

Global Health Discussion Series: PUBH 500

A Discussion Series for students pursuing the Graduate Certificate in Global Health.

Spring 2017

Wednesday Evenings 5:45 – 7:15 pm (unless otherwise noted in the course schedule below)

Location: Michael Hooker Research Center 003

Instructor

Bruce Fried, PhD

Associate Professor, Health Policy and Management

bruce_fried@unc.edu

Teaching Assistant

Jeff Walker, MPH/RD Candidate, Nutrition Department

jeff_walker@unc.edu

Course Description

The Discussion Series is required of all students pursuing the Graduate Certificate in Global Health. The course meets in the evening for one and a half hours, 5 times a semester. Each session in the series will have a thematic frame that guides facilitated discussion. Formats might include: presentations, showing and discussion of a documentary, discussion of a news report, discussion of a book chapter or article, or, attending a special campus speaker's presentation or event.

Global health certificate students are required to register for two semesters of the discussion series in order to earn 1 credit hour (PUBH 500), earning 1/2 credit hour each semester. Two-year students will select 2 from among their 4 semesters; one-year students will sign up for the Fall and Spring semesters of their academic year.

Objectives of the Series

- Provide opportunities for global health certificate-earning students to get to know each other through an exchange and discussion of global health issues and experiences.

- Expose students to important resources for field placements, internships, and employment in global health.
- Exchange points of view in an informal setting with globally-experienced UNC faculty and those from other campuses, as well as global health practitioners.
- Build and strengthen trans-departmental alliances that will contribute to ongoing efforts to highlight the importance of global health within the School of Public Health.

Requirements

Students' commitment to earning a Graduate Certificate in Global Health requires attendance at four of five sessions during each semester registered unless excused by seminar faculty. Attendance will be taken, however, if you are unable to attend an evening due to an emergency, please contact the instructor or TA or send an email to globalgateway@unc.edu or call 919-966-3564.

Grading

The course meets five times during the semester; one of these five meetings will entail a book review. In order to achieve a "P" for the course, the student must attend 4 out of 5 sessions*. Students who desire an "H" in the course will be required to select one of the two books assigned for Spring 2017, submit a 1- to 2-page critique of that book by the fourth class session, and participate in the Book Review Discussion. These students still only need to attend 4/5 sessions to receive an H, as long as the book review is included as one of those sessions. After the first session, the class will vote on which two books to read for the assignment from among the following:

- *The Body Economic: Why Austerity Kills* by David Stuckler and Dr. Sanjay Basu
- *A Heart for the Work: Journeys Through an African Medical School* by Claire L. Wendland
- *The Wisdom of Whores: Bureaucrats, Brothels, and the Business of AIDS* by Elizabeth Pisani
- *Stuffed and Starved: The Hidden Battle for the World Food System* by Raj Patel
- *War Games: The Story of Aid and War in Modern Times* by Linda Polman

Course Schedule

Date	Topic	Speaker/Session Information
Thursday, January 26th	Heidi Linton, EX. Director of Christian Friends of Korea <i>NGO Work in the DPRK</i>	Get to know your classmates and hear from the Executive Director of CFK, which partners with hospitals to improve treatment of tuberculosis in the Democratic Peoples' Republic of Korea.
Wednesday, February 22 nd (5:30-7PM)	Graduates Panel	Hear from graduates of Gillings about working in the field of global health, applying for jobs, and other topics related to career.

Wednesday, March 8th	Heather Hille <i>Doctors, Drugs, and Dollars</i>	Participate in a class-wide game designed by our presenter to teach students about the major actors, funders, and issues in global health.
Wednesday, March 29 th (5:30-7PM)	Book Critique Discussion	Join us for a discussion of the books selected by the class. <u>Attendance required to receive an H.</u>
Wednesday, April 12th	Melissa Troester, PhD <i>Breast Cancer & Developing Countries</i>	Watch a documentary on breast cancer treatment in Ghana and then participate in a discussion with an expert from the UNC Lineburger Cancer Center.

*Note: One of the 4 sessions that the student wishing to receive a “P” attends may be the book review session, even though the student did not complete the book review assignment. We highly recommend attending the other 4 sessions and choosing to not attend the book review session, but we want to provide this option for those that need the added flexibility.