

**2022 Update Course
Speaker Bios**



Aisha Khatib, MD, CCFP(EM), DTM&H (Course Co-Chair)
Received a CTropMed® Certificate

Dr. Aisha Khatib is an Assistant Professor with the Department of Family & Community Medicine at the University of Toronto. She trained in both family and emergency medicine from the University of Toronto and McGill University, and recently completed an Infectious Diseases fellowship in Clinical Tropical Medicine at the University of Toronto. She holds specialization in Travel and Tropical Medicine, having completed a certification in Travel Medicine from the University of Otago in New Zealand, and a Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene from the Gorgas Course in Peru. She has done global health work in India, Haiti and Nepal, with certification in global health through the Dalla Lana School of Public Health at the University of Toronto and Disaster Response and Humanitarian Relief training through Harvard School of Public Health. She is the Clinical Director of Travel Medicine at Medcan, the President-Elect of the Alberta Association of Travel Health Professionals, and a Councilor for the American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene Clinical Group.



Wasin Matsee, MD, MCTM, Dip. Board Travel Medicine, CTH™

Dr. Wasin Matsee serves as Assistant Professor in Travel Medicine and Clinical Tropical Medicine at the Travel Medicine Research Unit, Department of Clinical Tropical Medicine, Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University in Bangkok; and attending physician at the Thai Travel Clinic, Hospital for Tropical Diseases, Bangkok, Thailand, where he provides care to patients with travel-acquired illnesses and infections in his medical practice. His research interests are involved with travel medicine, travel-related diseases and clinical tropical medicine.



Lucas Blanton, MD

Dr. Lucas Blanton is an Associate 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 the inpatient and outpatient settings. 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 re-emergence 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 fieldwork 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, BSc, MSc, MD, DTMH, FRCPC

Dr. Andrea K. Boggild is an Associate Professor in the Department of Medicine at the University of Toronto and Medical Director of the Tropical Disease Unit of Toronto General Hospital. She is a licensed Medical Microbiologist and Infectious Diseases physician with additional certification in Tropical Medicine and Lifestyle Medicine and provides care to patients with travel-acquired illnesses in her medical practice. As a Clinician Scientist in the Faculty of Medicine, she has graduate supervisory privileges through the University's Institute of Medical Science and leads a research program in tropical medicine and travel and migration health. She serves in many leadership capacities nationally and internationally, including on advisory groups to the Public Health Agency of Canada and WHO, and as Editor-in-Chief for *Tropical Diseases, Travel Medicine and Vaccines*. She has a longstanding interest in the intersection of human and ecological health, as well as how socioeconomic and demographic inequities drive health disparities globally.



Lin H. Chen, MD, FACP, FASTMH, FISTM

Dr. Lin H. Chen is immediate Past President of the International Society of Travel Medicine (2019-2021). She is Director of the Travel Medicine Center at Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and an Associate Professor of Medicine at Harvard Medical School. She is a graduate of Harvard University and Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University. She trained in Boston followed by Yale-New Haven Hospital before returning to the Boston area. She has directed the ISTM course, served on the Research Committee and the Board of Directors as a Counsellor. She served on the ASTMH Certificate Examination Committee and Education Committee and on Work Groups of the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. Her editorial roles include the *Journal of Travel Medicine, Current Infectious Disease Reports, Travel Medicine and Infectious Diseases*, and

Infectious Diseases: A Geographic Guide. She served on past scientific program committees of the International Conference on Emerging Infectious Diseases and ISTM Conferences. She is also a site director for the GeoSentinel Surveillance Network and Global Travel Epidemiology Network. Her clinical research focuses on travelers' health, including vector-borne diseases, immunizations, emerging infections and cross-border healthcare.



Daniel Griffin, MD, PhD

Dr. Daniel Griffin is a physician-scientist, board certified in Internal Medicine and Infectious Disease with expertise in Global Health, Tropical Medicine, Parasitology and Virology including SARS-CoV2 (COVID-19). He is an active clinician and internationally invited speaker lecturing for multiple organizations including the University of Glasgow, the Peace Corp, University of Minnesota, Foundation for International Medical Relief of Children (FIMRC), Floating Doctors, and Remote Care Education, as well as for other groups in Asia, the Caribbean, Central America, Africa and India. He is one of the hosts of the popular podcasts This Week in Parasitism, This Week in Virology and The Infectious Disease Podcast, and one of the authors of *Parasitic Diseases*, now in its 7th Edition with thousands of copies distributed to over 100 countries throughout the world.



Alexia P. Knapp, MD

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Dr. Alexia P. 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. 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 in skin conditions in U.S.-bound refugees. She is also a telemedicine consultant for MSF/Doctors Without Borders, supporting colleagues who provide medical care in humanitarian crises.



Elise O'Connell, MD

Received a CTropMed® Certificate

Dr. Elise O'Connell is an Assistant Clinical Investigator in the Laboratory of Parasitic Diseases within the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases at the NIH. During and following an Infectious Diseases fellowship, her early research focused on filariasis and molecular diagnostics in soil-transmitted helminths. For the past four years her research has focused on improving outcomes in patients with subarachnoid neurocysticercosis. She now leads the neurocysticercosis and leishmaniasis clinical programs at NIH. She is an Infectious Diseases clinician and involved Key Clinical Faculty Member of the Infectious Diseases Fellowship Program at NIH.



