

## Global Health Seminar (PUBH 591)

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**Class Time and Location:** Thursdays, 12:00 – 12:50, 47 College Street, Room 106B

**Course Website:** The course Canvas website includes the syllabus, readings, reflection questions, and any announcements.

### Course Description and Objectives

The Global Health Seminar exposes students to key issues upon which they may base future research, service, and clinical pursuits in the field of global health. The course features faculty from across Yale and other global health experts from around the world. The Global Health Seminar is a requirement for students in the Global Health Concentration at the Yale School of Public Health (YSPH) and for students in the Certificate in Global Medicine at the Yale School of Medicine (YSM). YSPH students must take the course in their first year. The objectives of the course are for students to:

- discuss “what is global health?” and gain exposure to a variety of perspectives on current challenges in global health,
- engage in meaningful discussions with student colleagues, faculty, and outside experts, and
- cultivate relationships with Yale faculty and outside experts, resulting in potential research/fellowship opportunities.

### Class Participation and Reading

Before each class, students are required to review 1 - 2 readings and come prepared with reactions to reflection questions that will be posted on the class Canvas website. Students are also encouraged to articulate other questions and ideas for class discussion.

### Attendance

At the start of class, students will sign-in using a QR code posted in the auditorium. If students are unable to sign-in through the QR code, it is their responsibility to notify Anjuli Bodyk via email that they attended class. To successfully complete the course, students can miss only 2 sessions. Students must get written approval from the course director if they have already missed 2 sessions and need to miss an additional class because of illness or other circumstances.

### Withdrawal from the Course

Students may withdraw from a course with the approval of their faculty adviser. Students may withdraw from a course by the stated registration deadline without the course appearing on the transcript. From those dates until the last day of classes, a student may withdraw from a course; however, the course will appear on the

transcript with a letter grade of "W." Please refer to the School of Public Health academic calendar for important dates and deadlines.

### **Accessibility and Accommodations**

If you have a specific need or circumstance for which you would like to request accommodations, please do so as soon as early in the semester as possible. The Yale Student Accessibility Services (SAS) facilitates individual accommodations for students as needed. Students who would like to request an accommodation for a particular need or circumstance should contact the Student Accessibility Services (SAS) at 203-432-2324. They can also e-mail the director, [Kimberly McKeown](#). The SAS office will determine an appropriate and reasonable accommodation, and that will be communicated to the instructor.

### **Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging**

Any concerns or questions about Diversity, Equity, Inclusion or Belonging may be directed to Mayur Desai, YSPH Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, at [mayur.desai@yale.edu](mailto:mayur.desai@yale.edu) or Randi McCray, Associate Director for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging at [randi.mccray@yale.edu](mailto:randi.mccray@yale.edu).

### **University Policy on Sexual Harassment**

Yale University is committed to maintaining and strengthening an educational, employment, and living environment founded on civility and mutual respect. Sexual misconduct is antithetical to the standards and ideals of our community, and it is a violation of Yale policy and the disciplinary regulations of Yale College and the graduate and professional schools. Any questions or concerns should be directed to Kelly Shay, Deputy YSPH Title IX Coordinator, at [kelly.shay@yale.edu](mailto:kelly.shay@yale.edu).

### **Mental Health Resources**

Your wellbeing is a very important part of your success as a learner. If you find yourself struggling with your mental health or wellbeing this semester, please feel free to access any of the resources below:

- Diane Frankel-Gramelis is the YSPH Wellness Counselor and can work with you on solutions, action steps and help with other resource options. Diane is available for one-on-one "well-being" [check-ins](#) or you can [email Diane](#) directly if an alternative appointment time is needed.
- Resources that are available to you as a member of Yale Health:
  - Yale's behavioral health line is 1-800-327-9240 (open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year). Yale health members and dependents can access a full range of behavioral health services.
  - The 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline provides 24/7, free, and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals in the United States. Visit [988 Lifeline](#) or dial 988 from any phone in the US.
  - For more resources you can [visit](#).

### **Class Schedule**

#### **8/28 Class Introduction**

Michael Skonieczny, Lecturer in Public Health; Deputy Director, Yale Institute for Global Health

#### **9/4 U.S. Global Health Policy**

Jennifer Kates, Senior Vice President, Director of Global Health and HIV Policy, KFF (via Zoom)

#### **9/11 History, Justice, and Ethics in Global Public Health**

Laura Bothwell, Senior Lecturer, Epidemiology of Microbial Diseases

**9/18 Advocacy for Global Health**

Porter Delaney, Founding Partner, Kyle House Group (Via Zoom)

**9/25 Principles of Building Partnerships in Global Health**

Tracy Rabin, Associate Professor of Medicine (General Medicine) and Clinical Professor of Nursing; Director, Office of Global Health, Internal Medicine; Program Co-Director, Global Health Ethics Program, Yale Institute for Global Health

**10/2 Transforming Global Health with AI**

Mehul Mehta, Professor Adjunct of Public Health (Health Policy)

**10/9 Climate Change and Urban Health**

Jeannette Ickovics, Samuel and Liselotte Herman Professor of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Yale School of Public Health

**10/16 October Recess – No Class**

**10/23 Eliminating Hepatitis C in Egypt**

Moustafa Abdallah, Senior Health Economist, The World Bank

**10/30 Public Health in India**

Brian Wahl, Assistant Professor, Epidemiology of Microbial Diseases, Yale School of Public Health

**11/6 Childhood Pneumonia in Pakistan**

Nadir Ijaz, Instructor, Pediatrics, Yale School of Medicine; Attending Physician, Pediatric Critical Care Medicine, Yale-New Haven Children's Hospital

**11/13 Why are Women and Babies Still Dying at Such High Rates in the Global South and How to Change That**

Michelle Telfer, Associate Professor of Nursing and Interim Nurse-Midwifery Specialty Co-Director

**11/20 The Role of Political Leadership in Global Health**

Amanda Mclelland, Senior Vice President, Prevent Epidemics, Resolve to Save Lives

**12/4 World AIDS Day**

TBD

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