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The University of Southern California has a long legacy of promoting multidisciplinary collaboration. Its entrepreneurial environment propels bold, new solutions for the most intractable challenges facing society. Blending science, health and human rights with business, art, engineering, law and policy—and more—the USC Institute for Global Health uses its unique position to foster the cross-pollination of ideas throughout the university.

And USC's location in Los Angeles, among the most diverse cities in the world and a major center of the Pacific Rim, further empowers our efforts.

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Mission

The USC Institute for Global Health aims to improve global health by educating future and current global health leaders, carrying out transdisciplinary research, and assuring that the evidence collected informs policy and practice to make a difference.

Aims

- » **Provide** leading undergraduate, graduate and professional education programs in global health.
- » **Develop** online and onsite training programs in research methods for low- and middle-income countries.
- » **Expand** transdisciplinary collaboration in global health research and practice.
- » **Consolidate** and synthesize evidence-based best practices to inform research, policy and programs.
- » **Enhance** the visibility of global health efforts throughout USC.

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FEATURED PROJECT:

Eastern Africa GEOHealth Hub

The Eastern Africa GEOHealth Hub is a research and training center focused on environmental and occupational health in eastern Africa. The project is led by Addis Ababa University in Ethiopia and USC in collaboration with partners in Kenya, Rwanda and Uganda. The hub trains eastern African researchers to investigate occupational risk factors and the health impacts of air pollution and climate change.

Research

The Institute for Global Health tackles existing and emerging global health concerns using a cross-disciplinary approach. The Institute is committed to many diverse and innovative projects that stem from strong international partnerships.

FEATURED PROJECT:

Maama Ne Maama

Twezimbe Development Foundation—a grassroots development NGO in Uganda—and the USC Institute for Global Health collected birth stories in rural Ugandan villages to build a storytelling platform where mothers can share their experiences to save lives in their communities. The videos call attention to the common challenges and misconceptions women face in the pursuit of antenatal care and safe births.



FEATURED OPPORTUNITY:

Operation Smile International Family Study

The USC Institute for Global Health provides research and programmatic support for the International Family Study, a global collaboration with Operation Smile and Children's Hospital Los Angeles. The Institute also facilitates international student placements through the Operation Smile Research Fellowship.

FEATURED PROJECT:

Postpartum Health in Mongolia

Institute faculty and medical fellows worked with the Mongolia National Center for Maternal and Child Health to understand how Mongolian women experience postpartum depression. Through in-depth interviews, the study aims to aid health workers in better recognizing, preventing and treating postpartum depression in Mongolia.





FEATURED PROJECT:

Maternal and Child Nutrition and Health Results Project

Partnering with the World Bank, the Program on Global Health & Human Rights is bringing community-based nutrition and primary health care services for women and children to three of The Gambia's poorest regions to reduce maternal and child mortality and under-nutrition.

Program on Global Health & Human Rights

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An integral component of the USC Institute for Global Health, the Program on Global Health & Human Rights (GHHR) is at the forefront of developing practical and effective responses to global public health challenges through the innovative application of human rights concepts and methods to research, policy, capacity building, analytical tool development, monitoring and evaluation.

At this juncture in the history of the health and human rights field, there is an urgent need to strengthen health systems and demonstrate the effectiveness of using human rights to address public health challenges.

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FEATURED PROJECT:

Human Rights of LGBT People, Women & Girls Affected by HIV/AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa

The Program on Global Health & Human Rights interviewed representatives of government, non-governmental organizations, parliamentarians, religious leaders and other stakeholders as part of a large-scale project conducted with the United Nations Development Programme. The program evaluates ways in which legislative environments support human rights of LGBT people, women and girls affected by HIV/AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa.



FEATURED PROJECT:

Advancing Access to Justice for Young People who Use Drugs in Indonesia

With the Open Society Foundations, GHHR provides legal and rights education to a local NGO to strengthen the capacity of—and increase access to—justice for people who use drugs, especially young people, in Indonesia.



