This summer we marked the sixteenth consecutive summer of The Duke Global Policy (DGP) Program in Geneva, Switzerland. Our program has grown from an initial cohort of six Duke University students in 2002, to a diverse cohort of 62 students from leading policy, public health, medicine, environmental, and business schools in 2017.

The program continues to match graduate students with summer internships at leading policy organizations, including the WHO, WTO, IOM, UNDP, and ICTSD. Through the recruitment of highly competent participants, the program developed a reputation of excellence, allowing us to expand our internship partnerships by 21% in 2017.

As in the past, these internships are complemented by experiential coursework taught by superb Duke University professors. The DGP Program extends its sincere appreciation to its current faculty, Professor Gavin Yamey – Global Health track; Professor Tana Johnson – Environment, Energy, and Economics track; and Professor Amy Hepburn – Humanitarian Action track, who continue to provide exceptionally rich educational experiences to students through their commitment to the program.

During our 2017 Intensive Course Week program, the Global Health and Humanitarian Action tracks initiated a joint case competition for participants. The students worked collaboratively to conduct a policy analysis on the global scale-up of the malaria vaccine. The teams presented their final policy analyses and proposals to a panel of judges from GAVI, MSF, and DGP Program faculty. The DGP Program will continue to refine its case competition offering to provide students a practical opportunity to apply their classroom learning.

Further innovation in our program includes new university partnerships. This year, we partnered with the London School of Economics (LSE). Five LSE MScGH students participated in the Intensive Course Week program, where their unique global perspectives enriched peer learning and classroom dialogue.

I am proud to lead a program that boasts an alumni network of over 600 participants, whom continue to work through a variety of avenues to build global cooperation and understanding. This newsletter provides a brief summary of our 2017 achievements, alumni engagement information, and general program resources.

All my best,

Frederick “Fritz” Mayer
SUMMER AT A GLANCE

Summer 2017 exemplified the exciting ways that the Geneva program is growing and expanding its reach. This year, we had a new partnership with the London School of Economics, formed new relationships with Geneva-based organizations, and worked with an exceptionally motivated cohort of students from 32 leading universities.

PROGRAM EVENTS

Events were held throughout the summer, including a formal orientation, and several networking and social events:

- Career Panel: Students learned about life after their Geneva internship.
- Informal “meet up” events, including walking tours and happy hours at the lake
- Networking with alumni and area-professionals.

In 2017, program internship placement diversity increased by 21%.

Some examples of internship placements included:

- Global Health Fellows: World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)
- Environment, Energy, & Economics Fellows: United Nations Environment Program (UNEP); United Nations Development Program (UNDP); and World Trade Organization (WTO)
- Humanitarian Action Fellows:
  - Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR); and International Labour Organization (ILO)

2017 Fellows enjoying a view of Geneva while hiking Mont Salève with program staff.

2017 FELLOW SPOTLIGHT

“Everyday is a new challenge and I’ve come to accept that life is unpredictable. Now I can say with confidence, a career in emergency operation is part of my future plans. There is so much to be done in this field."

Maithy Tranphung
Duke University
Master of Public Policy ’17
Humanitarian Action Fellow

Through the use of table top exercises and health risk management analyses, Maithy reviewed and analyzed WHO country offices’ located around the world, and provided informed guidance and strategy improvement.

WHAT FELLOWS ARE SAYING

“This program opened many doors in various organizations throughout Geneva. Not only was I able to intern in a beautiful and vibrant city for the summer, but during course week I was able to make several connections across various organizations in the city - a unique and invaluable opportunity. “

- Emilia | Duke University | Environment, Energy, and Economics Fellow
**INTENSIVE COURSE WEEK HIGHLIGHTS**

Three tracks. One Week. Unparalleled Access.

Our 2017 Fellows spent the last week of June attending lectures, visiting established international organizations and NGOs, participating in case competitions, and learning from top professionals in their field.

**Environment, Energy, and Economics**
*Instructor: Tana Johnson*

Fellows learn first-hand how international environmental, energy, and economic policies are formulated and implemented through lecturers from practitioners, site-visits to international organizations, and a case simulation.

**Global Health**
*Instructor: Gavin Yamey*

Global Health fellows are equipped to join in the fight against global health challenges through experiential learning activities with a case competition, guest lecturers, and site visits.

