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Decolonizing Global Public Health

What Will it Take to Dismantle Racism and White Supremacy?



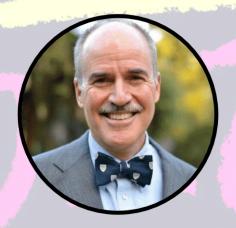
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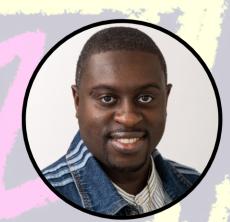
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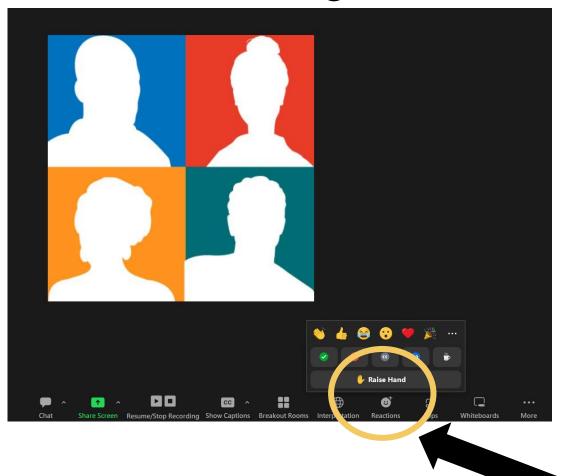






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Welcome



45 countries

600-ish webinar registrants





- Amplifying my voice as a Black man in spaces where white folks stay silent around race.
- learning, providing space, listening
- I consider on a daily basis actions I can take in my work & personal life. I uplift the voices of marginalized people...
- Ensuring opportunities for full and meaningful participation of those most affected by HIV and the social and political drivers
- Advocating for investments in leadership and meaningful engagement of Black, indigenous, Latinx, and other people of color.
- Foreground and support black researchers
- Challenging and Creating new narratives of sexual health that focus on pleasure not fear
- Support Reparations for Freedmen-American Descendants of Chattel Slavery



- Empowering public health scientists in Africa and Asia
- Supporting South-South partnerships to improve collaborations in the global south
- Revising the department's competencies and curriculum
- Establishing equitable hiring practices that consider experience and not only education; supporting local mutual aid funds
- Identifying white supremacy in global health, discussing, sharing Dr. Agnes' publications, suggesting equitable, just initiative
- Registering for webinars like these! Taking classes, reading, participating in group discussions, and leading discussions!
- I am part of an anti-racism group, I did deep canvassing listening to folks about legal abortion access



Decolonizing Global Health

The Choice Agenda

16 February 2023

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Overview

Main Objective: Examine what the colonial legacy looks like within global health today and explore how we can decolonize this field.

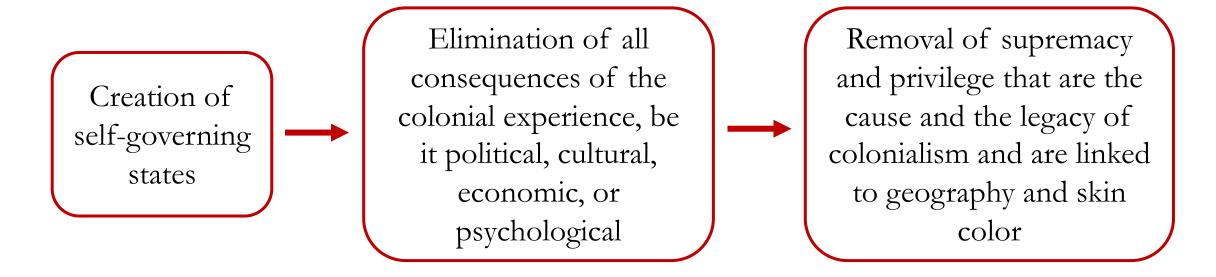
Structure:

- Understand the definition of decolonization;
- Draw parallels between current global health practices and colonialism;
- Explore manifestations of the white supremacy mindset
 - Using the example of the global response to COVID-19;
- Evaluate the need to decolonize:
 - Scientific publications, research, and partnerships,
 - Global health education.



