

# Introduction to Global Child Health Course Speaker Bios



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*Caring for Immigrant and Refugee Children and Families*



## Lance Chilton, MD, FAAP

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Lance Chilton MD, FAAP practiced pediatrics in New Mexico for 45 years before retiring 6 years ago. He practiced on the Navajo Reservation, in private practice and for the university, working with underserved children, many of them immigrants. He held various posts in the American Academy of Pediatrics, including chair of the Committee on Native American Child Health and the Council on Community Pediatrics. He continues teaching medical students, family medicine, and pediatric residents. In his free time, Dr. Chilton is a long-distance bicyclist.



## Nadia Hashimi, MD

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Nadia Hashimi is a pediatrician turned novelist who draws on her Afghan culture to craft internationally bestselling books for adults as well as young readers. While doing her fellowship in Emergency Medicine at Children's National Hospital, Dr. Hashimi began crafting stories that drew on her heritage and take on themes like forced migration, conflict, poverty, misogyny, colonialism, and addiction. She continues to serve on boards of organizations committed to educating and nurturing Afghanistan's most vulnerable children and empowering the female leaders of tomorrow. She is a member of the US-Afghan Women's Council and an advisor to Kallion.

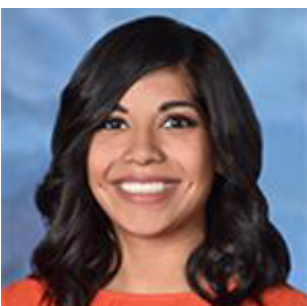


## Amina Khan, MD, MPH

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Amina Khan, MD, MPH is a pediatric hospitalist attending in the Division of Hospital Medicine at Children's National Hospital and specializes in the care of children with medical complexity. She has experience with advocacy and care coordination of immigrant and refugee children with special needs. Most recently she co-led the Children's National and multi-organizational sponsored large health screening event for Afghan refugee children – Stronger Together: Back to School Health Screening for Children of Afghan Allies. Amina also holds a faculty appointment at the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences.



## Henna Qureshi, DO

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Dr. Henna Qureshi is a board certified pediatrician at the Inova Fairfax Hospital for Children in Virginia as well as the Pediatric Associate Clerkship Director for UVA Medicine Inova campus. She also serves as adjunct faculty at Georgetown School of Medicine. Dr. Qureshi performs volunteer humanitarian work, disaster relief work, and refugee medicine. She serves on the Board of Directors of Obat Helpers, as the Pediatric chair for the NGO MedGlobal, as co-lead of the Inova Pediatric Advocacy Committee, and as a Global Health Advisor for Inova Fairfax Hospital for Children's Pediatric Residency program. Globally, Dr. Qureshi has worked in Haiti, Central America, Pakistan, Malawi, and Jordan and Greece, caring for Syrian Refugees. Over the last few years, her intentional work has focused on the Rohingya population.



## Arshia Qadir, MD

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Arshia Qadir is a pediatrician at the Inova Cares Clinic for Children in Falls Church. Prior to this, she was a community pediatrician in private practice for several years. She has been involved in child health advocacy through the Virginia Chapter of the AAP, serving as co-chair for Government Affairs and Child Immigrant Health since 2018. Her advocacy work included collaborative efforts toward establishment of the Virginia Mental Health Access Program (VMAP) and lobbying at the state legislature on various bills related to children's health policy, including gun violence prevention, nutritional access, tobacco prevention and access to health coverage.



## Sarah Cady, LICSW

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Sarah Cady brings over 20 years' experience working with foreign-born populations in the education, health, and refugee resettlement arenas. She began working with refugees in Baltimore as an AmeriCorps VISTA organizing a refugee youth program. She has worked as an ESL teacher, refugee resettlement case manager and employment specialist, and programs supervisor. Prior to joining LIRS, Sarah managed the Preferred Communities program at USCRI, an intensive case management program for vulnerable new arrivals. Sarah has been deployed to Fairfax, Virginia for the last six weeks to support LSSNCA in welcoming the Afghan Allies.

