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MIRT News

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Highlights:

- Tania Barron, '99 at the World Bank
- Virginia Gonzales at the XIV International AIDS Conference in Barcelona
- Carolina Mejia, '01 awarded grant to continue her work in Peru

MIRT 2002 Fellows in Ecuador!!



MIRT 2002 Fellows and friends in downtown Quito (clockwise from left: Anna Fortin; Reshma Lakhiani; Orn Phin; Lorena Chavez, TA; Ursula Lang; Carlos Navarro; friend; Michelle Godinez; Daren Wade, MIRT Coordinator; Nga Huynh; Troy Abernathy; Jaime Hernandez; Jennifer Maria; Geraldine Chery; Chami Arachchi and friend. Kenyetta Johnson and Samantha Gomez not pictured)

Representing ten universities and colleges from around the country thirteen undergraduates and one medical student traveled to Quito, Ecuador this summer to participate in the MIRT Program. Accompanied by Lorena Chavez, '01 as their Teaching Assistant, this diverse group of Fellows worked with Faculty Mentor, Dr. Jose Suarez and the staff at Fundación CIMAS del Ecuador to participate in a community-wide health assessment of Pedro Moncayo County in the Northern Andean region of Ecuador.

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Carolina Mejia, '01 Continues Successful Research in Peru

Carolina's MIRT experience definitely illustrates how the MIRT Program helps one to get their foot in the door to international health work. Last year (2001), she had the opportunity to work in Peru conducting a pilot test on the acceptability of the female condom among female sex workers entitled; "Acceptability of the female condom among sex workers in Lima, Peru". This year, Carolina was awarded a Fogarty International Fellowship to continue this research on a larger scale in three regions of Peru (coast, sierra, and jungle). This study will be published in my Master's in Public Health (MPH) thesis and then will be submitted for publication in a scientific journal. The results from last year's MIRT experience will be presented at the 130th American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. Carolina stated; "I believe that my MIRT experience was influential in my being nominated and winning the student of the year award in the Health Services Department at the University of Washington." Congratulations, Carolina!



Llama outside Lima, Peru



Carolina Mejia, '01 and Faculty Mentor, Dr. Patricia Garcia in Lima.



Chami Arachchi, '02



Demonstration of midwifery at community center in Northern, Ecuador

*"This experience made me see clear why I needed to become a researcher and a doctor... It has challenged me to look at life in a different way."
Chami Arachchi '02*



Geraldine Chery, '02 (right) participates in a performance by local musicians and dancers from the Valle de Chota in Ecuador.

"I love everything about my field work experience. To be very honest, it was exhausting, dirty, tiring... but I loved this experience because of all those hardships. I saw the faces of kids with gripe, scabies and other diseases and I got to see the circumstances they live in. All the numbers we talk about in our research began to make sense because I saw the faces attached to those numbers. I loved walking through the dusty plains to get to the smallest and the dirtiest houses I have ever seen in my life. This experience made me see clear why I needed to become a researcher and a doctor. Most of all, I saw the smiles and the laughs on the faces of people who are living in the most unfortunate circumstances. I got to hold sick babies and play with the kids. I didn't want to come back from those dusty plains. I felt like I belong there and that I could be of use to those people live in this dusty, yet most wondrous landscape. I guess this is a once in a lifetime and a life changing experience.

This experience has challenged me to look at life in a different way. Also, seeing and working with the poorest people challenged me to get away from my comfort zone and it gave me a taste of reality of life in a developing country. I lived in poverty all my life when I was in Sri Lanka and all those memories came back to me while I was walking through those dusty plains. I got to eat cuy, guinea pig, for the first time. I rode on a donkey and held a live cuy and a chicken. Walking through corn and a rice fields, I loved every moment of these past few days.

Clarence Spigner, DrPH, MIRT Faculty

"She moved through the crowded street with the baby on her back. A boy no more than 10 year old was leading the way. The girl couldn't have been any more than 16 years old. It wasn't clear that the baby she carried was hers. It didn't matter, since in Latin tradition, all family members take care of all family members. The boy boldly leading this trio could have been her younger brother. They were all bare feet and dirty, dressed in rags -with an unmistakable look of hunger and the certainty that the only thing they could be sure of was confronting more hunger. They avoided people, taking wide sweeps and stepping into the street when necessary, as if prior experienced and taught them that people acting out their race prejudice would only bring them more trouble.

