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**One-on-One Mentor**
Nizami Ahverdiyev is the Director of Finance and Participant Support at Global Health Fellow Program II/Public Health Institute. He has over 15 years of international development experience. At GFFP-II, he oversees financial and participant support of the program. Before joining GHFP-II, Nizami worked for WWF, the largest non-profit conservation organization, managing programs in Africa and providing programmatic support to the local partners in implementation US and European donor funded programs. He worked in Afghanistan and Pakistan for United Methodist Committee on Relief, managing health clinics construction in Kabul Area. He started his career in Azerbaijan, working in refugee camps by distributing essential medicines and training health care workers. He obtained his master's degree in public administration at East Carolina University with a minor in health care management with his thesis work on social health insurance in the developing world.

**One-on-One Mentor**
Dr. Felice Apter currently serves as an Adjunct Professor at the Georgetown University Medical School, Department of Microbiology and Immunology. She is an expert in global health programming and policy, with a deep understanding of advancing complex international development efforts across multiple sectors. She has been passionately engaged in policy analysis, the rapidly evolving donor landscape and international programming paradigms. With more than five years' residential experience in Asia and Africa, she brings a field-based pragmatism along with robust technical expertise to the Global Health Community. Overall, Dr. Apter has more than 25 years’ experience in leadership positions across the USG, the NGO community and academia. Most recently, (2/16-2/17), Felice served as a Senior Program Officer, United States Policy, Advocacy and Communications at the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Prior to this position Dr. Apter worked as a consultant to the Foundation from 2007 through 2014. Before her engagement with the Foundation, Felice was the Vice President of the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation’s Research and Programs Department, and spent more than 10 years with USAID (1992-2003) in a variety of positions, serving as a Senior-level coordinating role within USAID, represented the Agency within USG Inter-agency processes and as a Representative of the USG in many international settings. Dr. Apter holds a PhD in Medical Sciences from Harvard University and a BA in Biological Sciences from the University of California at Santa Cruz. From 1994-1999, she was an Adjunct
Lecturer and Assistant Professor at Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology.

**One-on-One Mentor**

Vince Blaser is the Director of the Frontline Health Workers Coalition (FHWC), an alliance of more than 35 US-based public and private organizations working together to urge greater and more strategic US investment in frontline health workers in developing countries as a cost-effective way to save lives and foster a healthier, safer and more prosperous world. He is also Advocacy Advisor for IntraHealth International, where the FHWC secretariat is housed. For more than 12 years, Vince has focused on translating a policy and journalism background to provide strategic analysis and visibility to the policy and communications priorities of major global health and development coalitions and organizations. Previously, he worked in advocacy, policy and communications roles at the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI) in New York and the Global Health Council (GHC) in Washington. Vince also has written and edited for the Kaiser Family Foundation’s daily reports on global health, HIV/AIDS and women’s health, held several positions as a newspaper reporter in Washington DC and Colorado, and worked at the British Houses of Parliament in London. Vince has a BA in political science and journalism from Colorado State University and an MA in international education development from Columbia University.

**Conversation Hub Lead**

**The Latest Advocacy Tips & Tricks. What’s Next?**

Lisa Bos is the Director of Government Relations at World Vision US in the Advocacy and Government Relations Department. As such, she serves as the point person for World Vision’s advocacy and education efforts with Congress and the Administration, in addition to working to engage World Vision’s advocates on issues such as foreign assistance funding, maternal and child health and WASH. Lisa also consults with international colleagues on global health and development initiatives and country advocacy efforts. Lisa spent nearly 9 years as a legislative staff person in the U.S. House of Representatives, including 3 years as Policy Director for the Republican Study Committee, a caucus of more than 140 Members. In this role, Lisa analyzed legislation and worked closely with committees and House Leadership on issues such as education and health care. Lisa also spent time working for Congressman Bill Huizenga of Michigan as the Senior Legislative Assistant responsible for defense, foreign affairs, education and health care issues. Lisa has worked in the private sector as well, serving as a Vice President at Cassidy & Associates, one of Washington’s leading government affairs firms, and at Russ Reid. In both of these positions, she represented the interests of education, health care, and social service institutions before Congress and federal agencies. Lisa is a native of Michigan and a graduate of Hope College in Holland, Michigan.

