenges that real individuals face is one of the most rewarding outcomes I have seen so far in this excellent course.

- The course did a good job of demonstrating the breadth of global health and giving students an idea of what type of work is possible in the field.

**Global Health Fellows and Staff**

The Office of Global Health Education welcomes Caitlin Noonan as its 2017-2018 Global Health Teaching Associate. Caitlin, a Cornell University graduate in the Class of 2017, was a pre-med student and has a rich background in global health. She participated in international field experiences in Moshi, Tanzania as an undergraduate, studying the intersection of gender and health. Nicole Jordan, a JFEW Eleanor Roosevelt Scholar at Hunter College and former intern in the Office of Global Health Education, also joined the team this fall to assist with the Visiting International Students Clinical Electives program.

**The Global Health Curriculum in its 9th Year!**

![Image of Bella Vishnevsky '17 presenting her research](https://example.com/bella_vishnevsky_17_presents_research)

Bella Vishnevsky ‘17 presents her research conducted during her time at CMC, Vellore at the Spring International Reception.

Collette Kean, Global Health Champion

OGHE supporter, Collette Kean, died this past spring. Mrs. Kean was an important force in the medical college’s global health program from its inception. She was particularly proud of the Dr. Benjamin H. Kean Fellowship program, which enabled countless number of Weill Cornell students to take an international elective. Named in honor of her late husband, the Kean International Fellowship was established by the Classes of 1964 and 1965 and so generously funded by Mrs. Kean’s friends. Mrs. Kean was a gracious, energetic individual whose wisdom and guidance will be sorely missed by all of us in OGHE.

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Global Health Career Seminar Series

Throughout the academic year, the Office of Global Health Education hosted several Career Seminars. These roundtable discussions enable interested students to meet physicians who have incorporated global health into their career. Dustin Donley, MD, Class of 2010, led the first seminar of the 2017-2018 academic year. He discussed his time working as an instructor of surgery at Malamulo Mission Hospital in rural Malawi. His work focused on increasing the availability of safe surgery to populations without access to physician surgeon providers.

◊ “Being able to engage with experienced faculty interested in diverse fields has provided me with a lot of support and positivity in how I can eventually integrate global health into my own career.”

Global Health Journal Club

The Global Health Journal Club is a highly popular student initiative designed to offer students an opportunity to discuss global health topics. Once a month, students meet to review a basic science article as well as an article detailing the clinical implementation of the research done in the laboratory. Through short student presentations, key concepts are reviewed and discussed by the group. The remainder of the time is dedicated to a conversation regarding how the research and the clinical implementation integrate global health paradigms. Ultimately, the journal club not only serves the purpose of educating students on that month’s topic, but also shows the diverse ways in which it is possible to carry out global health work in any field of science or medicine. Some topics include: Global Mental Health, Climate Change, Gun Violence, Cancer, HIV/AIDS, Low Cost Technology Development, and Maternal and Child Health.

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Global Health Preceptorship

The Global Health Preceptorship matches medical students with physicians who practice in an under-served area or who treat ethnically and economically diverse populations. The program provides our students with an opportunity to learn about health challenges faced across New York.

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Global Health Grand Rounds

The Global Health Grand Rounds is a lecture series that serves as a platform for dialogue and debate on contemporary global health challenges. Last spring’s Grand Rounds speakers included Thomas F. Burke, MD, FACEP, FRSM, Chief of the Division of Global Health and Human Rights at Massachusetts General Hospital, who spoke about innovating for health transformation in resource-limited settings. These lectures are open to the public. For more information, visit the education page at: http://med.cornell.edu/international. Please join us!
6th Annual Ida S. Scudder Oration

On October 12th, the Office of Global Health Education and the Christian Medical College Vellore (India) co-hosted the Global Health Grand Rounds/ 6th Annual Dr. Ida S. Scudder Humanitarian Oration. Dr. Roger Glass, the Director of the Fogarty International Center and the Associate Director for International Research at the National Institutes of Health, spoke about his role in developing the rotavirus vaccine, which has saved millions of lives around the world. His talk, titled “From The Neonatal Ward to the Prime Minister’s Office: The Unlikely Story of Rotavirus Vaccine Development in India,” highlighted the struggles and successes of vaccine development and stressed the importance of empowering women in medicine, inspiring young researchers in the field of global health, and creating meaningful partnerships abroad. The event was also sponsored by the Christian Medical College Vellore Foundation in New York and the US-based Scudder Association. The Oration is named in honor of Dr. Ida S. Scudder, one of the first female graduates of Cornell Medical College and the founder of the Christian Medical College in Vellore, Tamil Nadu, India.

Global Health Networking Event

On November 11th, Weill Cornell, in collaboration with other medical schools and organizations in New York City, held the second annual NYC Global Health Networking Event. The purpose of this event was to foster communication and partnership among students and established members of the global health community by providing a forum where students could take advantage of the expertise of a broad range of global health stakeholders in an open and inviting atmosphere. Leaders in global health from the private and nonprofit sectors were present and included organizations such as Global Health Corps, UNICEF, Doctors for Global Health, HealthRight International, and Médecins Sans Frontières. Representatives led small, interactive round table discussions, allowing attendees to network and connect with these organizations working in global health. Over one hundred medical and public health students attended the event.
World AIDS Day Documentary Film Screening

On December 1st, the Global Health Collective invited film director Harriet Hirshorn to lead a screening and discussion of her new documentary *Nothing Without Us-The Women Who Will End AIDS*. The film explores the unaddressed dynamics that keep women around the world at risk of HIV, while highlighting remarkable female activists, scientists, and scholars who’ve played essential roles in HIV prevention.