What does Decolonization mean?

Definition of "decolonization" over time



BUT, the cause-and-effect relationship needs to be reframed because "White supremacy mindset" resulted in colonization.



Link between Western and White Supremacy

Origin: Supremacy based on geography that led to colonization of the so called "global South"

Who: Countries that are now considered the "Western world"

Link: Majority of white people live in the "Western world"



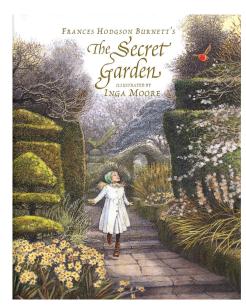
After World War II





Formal and Informal Education

We are taught from the first drop of milk that black is the color of negativity through racist examples and theories



Outright racism against black people in children's books



Villains in cartoon movies are often black

Our Understanding of History

During the colonization of African countries until the 20th century, they changed African

history and dehumanized black people to justify their atrocities.



Cutting hands as punishment for disobeying orders, Congo Free State under Belgian Rule



George Orwell: "But if thought corrupts language, language can also corrupt thought."

- The word "Caucasian" invokes scientific racism and biological races.
 - Origin of the term: In the 18th century, light-skinned people from the Caucus region were identified as the superior race.
- Equivalents for other races are negative:
 - "Mongolian" for Asians
 - "Negroid" for Africans
 - Note: In the US, police say Caucasian in crime reports not "White" or "European American".



There is significant diversity among black populations across the globe: differences in culture, language, history, challenges, opportunities etc.

- Black people in Rwanda ≠ black people in Ghana
- Black people in the US \neq black people in the UK
- Black people in New York ≠ black people in Louisiana

While black people largely originated from Africa, their ways of living have diverged significantly and even so before being enslaved.

"The single story creates stereotypes, and the problem with stereotypes is not that they are untrue, but that they are incomplete. They make one story become the only story." -Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie



Aid to LMICs does not compensate what is taken out:

\$42billion extracted from Africa each year

Illicit financial flows 6.1% of Africa's **GDP** 3X Aid Flow into Africa

Data from 2017

Plus Brain Drain



It was estimated in 2017 that Africa loses around **\$2 billion** annually through brain drain to HICs from the health sector alone.

LICs remain poor: they don't own their lands, they educate for HICs.



Cultivation of Western Supremacy at All Levels

Dissemination channels for research results promote western scientists.

Science Magazine, IF:41.8 Published: June 12, 2020

49 Co-authors, none from Africa/LMICs. Citations as of Nov 08, 2022: 689*

The impact of COVID-19 and strategies for mitigation and suppression in low- and middle-income countries

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Clinical Infectious Diseases, IF:9.1

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From Easing Lockdowns to Scaling Up Community-based Coronavirus Disease 2019 Screening, Testing, and Contact Tracing in Africa—Shared Approaches, Innovations, and Challenges to Minimize Morbidity and Mortality

