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**Transforming Development:
*New Actors, Innovative Technologies
& Emerging Trends***

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The 6th Annual Human Development Conference

February 28 – March 1, 2014

University of Notre Dame

**2015 Human Development
Conference**
February 27-28, 2015

The annual student-led Human Development Conference (HDC) at the University of Notre Dame brought together hundreds of students—from Notre Dame and universities across the country and around the world—who are passionate about development. They shared their research experiences in the developing world and discussed the meaning of authentic human development from a variety of disciplinary perspectives.

Our Theme

This year's theme was inspired by the idea that development is an evolving process. A widening set of stakeholders and rapidly advancing technologies raise new possibilities for the field. The conference was a chance to reflect on both successes and failures in development, while analyzing opportunities created by these new trends.

[View this year's photo contest winners here.](#)

Thanks to everyone who attended this year's Human Development Conference!



Erik Jensen, University of Notre Dame

I love when people tell stories about what gets them fired up, and it is even more inspiring with first-hand stories. The HDC provided a platform for people to tell their incredible stories, which is something that students with research projects want more than anything -- to tell others what they learned through their stories.

Brooke Justus, University of Notre Dame

I was impressed by the diversity of perspectives and studies on development that were presented throughout the conference. Even if the disciplines or countries were far removed from each other, patterns emerged that united the presenters in common goals and concerns. As a Freshman, it was really motivating to see the exciting and remarkably in-depth research projects done by students only two or three years older than me. I left the conference with an increased desire to do research of my own in the developing world and hopefully be able to present and discuss my studies at conferences like this in the future.

Nick Nissen, University of Notre Dame

Regarding my experience hosting Chiman, I would like to say that the Human Development Conference is a powerful event because it brings together people from all around the world who think beyond their borders—people who are focused on the advancement of the human race. I was honored to host Chiman and have the opportunity to discuss our work with one another.

Jamie Pfaff, University of Notre Dame

The theme of Notre Dame's 2014 Human Development Conference centered around the notion that development is an evolving process. In this spirit, I chose to submit a photo from my ISSLP experience in Chennai, India. The photograph depicts a train moving through a rural, mountainous forest in the Himalayas. This train and the cell phones that are seen being held by people hanging off the train demonstrate the evolution of technology even in the developing world. This image brings attention to the thought that technological tools continue to evolve as critical elements of development around the world.

Niwagaba Prosper, Uganda Martyrs University

It was such a great time attending the Human Development Conference. I met so many different people, and I really appreciate the great hospitality and the spirit of togetherness the students portray. I have learnt a lot from the ND community right from the first day despite the chilly, freezing weather.

Megan Reineccius, University of Notre Dame

I was thinking more about the conference a lot the past couple days and why I had such a good time. I realized that it was because despite everyone's differences - where they went to school, their place of research, or field of study - we all invested

our mental and emotional energy into tackling questions plaguing our transforming world. It was this shared curiosity and belief in change that made me feel right at home.

Kaitlin Thompson, Villanova University

It was a great experience to see the interesting research work undergraduate students are doing throughout the world and have the chance to present my work as well. I learned a lot and left the conference very inspired to keep learning about development and pursue my interests to hopefully contribute to the field.

The fact that the conference was organized by undergraduates and all the presenters were undergraduates was very impressive. As busy, young students, it was impressive to see so many who deeply care about development and have done work to contribute to the field and work towards deeper understanding and solutions to development challenges.

Denise Umubyeyi, University of Notre Dame

I thought the conference truly brought together people from all different background, not only academically but also geographically. I ran into a girl presenting from Switzerland, other international presenters, as well as a wide range of U.S. students which was really cool!



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Keynote Speaker

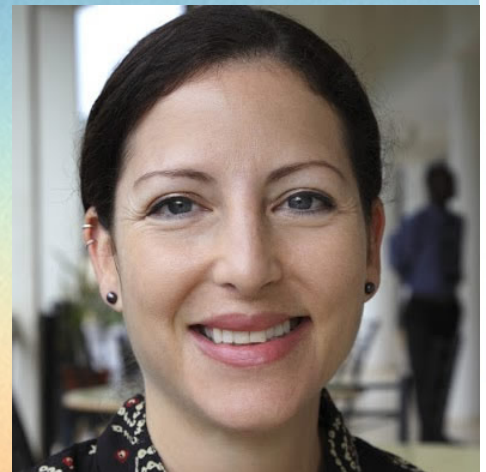
Mireille Cronin Mather

*Executive Director, Foundation for Sustainable Development
(FSD)*

Mireille leads FSD's work to achieve community-driven goals through asset-based development and international exchange in Africa, Asia, and Latin America, involving more than 300 partners, 200 projects, and nearly 300 students and professional volunteers annually. With academic and corporate partners, Mireille designs reciprocal programs and advises on community engagement frameworks.

Mireille's nearly 20 years of experience span programs in 30 countries in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, and Latin America, with fieldwork in a dozen. Prior to FSD, she worked with the Institute for OneWorld Health and USAID's flagship child survival project (BASICS).

