

**2019 ASTMH Update Course  
Speaker Bios**



**Elizabeth Montgomery Collins, MD, MPH, DTM (Course Co-Chair)**

Dr. Elizabeth Montgomery Collins, with 20 years experience in pediatric academia and international health, served over eight years as an Associate Professor in the Section of Retrovirology and Global Health at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. As a member of the Baylor International Pediatric AIDS Initiative (BIPAI) she provided care and treatment to adults and children with HIV in Botswana, Tanzania, and Houston, where she also attended in the International Adoption and Travel Medicine Clinics. At Saint Louis University, she led the Medicine Abroad Program, Pediatric Advocacy and Community Education program, Foreign Adoption Clinic with travel medicine services, the Haiti Initiative, and resident rotations at La Clinica Community Center for immigrants and refugees. She advanced adolescent transition care during an HIV Visiting Professorship in Haiti. She also made an impact as a physician and global health specialist volunteering or working in Malawi, Peru, Romania, Moldova, the Dominican Republic, Russia, Nepal, Lesotho and Swaziland. Dr. Collins was a National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine Jefferson Science Fellow, and served as a global policy fellow at the U.S. Department of State, where she worked as the Secretary of State's Office of Global Partnerships Senior Science Advisor. She has held numerous leadership positions with the American Academy of Pediatrics Section on International Child Health and Committee on Pediatric AIDS and co-leads the Immigrant Health Special Interest Group's Education Work Group. She was a representative of the United Nations Association-USA to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. For the Global Health Council, she is a member of the President's Advisory Council and has served as an official delegate on multiple occasions to the WHO World Health Assembly and the WHO Executive Board meetings. She is an Associate Editor of the *Journal of Tropical Pediatrics*. She holds a Master of Public Health degree, With Distinction, and a Diploma in Tropical Medicine. Dr. Collins wishes to extend her work in international maternal-child health and global health diplomacy and to make valuable and lasting contributions to global policymaking in the areas of HIV, tropical medicine, public health, medicine and science.



**Siddhartha Mahanty, MBBS, MPH, FRACP (Course Co-Chair)**

Dr. Siddhartha Mahanty is an infectious diseases specialist and parasitologist based in the Peter Doherty Institute for Infection and Immunity at the University of Melbourne and the Royal Melbourne Hospital, Australia. He is a consultant at the Royal Melbourne Hospital and research scientist at the Peter Doherty Institute. He has worked on tropical diseases through most of his career. His research career includes five years at the CDC in Atlanta (1997-2003) and 14 years as a Staff Clinician at the NIH in Bethesda, MD. He relocated to the University of Melbourne in 2017 as Associate Professor in the Doherty Department of Medicine. His special research interest is in the regulation of immune responses to human parasites, which he has researched through human clinical and translational studies and field studies on malaria, filarial parasites and cestodes in Africa, South America and South Asia. He has published in infectious diseases journals on diverse topics, ranging from tropical parasitic infections to the pathogenesis of viral hemorrhagic fevers and has taught in the United States (Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, NIH and the CDC), Canada (McGill University, Montreal) and at the University of Melbourne.



**Anna Banerji, O. Ont, MD, MPH, FRCPC, DTM&H**

Dr. Anna Banerji is a pediatric infectious and tropical disease specialist. She has trained in Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal and Harvard University, where she completed her MPH in International Health. She has a diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene and works part-time at the Tropical Disease Unit at University Health Network in Toronto. Dr. Banerji has travelled extensively around the world, including work in Haiti after the 2010 earthquake, giving her considerable exposure to tropical medicine in poor resource settings.

Currently, Dr. Banerji is the Post MD Education lead for Indigenous and Refugee Health in Toronto, where she founded and chairs the Indigenous Health Conference and North American Refugee Health Conference, the largest refugee conference globally. She is also developing Postgraduate Medical Education (PGME) curriculum in Indigenous health.

Most of Dr. Banerji's clinical work for the past 20 years has focused on immigrant, refugee and internationally adopted children. In 2014, she created the COSTI Pediatric Clinic, where she screens all the newly arrived government assisted refugee children coming to Toronto. In 2016, she set up a clinic at a hotel to assess the newly arrived Syrian refugee and screened more than 700 Syrian children over the year.