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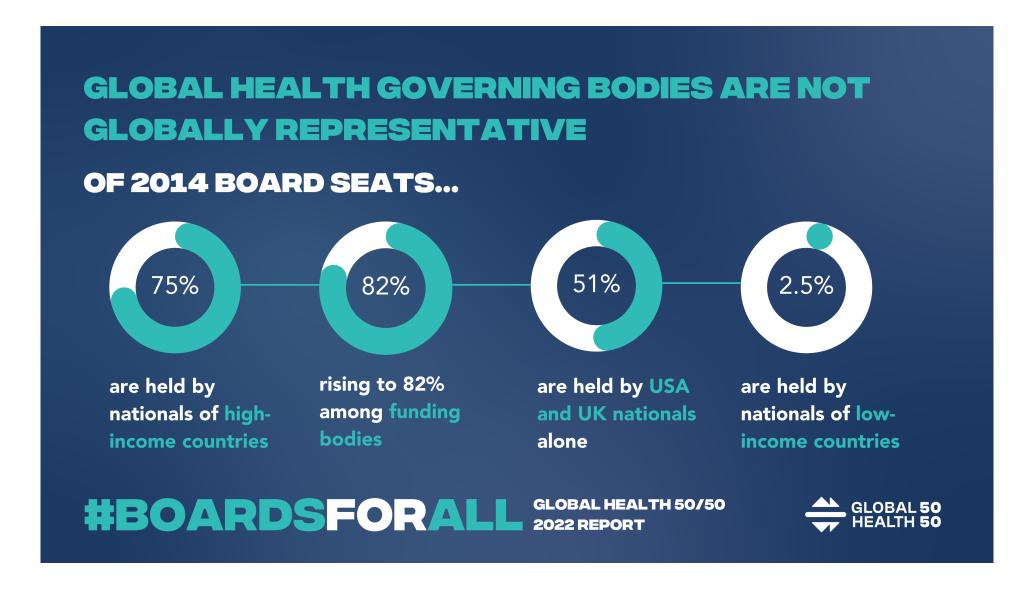
"Northern ventriloquism occurs when LMIC scholars enunciate HIC ideas to access globally competitive grants and publish in high-impact journals. HIC scholarship uses its position to dictate structures and set priorities for the content, relevance, and timing of publications."

- Prof. Thirusha Naidu



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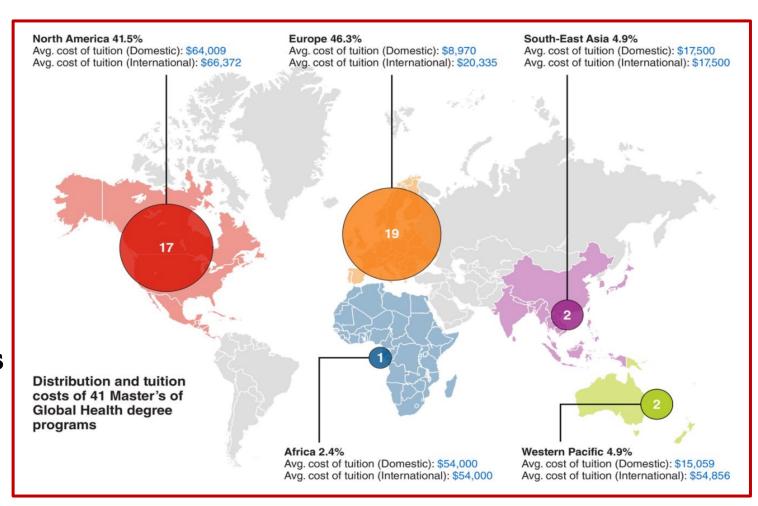






Important Questions

- 1) Where are global health education programs **located?**
- 2) How much do they **cost** and who can afford them?
- 3) Who is taking these **courses** and which **communities** are benefitting?



Geographical distribution of Master's degrees in global or international health, and mean tuition costs for the entire degree in USD



What does this mean for our Professions?

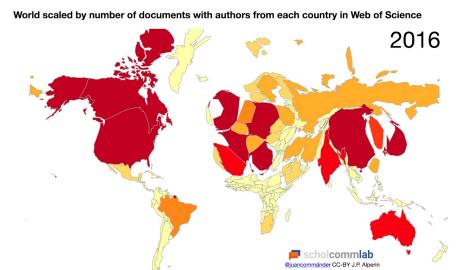
In Global Health Practice

- Expectation that knowledge is only generated in HICs
- Unwillingness to learn from LMICs: e.g., better COVID response before vaccines

In Research and Partnerships

- PI from HICs: funding managed and area of study selected by HICs
- Funding HIC groups for LMIC studies
 - A \$30million grant for a study on malaria in Africa **none are African**
- The "Hertillan" Effect: stolen data

In Publications



Alperin, Juan Pablo (2018): World scaled by number of documents with authors from each country in Web of Science: 2016, Figshare. Creative Commons.

