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A Letter from the Conference Team

On behalf of the entire team, it is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the University of Waterloo's International Development Conference. For seven consecutive years, this conference has been made possible through the hard work and dedication of the Waterloo Student Association of International Development (SAID), the School of Environment, Enterprise, and Development (SEED) and the Faculty of Environment.

Our mission, as always, is to inspire learning and engage our audiences in critical analysis and crucial discussion on important topics within the practice of International Development.

Today, we will be exploring some of the many determinants of health from a development perspective and we invite you to engage in challenging the way you think about and approach the issues surrounding this theme.

A special thank you goes out to the organizations listed below for helping make this event a reality.

We hope you have a wonderful and enlightening day at Conference.

Sincerely,



Madison Stadler-Rose & Wynona Mendes



Jason Nickerson

Dr. Jason Nickerson is a humanitarian affairs advisor with Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) based in Ottawa, Canada. Jason advises MSF on various humanitarian affairs dossiers including humanitarian operations and access to medicines. Jason has over 10 years' experience as a clinician in respiratory therapy and anesthesia, and has worked extensively in global public health response and policy development in Canada, Afghanistan, Sudan, Haiti, and Ghana. He is a graduate of Dalhousie University's respiratory therapy program specializing in anesthesia, and completed a master's degree at the University of British Columbia examining community-based HIV care in Vancouver's downtown eastside, and a PhD in population health at the University of Ottawa where he focused on the methodologies for conducting assessments of health facilities in severely disrupted health systems during acute and protracted emergencies.



Sarah Stone

Sarah Stone has been an active member of ONE, a global anti-poverty organization, from its inception and has participated extensively in various ONE Canada initiatives including social media campaigns, petition deliveries, tabling at music events and conferences and recruiting and training new ONE members. Sarah works as a Nurse in maternal/infant care at a local hospital and also holds a BA in Religious Education. Sarah is passionate about advocacy and engaging new ONE members to become active and use their voice in the fight against global extreme poverty and preventable diseases. She has a particular interest in HIV/AIDS and global maternal health. Sarah lives in Waterloo, Ontario with her husband, who is a pastor of a local church, and their three daughters.



Michaela Hynie

Dr. Hynie is a faculty member in the Department of Psychology, the Centre for Refugee Studies and the York Institute for Health Research at York University, where she leads the Program Evaluation Unit. She is also President



of the Canadian Association of Refugee and Forced Migration Studies (CARFMS). Dr. Hynie's research focuses the development and evaluation of interventions that can strengthen social and institutional relationships to improve health and well-being in different cultural, political and physical environments. She is particularly interested in social integration and inclusion in situations of social conflict or forced migration. Her work in Canada, Rwanda, Kenya, India and Nepal has been funded by Grand Challenges Canada, the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, and the Social Sciences and Humanities Research

Council of Canada. Dr. Hynie is currently leading a CIHR funded longitudinal study comparing support needs and integration pathways for Privately Sponsored and Government Assisted Refugees in B.C., Ontario and Quebec, and exploring how integration outcomes impact their long-term health.

Chandrakant Shah

Dr. Chandrakant Shah, Professor Emeritus at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto is a practising physician, a public health



practitioner and an advocate for improving the health and well-being of marginalized groups in the Canadian society. He was a Professor in the Department of Public Health Sciences, University of Toronto from 1972 –2001. He then worked at the Anishnawbe Health Centre Toronto from 2001 - 2016, where he conducted research in the urban Aboriginal health issues. At present, he is Honorary Consultant to the health center. Throughout his career, Dr. Shah has addressed those issues that are hardest to confront. His career and commitment toward groups of people whose lives and health are on society's

margins: Canada's Aboriginal Peoples, the homeless, the jobless and children living in poverty.

Schedule

8:30

Registration

9:00

Master of Ceremonies: Sarah Stone
Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:15 **Session 1**

Dr. Vladmir Smakhtin
Water Scarcity

9:45

Dr. Clare Mitchell
Reflections on the Canada-Guyana Outreach project: what can be achieved in 10 days?