She has been studying lower respiratory infections in Inuit children for almost 25 years, and her research has led to changes to the national guidelines for the prevention of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV). Dr. Banerji is a past member of the CPS First Nations, Inuit and Metis committee and has travelled to Indigenous communities across Canada. She uses a human rights framework for her work, research and education and is an advocate for vulnerable populations. She has won several awards and in January 2012, she was inducted into the Order of Ontario.



**Daniel Bausch, MD, MPH&TM, FASTMH**

Dr. Daniel Bausch is the Director of the United Kingdom Public Health Rapid Support Team (UK PHRST), a joint effort by Public Health England and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine to respond and conduct research to prevent and control outbreaks of dangerous infectious diseases around the world. He is trained in internal medicine, infectious diseases, tropical medicine and public health. Dr. Bausch specializes in the research and control of emerging tropical viruses, with over 20 years experience in sub-Saharan Africa, Latin America and Asia combating viruses such as Ebola, Lassa, hantavirus and SARS coronavirus. He places a strong emphasis on capacity building in all his projects and also has a keen interest in the role of the scientist in promoting health and human rights.



**Lucas Blanton, MD**

Dr. Blanton is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Internal Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases, at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston (UTMB). He attended medical school at UTMB, completed his internal medicine residency training at the Medical University of South Carolina and returned to UTMB to pursue fellowship training in infectious diseases. He is active in the clinical practice of infectious diseases – treating HIV and general infectious diseases in both the inpatient and outpatient setting. He has a special clinical interest in vector-borne diseases and his research is focused on the study of tick- and flea-borne rickettsioses. While practicing at UTMB, Dr. Blanton helped recognize the reemergence of murine typhus in Galveston – a disease that had apparently disappeared from the area since the late 1940s. He has since worked to characterize the ecology of the reservoirs and vectors of *Rickettsia typhi* on the island. His research has also included field work for the collection of ticks; characterization of pathogens from ticks; studies to investigate rickettsial cross protection; and serosurveys to assess human exposure to various rickettsial pathogens. While active in research and clinical practice, Dr. Blanton enjoys contributing to the education of medical students, residents and fellows at UTMB.



**Andrea Boggild, MSc, MD, FRCPC**

Dr. Andrea Boggild is an Associate Professor in the Department of Medicine at the University of Toronto and Medical Director of the Tropical Disease Unit in the Division of Infectious Diseases at Toronto General Hospital. In addition, she is the Parasitology Lead for the Public Health Ontario Laboratory and has graduate supervisory privileges through the University of Toronto's Institute of Medical Science. She is a licensed Medical Microbiologist and Infectious Diseases physician who provides care to patients with travel-acquired infectious diseases in her medical practice. As a Clinician Scientist in the Department of Medicine, Dr. Boggild leads ongoing international research and clinical collaborations in the fields of leishmaniasis, malaria and travel and migration health, and through this work has published over 125 peer-reviewed articles, book chapters and clinical guidelines, and has supervised more than 75 research trainees across

academic levels. She presently Chairs the Malaria Sub-committee of the Committee to Advise on Tropical Medicine and Travel (CATMAT), an external advisory body to the Public Health Agency of Canada, and is the Director of Epidemic Intelligence and Surveillance for CanTravNet, the Canadian consortium of GeoSentinel Surveillance Network sites. She also serves as the Editor-in-Chief for *Tropical Diseases, Travel Medicine and Vaccines* and as an Associate Editor for *Travel Medicine and Infectious Disease* and *the Journal of Travel Medicine*, in addition to being a co-editor for the Tropical, Travel, and Emerging Infections section of *Current Infectious Disease Reports*.



**Christina Coyle, MD**

With a passion for tropical medicine, Dr. Christina Coyle runs an active clinic at Jacobi Medical Center in New York where she trains fellows, medical students and residents. For a decade, she co-directed the ASTMH Update Course, a preparation for the CTropMed® - Certificate Exam in Tropical Medicine. She lectures widely, nationally and internationally. In 2007, she became a site director for GeoSentinel, a worldwide communication and data collection network for the surveillance of travel-related morbidity. Dr.