In Justice Systems

• Black people in the UK are 1.4 times more likely to be jailed for drug offenses than are white people.



Individuals Need to Reflect on their Biases

Some institutions in HICs accept lower quality for LMICs

- Unqualified young volunteers
 providing care in hospitals, developing
 curricula and teaching students in
 schools
- Example: US missionary organization
 Serving His Children (SHC) in Uganda
 - Renee Bach: no qualifications as a doctor or nurse; treated children
 - Responsible for 105 child deaths

White Savior Mentality



Another year another 30 million grant to "help" #Africans do something that they were already doing.

@PATHtweets and @PMIgov launch a "global" project to advance the use of new tools to fight #malaria, But none of the partners listed are from African institutions. Seriously?!?



Institutions Need to Reflect on their History

- Institutions that were built on the backs of enslaved people from Africa.
- Institutions historically propagated anti-blackness.
 - E.g., universities which encouraged the study of scientific racism to justify colonialism and discrimination based on skin color.
- Research exploited minority communities.
 - E.g., unethical nutrition experiments performed on Canadian Aboriginal children at six residential schools (1942-1952)

"We can't dismantle what we do not understand, and we can't understand the contemporary injustice we face unless we reckon honestly with our history," — Radcliffe Dean Tomiko Brown-Nagin, head of the research initiative, Harvard and the Legacy of Slavery





Thank you!

Dismantling White Supremacy

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Health and Equity Consultant

DISCLAIMER

I am AN EXPERT but not the only expert

Words and language are fluid and regional

We don't have to agree to be agreeable

Dismantle means:

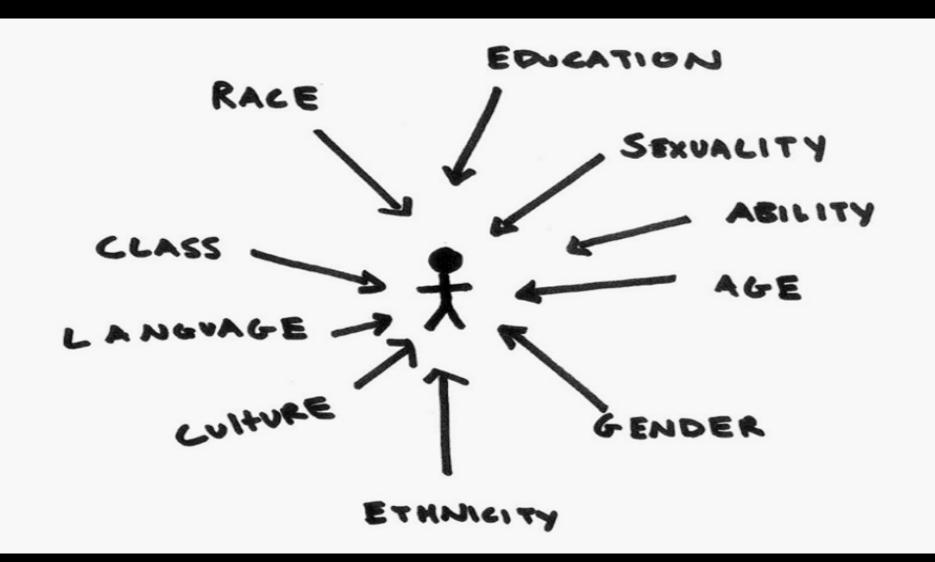
To take apart

Demolish

Disassemble

We must dismantle oppressive systems by changing power dynamics. This means creating more safe, affirming and diverse care models that more closely reflect the people being served.