**Conversation Hub Lead**

**Global Health Successes, Challenges, & Lessons Learned**

Nellie Bristol came to CSIS following a long career in health policy journalism. Focusing on domestic policy for 20 years, she then switched to global health, writing for top publications in the field including *The Lancet, Health Affairs, BMJ,* and *Global Health Magazine.* After receiving an MPH/global health from George Washington University, she joined the Global Health Policy Center in 2012. She focuses on universal health coverage, UN global development goals, and the World Health Organization, but concentrates most intensely on polio eradication. She is broadly recognized as an expert in the transition of polio infrastructure to other health activities, particularly the U.S. government’s role in the process, and has spoken on the issue in international forums.
**One-on-One Mentor**

**Dr. Craig Burgess** joined JSI Research and Training Institute Inc. in August 2015 and works in the immunization center and USAID’s Maternal Child Survival Project. His work includes immunization, Universal Health Coverage, health systems strengthening, integration and equity. Over the last 25 years, he has worked on a broad range of public health issues related to equity, integration, primary health care, infectious disease control and health sector coordination. He has worked in civil war torn contexts, chronic crises, emerging economies and high income countries at community, district, national, regional and global levels. This has included work with National Health Services, Médecins sans Frontières, MERLIN, UNAIDS, WHO, UNICEF and the Gavi Vaccine Alliance secretariat. He has lived and worked in India, Indonesia, Kenya, Myanmar, Afghanistan, Viet Nam, South Sudan, UK, Australia, Switzerland and the USA. He received his medical training at Saint Andrews and Manchester Universities in the UK and has a Masters in Health Policy, Planning and Financing from London School of Economics, an MBA from the Open University and a Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene from Liverpool University. He also has post graduate qualifications in Child Health, Obstetrics & Gynecology and General Practice.

**One-on-One Mentor**

**Nasserie Carew** is the Director of Global Communications & Office of Public Affairs for the Broadcasting Board of Directors. Prior to her current role, she served as the Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary of Public Affairs and to the State Department’s Ebola Coordination Unit (ECU). Ms. Carew led the bureau’s Ebola communications and other outreach efforts. Ms. Carew served from 2010-2014 as the Managing Director of Public Affairs at the Millennium Challenge Corporation, a U.S. Government foreign assistance agency, where she implemented a broad range of communications functions, working with leadership in the White House and across government agencies. From 2005-2010, she oversaw strategic messaging on sustainable development issues and humanitarian emergencies as the Senior Director of Public Relations at InterAction, the largest coalition of U.S. based international humanitarian and development organizations. A veteran of issues management, Ms. Carew has led strategic communications for international and national media, major stakeholders, and policy makers over the past 20 years. She established digital communication strategies, major alliances, reputation management programs and integrated global branding processes. Ms. Carew also managed communications and advertising for the multimillion dollar national re-brand and positioning for YWCA USA. Ms. Carew earned a B.Sc. from the University of Iowa and a Master’s degree from Howard University.

**Conversation Hub Lead**

**Youth-led Development Related to Global Health**

**Mary Kate Costello** joined The Hunger Project family after working for the Alliance for International Youth Development – in partnership with InterAction – and as the Executive Program Director for Youth Futures International, Ghana. She is responsible for THP’s advocacy around local level, gender-focused strategies, as well as designing frameworks and determining best practices for youth engagement integration. Mary Kate is also one of THP’s primary UN Representatives, appointed to the United Nation’s Inter-agency Network on Youth Development’s Youth and Gender Equality Working Group and the co-chair of this working group’s Task Force on Women’s Economic Empowerment and Entrepreneurship. For this, she prioritizes on the importance of young women-led cooperatives across sectors and in all classes. Mary Kate holds a BA in Political Science and minors in Eastern European Studies, and Faith, Peace and Justice from Boston College in Massachusetts. She also studied Third World politics and ethics in government at the University of Cape Town in South Africa. Mary Kate is currently an MAIR candidate in the School of International Studies of American University.
Lippi Doshi is a Digital Communications Officer at PATH. Over the last nine years, Lippi has led and supported digital communications and advocacy strategies for a variety of global health issues including maternal and newborn health, family planning, vaccine development, and neglected tropical diseases. Her pioneering work at the intersection of global health, policy advocacy, and social media has led to successful digital campaigns in the US, globally, and in country that pushed policies and built awareness for interventions that improve the health and livelihood of women and children around the world. When she is not building campaigns, she works on increasing digital communications capacity across large international nongovernmental organizations and within the international development sector. Her passion for communications started from her work in Northern India to research behavior change communications for the reproductive health of rural women and adolescents. Today she is the social media and digital advocacy lead for PATH, the leader of global health innovation, and the co-chair of the Social Media for Global Health working group in Washington DC, a 700+ member organization for digital communicators in international development. Lippi holds a Master’s of Science in Public Health, International Health from the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health and a Bachelor’s of Science in Public Health from the George Washington University. Follow Lippi on Twitter at @lippidoshi.