Coyle is also a deeply committed educator. Since her faculty appointment at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York in 1995, she has served in many different roles in medical education and has been the recipient of almost every teaching award at Einstein. In 2002 she was inducted as a faculty member of the Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Honor Society by the AOA students, and in 2005 she received the Harry H. Gordon Award for Outstanding Clinical Teaching. In 2007, she was appointed course director for the newly reorganized Parasitology and Global Medicine Course in the second-year medical student curriculum. Dr. Coyle is a graduate of Adelphi University and earned her medical degree at SUNY-Downstate Medical Center. She completed her residency in internal medicine and a fellowship in infectious diseases at Bronx Municipal Hospital Center in New York and also holds a Master of Clinical Research degree from Einstein. She is board certified in infectious diseases and has special expertise in parasitology.



**Andrea Green Mahoney, MD**

Dr. Andrea Green is a pediatrician at the University of Vermont Children's Hospital in Burlington, VT, where she works as Director of the Pediatric New American Clinic and Associate Professor of Pediatrics. Her practice is to provide primary care to refugee children from Burma, Bhutan, Iraq and many African nations. She attended McGill Medical School in Montreal and did her Pediatrics training at the University of Colorado. She received a Certificate from the Asian Clinical Tropical Medicine course provided by the University of Ottawa and the Medical College of Georgia and a

Mastery Certificate from the Harvard Program in Global Mental Health Trauma and Recovery. Dr. Mahoney received a Special Achievement Award from the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) in 2009 and the Local Heroes Award from the AAP Council on Community Pediatrics in 2011, both in recognition for her work with refugee children. She received the Patricia O'Brien MD Global Health Leadership & Humanitarian Award in 2017. Currently she sits on the Executive Committee of the AAP Council on Community Pediatrics and on the Advisory

Board for the AAP's Immigrant Special Interest Group. She is a member of the AAP Task Force on Addressing Bias and Concern.



**Matthew Hamill, MBChB, PhD, MPH, FRCP**

Dr. Matthew Hamill is a U.K.-trained physician with specialist accreditation in STI/HIV (genitourinary medicine). He worked in STI/HIV clinics in the U.K. NHS service for many years and in the U.S. works in Infectious Diseases at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore as well as the Baltimore City Health Department STD clinic. Dr. Hamill lived and worked in South Africa and undertakes research on STI in the U.S. and Uganda. His current research efforts focus on LGV infection, syphilis epidemiology in Baltimore and elucidating the microbiological causes of urethritis in Kampala, Uganda. He graduated from medical school in 1998 (MBChB, Bristol), trained in internal medicine (MRCP, U.K.) in London and STI/HIV, also in London. He underwent training in Tropical Medicine DTM&H (LSHTM) and further academic training PhD (Cambridge) and MPH (Harvard) with a focus on global health. He is interested in all aspects of STI/HIV with a particular emphasis on genital ulcer disease, clinical care, point of care testing and diagnostic certainty in resource limited settings. He is currently Assistant Professor in the Division of Infectious Diseases at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine.



**Peter J. Hotez, MD, PhD**

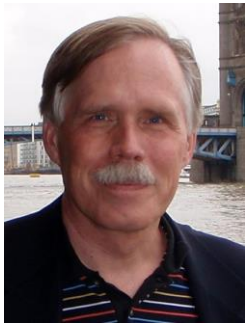
Dr. Hotez is Dean of the National School of Tropical Medicine and Professor of Pediatrics and Molecular Virology & Microbiology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, where he is also the Director of the Texas Children's Center for Vaccine Development (CVD) and Texas Children's Hospital Endowed Chair of Tropical Pediatrics. He is also University Professor at Baylor University and Fellow in Disease and Poverty at the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy, as well as the Health Policy Scholar in the Baylor Center for Medical Ethics and Health Policy. Dr. Hotez is an internationally-recognized physician-scientist in neglected tropical diseases and vaccine development. As head of the Texas Children's CVD, he leads the only product development partnership for developing new vaccines for hookworm infection, schistosomiasis, leishmaniasis, Chagas disease and SARS/MERS, diseases affecting hundreds of millions of children and adults worldwide. In 2006, at the Clinton Global Initiative, he co-founded the Global Network for Neglected Tropical Diseases to provide access to essential medicines for hundreds of millions of people.

He obtained his undergraduate degree in molecular biophysics from Yale University in 1980 (Phi Beta Kappa), followed by a PhD in biochemistry from Rockefeller University in 1986 and an MD from Weil Cornell Medical College in 1987. Dr. Hotez has authored more than 450 original papers and is the author of *Forgotten People, Forgotten Diseases* (ASM Press) and *Blue Marble Health: An Innovative Plan to Fight Diseases of the Poor amid Wealth* (Johns Hopkins University Press).