The Afro-Ecuadoreans comprise less than 10% of Ecuador's population of 12.4 million. In 1999, roughly 35% of the population lived under the poverty level, and child malnutrition for children under five was 45%. Ecuador's unemployment rate was 11.9% in 1998 and underemployment is continually and increasingly widespread. The Afro-Ecuadoreans in Quito likely come from the province of Esmeraldas on the coast or Chota Valley north of Ibarra, though the Afro-Hispanic diaspora runs throughout the entire country. The African heritage and strong family structure has remained in spite of the daily assaults of poverty and prejudice. Still, in many regions, the black poor live in near conditions of slavery."



Lorena Chavez, '01, center, with faculty mentors, Drs. Dolores and Jose Suarez.

*"This program was almost everything I expected, but it exceeded my expectations in many ways. Academically, I was challenged to step out of my usual boundaries and take more initiative than ever before. One of the biggest rewards was getting to know my host family and becoming one of them...So, would I recommend this program? Absolutely, if I could I would do it again!
Lorena Chavez, '01 upon her return from the MIRT program August, 2001*

Lorena Chavez, '01, Returns to Ecuador; Continues her Journey

This year the MIRT Program sent a large group of students to our site in Quito, Ecuador. Spanish classes were provided to students with limited Spanish language skills and in addition Lorena Chavez, '01 returned to MIRT this year as a Teaching Assistant. Lorena excelled in her ability as a translator for students at times when lectures or field work assignments were in Spanish. As an added bonus, Lorena's prior experience in the MIRT Program made her an excellent resource for the students as they traveled and worked on their research projects in Ecuador. Lorena returns to the US from Ecuador only to travel once again for a study abroad program in France this quarter. Lorena offers some thoughts about her experience this summer and the ways in which her experience in Ecuador has shaped her career path to public health.

"During the last two months, I have had the opportunity to not only go back to the beautiful country of Ecuador and its people, but I also had the chance to experience what it means to lack proper public health services. This eye-opening opportunity took place every other day that I volunteered at a hospice for people with incurable diseases in Quito, Ecuador. The smell of stale urine, rhythmic coughing, and the feeling of melancholy were the all too familiar components of the ABEI hospice. Through many conversations with the patients, I was able to find out that their improvement is at all times at the hands of private donations as there is no implemented public health assistance program for someone with their type of disabilities. Not only that, but of all the patients whose existence could be made more pleasant and fruitful, will probably die in that place because there just aren't enough professionals nor available resources to meet the needs of the patients.

After being immersed in this reality, my interest was guided in a new direction. For the past 3 years I have been working on a bachelor's degree in Psychology, and in the past summer, I have made it a goal to graduate with a minor in public health. It is my belief that mental health and its resources are becoming a "white collar" illness and that public health agencies need to provide better care for the needy. Since our public health system is so stratified right now, new professionals that are trained in providing top quality health care for the public (not just those who can afford it) will be in high demand and it is my hope to contribute my services to supply that demand."

Tamajah Gibson, '00 Travels to Cuba with MEDICC

"This July, I had the pleasure of participating in the Student National Medical Association's first educational trip to Cuba. For two weeks we were immersed in the Cuban Health System, interacting with physicians and medical students from all over the world. Cuba prides itself on its socialized medicine. Healthcare is free. There are local polyclinics in each community, where people can go for checkups and other services. There are also national institutions where more specialized care occurs--such as pediatric oncology and maternity hospitals. Cuba is known for having one of the lowest infant mortality rates (~6%), rivaling that of Canada and surpassing that of the U.S.

This trip was possible through collaborations with MEDICC, the Medical Education Cooperation with Cuba non-profit organization, which sends medical students year-round to Cuba for medical rotations and programs. For most of the two weeks, we were in Havana, the capitol, visiting polyclinics and hospitals, and the National Institute of Oncology and Radiobiology. We also visited the Latin American school where a few American students are being trained to become physicians.

