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## Global Health Gala

March 19, 2012

BLOOMINGTON, Ill. – On Saturday, April 7, Illinois Wesleyan will present the fourth annual Global Health Gala. Hosted by FACE AIDS, Global Medical Brigades and the Lamu Center of Preventative Health, the event will take place from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Young Main Lounge of the Memorial Center (104 University St., Bloomington).

IWU students interested in attending the program can pick up free tickets to the gala on March 6, 7 and 8 at the Hansen Student Center (300 Beecher St., Bloomington) from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Community members may purchase individual tickets for \$40 or \$300 for an eight-person table. To purchase tickets, contact Chair of Sociology/Anthropology and Associate Professor of Anthropology Rebecca Gearhart at (309) 827-9295 or at [rgearhar@iwu.edu](mailto:rgearhar@iwu.edu).

All proceeds from the event will go to support fundraising efforts for all three sponsors. The gala will include a variety of speakers and performers throughout the night. The following is a list of this year's activities:

- A "Meet and Greet" will take place with appetizers and live music by Sonic Exploration Society, featuring original compositions, improvisations and arrangements that bridge Indian and Western musical cultures.
- An international dinner will feature hors d'oeuvres from Cambodia and Italy, as well as a main course from Thailand and a dessert from Kenya. A silent auction will also take place to support the three host organizations. An array of handcrafted jewelry, baskets and African masks, among other items, will be available for bidding.
- Guest speaker Craig Janes, of Simon Fraser University in British Columbia, is a Resident Scholar at the School for Advanced Research in Santa Fe, N.M. He is interested in the impact of liberal strategies of economic and cultural development on maternal and child health, reproductive health and access to healthcare.
- A main stage performance will feature Occidental Brothers Dance Band International. Led by guitarist Nathaniel Braddock, the group blends high-energy soukous, rootsy Ghanaian Highlife and African Jazz and features Congolese singer Samba Mapangala.

For further information, contact Gearhart at (309) 556-3921 or at [rgearhar@iwu.edu](mailto:rgearhar@iwu.edu).

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