Dr. Hotez served as President of ASTMH in 2011 and is founding Editor-in-Chief of *PLoS Neglected Tropical Diseases*. He is an elected member of the National Academy of Medicine and

the American Academy of Arts & Sciences. In 2011 he was awarded the Abraham Horwitz Award for Excellence in Leadership in Inter-American Health by the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) of the WHO. In 2014-16 he served in the Obama Administration as U.S. Envoy, focusing on vaccine diplomacy initiatives between the U.S. Government and countries in the Middle East and North Africa. In 2018 he was appointed by the U.S. State Department to serve on the Board of Governors for the U.S. Israel Binational Science Foundation and is frequently called upon to testify before Congress. He has served on infectious disease task forces for two consecutive Texas Governors. For these efforts in 2017 he was named by Fortune Magazine as one of the 34 most influential people in healthcare and in 2018 received the Sustained Leadership Award from Research!America.

Most recently, as both a vaccine scientist and autism Dad, he led national efforts to defend vaccines and to serve as an ardent champion of vaccines going up against a growing national antivaxx threat. His newest book, *Vaccines Did Not Cause Rachel's Autism* (Johns Hopkins Press) was released last fall. Dr. Hotez appears frequently on television (including BBC, CNN, Fox News and MSNBC), radio and in newspaper interviews (including *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, *Washington Post* and *The Wall Street Journal*).



**Charlie King, MD, PhD**

Dr. Charles H. King is Emeritus Professor of International Health and of Pathology at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. He worked as a full-time faculty member at CWRU School of Medicine and a specialist in the areas of Infectious Diseases and Travel Medicine at the regional Cuyahoga County Board of Health. He currently serves as Senior Scientist at the Schistosomiasis Consortium for Operational Research and Evaluation (SCORE) based at the University of Georgia. He received his MD from State University of New York Downstate Medical Center and an MS in Clinical

Research Design and Statistical Analysis from the University of Michigan School of Public Health. Since 1981, he has been active in research on infectious disease control and immunology in the United States and Africa, and has recently focused on modeling and implementation of advanced programs for infection control and pathogen elimination. His current research focuses on identification of human and environmental ecological drivers of vector-borne disease transmission, and the design of more cost-effective, integrated programs for infection control, including vaccine development and implementation.



**Christopher King, MD, PhD**

Christopher L. King, MD, PhD, MPH, received his advanced degrees from the University of Michigan, performed his internal medicine residency at New York University, Bellevue Medical Center in New York City, and completed his infectious diseases and post-doctoral training at the Laboratory of Parasitic Diseases at the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD. He has been on the faculty of Case Western Reserve University School Medicine since completing his training and is currently a professor of International Health, Medicine and Pathology. He is also a staff physician on the infectious disease consult service at the Veteran Affairs Medical Center in Cleveland. Dr. King studies mechanisms of acquired immunity and immunopathology of malaria, lymphatic filariasis and schistosomiasis. He also conducts clinical

trials studying new drug combinations for treatment of lymphatic filariasis and onchocerciasis. He has long-term and ongoing field studies in Papua New Guinea, Kenya, Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire and enjoys the many collaborations he has with colleagues and trainees worldwide.



**Alexia P. Knapp, MD**

Dr. Knapp is a board-certified dermatologist at HealthPartners Medical Group in St. Paul, Minnesota and Core Faculty in the University of Minnesota (UMN) Global Medicine Pathway. She has received the CTropMed® Certificate of Knowledge in Clinical Tropical Medicine and Travelers' Health from the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. In her dermatology clinic she sees refugees/immigrants and returned travelers with skin diseases. She has extensive experience working as a dermatologist in Uganda. Since 2015 she has supported a dermatology training program in Mbarara, Uganda and is the current project director for Health Volunteers Overseas Uganda Dermatology project. Since 2017, she has worked with UMN/International Organization for Migration (IOM, The UN Migration Agency) training IOM panel physicians regarding skin conditions in US-bound refugees. She is also a telemedicine consultant for MSF/Doctors Without Borders, supporting colleagues who provide medical care in humanitarian crises.