The second week of our trip was spent

in Santiago de Cuba, the birthplace of Fidel Castro, and hotbed of the infamous revolution of the 50's. Santiago is the home of many Afro-Cubans who practice the Santeria religion which has Yoruba origins. While there, we visited rural polyclinics and even a Dengue Fever prevention facility. We also had the amazing opportunity to interact with several medical and nursing students from Santiago and other countries such as Mali and Haiti and learned a great deal about their experiences thus far.

The physicians that we met do not receive even half of the income that doctors in the U.S. receive, but they were happy nevertheless. As one doctor put it, "You should not be [in medicine] if you have selfish motives of financial gain...You must truly have a genuine love for what you do or else you will never be satisfied. Everyone that we met had this same positive mentality.

I truly had a wonderful time in Cuba. I have never been in the presence of so many warm and giving people. They may not agree with what has happened in the past, but one thing is certain...they treated us like we were their own.



(My time in) Ecuador did not just teach me about public health research but also about life. I know after this experience I will be a better person.

Jennifer Maria, '02



MIRT 2001 Fellows produce results with the help of CIMAS staff! Pictured (center, l-r) are Marenda Wilson, Ivy Kuofie and Tibebe Tsegga.

Tourette Jackson, '01 Awarded Research Appointment in Hawaii

"I have been selected for a 1 year appointment (renewable up to 2 additional years) with the Research Participation Program at TRICARE Pacific Lead Agency in Honolulu, Hawaii. I will serve this term under the direction of Dr. Michael Snedecor at the Tripler Army Medical Center. I will participate in a large on-going effort to build a comprehensive portfolio of clinical and business metrics that assess performance from the Regional aggregate level down to the individual provider team level along with action reports to facilitate improving the measure. I will assist with or lead projects consisting of metric development, data acquisition from information systems, data analysis and evaluation, development of recommendations, report writing and briefing development. Also, I will work with clinical and business operational staff within the Lead Agency as well as with commanders and clinical staff at

individual clinics and hospitals. The main priority for these projects is for applied usage, but journal article development and publishing will be supported as well."

Tourette completed her Master in Public Health at the University of Kentucky in May 2002. There she presented her work developed from her MIRT experience entitled; "How Does Use of Midwives in Home Births Affect Pregnancy Outcome Compared to Clinic Births with Physicians in Pedro Moncayo County, Ecuador?" The study investigated the association of midwife- attended prenatal care and physician attended prenatal care and the resulting pregnancy outcomes. Her paper has been submitted for publication.



Jaime Hernandez, '02 (above, center) with colleagues at a volcanic crater lake in the Andean region of Ecuador.



*"The MIRT experience has helped me understand how to conduct community based research, especially in communities that are difficult to reach because of their culture, language, and low socioeconomic status."
Jesus Reyna, '98*

Ben Barreras, '96

Ben is in his fourth year of medical school at the University of Washington and plans to go into psychiatry next year. Last year Ben went to Ghana with a medical student group to teach an HIV curriculum with the Student National Medical Association. He hopes to return to Africa in the future. "Before medical school I visited Ecuador and the indigenous promotoras. I met these community health workers two years previously in MIRT, and was glad to see that the students and community were still working together on health issues although I noticed that the two years had been very hard for the women we had worked with in MIRT." These experiences inspire Ben to continue with international work in his career.

Maricela Rodriguez, '00

Maricela reports; "I just finished my Masters degree at the University of Southern California and wanted to do something exciting and challenging so I am currently training for a 26.2 mile marathon to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. I will be running in memory of my best friend, Carol, who died from Leukemia during high school. As part of my program, I am raising \$4,100 that will go directly to research and to help to patients and their families, www.teamintraining.org." If you would like to assist her with her fundraising efforts, Maricela would like you to feel free to contact her at marimar888@hotmail.com.

Anuli Uzoaru, '01

Anuli participated in the MIRT program in Zimbabwe in the summer of 2001. "Zimbabwe is a beautiful country with warm and hospitable people. My research that summer gave me great insight on the HIV/AIDS situation in Zimbabwe and also helped to formulate my thesis paper at Boston University School of Public Health. I graduated in May 2002 with an Masters in Public Health, concentrating in International Health. My thesis title was "Working with Traditional Norms and Practices in sub-Saharan Africa to Develop HIV

Prevention Programs" Upon graduation from Boston University, I was accepted into an international fellowship program called IFESH (International Foundation for Education and Self-Help). Through this program, fellows are sent to different African countries for nine months to do self-help projects was selected to work in Johannesburg, South Africa with an organization called Africare. I will be there for nine months starting August 2002, gaining valuable hands-on experience in another country."