Visiting International Medical Students

Our Visiting International Students Clinical Electives program is viewed as one of the best programs for foreign medical students to obtain exposure to world-class medical care. In the 2016-2017 academic year, we received 740 applications from students around the world. Of this, 193 were accepted and completed electives. The students in their final year of medical school came from Pakistan, India, Germany, and the Middle East (Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Egypt), as well as from our partner medical schools in Australia, Austria, China, Germany, Hungary, Peru, Spain, Thailand, and Turkey. Visiting students spend up to two months completing clinical electives.

Visiting International Medical Students’ Reflections

◊ “I deeply appreciate the opportunity to have shared my elective with fellow elective students of numerous countries; we have created lasting connections and gained profound global perspective.”

◊ “The 4 weeks I spent in Pediatric Hematology-Oncology at NewYork-Presbyterian were absolutely wonderful. The experience provided me with a unique glimpse into a very interesting sub-specialty while allowing me to observe the way that the American health care system worked.”
Congratulations to the Class of 2017 International Fellows

Forty members of the Class of 2017 took an international elective in their spring term. Funding the global health program is imperative for its continued success. This past year, we gratefully thank our donors for their support.

Many thanks to OGHE benefactor Barbara Slifka, whose continued generous support of OGHE has enabled so many WCM students take an international elective. Her most recent gift was made in honor of her friend and OGHE benefactor, the late Collette Kean.

**DR. B.H. KEAN CLASS OF 1964 AND 1965 FELLOWS**

Danielle Daniels, South Africa
Xi (Fiona) Chen, Denmark

**Lynford Family International Fellows**

Sasha Hernandez, Guatemala
Gordon Hiddick-Smith, Thailand
Daniel Kellner, Tanzania
Cindy Parra, Spain
Andrew Vince Raikhel, India

**DR. MILTON B. ROSENBLUTH FELLOWS**

David Dillon, England
Alec Faggen, Tanzania
Jasmin Harpe, Peru
Paul McClelland, Tanzania

**Barbara Slifka International Fellows**

Rebecca DeMaria, Tanzania
Jennifer Pitman, France
Xiao P. Peng, Germany

**Joan M. May Fellow**

Rachel Rosenthal, India

**Marian and Jack Blankenship Fellow**

Christopher Lim, Thailand

**Dr. Byrant Barnard International Fellow**

Sharline Madera, Tanzania

**Ida S. Scudder, M.D. 1899 Fellow**

Bella Vishnevsky, India

**Weill Cornell Medical College Alumni Association Global Health Fellow**

Megan McGeehan, Australia

**Max Kade Foundation Fellows**

Vienna, Austria

Madhvi Deol
Alec Faggen
Daniel Kellner

**International Case Discussion Fellows**

Munich, Germany

Xiyang Fan
Gloria Wu

**Samuel Fleming and Rolf Fein United States European Union Medical Education Exchange Fellows**

Xi (Fiona) Chen, Denmark
David Dillon, England
Cindy Parra, Spain
Xiao Peng, Munich

**British Council International Fellows**

Yue (Linda) Wu, Scotland
Jacqueline Nesbitt Parker, Scotland

**Independent Global Health Research Fellows / Year Off**

Sasha Hernandez, Guatemala

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Class of 2020 International Fellows

In keeping with the strong student interest in the global health program at Weill Cornell, six students of the Class of 2020 went abroad to four countries this past summer: Mary Cox (Moshi, Tanzania), Joanna Gao, Francesca Voza, and Richmond Woodward (Mwanza, Tanzania), Evgenia Makovkina (London, England), and Rosanna Sobota (Milan, Italy). The students participated in a variety of clinical observations, research, and community health projects.

Reflections from the Field

◊ “The Tanzanian doctors’ ability to do so much with so little really inspired me to develop my physical exam and ultrasound skills and rely less on unnecessary and possibly wasteful testing. Though these doctors have limited resources, their knowledge and teaching skills are excellent, and I believe that what they taught me will be a great basis for clerkships and beyond.”

◊ “The opportunity this summer was a fantastic and invaluable one. As a first year medical student, it’s rare to have the chance to acquire, integrate and practice our medical knowledge with weeks of pure patient exposure. I returned knowing not only about drugs and treatments but how to communicate with patients.”

◊ “I have come to the realization that global health work is only sustainable if you establish a relationship with the site abroad, with the local practitioners, and with the local patients. I admire the Cornell physicians who spend a good portion of the year abroad, where they teach local medical students, treat local patients, and conduct research that will ultimately lead to global benefits.”
The Office of Global Health Education (OGHE) was established by the Dean of the Medical College to facilitate student participation in global health. OGHE oversees the international educational programs at Weill Cornell. OGHE also provides visiting international students opportunities to take clinical electives at Weill Cornell and its affiliates.

The Year in Photos

Jasmin Harpe ’17 (left) and the Emergency Department team at San Marcos Medical College, Peru.

Rachel Rosenthal ’17 with friends in Vellore, India.

Dr. Madelon Finkel with Dr. Kinzang Tshering and Dr. Tashi Tenzi, the President and Dean of Khesar Gyalpo University of Medical Sciences in Bhutan.

Richmond Woodward ’20 with colleagues at Weill Bugando, Tanzania.

Office of Global Health Education

Happy Holidays!