

Introduction to the Local/Global Health Equity Track



Local/Global Health Equity Track webpage

<http://globalhealth.med.ufl.edu/global-health-track/>

Requirements for Certificate in Distinction in Local and Global Health Equity Track

Complete one of the following 2 options:

OPTION 1—Discovery Project in Summer between 1st and 2nd year

- a) **Completion of the L/GHE Seminar Series Spring of First Year** (approximately 7 Thursday afternoon session) —interactive and fun sessions to help students learn about local and global health issues and to prepare for the Summer Discovery Project.
- b) **Summer Discovery Project** on some aspect of social/economic determinants of health in a local or global setting
- c) **Completion of the L/GHE Seminar Series in Second year** (Both Fall and Spring, approximately 6-7 Thursday afternoon sessions each semester)

Option 2

(4th year discovery project on L/GHE)

- d) Completion of the **L/GHE Seminar Series in Second year** (Both Fall and Spring, approximately 6-7 Thursday afternoon sessions each semester)
- e) Plan and carry out a **discovery project** on some aspect of social/economic determinants of health in a local or global setting in the 4th year (requiring at least one and usually 2 months of elective time)

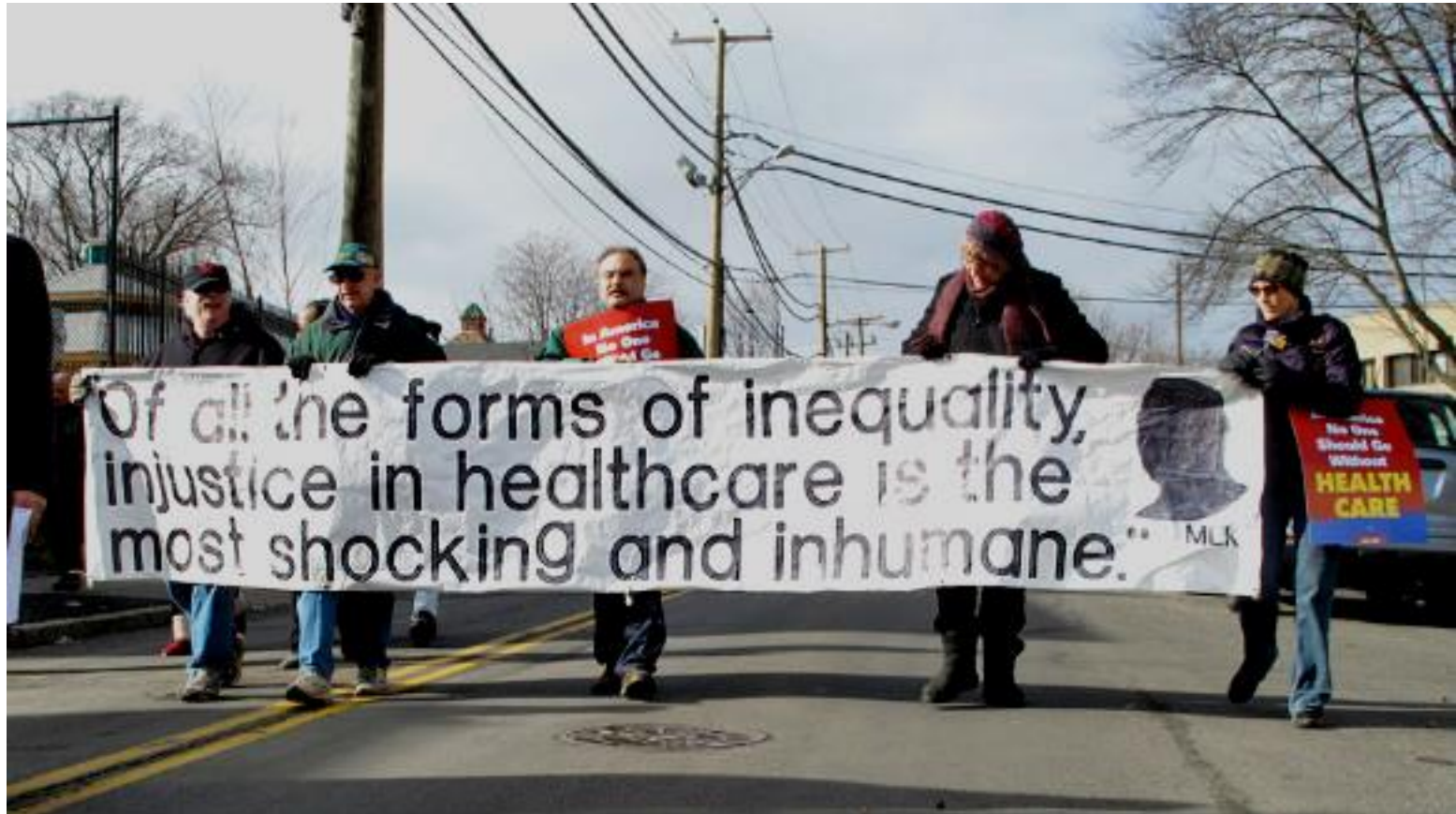
The Health Gradient



Source: *Making Partners: Intersectoral Action for Health 1988 Proceedings and outcome of a WHO Joint Working Group on Intersectoral Action for Health, The Netherlands.*

Health Equity

When all people have "the opportunity to 'attain their full health potential' and no one is 'disadvantaged from achieving this potential because of their social position or other socially determined circumstance'".



Disparities in Health

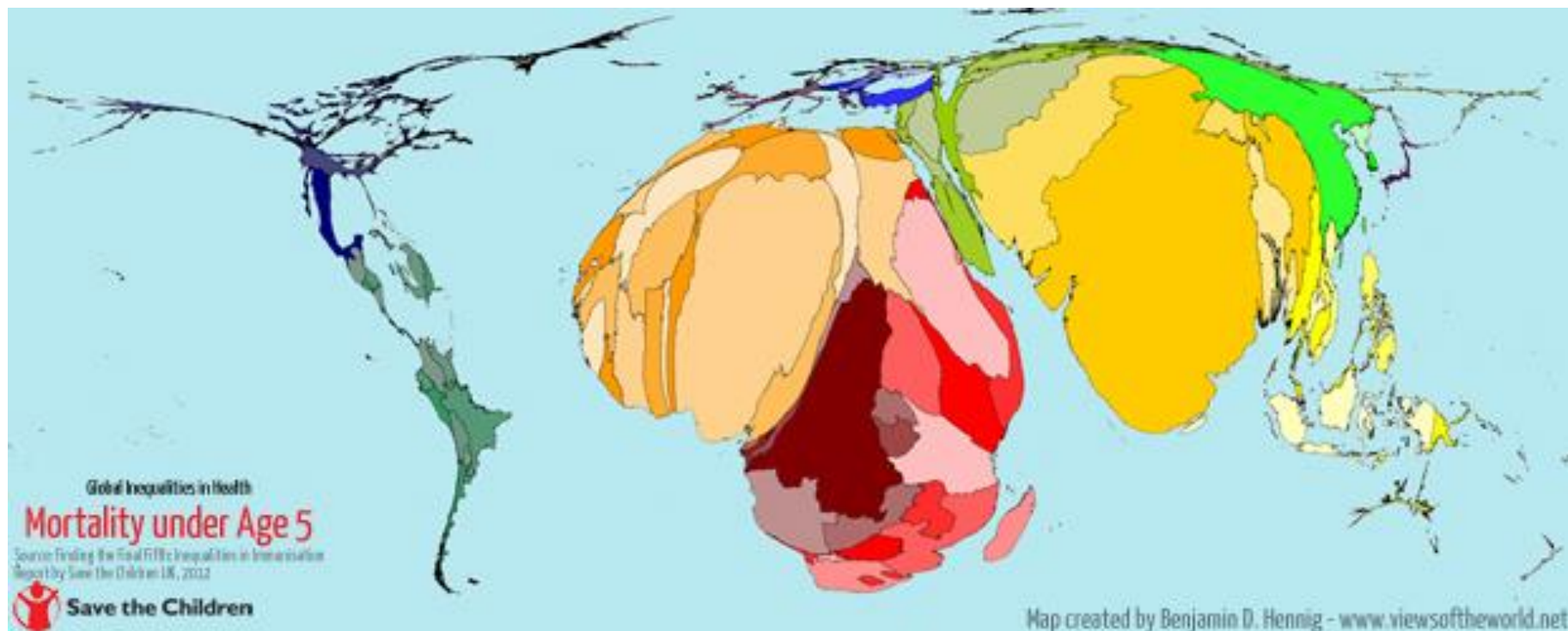
- Black infants die at rates **2.4 times** that of White infants.
- The maternal mortality rate for Blacks is **3 times** that of Whites.
- Compared to high-income individuals, **the poor had worse care** for 100% of access measures and 83% quality measures.

