



School of Public Health

Welcome to the Department of International Health

801 Massachusetts Avenue, Crosstown Building, 3rd Floor



Mission Statement

The Department of International Health seeks to improve the health and well-being of underserved populations in low and middle-income countries through the education and training of our students, as well as through research, technical assistance, and service.



Your Multidisciplinary Faculty

- Anthropologists
- Demographers
- Economists
- Epidemiologists
- Lawyers
- Nurses
- Physicians
- Policy Analysts
- Social Epidemiologists
- Sociologists
- Writing Specialist
- Pharmacist

★ Students will and should use different faculty at different times to meet different needs of their education.



Center for Global Health & Development (CGHD)



- Conduct policy and program relevant research that improves health status of populations
- Serve as advisors to governments, agencies, and organizations
- Strengthen national capacity to conduct, analyze and communicate applied research
- Bring the results of field research and advising into DIH classrooms and activities
- Creates practicum opportunities



What Else Do Your Faculty Do?

- HIV/AIDS Patients and Their Treatment
 - What Does it Cost/Outcome in Various Settings?
 - What Inhibits/Facilitates Follow Up and Compliance?
 - How can PMTCT Programs Be Improved?
 - How can mHealth Technologies Improve Outcomes?
- Do Small Cash Transfers Benefit the Very Poor?
- Will a Topical Antiseptic Reduce Infant Mortality with Home Births in Africa?
- Can Corruption in Health Care be Controlled/Mitigated?
- Evaluate the President's Malaria Initiative