**Humanitarian Action**
*Instructor: Amy Hepburn*

Fellows explore how to better respond to humanitarian crises such as migration in Europe and human trafficking. Fellows visit international organizations, complete a case competition, and investigate current human rights policies.

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**FAST FACTS ABOUT THE COURSES**

**5 site visits**
Average number of site visits per course

**21 experts**
Average number of experts students meet and network with during the course week

**MSF in NYC**
During the intensive course case competition, a judge from Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF/Doctors Without Borders) was so impressed with students’ video presentation, that it was sent to MSF’s NYC office!

**NEW PARTNERSHIP: LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS (LSE)**

**WHAT FELLOWS ARE SAYING**

“I could have never learned in a classroom what I did in this program about the humanitarian field. The access to practitioners from various organizations during the course week was invaluable.”

- Toby Greenfield | University of Albany | Humanitarian Action Fellow

Judges from GAVI, MSF, LSE & Duke discuss students’ presentation during the Global Health and Humanitarian Action tracks’ case competition.
Join us for an alumni meet-up in Washington, D.C.

Do you live in the D.C. area? Stay tuned for more information on a DGP Program alumni meet-up this spring.

Join the LinkedIn Group

We are proud to boast an alumni network of over 600 engaged participants who work in a variety of sectors around the world. Attend meetups, share global policy happenings, and connect to former fellows by joining the Alumni Group: https://www.linkedin.com/groups/2352723.

Tell your Story

Give back to the program by sharing your career journey and what advice you would give to incoming program fellows by filling out this form: https://duke.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_77q5YspOwdeLrGB

ALUMNI: CONNECT WITH US!

LOOKING FORWARD

- New University Partnerships in Europe
  The DGP Program looks forward to expanding its partnerships with European universities in collaboration for an increase in Global Health Intensive Course enrollments.

- Expanding the DGP Program’s Online Reach
  In addition to an increased following, the program’s content was shared through various social media platforms and communications. Stay up-to-date and learn more about DPG fellows’ summers by following @Duke_Sanford_Goes_Global and #SanfordGoesGlobal.

Alumni Spotlight: Rachel Key

Global Health Fellow 2016
Geneva Program Internship: Health Systems and Innovation Intern — R&D Blueprint
Education: Brown University, B.S. Neuroscience; Columbia University, MPH, MPA
Current Position: Essential Medicines and Health Products Department (EMP) Consultant
Location: Geneva, Switzerland

Do you have any advice for future program participants? Break out of the "intern bubble"! You’ll have plenty of time to hang out with fellow interns, but be sure to make the effort to meet with consultants, staff and people outside your respective organizations. This really helped me adapt quickly when I returned to Geneva, as I had friends and colleagues waiting to welcome me back. Second, be sure to set up a mid-term and final review session with your supervisor. Be proactive about seeking feedback and be sure to have some kind of recommendation letter or performance evaluation in your hands or on record before you leave Geneva. If you do plan on coming back one day as either a consultant or staff, that will be the first document HR looks for when processing your application. And finally, always, always be mature. In every interaction you have, with every person you meet, maintain a level of professionalism and maturity. These organizations are smaller than they seem, and first impressions mean a lot. Showing that you are mature, responsible and ready to work goes a long way and those are the first people most advisers think of when seeking assistance on future projects.

How did your internship in Geneva contribute to your overall career goals and influence where you are today? Returning to WHO as a consultant has been a dream come true. If it weren’t for the relationships I cultivated while in Geneva, I most likely wouldn’t be here today. More specifically, being here as an intern provided an invaluable opportunity to observe the culture of the organization. This internship provided innumerable learning experiences, and I would advise future interns to absorb everything — even the seemingly trivial details, like how to book a conference room or who to contact for IT questions — because being able to help out in all types of situations makes you a contributing, valuable member of the team.

What are the must do activities while in Geneva? Geneva is an amazing city! In the summer, you’ll become well acquainted with Lac Lehman (the principal lake in Geneva) and will have many picnics, open air cinema nights and excellent outdoor concerts. Be sure to take advantage of the beautiful surroundings and visit the vineyards of Lavaux, the jazz festival in Montreux, and perhaps the hiking in Chamonix. It's impossible to run out of things to do here!