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Bio

BIO

I am an infectious disease physician, medical epidemiologist, and public and global health researcher. Before going into medicine, I trained in ecology and political science. I have extensive experience implementing health related data collection and interventions across high and low resource settings, from dense urban informal settlements to remote rural areas. I have worked across academia, government, and health-related start-ups. My main academic interest is in the interplay between the environment, health, and pathogens. My work is focused on developing new and creative ways to detect, measure, and mitigate infectious disease threats.

CLINICAL FOCUS

- Infectious Disease

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Assistant Professor-Univ Med Line, Medicine - Infectious Diseases
- Member, Maternal & Child Health Research Institute (MCHRI)

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- COVID-19 Clinical Team Lead, COVID Pandemic Response, California Department of Public Health, (2020-2022)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Board Certification: Infectious Disease, American Board of Internal Medicine (2019)
- Medical Education: Perelman School of Medicine University of Pennsylvania (2008) PA
- Fellowship, Stanford University Medical Center , Infectious Diseases, Adult (2015)
- Board Certification: Internal Medicine, American Board of Internal Medicine (2012)
- Residency: Stanford University Medical Center (2011) CA
- Internship: Stanford University Medical Center (2009) CA

COMMUNITY AND INTERNATIONAL WORK

- Mitigating extreme heat in informal settlements, Indonesia
- Pandemic Detection and Response
- Impact and burden of COVID and Long COVID
- Revitalizing Informal Settlements and their Environment, Suva, Fiji; Makassar, Indonesia
- Developing Interventions to End Cycles of Poverty Caused by Taenia solium and Neurocysticercosis, Sichuan, China
- Evaluating Burden of Taenia solium, Fiji

LINKS

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Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

My research laboratory addresses questions at the intersection of infectious diseases and environmental change. We use field, laboratory, and computational approaches and our work ranges from basic epidemiologic and risk-factor studies to serologic surveys to developing new data collection tools and pathways.

Most of our work fits into one or more of these areas:

Environmental Change and Infectious Diseases — From habitat destruction to climatic change and urbanization, infectious disease pathogens are constantly reacting to environmental change. We seek to better characterize and describe those changes and explain what they mean for human health.

Novel Tools to Evaluate Health Outcomes — We are developing new tools that can be deployed in high and low resource settings to accurately evaluate human health.

Reassessing the Burden of Neglected Infectious Diseases — How we understand and measure the burden of an infectious disease incentivizes or disincentivizes efforts towards elimination, eradication, or control. A large group of infectious diseases are neglected not because they don’t cause suffering, but because traditional approaches are often bad at measuring and putting into context the resulting detrimental costs. We use novel assessment tools and methods to measure the human cost of infection and create models for global burden to incentivize action.

Characterizing, Evaluating, and Mitigating Pandemic Threats — In addition to working to better understand the burden of SARS-CoV-2, we are working to develop diagnostic and computational approaches to understand what pathogens might pose the highest pandemic risk in the future.

Teaching

COURSES

2026-27

- Epidemic Intelligence: How to Identify, Investigate and Interrupt Outbreaks of Disease: EPI 247, HUMBIO 57 (Aut)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

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