Dr. George Dougherty is a Director in the HIA Pharmaceuticals and Life Sciences R&D team, and leads the team’s Global Health Security focus area. He has 20 years of experience in research and innovation management, with a focus on biomedical and biodefense clients. His consulting clients have included ten federal agencies as well as major Pharma companies, small biotechs, research centers, and global health nonprofits. Prior to joining PwC, George served as a group leader at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, leading teams developing next-generation biological detection and biomedical diagnostics systems. As an officer in the Air Force, he was part of the development team for the F-22 Raptor fighter, and led advanced technology programs at the Air Force Research Laboratory. George also serves as a Colonel in the Air Force Reserve. In addition to his thought leadership and consulting expertise in R&D management, he is sought after as a hands-on organizational leader, and during his tenure at PwC has twice served as interim deputy chief executive / COO for nationally known science and technology research centers. George received an MBA from Cornell University, a Doctor of Philosophy in Materials Science and Engineering from the University of California, Berkeley, a Master of Science in Materials Science, and a Bachelor of Science in Aerospace Engineering, both from the University of Virginia.

Diana Elks is a Director in PwC’s HIA Pharmaceutical and Life Sciences R&D practice. Prior to joining PwC in 2005, Diana spent nine years in biotechnology industry as a scientist and as a manager focusing on biologics R&D, cell-based therapies for oncological indications, and monoclonal antibodies discovery against HIV. She has also played significant roles in business development, strategic partnerships, and IP management supporting senior leadership in commercialization of these novel therapies. Her technical experience also includes development of adult stem cell-based therapies for hematological malignancies, cardiovascular, and enzymatic deficiencies at Osiris Therapeutics, Inc, where she has supported a number IND submissions. Diana has strong scientific background and technical skills in immunology, gene therapy, virology, and cell biology. During her consulting career, Diana managed engagements in operational strategy, end-to-end
product development, operational innovation, and design of public-private partnerships for global public health and commercial R&D clients. Diana holds an MBA from Loyola University and Master of Science in Microbiology from Tel Aviv University (Israel). She has a number of peer reviewed publications, Diana also presented at scientific conferences and business forums.

**One-on-One Mentor**

**Christine Fu** is a social and behavioral scientist with eight years of experience evaluating public health and poverty reduction programs in resource-poor settings internationally. Dr. Fu has conducted social science research and evaluation of child well-being programs, such as disaster mental health and psychosocial supports of children and youth in Asia, Africa and the Middle East, psychosocial rehabilitation and recovery of out-of-school youth in Liberia, adolescent sexual and reproductive health and gender-based violence in sub-saharan Africa and peer networks and social capital among HIV positive youth in the Caribbean. She is passionate about generating and translating research into better health and well-being outcomes for orphans and vulnerable children, their families and communities.

**Conversation Hub Lead**

**The Business of Having a Global Health Career.**

**David Godsted** is the Deputy Program Director for the Global Fellows Health Program II. David has over 20 years of successful experience managing human, financial and material resources. David was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Yemen for three years and returned there to spend three more years as contractor to the US mission. He also spent three years in Egypt as AMIDEAST’s Country Director, where he reorganized their management structures, expanded their business footprint and worked closely with USAID and the US State Department. At AMIDEAST, he managed a senior team of ten directors and oversaw 90 employees. A major part of David’s work with GHFP-II is leading GHFP-II’s efforts in Recruitment, Performance Management, and Professional and Career Development. With regard to these technical areas, he has extensive experience recruiting international development professionals, including his recent role as the Executive Director of a multicultural staff of 40 at the International Rescue Committee. David also has developed expertise in solving human resource problems and supporting individual performance. He holds an MA in Organizational Learning and Instructional Technology from the University of New Mexico and earned a BA in English from Northern Illinois University.

**One-on-One Mentor**

**Angelina Gordon** is Director of Communications, Outreach, and Diversity for the Global Health Fellows Program (GHFP) II at the Public Health Institute. In this role, she oversees the communications and inclusion strategies that demonstrate USAID’s thought-leadership in workforce development. She leads the project’s outreach and diversity efforts by producing multimedia products for key audiences, including communities underrepresented in global health. Angelina previously served as Knowledge Management Specialist with the Feed the Future (FTF) Global Initiative, as well as Senior Specialist in Knowledge Management & Documentation at Save the Children US. There she created the organization’s first Knowledge Management strategy that is still utilized. Angelina has worked in Africa and the Middle East and holds an MA in International Development Policy from Georgetown University.