Peter Pappas, MD

Dr. Peter G. Pappas is Professor of Medicine and has been an active University of Alabama at Birmingham site investigator with the NIAID-sponsored Mycoses Study Group (MSG) over the last 13 years, having served as Protocol Chair or Co-Chair for four MSG studies, and has been one of the highest investigator enrollees of patients into MSG trials during that period of time. He is presently serving as a member of the Steering Committee of the Mycoses Study Group and is in charge of the Orphan Studies Fund as part of the most recent BAMSG contract. Dr. Pappas is also Co-Director of the Mycology Reference Laboratory at UAB and, as such, has mentored John Baddley, MD, a young faculty member with a special interest in the epidemiology of fungal diseases and antifungal susceptibility testing. Dr. Pappas recently successfully competed for a CDC grant entitled "Prospective Surveillance of Invasive Fungal Infections in Bone Marrow and Solid Organ Transplant Recipients" for 2000-2003. This major epidemiologic investigation is being coordinated by Dr. Pappas and his staff at UAB and involves 24 different sites from across the United States; it represents the largest study of its kind. Dr. Pappas' specific interests include the epidemiology of invasive fungal infections and investigation of newer antifungal agents for the treatment and prevention of invasive fungal infections, including the use of adjunctive agents such as IFN gamma, which can be used in conjunction with conventional therapy. He has published clinical data concerning a wide variety of invasive mycoses including cryptococcosis, blastomycosis, sporotrichosis, invasive candidiasis and invasive aspergillosis. His current active projects include a Phase I study to determine the safety and pharmacokinetics of a murine-derived anticryptococcal monoclonal antibody administered to patients with a previous history of CNS cryptococcosis, and a Phase III trial to evaluate IFN gamma in conjunction with conventional antifungal therapy for HIV-infected patients with acute cryptococcal meningitis.



Salim Parker, MBChB

Dr. Salim Parker is a travel medicine practitioner in Cape Town, South Africa. He is an honorary research associate in the Division of Infectious Diseases and HIV Medicine at the University of Cape Town and past president of the South African Society of Travel Medicine (SASTM). Dr. Parker serves on the Liaison Committee of the International Society of Travel Medicine (ISTM) and collaborates with the Global Centre for Mass Gathering Medicine (GCMGM). He co-authored the Hajj Travel chapter in the 2020 edition of the *CDC Yellow Book*.



Priscilla Rupali, MD, DTM&H, FRCP

Dr. Priscilla Rupali is Professor and head of Department of Infectious Diseases, Christian Medical College (CMC), Vellore, India. She was a Senior ID fellow in the Department of Adult Infectious Diseases, Auckland City Hospital and has a "Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene" from Universidad Cayetano Heredia, Lima. She runs an annual course in Clinical Tropical Medicine at CMC. Early 2000s, she joined in pioneering distance learning course educating people in HIV Medicine. She has formal training in "Transplant Infectious Diseases", Henry Ford Hospital, Detroit, has established Transplant related services in her

hospital and founded the Transplant Infectious Diseases Conference in Vellore, Chennai and Ludhiana. She has set up an antimicrobial stewardship (AMS) program in her hospital and plans to implement AMS at the primary, secondary and tertiary care levels, targeting clinical pharmacists and physicians working long term at secondary care hospitals. Her department pioneered promoting ID as a clinical specialty in India and is the 2nd Department there to run the DM in Infectious Diseases.



Carlos Seas, MD, FIDSA

Dr. Carlos Seas is currently Chairman of Clinical Medicine at the School of Medicine of Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia, where he is also Sub-Director of the Instituto de Medicina Tropical Alexander von Humboldt. Dr. Seas combines academic activities with clinical service in the Departamento de Enfermedades Infecciosas, Tropicales y Dermatológicas of Hospital Nacional Cayetano Heredia, Lima, Peru. Dr. Seas is also Co-Director of The Gorgas Course in Clinical Tropical Medicine. His main clinical research interest started with diarrheal diseases in Peru and Bangladesh, focusing on cholera and shigellosis, but has moved more recently to tuberculosis, HIV and endemic diseases of Latin America. He is member of the Peruvian Academy of Medicine and of several Latin American Scientific Societies, he is Fellow of Infectious Diseases Society of Medicine, Adjunct Professor of Medicine at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and is co-author of 133 publications and 19 chapters of books.



Yupaporn Wattanagoon, MBBS, DTM&H, Dip Thai Board Int. Med

Associate Professor Yupaporn Wattanagoon holds Diploma Thai Board of Internal Medicine, Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene and Diploma in Preventive Medicine (Travel Medicine). She is now a consultant to The Department of Clinical Tropical Medicine, Faculty of Tropical Medicine, Mahidol University. She has taught tropical infectious diseases including parasitic infections especially liver flukes and Eosinophilic meningitis caused by *Angiostrongylus cantonensis*. Her research interests are tropical infections and parasitic diseases.



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.



Henry Wu, MD, DTMH

Dr. Henry Wu is an Associate Professor and Senior Physician at the Emory University School of Medicine. Dr. Wu directs the Emory TravelWell Center, Emory's clinic devoted to travel medicine and tropical diseases. He previously served at CDC as an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer and Medical Epidemiologist at the Meningitis and Vaccine Preventable Diseases Branch. Dr. Wu's interests include infectious diseases epidemiology, tropical diseases, travel medicine and the evaluation of patients for serious emerging

infections.