FEATURED PROJECT:

Ensuring Human Rights Within Family Planning & Contraceptive Programs

GHHR is working with the World Health Organization to strengthen human rights aspects of monitoring, evaluation and accountability in family planning and contraception work at the country, regional and global levels.



FEATURED OPPORTUNITY:
Ambassador Brigade Fellowship Program
 The Keck School of Medicine CenHealth Ambassadors Brigade Fellowship Program funds students to conduct research projects or other experiences aimed at reducing health disparities in the Americas.

Center for Health Equity in the Americas

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The Center for Health Equality in the Americas (CenHealth) positions USC as a global health forum for exchange of scholarly information, research, and evidence-based practices that promote health equity in diverse and vulnerable populations in the Americas.

Directors:

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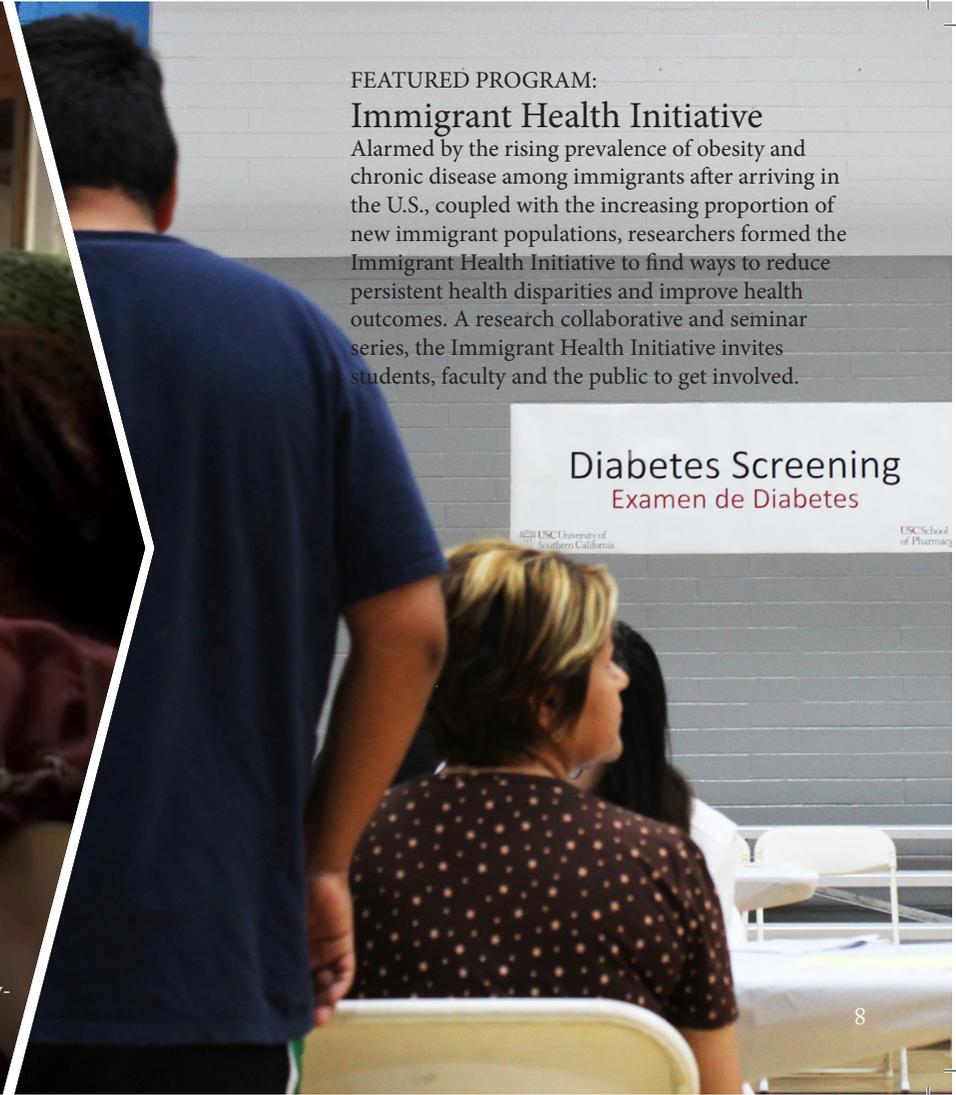
Maryann Pentz, PhD
Professor of Preventive Medicine, Sidney R. Garfield Chair in Health Sciences & Director, Institute for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Research