**Conversation Hub Lead**

**The Global Spread of Superbugs: Causes,**

**Jay Graham** directs the India Antimicrobial Resistance Control Program for PHI. He has over fifteen years of global environmental health research and practice experience, and has an M.P.H., M.B.A. and a PhD in Environmental Health Sciences from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Dr. Graham is a sanitation and hygiene expert and served as a lead
opportunities for action

technical advisor on water, sanitation and hygiene and household air pollution within the Bureau for Global Health at the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). Prior to joining PHI this year, he was an assistant professor in the Environmental and Occupational Health Department at George Washington University where he directed the MPH in Global Environmental Health. He has worked in a variety of countries in Latin America, Asia and Africa, including a long-term position on the US-México border where he conducted research on the primary prevention of diarrheal diseases and pneumonia within informal settlements of Ciudad Juárez, MX. His applied research focuses on developing more efficient and cost-effective approaches to scale-up environmental health initiatives and improving evaluation methods for large-scale interventions. He is currently the principal investigator on a NIH Fogarty International Center-funded study, based in Quito, Ecuador, that aims to characterize community transmission dynamics of zoonotic infectious diseases and antimicrobial resistance.

Dr. Jamechia Hoyle is a Public Health Consultant and Adjunct Professor in the Department of Global and Community Health at George Mason University, Fairfax, VA. She currently serves as the 2016-2017 Chair of the Next Generation Global Health Security Leaders. She also instructs the Emergency Response to Domestic Biological Incidents course at the National Center for Biomedical Research and Training, Baton Rouge, LA. Dr. Hoyle has managed multiple public health program activities related to emergency preparedness and response, operational capacity, strategic thinking, response strategies, and clinical guidance for various Category A, B, and C bioterrorism agents. In addition, Dr. Hoyle has a strong background in international health, with a primary focus on project management, program evaluation, HIV/AIDS, sanitation and hygiene and clean water. Her work has taken her to Liberia, South Africa, India, Haiti, and Sri Lanka.

Temitayo Ifafore-Calfee is a USAID Health Workforce Technical Advisor under the GHFP-II contract in Arlington, Virginia, USA. For the past 14 years, Mrs. Ifafore-Calfee's work focused on program management, hospital operations, quality improvement and health systems strengthening in Latin America, and sub-Saharan Africa. Mrs. Ifafore-Calfee's assignments included the Clinton Health Access Initiative, Johns Hopkins Medicine International and the United States Agency for International Development. She received her Master's degree in Public Health from the University of Michigan School of Public Health and her undergraduate degree from Yale University.

Jennifer Kaindi has more than nine years of international recruitment experience specializing in the global health and international development professions. She is the Lead for recruitment with the Global Health Fellows Program II (GHFP-II). Led by the Public Health Institute, GHFP-II helps USAID address its immediate and emerging human capital needs by developing a diverse group of global health professionals to support and sustain the effectiveness of the Agency's current and future health programs. The GHFP-II Team identifies, recruits, hires and manages the performance and professional development of fellows and interns at all levels. Jennifer received her MBA from Morgan State University and her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Lincoln University. She has experience working with both non-profits and for profits/government contractors within the international development space.

Dr. Rebecca Katz is an Associate Professor of International Health and Co-Director of the Center for Global Health Science and Security at Georgetown University. Prior to coming
to Georgetown, she spent ten years at The George Washington University as faculty in the Milken Institute School of Public Health. Her research is focused on global health security, public health preparedness and health diplomacy. Since 2007, much of her work has been on the domestic and global implementation of the International Health Regulations. Since 2004, Dr. Katz has been a consultant to the Department of State, working on issues related to the Biological Weapons Convention, pandemic influenza and disease surveillance. Dr. Katz received her undergraduate degree from Swarthmore College, an MPH from Yale University, and a PhD from Princeton University.

Meredith Kimball is a health systems subject matter expert at Results for Development (R4D), a non-profit organization located in Washington DC. In this role, Meredith leads engagements within the primary health care, health systems, and data analytics practices. Projects range from technical assistance on how to align capitation and performance-based financing models to how to effectively use data to improve primary health care performance. Meredith also contributes expertise in the design and management of collaborative learning models. Meredith has played a key role in the strategic management and technical design of initiatives including the Joint Learning Network for Universal Health Coverage, the Center for Health Market Innovations, the Systems for Health initiative, and the Maternal and Child Survival Program. Meredith currently focuses on the Primary Health Care Performance Initiative, a partnership among the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the World Bank, the WHO, Ariadne Labs and R4D. Prior to her work at R4D, Meredith worked as a program manager in the Low- and Middle-Income Countries portfolio at the Institute for Healthcare Improvement. Meredith holds an AB from Princeton University and a Master of Science in Public Health from UNC - Chapel Hill.