Key People to Know





Jon Simon, D.Sc., MPH

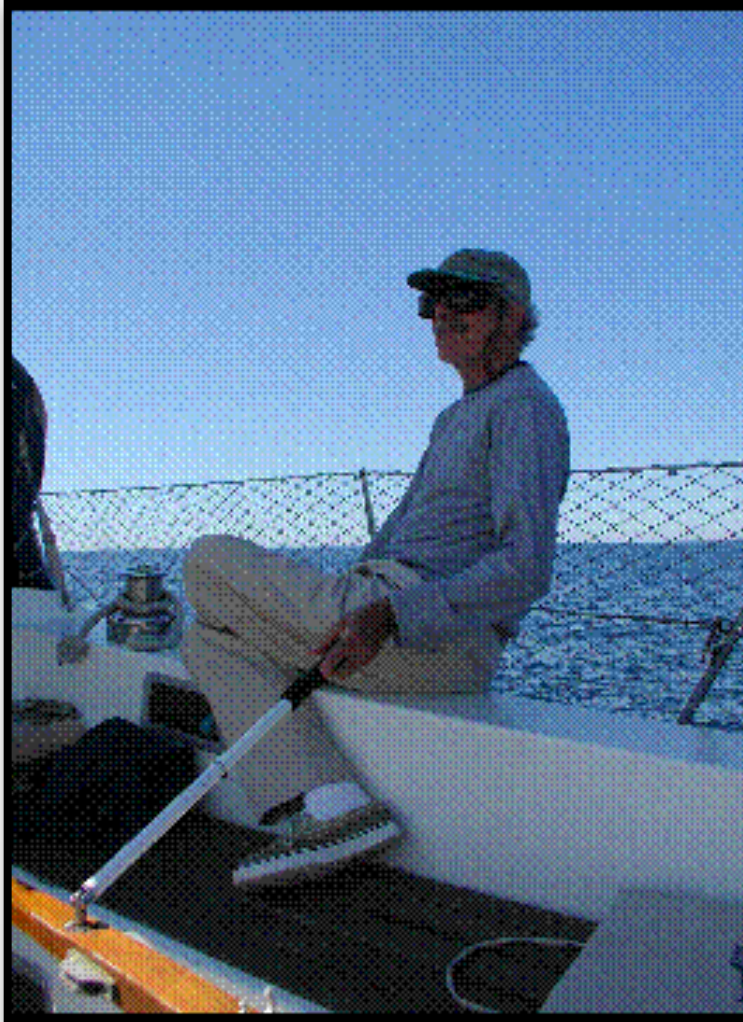
Department Chair

Director, CGHD



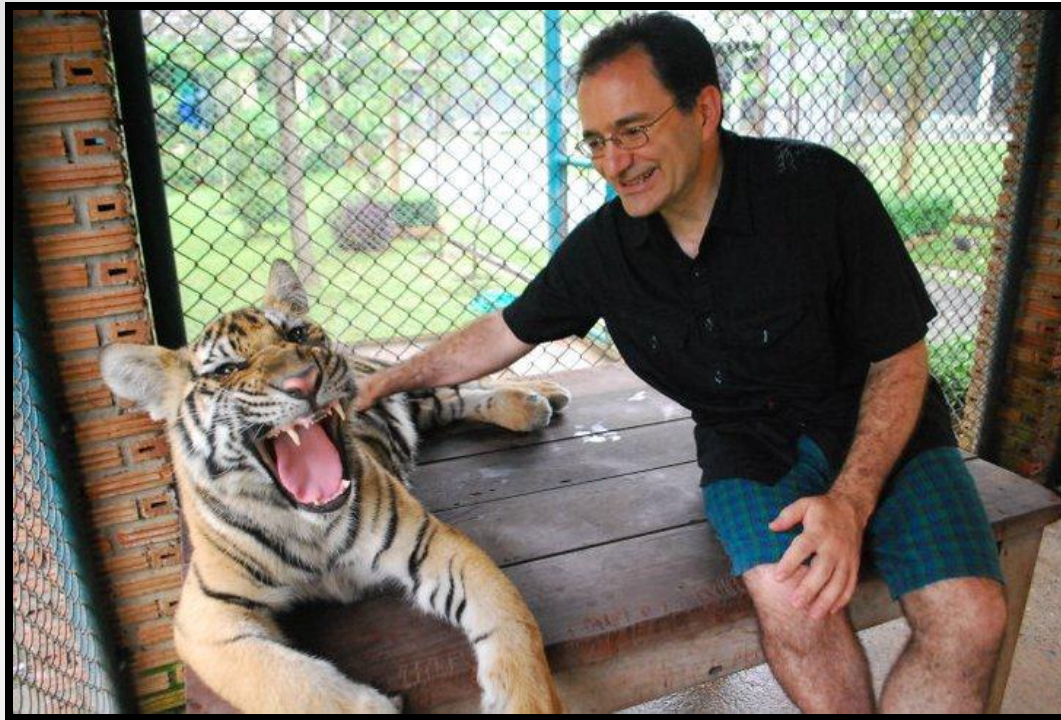
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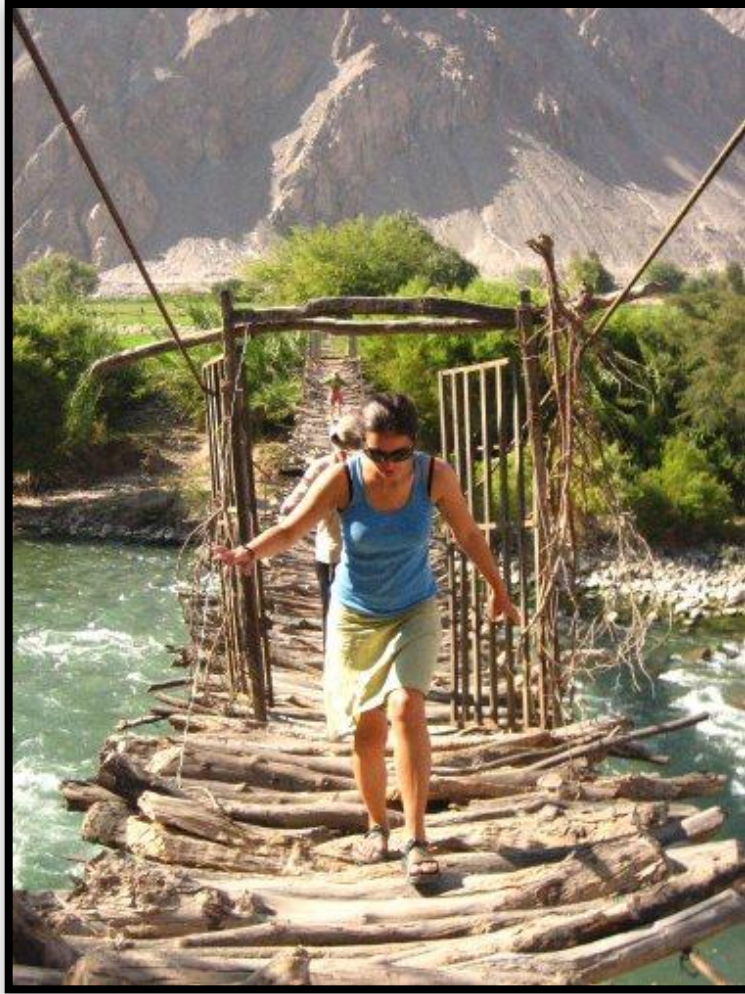
Rich Feeley
*Associate Chair,
Academics*