**Michael Libman, MD**

Dr. Libman is director of the J.D. MacLean Centre for Tropical Diseases at McGill University and former Director of the Division of Infectious Diseases at McGill University and the McGill University Health Centre. He holds specialty certifications in Internal Medicine, Infectious Diseases, and Medical Microbiology from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and holds the academic rank of Professor in the Department of Medicine at McGill University. In the past he has been the Director of the Division of Infectious Disease and the Department of Medical Microbiology at the Montreal General Hospital. He was the Program Director for the Royal College training programs in Adult Infectious Disease and Medical Microbiology at McGill for 10 years. He has had a special interest in tropical medicine and parasitology throughout his career. He worked at the McGill Centre for Tropical Disease for over 25 years. This is a unique clinical unit which combines daily tropical medicine clinics serving a wide variety of travelers, immigrants, and visitors, a large pre-travel clinic, a regional reference centre for clinical parasitology and the Canadian national reference centre for parasite serology and molecular diagnostics. He directs the teaching of tropical medicine through the Centre, which has become a training unit for residents and fellows from universities throughout Quebec and Canada. He is currently Chair of CATMAT, the Committee to Advise on Tropical Medicine and Travel for the Public Health Agency of Canada and has been involved in many of the clinical guidelines published by this group. He works as a visiting professor in the Infectious Disease training program at Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia and a co-director of the annual international course in tropical medicine given at the Christian Medical College in Vellore, India, which strives to create a collaborative training experience for physicians from India and western countries. He also

works as a consultant for infectious disease and microbiology for the Inuit communities of Nunavik in the Canadian eastern arctic region, where many of the infectious and diagnostic problems are surprisingly similar to those found in the tropics. His research interests have focused mostly on the effective use and interpretation of diagnostic testing procedures, and the epidemiology of imported infections.



**Thomas Nutman, MD, FASTMH**

Dr. Nutman received his AB from Brown University and his MD from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine. He did an internal medicine residency at New York University (Bellevue) and postdoctoral training in the Laboratory of Parasitic Diseases (LPD). He is board certified in Internal Medicine and Allergy and Immunology. He also holds a diploma/certificate in Tropical Medicine and Travelers' Health. He has been at NIH in the Laboratory of Parasitic Diseases since 1982, where he is currently its Chief. In addition, he is the director of the NIAID International Center for

Excellence in Research (ICER) located in Chennai, India, as well as director of the filariasis unit at the NIAID ICER in Mali. He is on numerous advisory committees and editorial boards and holds patents related to parasite diagnosis and vaccine development. He is the author or coauthor of over 550 papers and book chapters and has received multiple awards for his work in tropical medicine and immunology.



**Latha Rajan, MD, MPHTM**

Dr. Latha Rajan is a Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Tropical Medicine at the Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine in New Orleans and an Adjunct Associate Professor at the Tulane School of Medicine. At Tulane, she serves as the Director of the Masters in Public Health and Tropical Medicine (MPH&TM Clinical) and the Diploma Course in Tropical Medicine and Traveler's Health. Both programs are approved courses for the ASTMH certificate (CTropMed®) examination. She

is trained as a physician specializing in infectious diseases, clinical microbiology, public health and tropical medicine. Following medical school in India, she spent over 20 years in India, Malaysia and the UK working in the field of infectious diseases and clinical microbiology. After her fellowship, Dr. Rajan worked as Assistant Director in the National HIV Control Program and the National STD Control Program under the Ministry of Health, India. She received HIV epidemiology training from the CDC as a Fogarty Fellow and infectious diseases training in the U.K. She then went on to work as faculty in the University of Malaya, where some of her roles included leading Antibiotic Advisory clinical rounds, ICU patient management and section chief of the Tuberculosis and STD laboratories in addition to routine medical teaching and clinical roles. While in India, she served as a technical advisor to the Government of India for STDs. She has served as a technical advisor to USAID for Tuberculosis and focuses on the Monitoring and Evaluation of TB Control Programs globally. She also served as an advisor to the Louisiana Office of Public Health Antibiotic Resistance Program. Dr. Rajan has been a member of ASTMH since 1999 and is now a lifetime member. She passed the CTropMed® examination in 1999 and was granted Fellow (FASTMH) status in the Society in 2014. She has been the President-Elect of the ACCTMTH (Clinical



