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Global Health Gala to Be Held at Illinois Wesleyan

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BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – The second annual Global Health Gala will be held at Illinois Wesleyan University on April 11 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Hansen Student Center (300 E. Beecher St., Bloomington). Tickets are free for Illinois Wesleyan students and are available outside of the Bertholf Commons. Interested faculty, staff, and community members may either purchase an individual ticket for \$30 or a ticket for an eight-person table for \$225.

A Swahili dinner, planned by sophomore Miaad Abdulrehman, will be served, and Chicago's Ayodele Women's African Drum & Dance ensemble will perform. The evening's speaker will be Susan Gold, a registered nurse, who is an affiliate of the Center for Global Health at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Gold became the first clinical nurse to receive a Fulbright Scholarship in 2007, which allowed her to work in the slums of Nairobi, Kenya at an orphanage for HIV positive children. Her talk, "Will I Stay Long," attests to her experience there.

The Global Health Gala is a collaborative effort for global health equity between campus organizations FaceAIDS, Global Medical Brigade, Titan EMS, and The Lamu Center for Preventative Health. The proceeds will be split equally between the groups. FaceAIDS will use their portion to support Partners in Health AIDS projects in Rwanda, Global Medical Brigade will support a student medical mission to Honduras in June, Titan EMS will use the proceeds for first aid and prevention on campus and in the community, and The Lamu Center for Preventative Health will support the establishment of a health center in Lamu, Kenya.

For additional information regarding the event or for ticket information, contact Rebecca Gearhart, chair of sociology/anthropology and associate professor of anthropology, at (309) 556-3921 or rgearhar@iwu.edu.

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