Intersectionality



INTERSECTIONALITY

Is the understanding that our multiple identities set up us for more discrimination

Is where racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, ableism, xenophobia, nationalism, tribalism and all those other isms overlap

Reflects a system where married, White, cisgender, heterosexual men who own land, have more privilege in society than everyone else

Dictates that the further you are from this archetype of perfection, the more problems you will have in society

Each of us holds multiple identities

No person is just Black or White or Hispanic or Asian or Indigenous

Each comma you use to describe yourself, is a part of your intersectional identity

I am a fluffy, Black, transgender, woman, who lives in the South

Think about all the ways that you describe yourself, and those are some of your intersectional identities. Think about where your parents and grandparents were born

Think about how your last name is spelled. Think about the first language that you learned as a baby

Being size fluffy is not ideal in a world obsessed with diets and a European aesthetic

Being Black in the US comes with a 400 history of slavery, racism and systemic oppression

The world loves and hates women – Mary is 1 of only 93 women named in the Bible out of 3,237 people named. The great fall of mankind is supposedly due to Eve's original sin. Women's bodies are used to sell everything from tires to tennis shoes

A 2017 essay by David Joy titled, "Digging in the Trash" addresses the negative ways that Southerners are overwhelmingly portrayed in the media as uneducated, unrefined and poor

Voting
Purchasing homes
Credit

Sports Politics

(1787 WM, 1870 BM, 1920 WW, 1943 AAPIM, H/L 1965)
(redlining, property devaluations)
(ECOA)
Employment1974 Equal Credit Opportunity Act
(Over 1,000 MLB players & 2 Black managers, 0 Latin, 0 Asian)
(3/5 Human, The Great Replacement Theory)

Over 330,000,000 people in the United States

The US President and Vice President are actually elected by 538 and not by popular vote

The Electoral College was created in part, because Congress didn't think Southerners and people living in rural areas were smart enough to elect a President

Racism in Healthcare:

Implicit Bias and Interpersonal Dynamics

Pain Treatment

Underrepresentation in Healthcare

Inequities in Healthcare

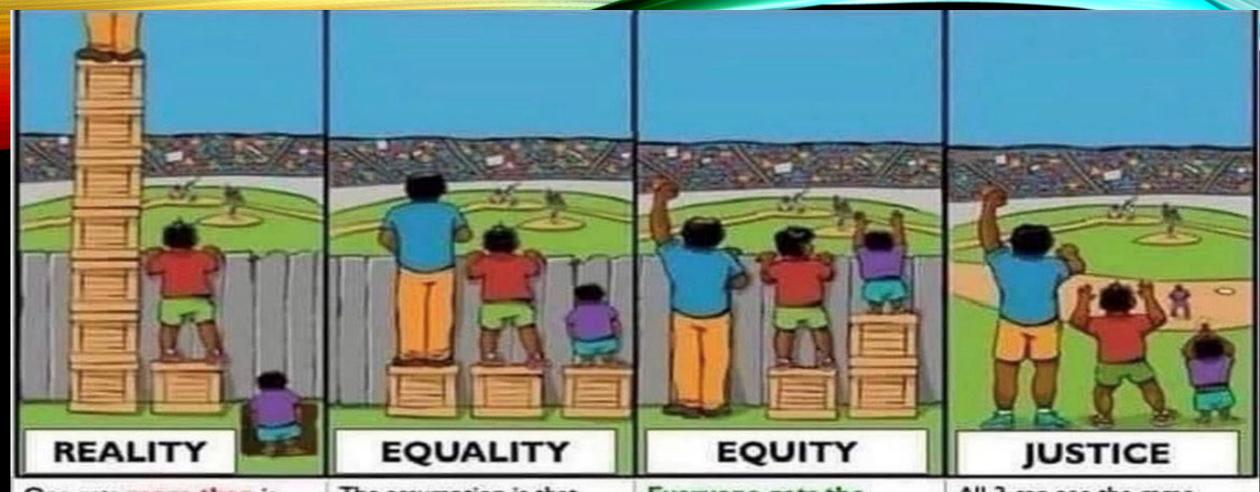
Racism in the Insurance Marketplace

Health Literacy

Equality VS. Equity

Equality says everyone gets the same thing. That only works when we start with the same advantages and live equal lives.

Equity says that those who need the most, get the most. We call this "evening the playing field."