## Monday Lecturers



### **Stacey Stokes, MD, MPH** Course Director

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Dr. Stacey Stokes is an attending in the Division of Hospitalist Medicine at Children's National Hospital. Her global health career has included work in South Africa, Guyana, India and Haiti. Current international work involves yearly visits to Port au Prince, Haiti to provide inpatient clinical care and medical education to Haitian pediatric residents through Project Medishare. She has a special interest in international and local global health resident education and current work is surrounding growth of an e-module learning platform for global health education. She is co-director of the Global Health Curriculum at Children's National Hospital and is available as a global health mentor for CNH residents.

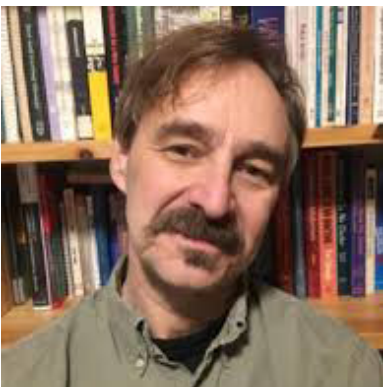


### **Damilola Akani, MD, MPH** Course Director

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Dr. Akani is a Pediatric Hospitalist Attending in the Division of Hospital Medicine at Children's National, as well as, an instructor of Pediatrics at George Washington School of Medicine and Health Sciences. She is the co-director of the Fall 2021 Introduction to Global Child Health Course. She is also a member of the pediatric Intern Selection committee and the Intern Selection Diversity Subcommittee here at Children's National. She completed her Master of Public Health with a concentration in Global Health at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health followed by the medical degree at the University of California, San Diego School of Medicine. She then completed her internship and residency training in general pediatrics at Children's in 2020. She has a particular interest in medical education and global health workforce development with a focus on Africa.



### **Troy Jacobs, MD, MPH, FAAP** Child Survival

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Dr. Jacobs serves as adjunct faculty in the department of Pediatrics at Children's National and George Washington University School of Medicine, as well as Senior Medical Advisor for pediatrics in the Office of Maternal-Child Health (MCH) & Nutrition at USAID's Global Health Bureau; a position he has held for more than 10 years. His focus areas are primary care quality improvement, implementation science, and capacity building related to MCH. His global work is mostly concentrated in East Africa (Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda). As a practicing pediatrician, he continues improving the health of poor and vulnerable children globally and locally. He is an active member of AAP's International Child Health Section and APA's International Health SIG.



### **Doug Postels, MD** Malaria

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Dr. Douglas G. Postels, MD, is an associate professor of pediatric neurology at George Washington University and Children's National Hospital. Dr. Postels has worked in global health since 2009 and has completed and ongoing patient-oriented research projects in western, eastern, and southern Africa. His main research site is the Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital in Blantyre, Malawi where Dr. Postels spends upwards of three months a year leading clinical trials in the Pediatric Research Ward and providing both general and pediatric neurological care to patients. This past August, Dr. Postels began as the PI of a Phase I/IIa clinical trial of a cerebral malaria drug, DON, in Malawi.



### **Carrie Golitko MD** Malaria

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Carrie Golitko, MD, is the Medical Director of the Global Health Initiative here at Children's National Hospital. Dr. Golitko began her global health career while in her pediatric residency at Brown University. Since then, she has spent almost fifteen years overseas in Malawi, Swaziland, and Uganda, providing clinical care and instituting Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission (PMTCT) programs to combat the spread of HIV/AIDS. After completing her residency at Brown/Rhode Island Hospital she moved to sub-Saharan Africa to work for Texas Children's Hospital Pediatric AIDS Initiative for 8 years. As a clinical mentor, she worked closely with the Ministry of Health to scale-up Pediatric ART across Swaziland and Malawi. Currently, Dr. Golitko lives in Uganda with her husband and two kids.