Joe Anzalone
*Senior Manager,
Academic Programs*





Emily Jump
Academic Coordinator





Emily Morin
Program Assistant





Bram Brooks

*CGHD Senior Program
Manager and Advisor*

DIH MPH Graduate and DrPH Candidate
Advice on Program and Course Selection







Practicum & Special Programs



IH MPH Practicum

- Over 60% go overseas
- 112 hours requirement
- Complete 12 credits prior to beginning
- Attend 2 Practice Office “How to...” Workshops



Resources to Find your Practicum

- ✓ Attend Practicum Finale Poster Session!
August 29 (today) 4 – 5:50pm; Hiebert Lounge
December 5, 10am – noon; Hiebert Lounge
- ✓ Practice Office website & List-serv
- ✓ IH Blast: www.bu.edu/ihblast/
- ✓ Joe Anzalone: IH Practicum Representative
- ✓ Jim Wolff: IH Faculty Practicum Representative
- ✓ Your Faculty Advisor
- ✓ Trip Reports & fellow students





Peace Corps/ MPH Master's International Program

Earn up to 5 credits while in PC

BUSPH MI's in:

*Guyana, Mozambique (2),
Vanuatu,*



Meets Practicum Requirement



Contact: Joe Anzalone (josanz@bu.edu)



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IH707 Kenya: Field Practicum in Public Health & Environment

Community-based research opportunity with the Maasai community



- Late May to early July
- 5-weeks, 6-credits
- 25 students from BU & 5 from Kenyan Universities
- Info Session in Dec and Jan
- w/School for Field Studies

★ Meets Practicum Requirement



Philippines Exchange Program

Offered in Fall (apply by April 15) & Spring (apply by Oct 15)

Courses at UPM/College of Public Health 8 cr.

Study Community 2 cr.
Tour: Health Financing

Field Individual (Fall) or 6 cr.
Project: group (Spring)



★ Meets Practicum Requirement

Info Sessions:
In October...stay tuned!





Santander Universities Scholars Program

Funds to grow our International Field Practice Programs:

- Latin America Scholarship (Ten @ \$2,500)
- Need-Based Scholarship (Ten @ \$4,000)
- Kenya Field Practice Program (Twenty-five @ \$3,000)

Applications are due November 15th

★ **Apply Online**

<http://www.bu.edu/ihblast/ih-practicum/santander-app/>



Pharmaceuticals Program

... to provide students with the knowledge and expertise to address pharmaceutical issues from a public health perspective.

★ Application Process

www.sph.bu.edu/pharmaceuticals

All students who have been accepted to BUSPH for the MPH program are eligible to apply.



Requirements

Complete all MPH degree requirements, concentration requirements, and the Pharmaceutical Program requirements.

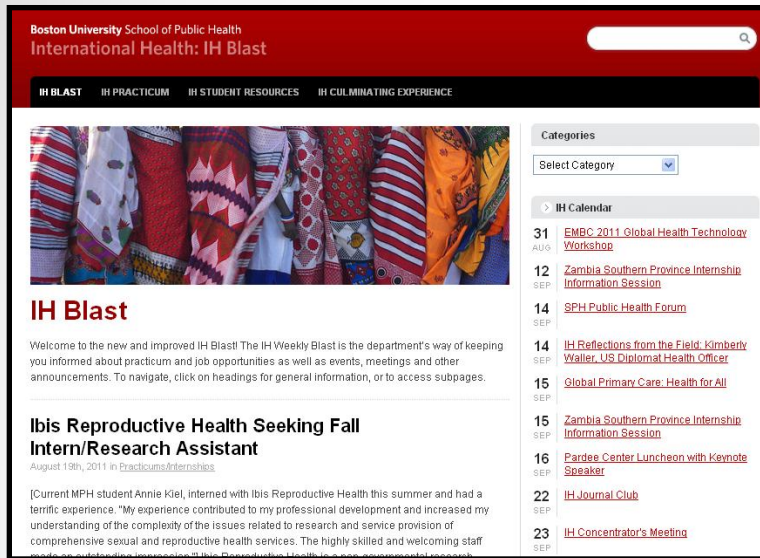
Director: Dr. Chris Gill, Associate Professor (DIH)



Advising & Communication



Communication



★ Stay Connected through the IH Blast!