FEATURED PROJECT:
Tamale Lesson

Aiming to transform the way cancer information is delivered to the public, Tamale Lesson uses narrative storytelling to educate Latinas about cervical cancer screening and prevention. The project stems from its award-winning namesake—a short film about a family preparing for the youngest daughter's *quinceañera*—15th birthday. Woven into the characters' narrative are essential facts about cervical cancer, including its cause, prevention with the HPV vaccine and detection through Pap tests.

Project acknowledgement: NCI -R01CA144052/ Sheila T. Murphy-Baezconde-Garbanati



FEATURED PROGRAM:
Immigrant Health Initiative

Alarmed by the rising prevalence of obesity and chronic disease among immigrants after arriving in the U.S., coupled with the increasing proportion of new immigrant populations, researchers formed the Immigrant Health Initiative to find ways to reduce persistent health disparities and improve health outcomes. A research collaborative and seminar series, the Immigrant Health Initiative invites students, faculty and the public to get involved.

Diabetes Screening
Examen de Diabetes

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FEATURED SPEAKER:

Dr. D.A. Henderson

D.A. Henderson led the World Health Organization's campaign to wipe out smallpox—the only infectious disease in history to be successfully eradicated. In 2013 Dr. Henderson shared his experience as one of the young scientists who “didn't know that the goal was unachievable” and the challenges along the way in this global health success story.

USC Global Health Lecture Series

The Institute welcomes world-renowned global health leaders each year to share their experiences, engage in discussion and debate with faculty and students at USC. Speakers are selected in collaboration with, and co-hosted by, different schools or organizations

throughout the university, reflecting USC's multidisciplinary approach to global health. Each distinguished guest delivers a lecture open to the public and lecture videos are available for free online:

globalhealth.usc.edu/lectureseries.



Education & Training

USC offers several interdisciplinary global health degree programs across the university.

Undergraduate

- » Bachelor of Science in Global Health
- » Minor in Global Health

Graduate

- » Master of Science in Global Medicine
 - » Master of Public Health in Global Health Leadership
- On-site or online! Learn more at mph.usc.edu and mphdegree.usc.edu.*

Resident & Postdoctoral Training

- » Global Surgery Partnership
- » Children's Hospital Los Angeles IMPACT Global Health Track
- » Global Women's Health Fellowship at LAC+USC Medical Center