One gets more than is needed, while the other gets less than is needed. Thus, a huge disparity is created.

The assumption is that everyone benefits from the same supports. This is considered to be equal treatment.

Everyone gets the support they need, which produces equity. All 3 can see the game without supports or accommodations because the cause(s) of the inequity was addressed. The systemic barrier has been removed.

Healthcare must address intersectional identities:

Ask, Listen, Respond

Become multilingual

Practice cultural humility

DIVERSIFY – front door to back door & everywhere in between

The power of peers

Do something

"You do not have to be me in order for us to fight alongside each other. I do not have to be you to recognize that our wars are the same. What we must do is commit ourselves to some future that can include each other and to work toward that future with the particular strengths of our individual identities. And in order for us to do this, we must allow each other our differences at the same time as we recognize our sameness."

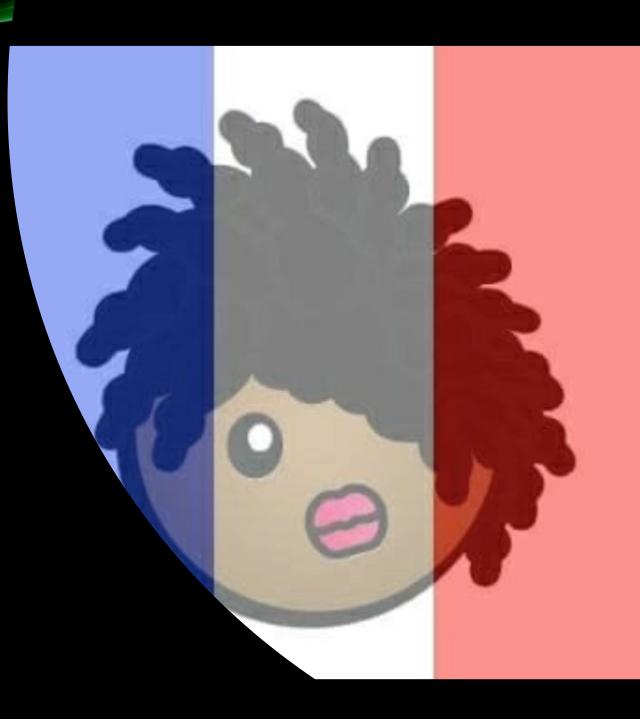
Audre Lorde

Thank You

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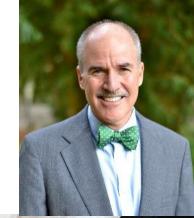
Decolonizing Global Public Health: Promoting equity in global health research



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Why pursue global health research?



- Unique populations
 - Disease presentations
 - Genetics
- Unusual exposures, environment
 - Infections, diet, cultural context
- Unique interventions
 - Frugal/novel technologies, mobile health
- Insights & expertise of a diverse set of investigators
- Alternative health systems
- High early-career interest in global health