Jesus Reyna, '98

Jesus is currently conducting research as a Latino Health Specialist at the Washington Association of Community and Migrant Health Centers. "The MIRT experience has helped me understand how to conduct community based research, especially in communities that are difficult to reach because of their culture, language, and low socioeconomic status. Recently I was asked to participate as a community board member of the Department of Social and Health Services-- Department of Health Human Research Review Board. The experience that I had while I was in MIRT led to my job related experiences doing research. Now I will be reviewing research that will be conducted with a vulnerable population. The work that I am doing now as a professional all relates back to having the opportunity to participate as a MIRT fellow."

MIRT 2001 Fellows Attend AAAS Annual Meeting



Jennifer Maria, '02 visits with a group of children at a school in Northern Ecuador



"This Multidisciplinary International Research Training experience has taught me how interdependence can make a stronger person. I really appreciate and am thankful for the opportunity that was given to me".
Nga Huynh, '02.



This February eight MIRT Fellows from the class of 2001 presented their work at the Annual Meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Sciences in Boston, Massachusetts. In attendance were **Anuli Uzoaru and Arlene Davis** who exhibited their work from Zimbabwe; as were the group of Fellows who conducted their research in Ecuador: **Lorena Chavez, Tourette Jackson, Ivy Kuofie, Tibebe Tsegga and Marendra Wilson**. **Miriam Castro** represented the MIRT research team from Peru with her poster entitled; "Knowledge and Fears Concerning the Papanicolaou (PAP) Test and Cervical Cancer in Peruvian Women." The Fellows reported that conference attendees noted that MIRT-UW was strongly represented in the student poster session. Fellows felt that not only did they make meaningful research contacts but generated interested in the MIRT Program, as well.



Machupichu, Peru

Duy Nguyen, '00 and Dr. Sixto Sanchez Present

Duy Nguyen's collaborative work as a MIRT Fellow on adolescent sexual health education in Lima, Peru was presented in a poster session at the **XIV International AIDS Conference** in Barcelona, Spain in July 2002. Dr. Sixto Sanchez, MIRT Faculty Mentor, Duy Nguyen and colleagues were featured on the poster entitled; "Peer Education vs. Education by Health Professionals in Changing Knowledge, Risk Perception and Risky Sexual Behavior Among Teenagers". Duy has just completed his second year in medical school at Tufts University.

Tania Barron '99 Completes Fellowship at the World Bank

In the past year Tania worked for the NGO/civil society unit at the World Bank in Washington, DC collaborating in research predominantly gauging and tracking the relationship that the World Bank has with civil society. That she was predominantly tracking civil society participation and engagement in World Bank projects and policy instruments. Tania received this opportunity through a Congressional Hispanic Public Policy Fellowship; her primary responsibilities included project evaluation, research writing and analysis.

Last summer Tania completed her Fulbright project in Ecuador and said; "I had a fabulous time working on my project, traveling through the Andes, jungle and coast, meeting interesting people and learning a few things about myself in the process. My project went very well and I was able to put together a health education manual as the finished product of my work. Tania is currently applying to joint master's programs in international development and business administration.

Reflections...



*MIRT 2001 Peru Fellows,
Rosaelia Morfin,
Carolina Mejia and
Miriam Castro*

Carolina Mejia, '01

It was really fun getting to know people and learning their perspective about Peruvian politics, history, customs, foods, and every day life. 1) While riding in local taxis, I had the opportunity to find out about current events from the drivers. Often, they were curious to learn more about the U.S. customs and our conversations frequently lead to making very interesting cultural and political comparisons between the U.S. and Peru. 2) Going out with the people from Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia (UPCH) was also a great experience because they knew of the best places to get delicious and authentic Peruvian food. They also introduced me to different Peruvian dishes that I would not have thought of ordering had I been dining on my own. 3) Going on weekend trips outside of Lima was also a great experience. I had an opportunity to travel to Cuzco, Machu Picchu, and the Nazca lines. I also visited the town of Ayacucho, the hometown of several of the UPCH staff. The biggest challenge? Seeing a lot of poverty all over the country and not being able to do much about it. While visiting some of Lima's health centers I saw how doctors and nurses have such an intense patient workload and how they are working in deteriorating facilities with very limited medical supplies.

