

CUNY Health Collaboration Forum: Japan & Global Perspectives

Wednesday, January 22, 2020 • 10am – 4pm
City University of New York
230 West 41st Street, 10th Floor

10:00 – 10:15am – Welcome

John Tsapogas *Director, APPS, CUNY Research Foundation*

Ayman El-Mohandes *Dean, CUNY School of Public Health*

Kohji Hirata *Director, Washington Office, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science*

Tamera Schneider *Associate Vice Chancellor for Research, CUNY*

10:15 – 11:00am – NIH Opportunities for International Health Collaboration

David Widmer *Manager, Scientific Development, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center*

11:00 – 11:30am – NSF Opportunities

John Tsapogas

11:30 – 12:00pm – JSPS and Japan Opportunities

Yuki Kaneko *International Program Associate, JSPS*

12:00 – 12:45pm – Lunch

12:45 – 2:00pm – Visiting Researchers Share and Q&A

Yukiko Tateyama *Assistant Professor, Preventive Medicine, School of Public Health, Kyoto University*

Satomi Yoshida *Assistant Professor, Pharmacoepidemiology, School of Public Health, Kyoto University*

2:00 – 3:00pm – CUNY Faculty Perspectives on International Health Collaboration

Vita Rabinowitz, Moderator *Former Interim Chancellor, CUNY*

Yoko Nomura *Professor, Behavioral Neurosciences, Queens College*

Brian Davis *Adjunct Assistant Professor, Psychology, CUNY School of Professional Studies*

Victoria Ngo *Associate Professor, Community Health and Social Sciences, CUNY School of Public Health*

3:00 – 4:00pm – Wine and Saké Networking



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David Widmer is the Grants & Contracts Manager of Scientific Development at Memorial Sloan Kettering (MSK) and has 19 years of research administration experience. David manages the G&C Funding Development Team (FDT) now in its 11th year of providing proposal development and funding acquisition support to MSK researchers. David has conducted numerous workshops and presentation sessions at MSK ranging from grantsmanship and proposal writing to professional development panels. His outreach and training has focused on developing specific populations of investigators including junior faculty and post-doctoral researchers. David is a Fulbright Scholar, and has an MS in Cell & Developmental Biology, an MA in Humanities and Social Thought, and a PhD in Behavioral & Molecular Neuroscience.



Yukiko Tateyama is an Assistant Professor in the Health Service and the Department of Preventive Medicine at Kyoto University School of Public Health (KUSPH) in Japan. She participated in HIV/AIDS initiatives as a program officer in the district health office in Zambia after working as a pharmacist and clinical research associate. Her research interests focus on global health issues, especially a double burden of communicable and non-communicable diseases (NCDs) in the sociocultural contexts in sub-Saharan Africa. She has been conducting mixed-method research on perception, behavior, and sociocultural factors in NCDs in Zambia since 2014. She is currently involved in the Health Data Bank and Personal Health Record (PHR) project in Japan and she is planning on introducing the project into Zambia.



Satomi Yoshida is an Assistant Professor at School of Public Health of Kyoto University and Visiting Fellow of University of Tokyo and National Institute of Public Health (NIPH) of Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare in Japan. Prior to joining Kyoto University, she worked in NIPH where she researched risk communication and public health policy as a senior researcher. Lately, her research interests are in how early life exposures may affect subsequent health outcomes of the child. Our recent works were epidemiological analyses regarding the association of maternal obesity with children's obesity, early-life antibiotic use with the risk of childhood asthma, and prenatal alcohol exposure with hearing impairment in children. She is also interested in the effectiveness of public health policies and those impact on health outcomes.



Yoko Nomura is a Professor in the Department of Psychology (behavioral neurosciences) Queens College, CUNY, and Professorial Lecturer in the Department of Psychiatry, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. She is the P.I. of an NIH-funded longitudinal study in developmental psychopathology, the Stress in Pregnancy (SIP) Study. The study focuses on the gestational period, which is a critical, but often overlooked stage for optimal child neurodevelopment. Since 2018, Dr. Nomura has been collaborating with Dr. Kenji J. Tsuchiya and his research team at the Child Developmental Center in Hamamatsu University of Medicine in Japan. The next step for Dr. Nomura and Dr. Tsuchiya is to obtain external funding for a global cross-cultural study in healthy child neurodevelopment.



Brian Davis recently completed a JSPS Short-Term North American Research Fellowship at Osaka Prefecture University, where he has been investigating experiences of minority stress among sexual and gender minority public school teachers in Japan. His critical mixed-method psychological research broadly focuses on experiences of, and social responses to, marginalization based on gender and sexuality. Dr. Davis completed his training in critical social and personality psychology at the Graduate Center, City University of New York; his dissertation fieldwork was largely supported through a US Fulbright Dissertation Fellowship to Japan (2016-2017). Dr. Davis currently serves as Adjunct Assistant Professor at the CUNY School of Professional Studies in the graduate program in psychology.



Victoria Ngo is an Associate Professor of Community Health and Social Sciences at the City University of New York Graduate School of Public Health & Health Policy (CUNY SPH), Deputy Director of the Center for Innovation in Mental Health at CUNY SPH, and Director, Global Mental Health, of the Center for Immigrant, Refugee and Global Health at CUNY. Her research as a clinical psychologist focuses on task-shifting mental health care and the development of implementation strategies to increase access to and the quality of mental health services in global low-resource settings. Since 2001 she has been developing mental health research infrastructure and clinical capacity in Vietnam where she leads depression care capacity-building programmes. Other collaborations include task-shifting work in Uganda, Scotland, and Mongolia.