

In This Issue: Global Health

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Everything global is local, and vice versa - such is the premise of the field of Global Health, and the foundational notion of this issue of the Delaware Journal of Public Health. Indeed, the field of global & community health shares common antecedents in both the biological and social sciences, and is best seen as a continuum between geographies rather than 2 distinct entities.

On a daily basis, the issues of the rest of the world impact the U.S. and vice versa. Does the health and well-being of people living in Sub-Saharan Africa, Asia, or the Middle East impact our health and resource allocation here at home in the United States?

Zika – originated in Uganda

SARS – originated in China

MERS – originated in Saudi Arabia

Does pollution on the other side of the globe influence our weather and health here at home?

China surpassed the United States as the greatest emitter of greenhouse gases in 2006. It is science, not conjecture, that greenhouse gases affect our ozone layer, with significant downstream impacts.

Does U.S. policy on trade, immigration, international development and diplomacy affect other countries? It is easy to argue that no other country affects the global stage more substantially. Most recently, refugees to the U.S. from numerous locales have been the focus of both thoughtful action, and less rational invective. As a signatory to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, we in the U.S. strongly support the rights of individuals, including migrants, from several perspectives: legal, humanitarian, and economic. We support the integration of all those who become productive members of our society, which strengthens our broader fabric as an immigrant nation. E Pluribus Unum.

We should also not forget the hundreds of thousands of Americans who work (or are deployed) across the globe. Their health and wellbeing is impacted by the conditions within which they work and live, and when they return home, that impact, behavioral and physical, can travel with them.

At the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Academy/DPHA we honored our commitment to local and global health, which are both part of our core mission. We are proud of our colleagues at Jewish Family Services of Delaware, who received the 2018 Public Health Recognition for their work in our community, in particular resettling refugees resettling in our area through the RISE program. We applaud their efforts and encourage you to learn about and support this work.

The 2018 Lewis B. Flinn President's Award was accepted by Nicholas J. Petrelli, M.D., F.A.C.S. on behalf of the Christiana Care Helen F. Graham Cancer Center and Research Institute. We honor his leadership, and the outstanding work of all the HFGCCRI colleagues who work hard

every day to prevent and treat cancer and related conditions in Delaware. As a result this work, Delaware's cancer mortality rate is now dropping twice as fast as the national rate.

We are fortunate in the Delaware community to be so connected with global & community health. As home to the Delaware Health Sciences Alliance (DHSA- www.dhsa.org), we engage in education, research and academic endeavors that affect the lives of all our communities. The Christiana Care Global Health Curriculum has several residency tracks, and is among the most robust such programs in the country. The Academy is a proud co-sponsor of this lecture series which engages learners from throughout our community. We have a 7-year track record of co-sponsoring the DHSA Global Health Symposium, which hosts top leaders from around the country to engage with our colleagues on matters of local and global importance. Our staff are engaged in projects of international significance; including helping edit the next edition of the APHA Control of Communicable Diseases Clinical Manual. And we now introduce our partnership with the National Institutes of Health – Fogarty International Center on page 40. As with the American Public Health Association and the National Academy of Medicine, we are helping promote the Fogarty Center's message of health; making their opportunities for funding and research more visible to Delawareans; and help connect our local environment to the larger world around us.

As always, we welcome your feedback and comments, and hope you enjoy this issue.

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