Rebecca Kohler provides vision and leadership for the successful execution of IntraHealth’s multi-year organizational strategy, including formulation of strategic alliances and achievement of revenue goals. Over a 25-year career devoted to fostering solutions to health care challenges, Kohler has held key leadership, management, technical, and advisory positions in the US and around the world. A seasoned global health practitioner, Kohler has hands-on experience working on HIV/AIDS, reproductive health, safe motherhood, and child survival programs in more than 20 countries across several continents, including long-term, resident assignments in Tanzania, Kenya, Eritrea and Armenia. Kohler holds a Master’s in Public Health from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a Bachelor’s of Science from Duke University.

Leeza Kondos is a Data Scientist in USAID/Bureau for Global Health Data Analytics Hub, within the Office for Policy, Program and Planning (P3). Leeza works to enhance the Agency’s data driven culture through robust monitoring and evaluation, statistical analysis and data visualization. After completing her degree in Neurobiology, Physiology and Behavior, Leeza served as a staff researcher at the Medical Investigation of Neurodevelopmental Disorders (MIND) Institute and Stanford Cognitive & Systems Neuroscience Lab (SCSNI) before pursuing her MPH at the Rollins School of Public Health, Emory University. There she worked as a surveillance officer with the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC), Leon Research Group for the prevention of enteric diseases and the Comprehensive Rural Health Project (CRHP), in Jamkhed, India. Leeza came to Washington D.C. as a Presidential Management Fellow, working at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) as an analyst in the Statistical Analysis & Reporting Branch Office for Research on Disparities & Global Mental Health. Leeza also served as an advisor to the Health Subcommittee at the U.S. House of Representatives in 2012.
**Conversation Hub Lead**
**The Business of Having a Global Health Career**

**Elise Mann** is the Lead for Performance and Career Development at the Global Health Fellows Program II (GHFP II) where she coordinates performance management and career development services and advises on best practices in performance management for over 100 global health professionals and their managers working in the at the US Agency for International Development (USAID). She enjoys helping GHFP II participants achieve their career goals, find solutions to workplace challenges and helping to identify resources and create linkages that enable others to successfully implement their programs and projects. Ms. Mann began her career as a Refugee Resettlement Case Manager in Grand Rapids, Michigan. This experience served as the foundation for a career focused on helping people find solutions to complex problems by providing them with the right knowledge, skills and resources. Prior to joining GHFP, Elise was a Program Officer for the US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI) where she provided guidance and oversight to USCRI’s network of 30 partner agencies on the implementation and delivery of refugee resettlement and service programs. She holds a Master’s Degree in Development Administration and Non-Profit Leadership from Western Michigan University and a Bachelor’s Degree in International Service and French from Valparaiso University. She lives in Washington, DC with her husband, two sons and Chihuahua.

**Conversation Hub Lead**
**The Gender-equality Path to Health & Why It Is So Hard to Make Lasting Change**

**Mehr Manzoor** is a Fulbright Scholar from Pakistan currently pursuing her PhD in Global Health Management and Policy at Tulane University and serving as a Research Fellow at Women in Global Health. She has an undergraduate degree in Computer Science from National University of Computer and Emerging Sciences, Pakistan and a Master of Business Administration from Lahore University of Management Sciences, Pakistan. Mehr has over 5 years’ experience in strategic planning and management, monitoring and evaluation, hospital administration, and human resource development in health and social sectors in Pakistan and Bangladesh. She worked as a Deputy Director Planning & Development at Fatima Memorial Hospital, a not-for-profit hospital, in Pakistan and as a global management associate with MGH group, a business conglomerate, in Bangladesh. Her experiences of working in diverse organizational settings developed her passion for women’s empowerment and women’s participation in leadership roles. She realized that in today’s interconnected world, it has become far more important to engage both men and women in meaningful ways to address global health challenges. Her research focuses on the intersections of gender and health, examining barriers women face, and identifying strategies that increase women’s participation in leadership and governance roles within global health systems research and policy with an aim to achieve better health outcomes.

