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Dominic Montagu, PHD

Lead, Private Sector Healthcare Initiative, Global Health Group, University of California at San Francisco

Dominic Montagu is an Associate Professor of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at UCSF and Lead of the Private Sector Healthcare Initiative at the UCSF Global Health Group. His work is focused on the private delivery of health services in developing countries and on market function for health services and health commodities. Dr. Montagu holds an undergraduate degree in architecture from MIT, as well as masters degrees in business administration and public health and a doctorate in public health from the University of California, Berkeley. He has worked extensively in Africa and Asia, including five years in Vietnam where he was the country director for the American Friends Service Committee and country advisor for the Population Council. Dr. Montagu has served as the secretariat for the World Health Organization's project on the Non-State Sector, and has been a co-investigator on HIV/AIDS impact and service assessments in Botswana and Rwanda.



Eduardo P. Banzon MD, Philippines

Senior Health Specialist, Asian Development Bank

Dr. Eduardo P. Banzon is a Senior Health Specialist in the Asian Development Bank. He was also a Clinical Associate

School of Business; and adjunct faculty in the Asian Institute of Management and Ateneo School of Government.



Annie Isabel Fukushima, PhD

Dr. Fukushima's research and community commitments are to praxis - the practice of theory - in particular, regarding issues of rights, violence, and social change. Prior to joining the faculty of University of Utah, she received her Ph.D. from University of California, Berkeley, in Ethnic Studies with a Designated Emphasis in Women, Gender & Sexuality Studies (2012), and was an Andrew W. Mellon Postdoctoral Fellow at Rutgers University (2015 – 2016). Dr. Fukushima's commitments to diversity and working across difference are nationally recognized; the National Center for Institutional Diversity (NCID) recognized her as an Exemplary Diversity Scholar (2015). Her scholarly writing on comfort women, human trafficking, immigration, and intimacy and race, has appeared in multiple edited encyclopedias and handbooks. She currently serves as the conference co-chair for the national network of experts working on human trafficking, Freedom Network USA.



Keri L. Gibson, MD

Keri Gibson, MD is a board-certified Obstetrician/Gynecologist in the Salt Lake City community. She works for the University of Utah at the Redwood Health Center.

Dr. Gibson graduated with a bachelor's degree in French Literature and International Relations (with a focus on international development) from the University of Pennsylvania. She worked as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Mali, West Africa from 1996-1998 where she became interested in maternal and infant mortality.

Dr. Gibson graduated from the University of Virginia School of Medicine where she received an Arnold P. Gold award for Humanism in Medicine, and completed her residency training in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Utah.

While she does practice in the community as a generalist, Dr. Gibson's personal interests are in maternal mortality, family planning, and female genital mutilation/cutting. Dr. Gibson has worked overseas providing patient care in Thailand, Tibet and Mali. She has presented a Grand Rounds at the University of

outcomes in the refugee community. She speaks French and Bambara.

Melissa Moeinvaziri, MSc

As the daughter of Iranian and Portuguese immigrants, Mel has grown up entrenched in the immigrant and refugee community of Salt Lake City. She received her Masters of Science in Refugee and Forced Migration Studies from the University of Oxford. While at Oxford she worked as the manager of the Post-Deportation Monitoring Network and wrote her thesis on the post-deportation monitoring of rejected asylum seekers. Mel is current in her second year of law school at the S.J. Quinney College of Law. Since beginning law school she has worked for six months in the Salt Lake Immigration Court, is the director of the Harland Pro Bono clinic which teaches citizenship materials to refugees, and is currently clerking for Magistrate Judge Pead. This summer will begin working at a firm specializing in asylum cases. Mel has worked with the refugee and immigration community in Salt Lake City on and off for 10 years, including serving on the state's refugee mental health sub-committee and working as in intake coordinator for the employment department at the Refugee and Immigration Center at the Asian Association of Utah. Once she becomes a licensed attorney, Mel plans to practice asylum and deportation defense law in Salt Lake City, Utah.



Debra S. Penney, PhD, CNM, MS, MPH

Debra Penney is a certified Nurse-midwife with over a decade of grass roots clinical experience in the Middle East where she worked alongside and trained primary health care workers, nurses and midwives, upgraded health centers and evaluated maternal-child programs. A master's in public health with a specialty in international health has informed her international work. Recent research includes perceptions of Somali and Iraqi populations as they integrate to Salt Lake City after refugee experiences. The health care encounter has been a focus for discovering the limitations of cultural competency and various challenges that recent immigrants face in getting health needs met.

She is fluent in Arabic and has working Spanish language



Mara Rabin, MD

Dr. Rabin attended Georgetown Medical School in Washington, DC and completed a Family Medicine Residency at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center/Rose Hospital in Denver, Colorado. Following residency, she practiced rural medicine in Limon, Colorado and provided volunteer medical care in Southern India. She worked at the Salt Lake Family Health Center for 14 years. Dr. Rabin's interests include a holistic approach to health, preventive health, management of depression and anxiety, and the full range of family medicine health issues. She has a special interest in Mind/Body Medicine and is in the process of certification in leading mind-body skills groups through the Center for Mind Body Medicine. She is also a USCIS civil surgeon and welcomes immigrants and refugees for immigration physicals, green cards, and on-going primary care



Amelia Self

State Refugee Health Coordinator

Through work with Hispanic refugees and asylees in Toronto, Canada, refugee resettlement work in Utah, and HIV/sexual health work in Africa, Amelia Self has sought to contribute to the well-being of various under-served and vulnerable populations for the past 15 years. Currently Ms. Self is the Health Program Coordinator for the Utah Refugee Health Program at the Utah Department of Health (UDOH). In her position, Ms. Self monitors and coordinates the long-term health services for refugees living in Utah. Prior to joining the UDOH, Ms. Self worked at the International Rescue Committee (IRC) for 8 years where she developed, implemented and managed various health programming for newly arrived refugees.

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