“The idea that some lives matter less is the root of all that's wrong with the world.”

—Dr. Paul Farmer
Co-founder, Partners In Health

Global Health defines the problem not the location

- Global health is an area of study, research and practice that places a priority on improving health and achieving equity in health **for all people worldwide**



Inequality on a global scale

	High income	Least developed	Sub Saharan Africa
Life expectancy	78.1	50.4	46.5
GDP per capita (PPP* 2001)	\$27,169	\$1274	\$1831

Seminar Series Proposed Topics

- Introduction to Track with Q&A Session, Introduction to Health Inequalities and Global Health
- Biosocial Model of Health, Health Inequalities
- 2nd year previous year MSRP presentations to 1st years
- Unnatural Causes—Economic Inequality and Premature Morbidity/Mortality, Healthcare in Low Resource Settings
- Global Burden of Disease, MDGs
- Culture and Health[include socioeconomic cultural difference, not only ethnicity, race]
- Global Health Ethics and Professionalism
- Preparation and Presentations of MSRP Proposals
- Advocacy and Human Rights
- Vulnerable Populations
- Water, Sanitation and Health
- Nutrition—Malnutrition and Obesity
- Health Systems, Capacity Building [include safety net collaboration locally
- NGO, PVT and Government Organizations
- Globalization of Health and Healthcare, Workforce Crisis
- Gender Equity and Health
- Student Presentations of Medical Student Research Projects (MSRP) and reflections
- Infectious Diseases—Malaria, TB, HIV 1
- Global Mental Health and US Mental Healthcare
- Neglected Tropical Diseases/Infectious Diseases 2
- Liberia: a Case Study. Impact of Poverty and War on Health and Health Care
- Noncommunicable Diseases 1 [include food deserts, food insecurity]
- Noncommunicable Diseases 2
- Global Natural and Man Made Disasters—Health Impact and Emergency Response, Environmental Health, Climate Change

Seminar Series

- **Speakers:** Past speakers have been from an array of specialties and areas of expertise
- Faculty from COM (numerous different specialties), Nursing, Anthropology, Emerging Pathogens Institute, Arts in Medicine, African Working Group, Economics
- Frequently a **small group participatory** component (eg, journal clubs, discussions)

Local MSRP Opportunities

- Health equity projects are **quality improvement projects** for the outreach clinics which change our clinic policies and lead **to improved services** to the underserved.
- The **City and County Commission**, the Safety Net Collaborative, and the Health Care Advisory Board are very interested in our results.
- Previous student needs assessment was presented at City Commission, enhancing our reputation and credibility with local government. This means that some day when we go to ask for something needed, they are likely to respond favorably to our request. This sort of trust takes years to build.



Global MSRP Opportunities

- Building a network of different opportunities to work with faculty in the COM and other schools doing research abroad in areas including **Latin America and Sub-Saharan Africa**
- Past projects have been in countries including Peru, Ecuador and China

- In the track we work together to learn more about how to **decrease inequalities and improve health** for those who are affected by them
- To join, simply start coming to Seminar Series in January 2015

Hope to see you there!