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"Global Mental Health: Targeting Mental Illnesses Effectively In Low-Income Countries and Post-Conflict Settings"

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The world burden from mental illnesses makes compelling the case for a global mental health movement as an international priority. However, global mental health programs face unique challenges that global health programs for physical diseases have seldom faced. Country by country, far fewer resources, stigma against mental illnesses, and reliance on subjective reports of symptoms exists universally in every society. Funding for global mental health programs is only a small fraction of that available for global health programs for physical diseases. To illustrate, this presentation examines a successful mental health program in Kosovo, Europe's poorest and psychiatrically least resourced country.

About the Speaker: Dr. Griffith provides psychiatric treatment for immigrants, refugees, and survivors of political torture in Northern Virginia Family Services in Falls Church, VA. Dr. Griffith has published extensively on family-centered psychiatry, family violence, immigration, and global mental health.
treatment of psychosomatic disorders and chronic medical illnesses, including the books, The Body Speaks: Therapeutic Dialogues for Mind-Body Problems; Encountering the Sacred in Psychotherapy, articulated methods for engaging the spiritual and religious resources that people bring to clinical settings, and Religion that Heals, Religion that Harms, and received the 2011 Creative Scholarship Award from the Society for the Study of Psychiatry and Culture. He has received numerous awards including the Human Rights Community Award from the United Nations Association of the National Capital Area and the Margaret B. and Cyril A. Schulman Distinguished Service Award from the George Washington University Medical Center, the Distinguished Teacher Award from the George Washington University School of Medicine and Health Sciences. He has been selected by the Washington Psychiatric Society as its 2003 Psychiatrist of the Year and for its 2014 Distinguished Service Award. Most recently, he was selected by Washingtonian Magazine as a 2014 “Top Doctor in Washington.”