What you need to know about the 2014 Multicultural Dinner

When: Thursday, February 27th from 5-8pm
Where: UTSPH RAS 102 A&B
Admission: $10 wristband at door OR Free if you bring a food dish (feeds at least 10)
Children under 14 are free

Raffle tickets for gift cards and many more items: Only $5 each

“Diseases of Poverty: Vaccines to the Rescue!”

5:00PM Check in, Silent Auction, Entertainment
6:00PM Dinner and SSGH Officer presentations
6:45PM Overview of Diseases of Poverty and Panelist Introduction
7:00PM Discussion Panel
8:00PM Raffle Drawing

Our exciting expert panel includes:
Judit Rius Sanjuan, JD, MS: Doctors Without Borders
Cynthia Chappell, PhD: Professor of Epidemiology & Infectious Disease, UT SPH
Eric Brown, PhD: Professor of Epidemiology & Immunology, UT SPH

We will be collecting donations of hygiene products and school supplies which will go towards the Global Public Health Brigade to Nicaragua in March.

Have a dish? Have a question? Contact Kaylinh Ly at kaylinh.m.ly@uth.tmc.edu or (817)975-2493.
Face of Global Health: Ahlam Mohammed

**Degree/division:** MPH in the division of Epidemiology, Human Genetics, and Environmental Sciences (EHGES)

“I would like to thank SSGH for picking me as their first member of the month for the Global Health Press newsletter. It is such an honor. The organization and its goals are very dear to me; therefore I have been actively involved since day one at UT SPH." - Ahlam

**SSGH: What is your background in global health?**
Ahlam: "During my undergraduate years, I had the opportunity to intern with various organizations in Kenya, Tanzania, Ethiopia, and El Salvador working mostly with children and focusing on HIV prevention and control programs as my interest is mainly on infectious diseases and maternal and child health."

**SSGH: What is your current involvement in global health?**
Ahlam: "I am currently completing my MPH with a concentration in global health. I officially completed my requirements last semester. I am actively involved with the Student Society for Global Health; just a month ago we went on the Frontera de Salud Brownsville trip to the Mexico border and assisted with the Biggest Loser event and completed a community health assessment. In October, I attended the UTMB Global Health education symposium in Galveston with other SSGH members. I am currently a program committee member for the Houston Global Health Collaborative second annual CONNECT 2014 conference which will take place on March 22nd-23rd. I am also planning to attend the Global Health and Innovation Conference in Connecticut in April."

**SSGH: Where do you see yourself in 5 years?**
Ahlam: "I see myself either working in a health organization, ideally in Africa or the Middle East (closer to home), or returning to school to acquire my PhD."

**SSGH: Tell us a fun fact about yourself!**
Ahlam: "I speak four languages fluently: French, Arabic, Amharic, and English. And something that many people find strange about me; I absolutely hate chocolate and cannot tolerate the taste or the smell."

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**What you missed:**
February Global Health Café
Philanthropy & Global Health

Students gathered on February 12th to discuss the 2014 Bill Gates Annual Letter. In the letter, Bill and Melinda Gates address three myths about global poverty.

**Did you know?**

Global Health Trivia

The FIRST person to respond with all three correct answers will receive one (1) free admission ticket to the 2014 Multicultural Dinner on Thursday, February 27th.

1. What causes more lost years of life in the United States? Road injuries or diabetes?

2. Which STD is becoming resistant to antibiotics?

3. What is a fundamental threat to economic development and the fight against poverty, according to statements made by World Bank President, Jim Kim, in a recent report?

Email your responses to amy.m.wieczorek@uth.tmc.edu

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National & International News

April 12-13, 2014
Yale University, New Haven, CT
The Global Health and Innovation Conference
http://www.uniteforsight.org/conference/

May 10-12, 2014
CUGH conference
The Washington Hilton, Washington DC
Universities 2.0: Advancing Global Health in the Post-MDG Era
http://2014cughconference.org/

September 30-October 3, 2014
Cape Town, South Africa
Third Global Symposium on Health Systems Research
http://hsr2014.healthsystemresearch.org/

Our Reading List

Introduction to Human Trafficking

On January 29th, Misa Nguyen, Deputy Director of the Houston Rescue and Restore Coalition, gave a presentation to UTHSPH students on the challenges of human trafficking both worldwide, nationwide, and right here in Houston. HRRC exists to prevent and confront modern-day slavery by educating the public, training professionals and empowering the community to take action for the purpose of identifying, rescuing and restoring trafficking victims to freedom. Misa also debunked three common myths about human trafficking including that human trafficking and human smuggling are the same, all trafficking is sex trafficking, and all prostitution is human trafficking.

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