**Conversation Hub Lead**
**The Global Health Workforce: Are We Failing at Diversity & Inclusion?**

**Dr. Shannon Marquez** is the Associate Vice Provost for Global Health at Drexel University. In addition, she serves as the Director of the Global Health Program at the Dornsife School of Public Health. As Associate Vice Provost, she oversees Drexel’s Dornsife Global Development Scholars Program, an Interprofessional global health training and research initiative which leverages an exciting capacity-building partnership between Drexel and World Vision International to provide field training in WASH, global health, and international development and supports research and M&E initiatives in 24 countries across Sub-Saharan Africa. In addition, in 2016 she developed and launched the “community, health, and environment” (CHE) program, a new global health field course in collaboration with the University of Cienfuegos in Cuba; and she teaches graduate courses in WASH, global health ethics, public health in developing countries and maternal and child health, and helps support a number of global health research and training activities.
in Europe, Asia, Latin America, and Africa on behalf of Drexel. She holds a PhD in environmental sciences and engineering from The UNC-Chapel Hill Gillings School of Global Public Health, and has held distinguished international faculty appointments in global health at The University of The Gambia; the Université Gaston- Berger de Saint-Louis in Senegal; and as an Erasmus Mundus Scholar at the Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Santé Publique (or EHESP, The French School of Public Health), and the University of Sheffield (UK) School of Health and Health Related Research (ScHARR). Dr. Marquez serves on numerous boards and committees including, the Board of Directors of the Consortium of Universities in Global Health (CUGH).

**One-on-One Mentor**  
**Dr. Keith Martin** is a physician who, since Sept. 2012, has served as the founding Executive Director of the Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH) based in Washington, DC. The Consortium is a rapidly growing organization of over 130 academic institutions from around the world. It harnesses the capabilities of these institutions across research, education, advocacy and service to address global challenges. It is particularly focused on improving health outcomes for the global poor and strengthening academic global health programs. Between 1993-2011, Dr. Martin served as a Member of Parliament in Canada’s House of Commons representing a riding on Vancouver Island. During that time he held shadow ministerial portfolios in foreign affairs, international development, and health. He also served as Canada’s Parliamentary Secretary for Defense. His main areas of focus are in global health, foreign policy, security, international development, conservation and the environment. He is particularly interested in strengthening human resources capabilities and scaling up initiatives in low-income settings that improve environmental sustainability and human security. As a parliamentarian, Dr. Martin created CanadaAid.ca, an online platform to facilitate partnerships between universities, governments, multilateral institutions, NGOs, and the private sector. Dr. Martin has been on numerous diplomatic missions to areas in crisis including Sudan, Zimbabwe, Mali, Niger, Sierra Leone, Colombia, and the Middle East. He served as a physician in South Africa on the Mozambique border during that country’s civil war. Dr. Martin is the author of more than 150 editorial pieces published in Canada’s major newspapers and has appeared frequently as a political and social commentator on television and radio. He has contributed to the Lancet Commission on the Global Surgery Deficit, is a current commissioner on the Lancet-ISMMS Commission on Pollution, Health and Development and is a member of the Global Sepsis Alliance.

**One-on-One Mentor**  
**John McPhail** is Senior Director of Partnership and Business Development at CORE Group. He has over 23 years of experience in organizational leadership involving strategic development, partnership building, management & administration of community development programs, and stakeholder engagement, including sixteen as a country and regional director and team leader for social sector and faith-based non-profits. He has held leadership roles on boards of six networks and nonprofit organizations, providing organizational development and operational and strategic direction, including leading eight strategic planning processes. John studied Civil Engineering with a minor in Asian Political Science at MIT and has a Master’s Degree from the University of Illinois / Urbana-Champaign in Civil Engineering, with a concentration in construction management and design. He has advanced technology and computer skills and is fluent in English and Spanish and has a basic working knowledge of French.
**One-on-One Mentor**

**Jeff Meer** is the Executive Director of Handicap International, a nonprofit based in Silver Spring, MD that is part of the Handicap International Federation. Handicap International assists people with disabilities and other vulnerable people in 60 countries to achieve their full potential. Among Handicap International’s areas of emphasis is global health, including rehabilitation. Until February 2015, he served as the Special Advisor for Global Health Policy and Development at the Public Health Institute (PHI), where he worked to build PHI’s global health practice and conducted the organization’s global health advocacy in Washington. He also co-chaired the Non-communicable Diseases Roundtable. Before joining PHI, Mr. Meer worked for Planned Parenthood of America as Director of International Advocacy, including representing the organization in Washington on international reproductive and sexual rights issues. He also led external relations for the nonprofit CHF International, now known as Global Communities. As Executive Director of the U.S. Association for UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Mr. Meer was responsible for all fundraising, program, advocacy and administrative functions. At the UN Foundation, he was the founding program officer for Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs. Previously, Mr. Meer had been a career Foreign Service Officer at the U.S. Department of State, where he served as Special Assistant to the Under Secretary of State for Global Affairs for human rights and refugee issues. He worked and traveled extensively overseas, and held U.S. Diplomatic and Consular postings in China and Germany. He was previously a journalist, writing about mental health. Mr. Meer graduated from Dartmouth College with a degree in French Language and Literature. In addition to English, Mr. Meer speaks French, German and Cantonese Chinese.