## Tuesday Lecturers



### **Kristen Breslin, MD, MPH** *Respiratory Illness, ETAT*

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Dr. Kristen Breslin is an attending in the Division of Emergency Medicine at Children's National. She is a Global Health Faculty Mentor for pediatric residents. She volunteers in Roatan, Honduras and is able to facilitate resident rotations at this site. She has contributed her clinical and teaching expertise to Project Medi-Share in Haiti through GWU and can serve as a faculty contact for residents interested in this program. Dr. Breslin has a particular interest in addressing issues affecting delivery of care. She aims to improve access and timeliness of care provision in resource limited acute care pediatric settings. Specifically, she has trained medical providers both here and abroad using the WHO Emergency Triage Assessment and Treatment (ETAT) curriculum.

### **Jacqueline Firth, MD, MPH** *Global Health Policy*

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Jacqueline Firth, MD, MPH, is the Branch Director of the Pediatric and Maternal Clinical HIV Branch at USAID. Dr. Firth received her Medical degree and Masters of Public Health from Tulane University. Following over two years as an adult and pediatric tuberculosis specialist in Botswana through a partnership with the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Firth joined USAID as a Senior Continuum of Clinical Services Advisor to the Global Health Fellows Program II (GHFP-II). Following this advisory role, Dr. Firth served as a Medical Officer in the USAID office of HIV/AIDS before starting her current position in the spring of 2021.



### **Jennifer Chapman MD, MPH** *Diarrhea and Dehydration*

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Dr. Chapman is a Pediatric Emergency Medicine Attending and Director of the Pediatric Emergency Medicine Fellowship at CNH. She coordinates the gPEM (Global Pediatric Emergency Medicine) Program at Children's National, and has volunteered her clinical and teaching expertise at sites in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, New Delhi, India and most recently in Milot, Haiti. She has worked on projects for the World Bank and the Mamta Health Institute for Mother and Child in New Delhi. She is specifically interested in developing educational exchanges with academic centers in other countries. She completed the Master Teacher Leadership Development Program at Children's National.



### **Steve Wall, MD, MSW, MPH** *Newborn Survival*

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Dr. Steve Wall is a pediatrician and neonatologist. For over ten years, he has been the Senior Advisor for Technical Support with Save the Children's Saving Newborn Lives program, a global newborn health initiative funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. In this role, Dr. Wall has overseen global and country-based efforts to improve newborn survival through research and innovation, program implementation, and technical assistance and advocacy for policy change, consulting on projects in numerous countries. He also served as an advisor for the landmark Helping Babies Breathe initiative rolled out in 2010. Prior to joining Save the Children, Dr. Wall pursued a career as a neonatologist and researcher at Northwestern University Medical School, and the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine.



### **Nathalie Quion, MD, MPH, FAAP** *Tuberculosis in Children*

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Dr. Quion is currently the Medical Director of Children's Health Center at Adams Morgan and Shaw. She is a faculty member in the Division of General and Community Pediatrics. She provides Technical support and advocacy to the Community Based Children's Tuberculosis Program in the Philippines and provides technical advice and support to the Philippine Ambulatory Pediatrics Association. She is able to arrange for resident rotations at the teaching hospital of the University of Philippines- Philippine General Hospital in Manila. Dr. Quion is also a co-Chair of the DC AAP Immigrant Child Health Committee. She completed her medical degree at the University of the Philippines, finished her pediatric residency training at University of Texas and completed her Master's in Public Health at the University of Massachusetts. In 2019, Dr. Quion won a pilot award from CN's Global Health Initiative to perform a Latino Youth Needs Assessment in the DMV immigrant population.

