The Division of Global Health in the Department of Family and Preventive Medicine invites you to a special talk:

“STUDY ABROAD IN ECUADOR: GLOBAL HEALTH - LOCAL REALITY AND EXPERIENTIAL SERVICE LEARNING”
Thursday, May 22, 2014
12:00-1:00 PM
MTF175

Speakers: José Suárez-Torres MD, MPH, PhD & Dolores López-Paredes, MS (Fundación Cimas del Ecuador)

Join us to learn about the efforts of the Fundación Cimas del Ecuador (CIMAS) to establish community-based participatory research. CIMAS’ study programs are based on interdisciplinary team teaching and intercultural perspectives, and link academia to local reality in the search for alternative developments for marginal communities in rural areas of Ecuador. CIMAS programs are focused on a review of development models and their contradictions and impacts on the socio-cultural, economic, educational, public health, and environmental realities at the global and local levels. Students participate at community levels through experiential service learning, internships, research activities, volunteer service, and home stays in different regions of Ecuador.

About the speakers:

Dr. José Suárez-Torres: Physician and epidemiologist with expertise in interdisciplinary epidemiological research and teaching at Ecuadorian and U.S. Universities. Dr. Suárez-Torres is experienced in leading collaborative efforts to integrate research with local communities. He served as a consultant to the Ecuadorian Ministry of Public Health, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the International Labor Organization (ILO), and the European Union. He directed nationwide research projects on environmental health, social epidemiology and health services. He is the Executive Director of Fundación Cimas del Ecuador, and the Academic Co-Director of the graduate program in International Development at the University of Minnesota.

Dolores López-Paredes, MS, PhD Candidate: Science and Cultural Studies researcher, has developed undergraduate and graduate interdisciplinary academic programs in Ecuadorian and U.S. Universities. Mrs. López-Paredes conducted cultural research about perceptions and practices in health, and recognized interculturality as an element that crosses social, economical, political, ethical and epistemological processes. She served as a researcher in projects funded by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Universidad Católica, and worked with multiple minority groups in Ecuador and the United States. Mrs. López-Paredes is the President of Fundación Cimas del Ecuador, Academic Co-Director of the graduate program in International Development for the University of Minnesota, and Academic Director for the “Ecuador and the Combined Universities in Washington State” (EQWA) Program.

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