

Congratulations to the September 2009 International Elective Award Recipients

**Lisa Ehrensberger, MD
University of California, Los Angeles Pediatric Residency
Cape Town, South Africa**

"I will engage in a four week clinical experience in the Pediatric Infectious Disease ward of Tygerberg Children's Hospital at the University of Stellenbosch, near Cape Town, South Africa. The Children's Infectious Diseases Clinical Research Unit (KID-CRU) was developed in collaboration with the NIH to become a center of the pediatric AIDS clinical trials group. The focus of the elective is to combine community level programming (HOPE Cape Town) and the management of a major research project (KID-CRU) to gain perspective of primary and tertiary health care in South Africa."

**Christina Gagliardo, MD
New York Presbyterian Hospital Cornell
Mwanza, Tanzania**

"The Weill Cornell Bugando Program sends residents and other health care professionals each month to Tanzania to work at Bugando Medical Center on the wards, in the clinics, and to help educate the medical students and residents there. The lack of qualified medical personnel in Tanzania presents an obstacle to establishing a stable, functioning health-care system to provide for its population. This program sends residents and other health care professionals dedicated to serving the local community as well as work to install a self-sustaining health-care infrastructure in Tanzania. "

**Seema Jilani, MD
Baylor College of Medicine
Beirut, Lebanon**

"I will be working at The American University of Beirut in Lebanon in the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Department. In addition to participating in outpatient infectious disease clinics, I will also be rounding on inpatient cases, as well as attending academic lectures and conferences. I have been invited by the President of the Pediatric Society of Lebanon, Dr. Salman Mroueh, to attend a clinic he set up, which offers free health care to asthmatic children of lower socioeconomic status. In addition, on one day a week, I will be offering my clinical services in a free clinic organized by AUB students, which holds many people of lower socio-economic means and is located in a rural area, where access to health care is limited."

Matthew S. Jones, DO
University of Minnesota Medicine/Pediatrics Residency
Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and Hargeisa, Somaliland

"My family and I (wife and 4 children) will be visiting two large cities in East Africa (Addis Ababa and Hargeisa) where I will be working toward mutual education by working alongside indigenous health care workers. In addition, we will be supporting a relationship between the University of Minnesota and Children's Hospital Society and Family Services of Ethiopia as well as working toward more equitable health care for the Somali community, both in East Africa and here in Minnesota."

Sheryl Militar, MD
University of Arizona Pediatric Residency Program
Quezon City, Philippines

"I will be working closely with Dr. Elsie Lynn Locson for a month at Dr. Fe del Mundo Medical Center, which is the first pediatric hospital in the Philippines. The facility serves an underserved urban community and also functions as an academic teaching hospital. I plan to explore the inpatient and outpatient settings as well as participate in community outreach programs. I want to gain experience on how health care needs are met through a different mode of delivery and allocation in a setting of limited resources as well as heighten my awareness of global health policy and advocacy."

Alexandra Vinograd, MD
Harvard Associated Medicine and Pediatrics Residency Program
Molepolole, Botswana

"Through the Botswana Harvard Partnership, I will spend my month abroad at the Scottish Livingstone Hospital which is a large district hospital in Molepolole, a traditional village that lies an hour outside of the capital city of Gaborone. The Botswana National Antiretroviral Treatment Program Infectious Disease and Care Clinic is affiliated with the hospital and provides care for the large number of HIV infected patients in the area. The village of Molepolole has a population of 63,000 people. The prevalence of HIV in the Kweneng East district in which it lies is 32.1%. The Scottish Livingstone Hospital and the Infectious Disease and Care Clinic seek to provide both inpatient and outpatient based care to this population.

The Botswana Harvard Partnership seeks to address both the shortage in medical personnel and to assist in capacity building for this growing hospital. In addition to assisting with patient care on the inpatient and outpatient settings, I intend to identify the educational needs at the hospital and develop teaching points, lectures, and journal clubs in response to those needs."