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ASTMH Committee on Global Health

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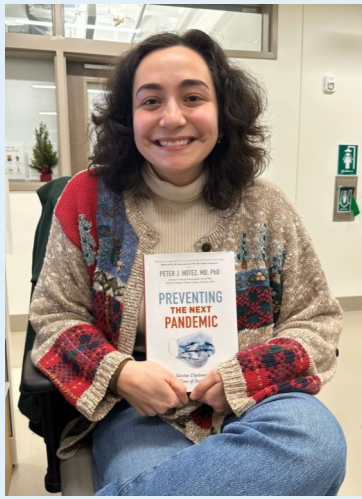


Contribute and engage on global health discussions!



Captured in the vibrant moments following the ACGH Pre-Meeting Course on 'Effectively Communicating in Global Health: The Science of Public Engagement and Lessons from the Field' during the ASTMH 2023 Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois.

From left to right: **Janelisa Musaya** (Kamuzu University of Health Sciences, Blantyre, Malawi), **James Colborn** (2023 ACGH President), **Arporn Wangwiwatsin** (Khon Kaen University, Khon Kaen, Thailand), **Maria Elena Bottazzi** (2023 ACGH Secretary/Treasurer), and **Yazoumé Yé** (2023 ACGH President-elect).



Congratulations to **Sydney Nemphos** from Tulane University School of Medicine, LA, USA, for winning the ACGH Booth book draw at the ASTMH 2023 Annual Meeting!

Our sincere gratitude goes to **Peter Hotez, MD, PhD, FASTMH**, and the National School of Tropical Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine for contributing an autographed copy of his book, 'Preventing the Next Pandemic: Vaccine Diplomacy in a Time of Anti-science,' as the prize.



Thanks to two remarkable ACGH members, **Elizabeth Collins, MD, MPH, DTM** and **Akilah Stewart, PhD**, for their active engagement in the ACGH events at the ASTMH 2023 Annual Meeting.

In particular, we express our heartfelt appreciation to **Dr. Collins**, a 2022 ACGH Councilor, for her role in organizing the ACGH booth both years.



The [Climate Fresk](#) filled up so quickly at the ASTMH Annual Meeting, and so many ACGH members (pictured above) wanted to participate in the session which educated participants about solutions to protect our environment, that ACGH hopes that more opportunities for more members to participate will be available in the future.

If you are ever interested in organizing or announcing a global health educational event, we encourage you to post that on the [ACGH My Communities page](#).

A number of our ACGH members are attending the **Multilateral Initiative on Malaria (MIM) Society's 8th Pan-African Malaria Conference**, which will be held April 21-27 in Rwanda. Find out more at <https://www.mimafrica.com>.

## World NTD Day (WNTDD) 2024: Unite. Act. Eliminate.

Did you know that over a billion people are affected by [neglected tropical diseases](#), many of which are entirely preventable, causing devastating health, social, and economic consequences?

Good news: there's a [road map](#). The global targets set for NTDs are a road map to a healthier, more equitable world. These targets address a wide array of diseases, aiming not only to treat those affected but also to break the cycle of transmission.

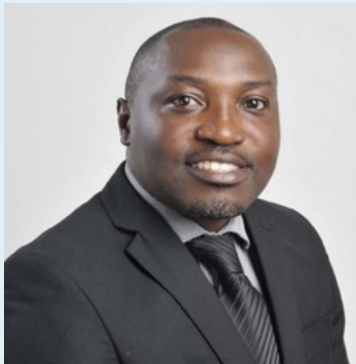
### ADVOCACY IN ACTION

**Get Involved!** To mark the special day this year, WHO is gearing up for a series of [events](#) on *World Neglected Tropical Diseases Day (WNTDD)* on **Monday, January 30, 2024**. Be part of this global movement against neglected tropical diseases. Together, let's turn awareness into action.



## ACGH Executive Committee Spotlight

**Andrea G. Buchwald, PhD** is a Research Associate at the University of Maryland School of Medicine. She completed her PhD in Epidemiology at the University of Maryland Baltimore and went on to do a Post-Doctoral Fellowship at the University of Colorado School of Public Health focusing on environmental epidemiology. Dr. Buchwald spent 2020 through 2021 working directly with local and state-level government and public health entities to evaluate and control the COVID-19 pandemic in Colorado. Dr. Buchwald's current research interests include long-term outcomes among infants exposed to infectious diseases in utero, maternal vaccination, malaria transmission, the impacts of climate change on vector-borne diseases, and improving the utility of mathematical transmission modeling. She has been a member of ASTMH since 2015 and has been involved in public health work ranging from research in HIV vaccine development, malaria epidemiology, and clinical trials of maternal vaccines.



**Alexander Kwarteng, MPhil, PhD**, is a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Biochemistry and Biotechnology at Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (KNUST), Ghana and a Senior Research Fellow at Kumasi Center for Collaborative Research in Tropical Medicine (KCCR). Dr. Kwarteng serves in numerous academic, research and professional leadership roles, both locally and internationally. He is currently the President of the Ghana Science Association, Kumasi. He is one of the Board of Directors of The Microbiome Vault, Inc., USA, as well as holds a member status with the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene (ASTMH). Dr. Kwarteng forms part of the Young Investigator Award Committee of the ASTMH.

### Research Articles by ACGH Members Katherine Wolf

Katherine Wolf, Jadmin Mostel, Lolade Oseni et al. ***Use of Supervision Data to Improve Quality of Care for Malaria in Pregnancy: Experience in Six African Countries.*** *The American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene.* 2023 Dec 26.

Malaria in pregnancy intervention coverage, especially intermittent preventive treatment in pregnancy (IPTp), lags behind other global malaria indicators. In 2020, across Africa, only 32% of eligible pregnant women received at least three IPTp doses, despite high antenatal care attendance. We conducted a secondary analysis of data collected during outreach, training, and supportive supervision visits from 2019 to 2020 to assess quality of care and explore factors contributing to providers' competence in providing IPTp, insecticide-treated nets, malaria case management, and respectful maternity care. Read more [here](#). Thanks to those who submitted articles, we are looking forward to highlighting more ACGH member articles in the future!



### Announcing the new ACGH officers!

Position	Member	Term Expires
President	Yazoumé Yé	2024
President-elect	Jennifer Downs	2024
Past-President	James Colborn	2024
Secretary/Treasurer	Muhammad Noon	2025
Councilor	Arielle Dolegui	2024
Councilor/CAP Liaison	Katherine Wolf	2024
Councilor	Andrea Buchwald	2025
Councilor	Alexander Kwarteng	2025
Councilor for Trainees	Camila Tompkins	2024

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*Sincerely,*

**American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene (ASTMH)  
Committee on Global Health (ACGH) Subcommittee on  
Communications, Advocacy & Policy (CAP)**

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