My academic and personal experience exceeded my expectations. I was very impressed by how the staff at the School of Public Health in UPCH was extremely dedicated to their work. They really cared about improving the health and well-being of the people in Peru. I was impressed on how they were always willing to help even when they were tremendously busy working on their own projects. The staff was also very friendly and caring. They were eager to provide suggestions and information about visiting and traveling in their country.

Miriam Castro, '01

I knew that MIRT had high expectations for all of its students, and I have to admit that I was nervous about this because I had never had any type of research experience before. Nonetheless, I wanted to prove to myself that I could face whatever challenges MIRT had to offer and discover what population-based research is really all about. I already knew that living in a new country was going to be a challenge in itself, but I was looking forward to experiencing life in a different country. What I was most nervous about was my work on the research project. I knew that it was going to be a lot of hard work, and I just wanted to make sure that I would be able to keep up with learning so many different aspects of research all at once.

The first big surprise I had when I first started working on the project was the small size of the research team in Peru. I imagined a large network of people all working diligently on this one project, which is the case of many research projects in the United States. The research team was basically Dr. Sixto Sanchez, Rosaelia Morfin, '01, and me. From the very beginning, I felt that I was a crucial part of this team; I was there to put a part of myself into the research project, as opposed to being "just a student" that observes on the sidelines. Even though the pressure to make important project decisions was a bit great at times, it brought out decision-making skills that I previously did not know I had. I discovered that I could be more resourceful and insightful than I had ever expected myself to be.

I realized that, up until recently, research did not occupy one of the hospital's nor country's main objectives for improving healthcare. This makes it really challenging for research to be accomplished because most of the time it is not funded nor does it receive a lot of integral support from the hospital. Even though the hospital looks positively upon the research that is being conducted, it can do little to facilitate such projects. This was a great cultural barrier that I had to overcome. I was so used to knowing about research projects in the United States that would have a vast supply of resources for conducting research. And here I was in Peru, a country that had other, more basic objectives for improving healthcare that I took for granted in the United States. These kinds of experiences are invaluable to me, as a future physician, because I can compare and contrast between the healthcare systems of the United States and developing countries such as Peru.

Co-Director, Virginia Gonzales in Spain for International AIDS conference; hosts International HIV/AIDS Program



From July 7-12, 2002 the XIV International AIDS Conference was hosted in Barcelona, Spain. This AIDS Conference is the first of the XXI century and the first to be held in a Spanish-speaking country. I had the opportunity along with my team to present a poster entitled, Support for applying a structural approach to prevention efforts: examination of the high-risk settings of truck routes, brothels, and migrant work sites. In addition to the poster session, on July 11th the UW Center for Health Education and Research (CHER) in collaboration with TvT Synergy pilot tested the Synergy ADPIME (Assessment, Design, Program Planning, Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation) Toolkit. The objective of this session were to introduce program managers to a Toolkit that would assist them in gathering input on HIV/AIDS program planning and gather feedback from participants on the concept and design of the toolkit. We

are pleased to report that the Toolkit was well received and participants reported a great need for such a tool in their efforts to develop prevention programs to prevent HIV/AIDS.

Upon my return to University of Washington CHER and TvT Synergy geared up to host a 5 day course entitled, Essentials of HIV/AIDS Program Planning. The course took place at the University of Washington from August 3-7 2002. The course was designed to assist program managers from developing countries in formulating HIV/AIDS and STI intervention strategies, addressing priorities for rapid scale-up, using research to practice approaches to inform programming decisions, and establishing systems for performance monitoring and evaluation. Thirty-nine participants representing 22 countries attended the course.



Virginia Gonzales, MIRT Co-Director

MIRT Orientation Draws on Expertise of MIRT Faculty, Staff and Alumni



The MIRT 2002 Program was held once again held in early May and involved the expertise of many University of Washington staff and faculty.

