

CENTRAL PLANNING



Michelle Amri

Michelle Amri is completing her PhD in Public Health (Global Health Collaborative Specialization) at the University of Toronto, under the supervision of Dr. Arjumand Siddiqi. Michelle's doctorate studies the relationship between rising income inequality in cities and population health outcomes across cities in low- and middle-income countries.

Michelle earned an Honors Bachelor Degree in Health Sciences at the University of Western Ontario with Dean's List standing and several awards for excellence in academics and leadership. She was awarded a fellowship to complete her Master of Public Administration degree, which she received from Queen's University. Upon completing her studies, she built on her previous work experience at a local Health Unit, non-profits, and research centres to primarily consult for the World Health Organization (conducting an evaluation in the Philippines and developing a national policy in Lao PDR) and work in health and social policy capacities for the provincial government of Ontario. Michelle has presented her work at national public health and global health conferences and has published textbook chapters for global health trainees. In addition to PEGASUS, she is active on the MentorNet (global health mentorship program through the Canadian Society for International Health) Steering Committee and is a Graduate Associate at the Centre for Critical Development Studies at the University of Toronto.



Warren Bell

Warren Bell was born and raised in Vancouver, B.C., he has been a family physician for 40 years, having graduated from McGill University in 1974, and completed a residency there in 1976. For over three decades he has been concerned about and involved in issues of social development and the environment, as well as the peace and anti-nuclear movement, global health and development (with an emphasis on the role of multinationals — especially drug companies — and patents), and the integration of healing modalities of all kinds. He has written and spoken in many settings on these and related issues, and participated in a number of projects both locally and nationally. For ten years he wrote a weekly newspaper column entitled “Global Health”.

He is a past president of Physicians for Global Survival, and past founding president of Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment. He is a past president of the Association of Complementary and Integrative Physicians of B.C.. He lives in a small town in south-central B.C. running an active practice which integrates conventional and alternative or complementary remedies. He was for 5 years president of the medical staff of the Shuswap Lake General Hospital.



Andrea Cortinois

Over the past 30 years, Andrea has worked as a journalist, researcher, educator, and manager of health-related interventions on four continents, mainly in low-income countries. He has earned a Masters of Public Health with a global health emphasis in the UK, and a PhD in the Institute of Health Policy, Management, and Evaluation at the University of Toronto. He is an Assistant Professor at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health, University of Toronto, where he teaches both graduate and undergraduate courses in migration and health and global public health.

Over the past several years, Andrea has worked on applied research projects focusing on the use of new information and communication technologies to reach marginalized population groups, both in Canada and globally. More recently, his research interests have focused on the impact of the global economic regime on migration fluxes and health, with particular attention given to mechanisms of inclusion/exclusion, precariousness, and detention as mediating factors. As an integral part of his academic work, he is also interested in issues of quality of life and scholarship in the context of the neoliberal university.



Charles Larson

Dr. Charles Larson completed his medical degree and subsequent specializations in Pediatrics and Preventive Medicine & Public health at McGill University. As a medical student he was a co-founder of the Pointe St Charles Community Health Centre, precursor to Quebec's CLSC system of primary care. In many ways this was his introduction to global health. His actual global health career began in 1987 when he joined the McGill-Ethiopia Strengthening Community Health Project, which he directed from 1989 to 1992.

Dr. Larson then returned to McGill as an Associate Professor in the Departments of Pediatrics and Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Occupational Health (EBOH). He also headed the McGill Global Health Office within the Faculty of Medicine and led a five year McGill population child health project in Chelyabinsk Russia. In 2002 Charles moved to Bangladesh where, on secondment from McGill, he directed the Health Systems and Infectious Diseases Division at the International Centre for Diarrheal Diseases Research, Bangladesh (icddr,b). In 2008 Charles returned to Canada, joining the Department of Pediatrics at the University of British Columbia as a Clinical Professor and Director of the UBC-BC Children's Hospital Centre for International Child Health (CICH). In 2015 Dr. Larson returned to Montreal at which time he assumed his current role as National Coordinator of the Canadian Coalition for Global Health Research (CCGHR) and as a senior adviser to McGill Global health Programs. Dr. Larson's interests focus on capacity building and in development or delivery research in support of the scale up of life saving interventions in under-five children.



Shawna O'Hearn

Shawna O'Hearn's career has spanned a range of development, global health, policy and children's rights positions in Canada and around the world, including Nunavut, India, The Gambia, Commonwealth of Dominica and Uganda with organizations including Save the Children, Aga Khan Foundation Canada, Government of Nunavut and the Nova Scotia Gambia Association. Shawna holds a Masters in International Development from Saint Mary's University and a Masters in Occupational Therapy from McMaster University.

She has served on the board of the Canadian Coalition for Global Health Research (CCGHR) and currently chairs a Governance Committee for the Board of Health Promotion Clearinghouse as well as co-chairs the annual Canadian Conference for Global Health. She is part of research teams exploring the competencies required for global health education as well as the integration of social responsibility into higher education international strategic plans. As the Director of Global Health at Dalhousie University, Shawna has led the office to expand the global health framework to local partnerships focusing on social accountability, diversity and equity.



Janet Roberts

Co-director of the WHO Collaborating Centre on Knowledge Translation, Technology Assessment for Health Equity with the Centre for Global Health, Bruyère Research Institute and Assistant Professor (adjunct) in the Faculty of Medicine, Department of Community Health and Epidemiology at the University of Ottawa. She is also an Assistant Professor (adjunct) at Dalhousie University in the Department of Community Health and Epidemiology and the Office of Global Health.

From 1997 to 2013 she was the Executive Director of the Canadian Society for International Health, where she oversaw the design and implementation of global health systems strengthening projects. Janet Hatcher Roberts has extensive experience in international public health policy, health systems capacity building, planning, strategic policy development and research. Over her career she has worked at the local, provincial and federal area in health planning and strategic policy development in Canada. Over the past three decades, she has been involved in global health and development and gender health projects at the International Development Research Centre, the Canadian International Development Agency, the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, the Public Health Agency of Canada and Health Canada. She has also served as Director of the Migration Health Department with the International Organization for Migration in Geneva.

Currently, she sits on the Board of Directors for the Commission on Graduates of Foreign Nursing Schools (CGFNS), and a former member of the Board of Make Poverty History, Action Canada for Population and Development, where she also served as Treasurer and Chair and the Canadian Coalition for Global Health Research where she served as Treasurer.



Alyssandra Chee-A-Tow

Alyssandra is a second-year Masters of Public Health student specializing in Epidemiology. Her research interests lie in the field of global child and maternal health.



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