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**Conversation Hub Lead Technology Solutions to Health**

**Jamie Bay Nishi** has more than 12 years of experience in business development, project management, stakeholder engagement, and strategic partnership building in the health and international development sectors. Prior to joining GHTC as it’s Director, she led Devex LIVE, an initiative she launched in 2015 which has produced numerous high-profile events around the world including the Devex World conference in Washington, DC. She also served as Devex’s Senior Director for member services, where she led efforts to build Devex’s extensive network of more than 1,000 organizations and 700,000 development professionals worldwide. Before joining Devex in 2008, Ms. Nishi spent nearly three years as a Marketing Associate and then Dedicated Advisor for the Advisory Board Company and interned in the US Department of State’s Office of South Central Europe. Ms. Nishi holds a master’s degree in Conflict Analysis and Resolution from George Mason University and a bachelor’s degree in Government from the College of William & Mary.

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**Conversation Hub Lead Global Health Successes, Challenges, & Lessons Learned**

**Aaron Pied** is the Director of Operations at Realizing Global Health Inc. For more than 15 years, Aaron has held various positions in Education and Global Health. He has worked in Africa, Asia, and the United States as a teacher/trainer, a health educator, and project manager. As the Director of Operations for Realizing Global Health Inc., he has focused on operations policies, procedures and communications in global health. More recently he has been involved with developing online training and professional development programs for global health professionals.

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**Co-Host**

**Loyce Pace** serves as Global Health Council’s (GHC) President and Executive Director. Loyce comes to the role having held leadership positions in global policy and strategic partnerships at LIVESTRONG Foundation and the American Cancer Society. While Director of Regional Programs for the American Cancer Society’s Department of Global Health, she
Susan Rae Ross has over 20 years of experience in Africa and Asia, and is a highly regarded multi-sector partnership expert, international health and development specialist, author and speaker. As the Sr. Private Sector Partnership Advisor for USAID/Global Health, Susan engages with the private sector to facilitate successful cross-sector partnerships to achieve USAID’s development objective of ending preventable maternal and child deaths by 2030. Ms. Ross’ award winning book, *Expanding the Pie: Fostering Effective NonProfit and Corporate Partnerships*, provides a meta-analysis of successful partnership cases studies from around the world and articulates a step-by-step decision-making framework on how to select and manage partnerships. Susan has held senior positions at USAID and CARE where she oversaw programs in over 30 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Prior to her international career, she was an intensive care nurse in several US teaching hospitals. She has a MBA from Purdue, a MPH from University of Illinois and a BS in Nursing from SUNY Plattsburgh.

Judith Rowland is the U.S. policy and advocacy manager for Global Citizen, where she speaks on behalf of Global Citizens around the world who are taking action to solve some of the world’s biggest challenges. Over the last five years, more than 8 million registered Global Citizens have contacted world leaders and elected officials to secure major policy commitments on issues including gender equality, health, education, food and hunger, water and sanitation, and climate change, set to affect the lives of more than 1 billion people. In her role, Rowland helped secure more than 100 co-sponsors on the 2014 Water for the World Act and played a key part in seeing the bill pass through both chambers and be signed into law by President Barack Obama. Rowland also worked in close partnership with the White House on the launch of First Lady Michelle Obama’s #62MillionGirls campaign. Additionally, Rowland was instrumental in securing the passage of the Global Food Security Act, which was signed into law by President Obama in July 2016. Rowland’s advocacy work has taken her to more than 80 countries and has lived in Ghana, China, England, and Puerto Rico. She holds an undergraduate degree in political science from Missouri State University and a graduate degree in development studies from the London School of Economics.

