

Defining the Neglected Tropical Diseases: Research, Development, and Global Health Equity,  
1970-present

UCIS – Global Studies Center  
Prof. Mari K. Webel, History, Convener

Unless otherwise noted, all workshop events will meet in Posvar Hall 4130.

**Monday, April 1**

9:00-11:00am

Panel I – Histories and Presents of NTD Interventions

*Thoughts from the History of TDR, Measles, and Hepatitis B*

Noémi Tousignant

Wellcome University Award Holder and Lecturer, Department of Science  
and Technology Studies, University College London

*Historical Perspectives on Hookworm as a Neglected Tropical Disease*

James L.A. Webb, Jr.

Colby College/University of Botswana

*Parasites, Priorities, and the Advent of the NTDs*

Mari Webel

University of Pittsburgh

Discussion – Michael Dietrich, History and Philosophy of Science,  
University of Pittsburgh

11-11:30am

Break

11:30am-1:00pm

Panel II – Valuing Lives, Measuring Neglect: Economies of Global Health

*The Problem of Neglect in Global Health: Political Economy, Emotions and the  
Everyday*

Joao Nunes

University of York

*The Racial Valuation of Treatment*

Matiangai Sirleaf

University of Pittsburgh Law School

Discussion – Emily Wanderer, Anthropology, University of Pittsburgh

- 1:00-2:00pm Break
- 2:00-4:00pm Panel III – Interventions and Priorities: the NTDs at Work
- Exploring the Neglected Tropical Disease Governance in Indonesia*  
Viona Sari  
University of Edinburgh
- Overcoming Neglect: Biomedical Commodities for Malaria and Their Consequences*  
Kirsten Moore-Sheeley  
Cedars-Sinai/UCLA
- Neglected Tropical Diseases and Justice in Health Research Priority-Setting*  
Danielle Wenner  
Carnegie Mellon University
- Discussion – Mari Webel, History, University of Pittsburgh
- 4:00pm Roundtable Conversation: Gaps and Possibilities in Studies of the NTDs

**Tuesday, April 2**

- 9:30-10:30am Discussion: Multi-Disciplinary Perspectives on the NTDs
- 11:00am-1:00pm Plenary: Futures of Research/Collaborative Possibilities on the NTDs  
**Posvar 4217**
- 6:30pm Keynote Lecture: *Historical Epidemiology and Global Disease Challenges*  
**Public Health G23 (Public Health Auditorium)**
- Prof. James L.A. Webb, Jr.  
Emeritus Professor, Colby College and Fulbright Visiting Professor,  
University of Botswana  
Author of *The Long Struggle Against Malaria in Tropical Africa* (Cambridge, 2014) and *Humanity's Burden: a Global History of Malaria* (Cambridge, 2008).

Historical epidemiology—the study of past disease control interventions and their impacts on the dynamics of disease transmission—holds the promise of creating a more robust and more nuanced foundation for global public health decision-making by developing an empirical record from which we can draw historical lessons. It can unearth past successes and failures in order to suggest alternative or hybrid approaches to the control of epidemic or endemic disease processes. What should be done to institutionalize its practice?