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

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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

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**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
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?