★ If you're not receiving weekly updates, contact: Emily Morin
emorin@bu.edu

★ Make the “Student Insider” your home page:
sph.bu.edu/studentinsider/

★ Forward BU e-mail to your active account
(bu.edu/tech/comm/email/email-forwarding/)

IH Social Media



Follow us at: BUSPH_IH



On LinkedIn: Search BUSPH IH in groups



Facebook: BUSPH – IH



IH Meetings & Events

Emphasis Area Meet and Greet:

Infectious and Non-Communicable Diseases

September 18th, 5-6 in CT305

Emphasis Area Meet and Greet:

Monitoring & Evaluation and Research Methods

October 3rd, 12-1 in CT305

IH Concentrator's Meeting:

Practicum Share Fair

September 24th, 4:30-6:30 in CT305

Emphasis Area Meet and Greet:

Sex, Sexuality, Gender, and Health

September 26th, 5-6 in CT305

Emphasis Area Meet and Greet: Managing
Disasters & Complex Humanitarian Emergencies

October 2nd, 5-6 in CT305

Emphasis Area Meet and Greet:

Health Program Management

October 4th, 12-1pm in CT305

IH Concentrator's Meeting:

Spring Course Preview Fair

October 24th, 11:30-1 in CT460/A



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Check the IH Blast & Student Insider for more events!



How to Know If You're Doing the Right Thing?

- **Check the Concentrators' Guide**

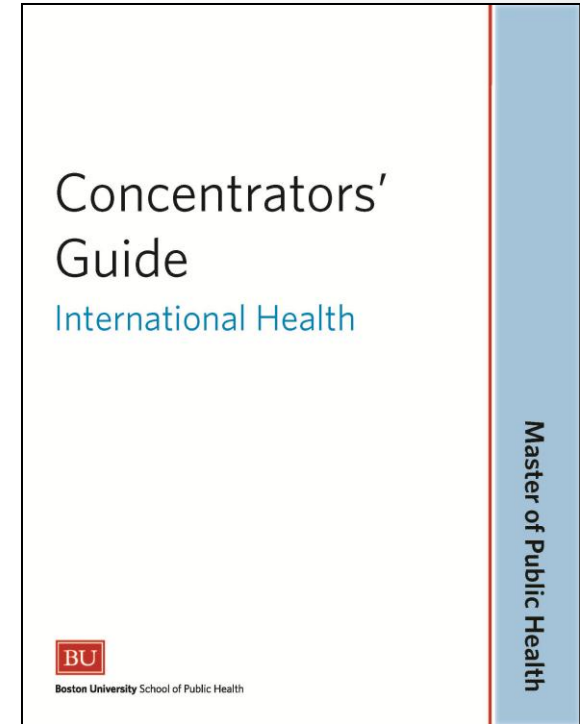
- Use self audit sheet on back pages

- **Career and Academic Planning**

- Your Faculty Advisor
- Emphasis Area & Other Events
- Career Office & P.R.E.P. Program

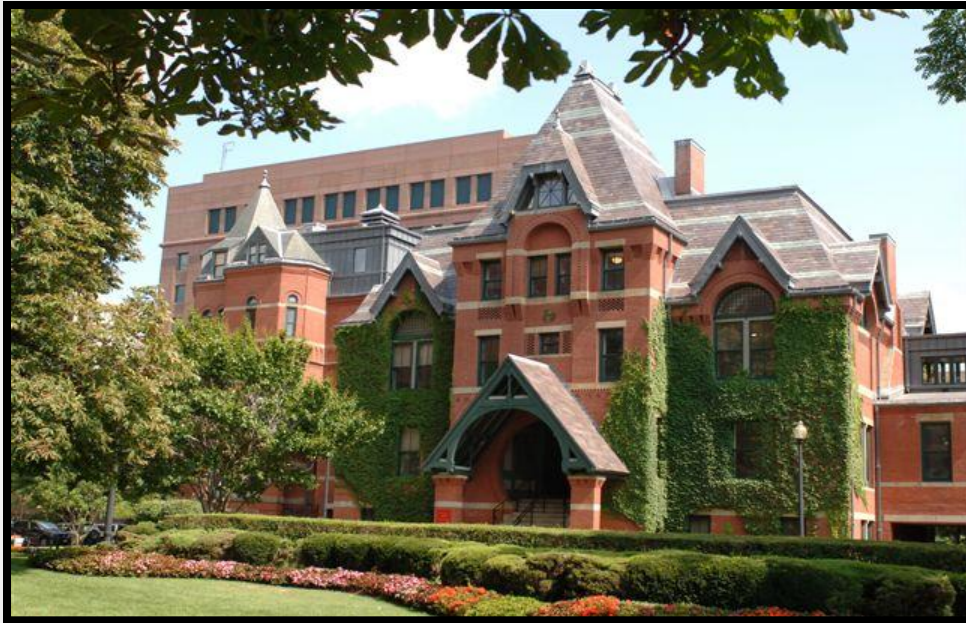
- **Degree Requirements**

- Emily Jump: routine academic information
- Joe Anzalone: academic/practicum advising
- Rich Feeley: complex issues/career advice