10:15

Dr. Susan Elliott
The Dichotomies of Water - Sanitation

10:45

Tea Break

11:15 **Session 2**

Dr. Alan Whiteside
The Rise and Rise of the AIDS Epidemic

11:45

Dr. Michaela Hynie
Abishyize hamwe ntakibananira: (Nothing is impossible for those who work together): Social support and maternal mental health in Rwanda

12:15

Dr. Chandrakant Shah
Broken Promises in Promised Land

12:45

Lunch

2:00 **Keynote and Panel**

Dr. Jason Nickerson
Health Needs in Humanitarian Crises

2:45

Joint Panel

3:45

Thank you and Closing Remarks

4:00

Reception



Vladimir Smakhtin



Dr. Vladimir Smakhtin is the Director of the United Nations University Institute for Water, Environment and Health. He holds a PhD from the Russian Academy of Sciences, worked in Rhodes University and Council for Scientific and Industrial Research in South Africa in the 1990s, and, more recently, was research program director at the International Water Management Institute, the major international R4D Center headquartered in Sri Lanka. Vladimir worked in over 20 countries worldwide, authored over 200 publications and consulted for the Department of Water Affairs of South Africa, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, World Commission on Dams, World Bank, Asian Development Bank, International Union for Conservation of Nature and United Nations Environment Program.

Clare Mitchell

Dr. Clare Mitchell is an Associate Professor at the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry, Western University in London, Ontario. She is the Head of the Division of Developmental and Behavioural Paediatrics. Her main clinical duties are at the Child and Parent Resource Institute (CPRI).

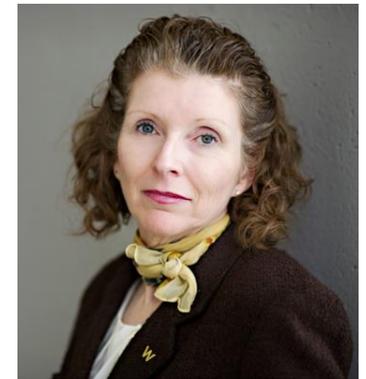


She has a particular interest in Tourette Syndrome, Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, assessment of children with social deficits and global health. Dr. Mitchell is actively involved in medical education at both the Undergraduate and Postgraduate level at the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry at Western University. She is the Director of Undergraduate Education within the Department of Paediatrics, has completed a term as Associate Program Director of the Paediatric Residency Training Program and Interim Curriculum Committee

Chair. Nationally, Dr. Mitchell is currently serving as the Past-President of the Developmental Section of the Canadian Paediatric Society. Dr. Mitchell joined an interdisciplinary team on medical missions to Guyana since September 2014 and to the Dominican Republic in 2016.

Susan Elliott

Professor of Geography and Public Health, Elliott completed her PhD (1992) and has worked as a faculty member at 3 Canadian research intensive universities. She has over 150 peer reviewed publications related to environment and health, focused on Canada and the developing world. She has also supervised 30+ graduate students and post-doctoral fellows to completion. She has undertaken a range of administrative and research leadership roles including Director of the Institute of Environment and Health (McMaster), Senior Research Fellow in the United Nations University Institute for Water, Environment and Health, Dean of Social Sciences (McMaster) and Dean of Health Sciences (Waterloo). She is PI for the development of a National Food Allergy Strategy for Canada and of GLOWING – the development of a Global Index of Wellbeing, based upon the successful Canadian Index of Wellbeing.



Alan Whiteside

Alan Whiteside is CIGI Chair in Global Health Policy at the Balsillie School of International Affairs and Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ontario. Prior to this he was Director and Professor, Health Economics and HIV/AIDS Research Division (HEARD) which he established in 1998, at the University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban, where is now a Professor Emeritus. He worked for the British Department for International Development as a Senior Research Fellow from 2009 to 2012. He has been involved in researching HIV/AIDS for over twenty years. He is the author and co-author of books on HIV/AIDS. He has held numerous prestigious fellowships internationally, and was appointed a Commissioner on the Commission on HIV/AIDS and Governance in Africa between 2003 and 2006. He is a member of the editorial boards of African Journal of AIDS Research; Development Policy Review; Globalisation and Health and Journal of the International AIDS Society.

