Kenya Research and Training Center
Weekly Seminar presents Dr. Kiersten Israel-Ballard

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Wednesday, May 2nd, 2018

Time
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm PST

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Presenter: Dr. Kiersten Israel-Ballard
Title: Equitable Access to Human Milk: Establishing and Evaluating the First Human Milk Bank in Kenya

Kiersten Israel-Ballard, DrPH, is an Associate Director with PATH’s Maternal Newborn, Child Health and Nutrition program and Affiliate Associate Professor in the Department of Global Health at the University of Washington. She has over 15 years of experience in assessing and supporting methods for optimal infant and young child feeding. Her work has largely focused on conceptualizing appropriate infant feeding methods for vulnerable infants in developing countries. In her current role, Dr. Israel-Ballard leads the human milk bank initiative at PATH. This has included establishing global teams for working with local governments to ensure sustainable implementation, conducting advocacy for human milk banking as a cost-effective strategy for improving health of vulnerable infants, establishing a global technical advisory group, leading rigorous evaluations to determine impact, and developing innovative human milk banking technologies for resource-limited settings. She has also led programs to support implementation of nutrition programs for local governments and partners and focuses on innovative approaches to improve infant health through identifying and assessing the feasibility of novel technologies. Dr. Israel-Ballard also serves as Affiliate Associate Professor in the Department of Global Health at the University of Washington. She has considerable international experience, working at all health levels in Kenya, South Africa, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Rwanda, and India. She has a DrPH degree from the University of California, Berkeley, School of Public Health.