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Internal Resources



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Talbot Building



IH Department
Crosstown Building, 3rd Floor
801 Mass Ave



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SPH Resources - Talbot

- Registrar's Office *(T-2 Center)*
- Student Services *(T-2 Center/East)*
- Admissions Office *(T-2 Center)*
- Practice Office *(T-2 East)*
- Career Services Office *(T-1 East)*

IH Resources - Crosstown

- Study carrels for IH MPH and DrPH students
- Conference rooms for small group meetings – reserve rooms with IH reception
- Kitchen – Coffee, tea, water, microwaves
- Please be respectful of the space and the resources available



Take Your Professor to Lunch

(The Chair Will Pay!)

An opportunity to network with IH Professors outside of class

How? Contact an IH professor along with **at least 2 other students** and set-up a lunch date.

- ★ Each IH concentrator can participate in one lunch per semester.
- ★ There is no limit to how many times a professor can be taken to lunch!



Writing Assistance & Core Course Tutoring

- **Writing Assistance**

- All writing assignments, except CE's and masters theses
- By appointment or attend drop-in sessions

- **Core Course Tutoring**

- Available to MPH students who are at risk for not achieving a B-
- Must be referred by course instructor.

★ **Location:** Talbot 220 East

Contact: Alexandra May, sphtutor@bu.edu



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External Resources

Boston and beyond...



Language Resources

Language Link (bu.edu/erc/link/): small, informal, conversation groups led by native and accomplished speakers - 13 languages.

BU Howard Thurman Center Rosetta Stone Program
<http://www.bu.edu/thurman/programs/rosetta-stone/>

BU African Studies Center (bu.edu/africa/alp/): offers courses in several African languages

French Cultural Center (<http://www.frenchlib.org/>)

Boston is a global city: you will find many more opportunities to learn a language with a little effort!



Boston-Area University Resources

- Take courses at New England Consortium Schools:
 - Tufts University
 - Boston College
 - Hebrew College
 - Brandeis University

(Must be graduate level courses and must be pre-approved.)

sph.bu.edu/preapproved

- Libraries: Countway Medical Library at Harvard
<https://www.countway.harvard.edu> (All BU Medical Campus students have access.)
- Boston Library Consortium: Access to a large number of Boston area libraries (ask a BU Librarian about this)



Professional Organization Memberships

American Public Health Association

apha.org

Massachusetts Public Health Association

mphaweb.org



Student memberships available, including a discounted membership to both Associations



Activism is Public Health

- **Join BUSPH Student Activities:**

- ROTARACT –a Rotary-affiliated *friendship and service* group
- The Movement: Student Global Health Journal
- Health and Human Rights Caucus
- Public Health Alliance for Minorities (PHAM)
- BUSPH Chapter of Physicians for Human Rights

*****For more info, contact Brendan Hoey in Student Services*****



- **Check in with the Chair**
- **Monthly Meetings with the Dean**
- **BUSPH Student Senate**



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Student Responsibilities

- ✓ Know SPH's policies on academic honesty and personal behavior from the SPH Handbook
- ✓ Manage your relationship with your Academic Advisor wisely
- ✓ We all are responsible for creating and maintaining a civil and respectful environment for learning
- ✓ A word on cell phones, texting and facebooking
- ✓ Make the most out of your time as a MPH student –

Grab it for all it's worth both inside and outside the classrooms!



Summary Points

- ✓ Read the IH Concentrator's Guide
- ✓ Connect!
 - Attend events, talk to staff, meet your advisor, ask questions of faculty, and join student groups.
 - Stay up on BUSPH & IH Department communications
- ✓ Stay in status:
 - Maintain registration every fall and spring semester **or** file a Leave of Absence with the Registrar
 - Update emergency contact information every semester
 - International Students – stay in contact with ISSO
(Be sure to check in with ISSO for upcoming Meetings)
- ***Have Fun (and work hard) Being a Graduate Student!***