## Wednesday Lecturers



### **Kathy Ferrer, MD, MPH** *Global HIV, Ethics*

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Dr. Ferrer is an attending physician in the Pediatric Hospitalist Division and the Special Immunology Section of the Infectious Disease Department at CNH. Currently, she is the Education lead for the Children's National Global Health Initiative and serves on the Global Health Steering Community for the APPD (Association of Pediatric Program Directors). She is a clinician for the Children's National Special Immunology clinic caring for children with perinatally- and horizontally-acquired HIV and the co-director for the Ryan White HIV Services Quality Management Committee. She is a Global Health Faculty Mentor for CNHS residents and co-director of the Global Child Health Curriculum at CNH. Previously, she served as the Medical Director of the Baylor College of Medicine Bristol-Myers Squibb Children's Clinical Centre of Excellence in Maseru, Lesotho from 2005-2009 where she assisted with scale-up of pediatric HIV care and treatment for the country. She has lectured frequently on pediatric HIV, malnutrition, tuberculosis and global health topics in sub-Saharan Africa, Romania, Kyrgyzstan, China and the United States. She also served as a locum tenens physician for the Indian Health Service in Chinle, Arizona. She completed her internal medicine and pediatrics residency at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas in 2003.



### **Barbara Jantusch, Malaria e-Learning**

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Dr. Barbara Jantusch is a Professor in the Division of Infectious Diseases at Children's National Hospital and the Department of Pediatrics of The George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences. As an Attending Physician on the Infectious Disease Inpatient Consultation Service and in the Infectious Disease Clinic, she has cared for many returning travelers with tropical diseases.

Dr. Jantusch was the Director of the Fellowship Training Program in Infectious Diseases at Children's National for eleven years and is a member of the Children's Academy of Pediatric Educators (CAPE). She has designed E-learning modules in tropical medicine topics. Dr. Jantusch is interested in Global Health and has chaired numerous symposia at national meetings, including The Returned Pediatric Traveler and Emerging and Challenging Infections in Infants. She is a member of the newly formed US Chagas Disease Network.



### **Xiaoyan Song, PhD, MBBS, MSc** *Infectious Diseases*

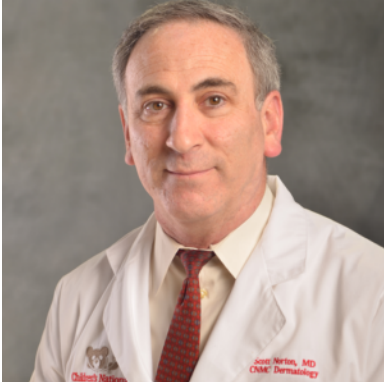
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Xiaoyan Song, Ph.D., MBBS, M.Sc., is the director of the Infection Control/Epidemiology at Children's National Hospital and an Investigator in the Children's National Research Institute. The epidemiologist infection control program is involved in surveillance, prevention, and control of infection. Dr. Song is also an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences.

Dr. Song received her Ph.D. in Epidemiology from the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health and her medical training from Wuhan Medical University in China. In 2007, she joined Children's National Hospital to lead the Infection Control program. Under her leadership, the Children's National received the inaugural award by the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services (HHS) for eliminating central line associated bloodstream infections in 2011. In 2014, the hospital was designated by HHS as one of the five pediatric Ebola treatment centers nationwide. In 2016, Dr. Song was selected to serve as a member of the District of Columbia Healthcare Associated Infection (HAI) Prevention Advisory Committee. In 2018, she was appointed as the Chair of the External Affairs Committee with the Society of Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA).

## Thursday Lecturers



### **Scott Norton, MD** *Global Dermatology*

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Scott A. Norton, MD, MPH, MSc, is the Chief of Dermatology at Children's National Health System and is on the faculty at George Washington University, Georgetown University, and Howard University. He maintains clinical privileges at the National Institutes of Health and Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and serves as a frequent consultant in Dermatology and in Tropical Medicine to the State Department, the Peace Corps, and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). In addition to Pediatric Dermatology, Dr. Norton's interests are in Tropical Medicine, Infectious Diseases, and Global Health. He has additional certification in Tropical Medicine and Traveler's Health from the American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene.



### **David Diemert MD** *Non-Malaria Parasitology*

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Dr. David Diemert is a Professor in the Departments of Medicine and Microbiology, Immunology, and Tropical Medicine at George Washington University. His research is focused on conducting clinical trials to develop new vaccines for neglected tropical diseases and viral infections in the United States, Brazil, and Africa. He has served as the Principal Investigator on multiple clinical trials of hookworm, schistosomiasis, malaria, flavivirus and HIV vaccines. More recently, he has developed a controlled infection model at GW to test the efficacy of investigational human hookworm vaccines.