Group) Council and previously served as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Clinical Group Council from 2015-2018. She is currently a member of the ASTMH Clinical Tropical Medicine & Travel Medicine Education Committee, formed to “advance the coordination efforts of Diploma Courses, Update Course and CTropMed® activities.” Dr. Rajan also serves on the ASTMH Diploma Course Directors’ Committee and previously on the ASTMH Blue Ribbon Committee Working Group. She served on the Editorial Board of the ASTMH newsletter “Trop Med and Hygiene News” from 2004 to 2007. Currently, she continues her role as a Judge for the Elsevier ASTMH Clinical Research Award (since 2008). Dr. Rajan is also the recipient of several teaching and mentoring awards at Tulane. The most prestigious award was in 2013, when she was awarded Tulane University’s highest award for teaching, the Suzanne and Stephen Weiss Presidential Fellow Award for Excellence in Teaching and Mentoring, awarded by the President of the University with the Dalai Lama, during Tulane’s commencement ceremony. Dr Rajan works in three schools at Tulane and she has won top teaching awards in all three of them. These include the student-selected awards of School of Medicine OWL Club Award for Excellence in Teaching, SPHTM Award for excellence in Graduate and Professional teaching and the Outstanding Undergraduate Public Health Teaching Award.



**Annelies Wilder-Smith, MD, PhD, MIH, FAMS, FACTM**

Dr. Annelies Wilder-Smith is Professor of Emerging Infectious Diseases at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. She also serves as Consultant to the Initiative of Vaccine Research at the WHO in Geneva, Switzerland. A world renowned expert in travel and tropical medicine, she is the Immediate Past President of the International Society of Travel Medicine (ISTM), Past President of the Asia Pacific Society of Travel Medicine and Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Travel Medicine*. Her special research interests include travel health, and vaccine preventable and emerging infectious diseases, in particular dengue, Zika, yellow fever, chikungunya, influenza and meningococcal disease. With a career spanning almost three decades, Dr. Wilder-Smith has led and co-led various clinical trials, published more than 260 scientific papers, edited and co-edited textbooks and travel medicine books, and served on various editorial boards and scientific committees, including as editorial consultant to *The Lancet*. Her awards include the Myron Levine Vaccinology Prize, the Honor Group Award for exemplary leadership and coordination in determining and communicating global yellow fever risk presented at the CDC Award Ceremony, the Mercator Professorship award by the German Research Foundation, and the Ashdown Oration Award by the Australian College of Travel Medicine. She is the Principal Investigator of an EU funded international consortium called “[ZikaPLAN](#)” and recently completed another four-year research project on dengue, also funded by the European Commission. Her passion is global health; as such she serves on various NGOs and leads a community development project in South India among coastal fishermen. She is Senior Fellow at the Graduate Institute of Global Health, Geneva.



**Laila Woc-Colburn, MD, DTM, CTropMed®**

Dr. Laila Woc-Colburn is an associate professor in the Section of Infectious Diseases Department of Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston where she is the medical director for the Infectious Diseases Faculty Group Practice. Her secondary appointment is with the National School of Tropical Medicine, where she is the Director of Medical Education and director of the Tropical Medicine Clinic. She received her Medical Degree from Universidad Francisco Marroquin in Guatemala. Later, she did her internal medicine residency in Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center in Chicago. For her fellowship, she went to Case Western University in Cleveland. There, she did an Infectious disease and HIV medicine fellowship and received her Diploma Tropical Medicine and Hygiene. Dr. Woc-Colburn came to Baylor College of Medicine in 2010, having been recruited by the Section of Infectious Disease to start the HIV/AIDS transition service at Ben Taub Hospital. After that successful year running the HIV/AIDS service, she was asked to help with the educational initiatives of the National School of Tropical Medicine as co-director of medical education; she also started the first tropical medicine clinic at Ben Taub Hospital. The mission of the clinic is to prevent, diagnose and treat common and neglected tropical diseases in the Houston metropolitan population and to improve occupational health for those working in regions where tropical diseases thrive. She has published in her areas of interest, HIV and tropical diseases. In her short tenure at Baylor College of Medicine, Dr. Woc-Colburn has been awarded the Rising Star Clinical Award and Rose Norton Fullbright Award in Teaching and Evaluation. She has been involved in creating the Faculty Senate first with the Clinical Faculty Input Committee and now a Senator for the National School of Tropical Medicine.