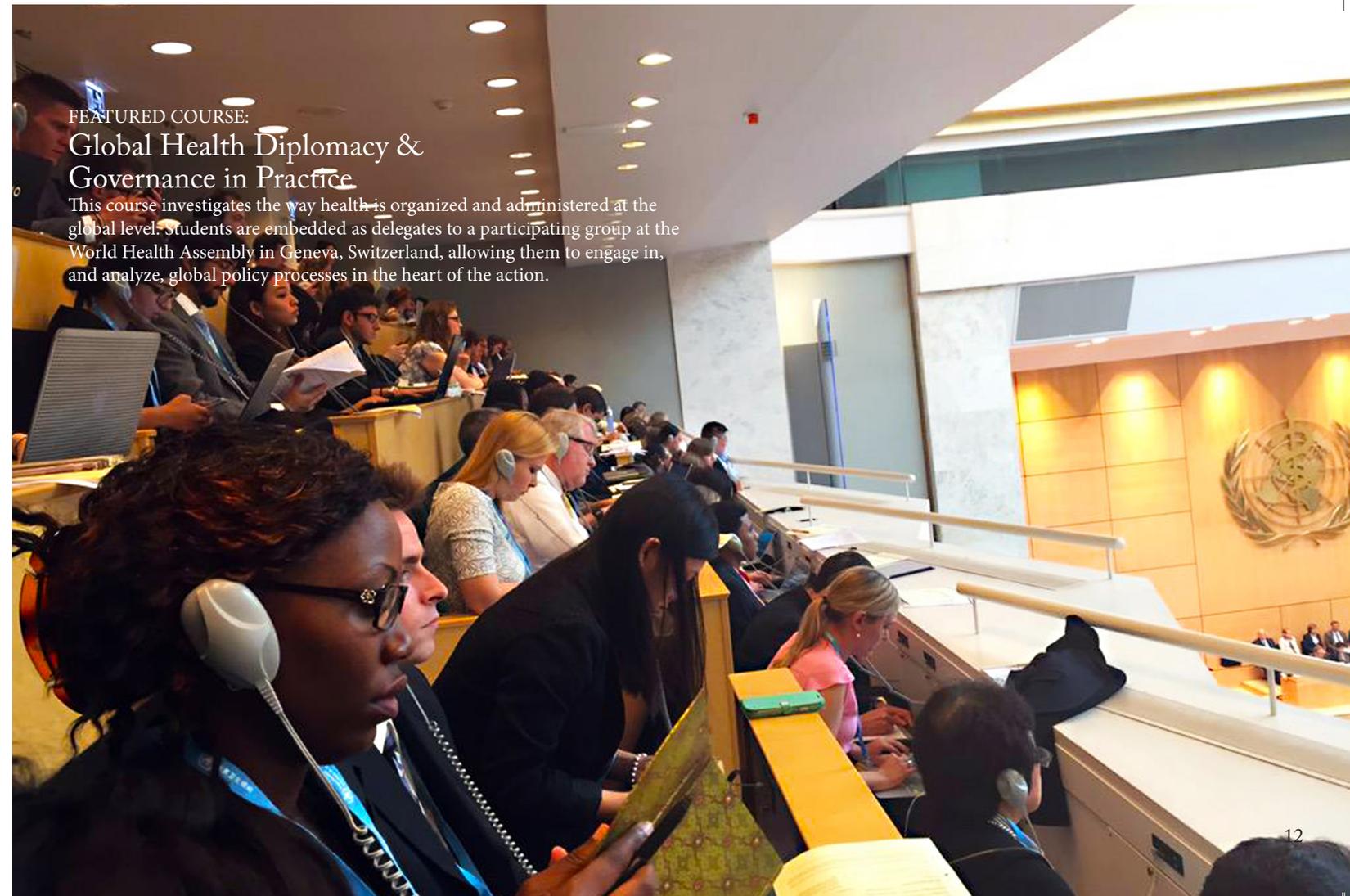
In collaboration with partner organizations around the world, the Institute provides funded fellowships and practicum research opportunities in dozens of countries. Pictured: Student Danielle Lee was awarded an Institute fellowship funded by John Snow, Inc., to implement a project in Mozambique in 2014.

Interdisciplinary Learning

Get involved in cross-campus research and education!

