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**An interdisciplinary approach to the complex factors
influencing health and disease locally and around the world**

DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT



What an eventful year it has been! The academic year 2019-2020 marks the 4th year that the Global Health Studies Program has offered a major. This year we have all been tested by a pandemic that has upended our lives in unprecedented ways. But Global Health Studies students, faculty, and staff are resilient, and what we learn together, and what we do here in our Program and beyond is more relevant than ever. As people who are passionate about global health, students, faculty, and staff in our Program have worked together with our local and global partners to adjust and learn from this experience in ways that are creative, hopeful, and exciting. I invite you to look back at some of these great accomplishments.

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Director (2017-2020)
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GHS STUDENT STATS

115
GHS MAJORS

82
GHS MINORS

40%
OF GHS MAJORS
IDENTIFY AS
STUDENTS OF COLOR

5
GHS CERTIFICATES

GHS STUDENT LEADERSHIP

GHS seniors
Devonte Chism (L)
and Shemaa
Dafalla (R) received
2020 CDE Student
Leadership Awards.



Led by GHS major
Lindsay Cobb, U Iowa
student org
ImmUNITY won the
2020 “Outstanding
Contribution to the
Greater Community”
award.

GHS major Charlotte Lenkaitis
served as the Executive Director of
the Food Pantry at Iowa which won
the 2020 “Outstanding
Philanthropic Contribution to the
UI Campus by a Student Org”
award.



GHS STUDENT LOCAL/GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT

For the 6th year of the GHS internship program with the Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement in Mysuru, India, 3 GHS students completed virtual internships in summer 2020.



GHS major, Kayla Carter (L), works for food justice with Grow Johnson County.
GHS senior, Ashley Morrow (C), was recognized during International Education Week 2019 for her commitment to international education on campus and abroad.
GHS alum, Lucas Fagre (R), won a Fulbright Award to Bulgaria & Romania.

GHS FACULTY TEACHING & RESEARCH



Dr. Sokhieng Au (GHS Lecturer) created a new GHS Capstone course, “Case Studies in Global Health Inequities: Advocacy and Assessment in Humanitarian Crises.”

Dr. Carly Nichols (GHS/GSS) shared her expertise on the effects of Covid-19 on local and global food systems for the U Iowa Obermann Center’s “Pandemic Insights.”



Dr. Waltraud Maierhofer (GHS/GRMN) was awarded Developmental Studies Hybridoma Bank funding to support her research on the representation of people with disabilities in German writing and film.

Dr. Alberto Ortiz Díaz (GHS/HIST) published “Pathologizing the Jíbaro: Mental and Social Health in Puerto Rico’s Oso Blanco (1930s – 1950s),” in The Americas (Volume 77, Issue 3, July 2020).





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