Dr. Sharon Rudy, BCC, is Program Director for the Global Health Fellows Program (GHFP) II at the Public Health Institute (PHI). In her previous role as Faculty/Senior Program Officer in the Center for Communication Programs at Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, Sharon spent almost a decade working in Anglophone Africa designing, implementing, and evaluating national behavior change communication programs and client-provider interaction interventions. She then worked in the Middle East, Africa, and Asia implementing performance improvement and training programs
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**One-on-One Mentor**

Dr. Edmund Rutta is a seasoned global health expert with over 15 years of experience in providing multi-disciplinary technical advisory, strategic design, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation services for health programs in developing countries. He currently serves as a Senior TB Technical Advisor for USAID Global Health Infectious Disease TB Division in Washington, DC where he provides technical assistance to national TB programs implementation and scale-up of various TB interventions such as introduction of new drugs and new regimens for multi drug resistance TB treatment and management of any medicine related side effects (pharmacovigilance) program. He also provides technical support to USAID Mission and national TB program strategy and program guidance including assisting with the preparation and/or review of national strategic plans, Global Fund grants implementation as well support national TB programs activities on pharmaceutical management and supply chain. Prior to joining USAID, Dr Rutta experience working in over 18 countries in Asia and Africa where he lead Pharmaceutical and Supply Chain Management and Refugee Health programs.

**One-on-One Mentor**

Dr. Inon Schenker began his global public health journey as a volunteer graduate student, training school teachers in HIV/AIDS education during the early days of the epidemic in Latin America. He next teamed up with professionals from the Middle East to develop and implement an innovative “HIV/AIDS as a Bridge for Peace” model. As World Health Organization scientist and later at UNESCO in Geneva he applied lessons learned from his PhD research to advance a UN strategy on HIV prevention in adolescence and school AIDS education. Passionate about supporting young professionals and students in Global Health employment and internships he founded the ‘Geneva Seminar on Health and Globalization’ and ‘Think Global’ initiatives to promote health and medical professionals’ engagement in global health through employment, volunteering and interning in UN agencies. As a senior global health consultant to governments, civil society, legislative bodies, UN and international organizations his country expertise expanded. He has also held teaching positions at universities in the U.S. and Israel. Currently, Inon is Senior Director Public Health at Teva Global Headquarters. His primary responsibilities are in developing and directing a new corporate Global Public Health Program. Inon graduated from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem with a PhD in Public Health and Science Education, a MPH and a BA in Sociology and Political Science. In February 2017 he was honored with only five other organizations and individuals by the Society for International Development (SID) with a special recognition for supporting sustainable health for Africa.

**One-on-One Mentor**

Brant Silvers is the Managing Director for Planned Parenthood Global - the international arm of Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA) - where he works with over 100 local, non-profit partner organizations in 12 focus countries in Africa and Latin America to advocate for greater access to and delivery of reproductive health services. After nearly 20 years managing public health programs, Brant knows that durable change begins with local ownership and solutions that are connected to people. As Managing Director, Mr. Silvers ensures smooth programmatic function and finance and operations oversight across both regions, serves as part of the senior management team for Planned Parenthood Global, and works on longer term strategy for the division. Mr. Silvers’ career has spanned work in the public, private and nonprofit sectors. He has a background in international development and public health including employment with the United
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science from the University of Cambridge; an MD from the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine; and a master’s of public health degree from the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health. She serves on the board of the National Physicians Alliance and on the advisory board of the Global Business School Network and the DRASA Trust, and has received a Rainer Arnhold Fellowship for innovation in global development. Dr. Tulenko is an adjunct professor at the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health and has taught on a wide variety of subjects including health system management and health economics. Follow her on Twitter at @ktulenko and check out her work at intrahealth.org/page/hrmservices.

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**Holly Wong** is a global health policy, strategy, and management executive with over 25 years of experience in both public and private sectors. Most recently, she served as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Global Affairs at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for the Obama Administration. In that leadership role, she had primary responsibility for developing policy and strategy for the agency on global health issues. She led a presidential initiative on global health security, collaborating with over 50 countries and multilateral organizations. She also established the Departmental vision and priorities on international trade and public health, including intellectual property, access to medicines, and tobacco control. Previously she was vice president for public policy at the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative, a public-private product development partnership encompassing both scientific activities and policy and advocacy in the areas of innovation, research and development policy, access to medicines, and health financing. Holly brought to that role significant global health experience in both public and private sectors: she spent six years in the pharmaceutical industry focused on a broad range of policy issues; three years with the Inter-American Development Bank as a health economist, leading teams to design and implement health policy reform programs, and six years with a private consulting firm, conducting technical assistance and research assignments in health financing and health policy reform in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Holly began her international career teaching economics in Shanghai, China as that country began to open its doors and explore elements of market economies. She has worked in more than 50 countries, and holds a Master’s in Public Policy from Harvard University and an undergraduate degree from Stanford.