Jonna Butz of the UW Human Subjects office provided students with a lecture on bioethics and responsible research and UW staff nurse, Patrick Giles of the UWMC Travel Clinic provided a good overview of travel health and vaccination needs. MIRT Alumni, Lorena Chavez, '01 and Justin Gatewood, '98 led a great discussion forum for students, relaying their first-hand experiences to the incoming MIRT class.

Once again we were excited to have the participation of our esteemed UW faculty and staff. MIRT Co-Director, Dr. Virginia Gonzales, provided students with an overview of the skills needed to present their research successfully. Dr. Clarence Spigner, Associate Professor, Health

Services, called upon his expertise to provide an overview of the impact of race and class on access to health care while Dr. Jonathon Warren, Assistant Professor, Latin American Studies gave a historical overview of racism and anti-racist social movements in Latin America. In her lecture on Cultural Competence, Karlotta Rosebaugh, Director, Health & Sciences Minority Student Programs challenged the students to examine their own biases and attitudes before their travel.

The fourteen students reported that they felt well-prepared for their MIRT experience and that many of their questions were answered and anxieties were relieved. They also were glad to have some time to reflect on what they had heard so that they might better prepare for their journey to South America.

"MIRT definitely changed my life. It has also opened a lot of doors (for my work.... Most importantly, I met the most wonderful people and found my smile in Ecuador. I am forever grateful for such a wonderful experience"
Marisol Ayala, '96

Awards/Scholarships

- Patrick Moran, '95 was awarded a full, four-year scholarship from the National Public Health Service to attend Nova Southeastern University, College of Osteopathic Medicine!

Graduate/Professional School, 2002

- Dr. Lisa Perpuse, '96 graduated from Albany Medical College.
- Martha Lucas, '97 reports that she has received a Masters in Health Administration from the University of Washington in the spring.
- Dr. Rosalia Mendoza, '98 received both her MD and MPH this spring from the University of Washington, School of Medicine and the Harvard University, School of Public Health.
- Melany Grogan, '00 will begin medical school this year at Jefferson Medical College.
- Anuli Uzoaru, '01 graduated with her Master's in Public Health from the Boston University School of Public Health.
- Tourette Jackson, '01 graduated with her Master's in Public Health from the University of Kentucky, School of Public Health.
- Tibebe Tsegga, '01 was accepted to the Meharry University Dental School as an Early Admissions candidate and will begin school this fall.
- Marendra Wilson, '01 finished her BA at Dillard University and is now a Ph.D. student at the University of Texas-Houston in Microbiology and Molecular Genetics.

Presentations

- Lorena Chavez, '01 and Miriam Castro, '01 presented their work at the annual Undergraduate Research Symposium poster session at the University of Washington in May 2002.
- Jonnae Atkinson, '96 presented at the 5th International Workshops on Kaposi-Sarcoma-Associated Herpesvirus and Related Agents, August 7-11, 2002, Kloster Irsee, Germany.

Publications

- Nicole Wagner-Banks, '96 and Judith (Cahero) Galvan, '98 have co-authored a paper with MIRT Co-Director, Dr. Michelle Williams. The article entitled; "Prenatal care utilization and foetal outcomes at Harare Maternity Hospital, Zimbabwe" will be published this fall in the *Central African Journal of Medicine*.
- Jonnae Atkinson, '96 and colleagues have submitted the paper entitled, "Seroprevalence of HHV-8 among Injection Drug Users in San Francisco", for publication in 2002.

Research

- India Ornelas, '95 has just completed a CDC Fellowship and is starting a new position with University of California, San Diego and San Diego State University managing a five year NCI/NIH planning grant to establish a partnership to promote research on racial/ethnic disparities in cancer.

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About You: (awards, honors, publications, employment, personal, etc)

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About MIRT...

MIRT is a national program designed to encourage students from underrepresented groups to pursue careers in biomedical and behavioral research. This program provides support for undergraduates and graduate students to receive research training in an international setting. Conceived and funded by the Fogerty International Center of the

National Institutes for Health, the UW MIRT. Program has been developed in collaboration with Dillard University and Western Washington University. The program focuses on population-based health research in developing countries and builds on established linkages with academic institutions in Zimbabwe, Mozambique, South Africa, Thailand, Ecuador, Peru, Argentina and Brazil.



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