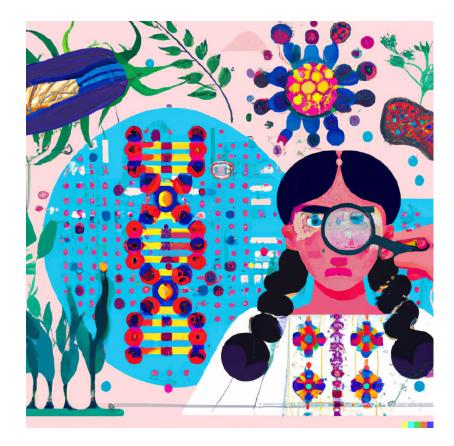


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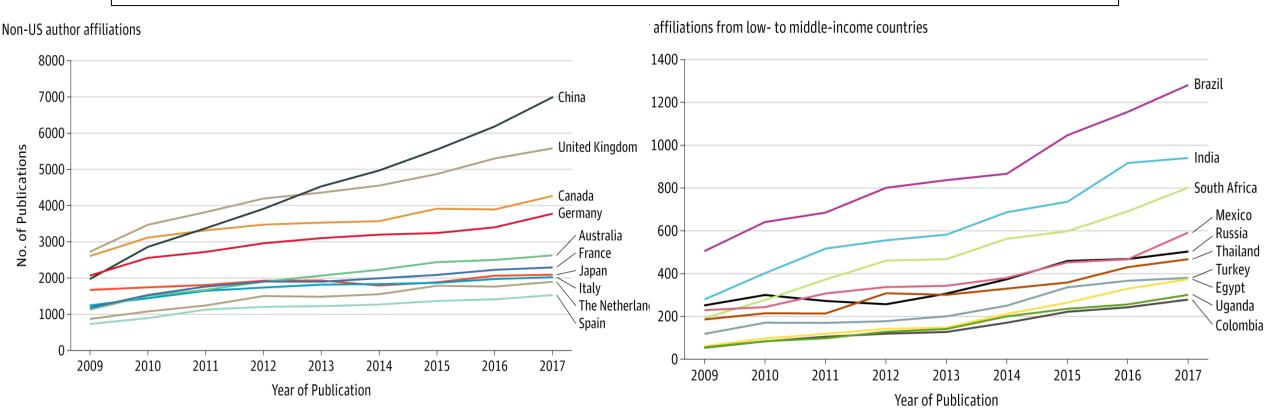
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Coauthor Country Affiliations in International Collaborative Research Funded by the US National Institutes of Health, 2009 to 2017 JAMA Open. Network

Joshua C. Grubbs, BA; Roger I. Glass, MD, PhD; Peter H. Kilmarx, MD



- 35% of all NIH-funded publications in 2017 had a non-U.S.-affiliated co-author
- Those with both U.S.- and non-U.S.-affiliated coauthors had greatest mean citation impact score



Decolonizing and democratizing global health are difficult, but vital goals

July / August 2020 | Volume 19, Number 4

July / August 2020 Global Health Matters newsletter [PDF <1M]</p>

The NIH Fogarty International Center supports NIH's global partnerships and focuses on health research capacity strengthening in lowand middle-income countries

Opinion by Fogarty Director Dr Roger I Glass

A renewed effort to decolonize and democratize global health has recently been gathering steam, especially among college students, who are questioning the fairness of the existing framework and are calling for a shift in leadership and broader knowledge sharing. What does this mean for the research community?

At Fogarty, we believe health equity and open access to knowledge are at the very heart of our mission - to build scientific capacity in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) to help develop equitable research partnerships, ensure studies are locally relevant and that participating communities benefit from the knowledge gained. Informing all our activities is the Fogarty vision of "a world in which the frontiers of health research extend across the globe and advances in science are implemented to reduce the burden of disease, promote health, and extend longevity for all people."



Building global health research capacity to address research imperatives following the COVID-19 pandemic

Published: August 31, 2021

PLOS MEDICINE

- "COVID-19 has provided a strong example of the importance of *health research* capacity as an essential element of pandemic preparedness. Building research capacity must become a higher priority to achieve our shared global health goals while increasing resilience to address future health threats."
- "COVID-19 is recalibrating perspectives of levels of expertise among higher- and lower-income countries. A new sense of humility and equity will be critical to understand all of the lessons to be learned and improve global health following COVID-19."

PLOS Special Collection: *How will COVID-19 transform global health post-pandemic?* Reid M, Abdool-Karim Q, Geng E, Goosby E (2021) PLOS Medicine 18(3): e1003564.



What Do Global Health Practitioners Think about Decolonizing Global Health?