Featured: Law & Global Health

- » Course: "Global Health, Law & Human Rights"
- » Initiative: Law & Global Health Collaboration



FEATURED COURSE: Global Health Diplomacy & Governance in Practice

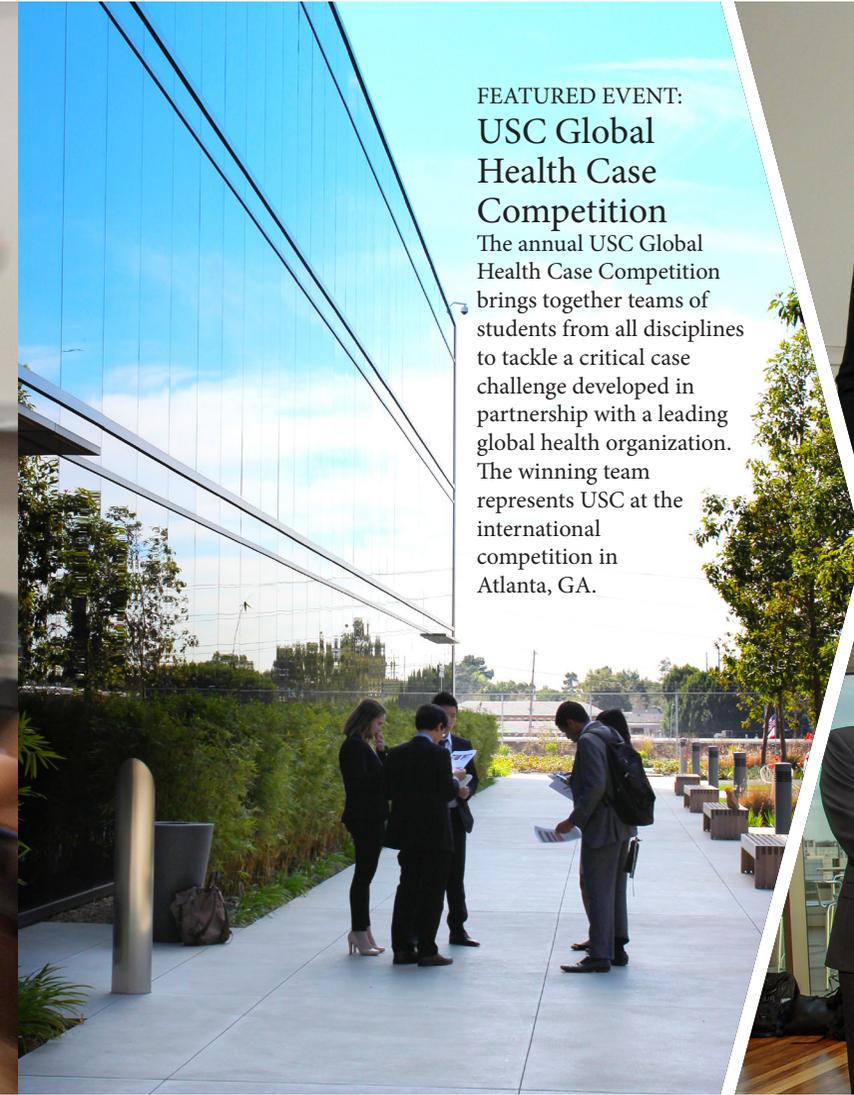
This course investigates the way health is organized and administered at the global level. Students are embedded as delegates to a participating group at the World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland, allowing them to engage in, and analyze, global policy processes in the heart of the action.



FEATURED COURSE:

Summer@USC: Disease Detectives

USC Summer Programs offers high school students a two-week college experience, Global Health: Disease Detectives—a hands-on course taught by Institute faculty—along with up to 20 other two-week and four-week class offerings.



FEATURED EVENT:
USC Global Health Case Competition

The annual USC Global Health Case Competition brings together teams of students from all disciplines to tackle a critical case developed in partnership with a leading global health organization. The winning team represents USC at the international competition in Atlanta, GA.





Association of Pacific Rim Universities

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Former USC President Steven B. Sample co-founded APRU in 1997 to capitalize on the emerging power and prominence of the Pacific Rim. It now represents 45 premier Pacific Rim research universities in 17 economies and fosters international collaboration among 140,000 faculty and more than two million students and university leaders.

Global Health Program

The Institute coordinates the APRU Global Health Program and its workshop, hosted by different universities around the Pacific Rim each year.

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