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Peter Spencer, PhD FRCPATH
Global Health Center Director

NEWS FROM OHSU/OREGON

OHSU GHC Director appointed

OHSU President, Joe Robertson, MD, MBA appointed Peter Spencer, PhD, FRCPATH director of the Global Health Center as of October 1, 2009. Dr. Spencer has served in an interim capacity since the Center was created in August 2007.

Health and Illness in Context elective

OHSU and Central City Concern's collaborative interdisciplinary elective *"Health and illness in context: Pragmatic approaches to understanding and addressing the social determinants of human health and wellbeing within an urban safety net,"* has been selected—as one of five electives from across the nation--to be showcased at the annual Organization of Student Representatives (OSR) "Innovative Programming Showcase" during the AAMC-OSR national meeting this November in Boston. [Course info](#) (fall class full)

Informatics Training for Global Health grant

Congratulations to Dr. Bill Hersh and the OHSU Department of Medical Informatics & Clinical Epidemiology (DMICE) which has received a 5-year, \$1.2 million grant to expand its collaboration with Hospital Italiano of Buenos Aires (HIBA) in Argentina. Funded by the NIH Fogarty Center, the goal of this program is to develop biomedical informatics and biomedical research capacity in low- and middle-income countries. [Read more](#)

OHSU professor wins the Indian Physicians Award

R. Dale Walker, MD is one of two Native American psychiatrists certified in addictions treatment. For the second time in 20 years, a national organization of Native American doctors has honored OHSU's Dr. R. Dale Walker as its physician of the year. [The Oregonian article](#). Please note, Portland is hosting the 2009 American Indian Science and Engineering Society's National Conference starting Oct. 29. [Details](#)

IFMSA student arriving

Daniele De Ruvo, a senior medical student from Torino, Italy will be joining OHSU 4th year students starting October 14 for 4 weeks. This reciprocal rotation has been organized by Larry Tiglao, MS4, OHSU's Local Exchange Officer for the International Federation of Medical Students Association (IFMSA) also through the diligent work of Amy Marr, MD, Emergency Medicine's Global Health Fellow.

World AIDS Day

To commemorate World AIDS Day and raise awareness throughout the Portland Metropolitan area, local and global HIV/AIDS service organizations have collaborated to launch the 9 ½ Minutes Campaign. It is estimated by the CDC that one new infection occurs every 9 ½ minutes in the United States. [Details](#)

Eradication of Poverty at PSU: Conference call with Dr. Paul Farmer

All are welcome at PSU on 11 a.m. on Saturday, 10/17 for a conference call with Dr. Paul Farmer, as part of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty events. Join in at Smith Memorial Student Union room 329. Other events for Stand Up at 1-3 p.m. at Hoffman Hall. Food, music, performances by Loveness WESA of Zimbabwe and Thomas Lauderdale of Pink Martini.

World AIDS Day Intern needed

A non-paid volunteer intern is sought to assist the World AIDS Day committee, from Oct 1 through Dec 7. See [WAD website](#) or email [Judith Rizzio](#) or call her at 503-233-5907.

Mercy Corps Action Center – Tracy Kidder

Mercy Corps Action Center kicks off a series with author Tracy Kidder talking about his new book, *Strength in What Remains*. And what a tale it is, opening from a passenger seat in an airliner in war-torn [Burundi](#), where Deo, then 24, is leaving behind what once seemed a promising life in Africa as a third-year medical student. It was 1994. Burundi and neighboring Rwanda were exploding in civil wars, in which Hutu and Tutsi were slaughtering one another in one of the 20th century's most horrifying conflicts. With the help of the privileged family of one of his med-school friends, Deo is able to escape the carnage, bound for America. Soon, with only \$200 and no English, Deo is struggling to survive on the streets of New York [Book review](#) [Talk details](#)

Andrew Weil in Portland

Andrew Weil MD, famous for his work in Integrative Medicine will illuminate how healthcare in America became over-priced, ineffective and ultimately disastrous – and what we can all do to fix it! [Talk details](#)

Global Health Events at OHSU – October, 2009

Zoom Uganda

ZoomUganda shares the journey of 12 girls given 12 cameras and 24 hours in which to tell their own stories through their own lenses, empowering its participants to stand in the centers of their work and show you the view from there. The OHSU Student Center will be hosting this exhibit from Oct 5 to Nov 6. The project directors of Zoom Uganda will be presenting at a Conversations in Global Health presentation. [Flier](#)

International Dance Festival

The OHSU Library is hosting a fundraiser on Friday October 9 in the OHSU Auditorium 5pm to 8pm, featuring local dancers who will perform Cambodian, Indian, Irish, Latin, Middle Eastern and Scottish dances. This event is sponsored by the OHSU Global Health Center and the OHSU Student Council to improve study areas in the OHSU library. [Flier](#)

The silent burden of obstructed labor

Obstetric Fistula: The Silent Burden of Obstructed Labor, Rahel Nardos, MD. Ob/Gyn Grand Rounds in OHSU Hospital, Room 8B60 from 7:30 to 8:30am on October 23. Dr. Nardos will be speaking about this problem related to her work in Ethiopia.

Making women's rights and health central to global development

OHSU Global Health Center in collaboration with the [World Affairs Council of Oregon](#) will be hosting 3 of a 4 part webcast series of presentations by experts in the field of global health issues with an emphasis on gender inequalities and the special health needs of women. Each lecture will offer opportunities for audience participants to engage in in-depth discussion using teleconferencing technology. Please [RSVP](#) if you are to attend this webinar? [Details](#).

2010 GHEC Conference, Cuernavaca, Mexico

The National Institute of Public Health of Mexico will host (in Cuernavaca) the 19th GHEC Annual Conference: [Alliances for Global Health Education: Learning from South-South Collaboration Abstract submission](#) (abstract deadline extended to November 1st, 2009)

[Conversations in Global Health](#) (Please note October's presentations will be held in the Student Center Media Room (same building as the campus store), in honor of Zoom Uganda, see bldg #23 on this [map](#))



Global Health Center – [GHC About > News and events](#) for all events.

NEWS FROM ACROSS THE NATION

Fogarty Intn'l Clinical Research Scholars & Fellows Programs

A recent expansion of the Scholars Program is the creation of a post-doctoral Program for medical residents and fellows, as well as scientists with PhDs engaged in health-related post-doctoral programs. The Fellows Program is based on mentored clinical research and orientation towards global health. However, both US and non-US candidates are eligible to apply, provided the non-US candidates propose to work with one of 48 vetted sites. Deadline for Applications: December 3, 2009. [Scholars program](#) - [Fellows program](#).

Universities form bond over global health

Representatives from 58 universities met at NIH September 14-15 for the inaugural meeting of The Consortium of Universities for Global Health, a consortium formed to make universities a transforming force in global health. [Summary](#).

International response to climate change

Read [JAMA article](#)

Steer Program

Consider a 4th year elective with the South Texas Environmental Education and Research ([STEER](#)) program.

NEWS FROM ACROSS THE WORLD

WORLDWIDE

[World Clock](#)

AFRICA

[Mozambique: Challenges and Changes](#) - World Vision/Columbia-Willamette Women of Vision

ASIA-PACIFIC

[Lethal Tsunami in the South Pacific](#)

[Padang: City on a fault line](#)

AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

A traveling fellowship to the Australia and New Zealand Chapter of the American College of Surgeons is currently being offered. The purpose is to encourage international exchange of information concerning surgical science, practice, and education and to establish professional and academic collaborations and friendships. [Details](#)