### **Stacey Stokes, MD, MPH** *Ethics, Professorial Rounds*

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### **Damilola Akani, MD, MPH** *Ethics*

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## Thursday Lecturers *continued*



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## Friday Lecturers



### **Lindy Fenlason, MD, MPH** *Global Health Nutrition*

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Dr. Lindy Fenlason is a Senior Nutrition and Capacity Building Advisor at USAID/ Public Health Institute. She has over twelve years of clinical and public health experience including seven years spent in resource challenged settings in sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean. Dr. Fenlason's work has been focused on best practices in clinical care and programming in HIV, maternal child health and the malnutrition spectrum: from traditional under-nutrition of wasting and stunting to the inadequate nutrition of obesity and the rise in noncommunicable diseases (NCDs).



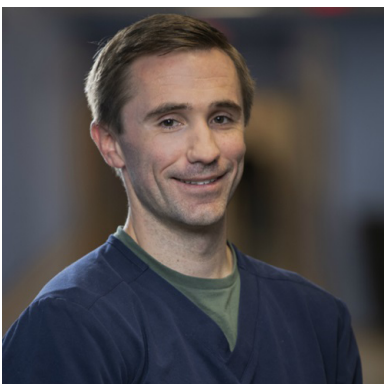
### **Tania Ahluwalia, MD, FAAP** *SUGAR Modules*

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Dr. Tania Ahluwalia is a Pediatric Emergency Medicine attending and an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics and Emergency Medicine at Children's National Hospital in Washington, DC. She trained in Pediatrics at University of Illinois and completed her Pediatric Emergency Medicine fellowship at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City. Before her career in medicine, Tania received her Bachelor of Sciences in Nursing at McMaster University and worked as a Public Health Nurse in schools in Ontario, Canada.

As a Pediatric resident in Illinois, Tania received the Shot@Life Global Vaccination Grant through the American Academy of Pediatrics, where she educated community members about the UN Foundation's Shot@Life Campaign, which aims to provide four life-saving vaccines: measles, polio, pneumococcus & rotavirus. In her residency she collaborated with healthcare providers to serve over 2000 Haitians with the Friends of the Children of Haiti Clinic in Cyvadier, Haiti. During her Pediatric Emergency Medicine fellowship, she traveled to Switzerland, Laos, Switzerland and India. In 2017-18, Dr. Ahluwalia served as George Washington University Visiting Faculty in India and revamped the curriculum for Pediatric Emergency Medicine. She continues to work with programs throughout India with the aim of increasing knowledge of management for pediatric emergencies as well as improving comfort with children and their families. Her research interests include: medical education through simulation, injury prevention and pediatric trauma.



### **Brian Lee, MD** *SUGAR Modules*

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Brian Lee, MD, is a pediatric emergency medicine fellow at Children's National Hospital. Dr. Lee received his medical degree from Brown University. Dr. Lee came to Children's National in 2019 to begin a fellowship in pediatric emergency medicine following his residency at Hasbro Children's Hospital in Providence, Rhode Island and two years working as a pediatric hospitalist.

## Friday Lecturers *continued*



### **Jennifer Tran, PA-C, MPH SUGAR Modules**

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Jennifer Tran, PA-C, moved from her home state of Michigan to Washington, D.C., where she pursued a dual masters as a PA and a Master of Public Health at the George Washington University. She has since stayed in the District to work in the Children's National Emergency Department, and is a lead facilitator for wound care training workshops for emergency department doctors and PA/NPs in training.

Jennifer is also actively involved in a number of pediatric health advocacy and health prevention projects, focusing the majority of her work in the most underserved communities of the District. She has a passion for world travel, which has also supported her efforts in aiding in medical missions in third world countries. In Jennifer's free time, she enjoys reading, scuba diving, snowboarding, hiking and photography.

### **Jennifer Falcon, MD SUGAR Modules**

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