Authors: Madelon L. Finkel ☑, Marleen Temmermann, Fatima Suleman, Michele Barry, Melissa Salm, Agnes Binagwaho, Peter H. Kilmarx



Published on 27 Jul 2022



- CUGH Working Group on *Decolonizing Global Health* co-chaired by **Michele Barry** and **Agnes Binagwaho**
- Madelon Finkel lead author on paper reviewing the literature and calling for a consensus definition of "decolonization"
- Also reports on a survey of CUGH and AFREhealth institutional leaders, which highlights funding as a key factor in power imbalances and calls for more direct funding to LMIC institutions

Bibliometric analysis of sub-Saharan African and US authorship in publications about sub-Saharan Africa funded by the Fogarty International Center, 2008–2020 8

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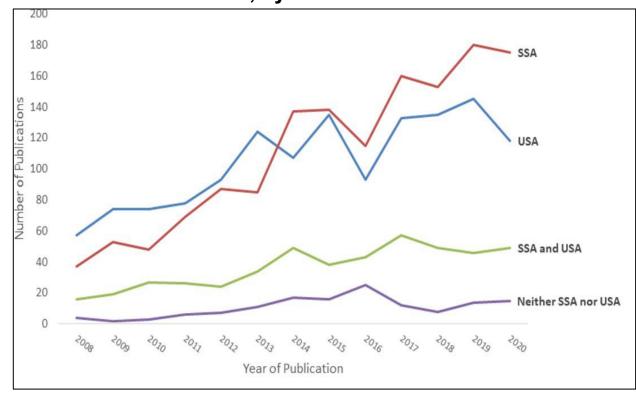
August 23, 2022.

BMJ Global Health

 SSA-affiliated first authors increased from 53 (47%) in 2008 to 224 (63%) in 2020

- SSA-affiliated last authors increased from 32 (28%) to 166 (47%)
- Median RCR value of publications with SSAaffiliated authors lower than for US-affiliated authors
- Possible increasing equity in research activities funded by FIC, but additional investigation and actions needed

Number of publications about SSA funded by FIC, 2008–2020, by first author affiliation





Promoting Equity in Global Health Research



Blythe Beecroft

- Fogarty-led NIH-Wide Working Group on Promoting Equity in Global Health Research
- Issued Request for Information (NOT-TW-22-001) as a first step of larger NIH-wide activity
- In process of analyzing responses

8 Partner ICs:

- NIAID
- NIMH
- NINDS
- NICHD
- NCI
- NIEHS
- NHLBI
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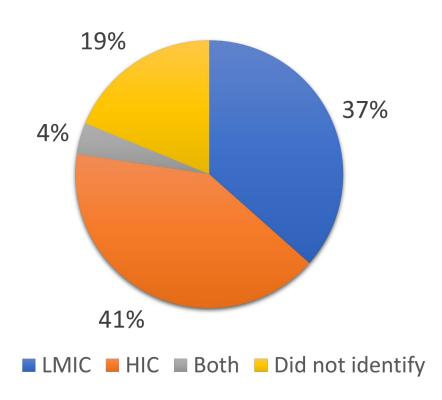


Request for Information (NOT-TW-22-001)



- Open May 20 to August 1, 2022
- 186 total responses
- Both institutional and individual responses
- Primarily academics (67%)
- Regional representation greatest for North America then Sub-Saharan Africa

Distribution of Respondents (HIC vs. LMIC)

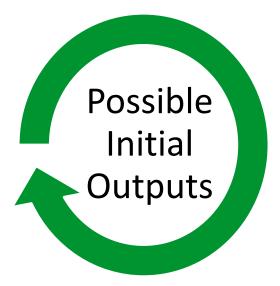




Emerging Themes

- Research-training continuum
- Inequity in research partnerships
- Data access and ownership
- Grants management and administrative infrastructure
- Representation in peer review
- Research priority setting
- Funding models/access to funding
- Lack of meaningful community engagement





- Focused consultations on specific thematic areas
- Collection of cases/models of equitable partnership



Planned Process & Timeline



Consultation and articulation of next steps with NIH Working Group

Aug.-Sep.

Collation and general review

Feb.-Mar.

Phase 2

Consolidation & theme identification

Phase 1

Extraction and origin coding

Oct.-Feb.

Final report

Q2 2023

Summary



- Strong support from NIH for diverse international research and training
- Fogarty International Center and other NIH Institutes seeking to increase equity in global health partnerships
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