Also a consultant with both international and domestic organizations, she has recently served as a national mentor with Clinton Global Initiative University. Her work has been featured in the *Huffington Post*, the *Atlantic*, *Travel & Leisure*, and BBC World's Best Documentary 2007, *Kill or Cure: Kala Azar 2*.





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All events to take place in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies
unless otherwise noted

Conference Schedule

Friday, February 28

1:15 pm - 2:15 pm Presenter Registration

2:30 pm - Opening Remarks

3:15 - 4:45 pm Panel Session 1

Panel A - [On the Outside: Understanding Discrimination](#) (Hesburgh Center Auditorium)

Panel B - [The Effects of Internal Conflicts and Resolutions in Development](#) (C103 Hesburgh Center)

5:00 - 6:30 pm Panel Session 2

Panel A - [Empowering Youth to Promote Development](#) (Hesburgh Center Auditorium)

Panel B - [Healthcare and Health Policies: Putting the 'Care' in Healthcare](#) (C103 Hesburgh Center)

Panel C - [Natural Resources in the Developing World: Does Extraction Help or Hinder Development?](#)
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6:30 pm - Casual Dinner

7:00 pm - [Documentary Screening: When China Met Africa](#)

Saturday, March 1

9:30 - 10:30 am Coffee and Light Breakfast

10:30 am - 12:00 pm Panel Session 3

Panel A - [The Business of Agriculture](#) (Hesburgh Center Auditorium)

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6:30 pm – Closing Dinner

Keynote Speech: **Mireille Cronin Mather**

Executive Director, Foundation for Sustainable Development

Panel Descriptions

Friday

Session 1 – 3:15 – 4:45 pm

Panel A – *On the Outside: Understanding Discrimination* (Hesburgh Center Auditorium)

Understanding how and why discrimination operates in a society is crucial to finding a solution of inclusion. This panel explores different forms of discrimination and proposes solutions to decrease disparities in a society.

Alexandra Blackwell (George Washington University) - *Between Religious Refusal and Sexual Health: Improving Women's Sexual and Reproductive Health Status in the Islamic Maghreb*

Kaitlin Thompson (Villanova University) - *The Gender Wage Gap: The Situation and Factors That Influence the Gender Wage Gap in High-Earning Positions in Chile*

Katy Lindquist (Colby College) - *Outside of Vision 2020: Exclusion and Resistance in Rwanda's Urban Development Programs*

Ryan Fish (University of Notre Dame) - *Assessing Employment Potential of Dalit Women in the Jodhpuri Service Industry*

Moderator

Mireille Cronin Mather

Executive Director

Foundation for Sustainable Development (FSD)

Panel B – *The Effects of Internal Conflicts and Resolutions on Development* (C103 Hesburgh Center)

What strategies do governments use to combat powerful criminal organizations threatening state collapse? How do states reorient and identify themselves in post-conflict settings? How should post-conflict societies manage the return home of displaced populations? This set of panelists examines each of these questions and offers possible policy implications of their research.

Madison Stevens (Franklin College Switzerland) - *Lara Ngom ii Acoli: Identifying Root Causes and Impacts of Cultural Cataclysm on Land Conflict Resolution in Nwoya District, Northern Uganda*

Magdalena Guzman (University of Notre Dame) - *How Globalization, Democracy, and Decentralization Encouraged the Rise of the Zetas in Mexico*

Rocio Rodriguez (Texas Tech University) - *(Re)Integration of Women Post Human (Sex) Trafficking*

Moderator

Jimena Holguín, M.A.

Program Manager of the International Summer Service Learning Program and Community-Based Research Center for Social Concerns

Session 2 – 5:00 – 6:30 pm

Panel A – *Empowering Youth to Promote Development* (Hesburgh Center Auditorium)

The personal growth of children and young adults depends upon education, a healthy home environment, positive role models, employment opportunities, and countless other factors which are often unavailable to those growing up in impoverished and war-ravaged countries. This panel examines several structural challenges impeding youth empowerment, as well as possible approaches to promoting the next generation's true potential.

Olivia Schneider (University of Notre Dame) - *Uganda's Street Children: Investigating the Challenges of Street Life and Effectiveness of Phased Rehabilitation Models*

Kristen Hochreiter (University of Pittsburgh) - *Effective and Sustainable Programs of Change: A Case Study of Gulu*

Mariam Adil (George Washington University) - *Innovative Use of SMS Technology for Tracking Labor-Market Outcomes of Sindh Skills Development Project Trainee*

Moderator

Keiko Pincus

International Programs Officer – East Africa & India
Foundation for Sustainable Development

Panel B – Healthcare and Health Policies: Putting the 'Care' in Healthcare (C103 Hesburgh Center)

Improving healthcare and health policies is crucial to development because the outcomes tend to improve nations' productivity, mortality rates, possible investment opportunities, and many other areas. Health is an indispensable requirement for economic growth and human well-being, and this panel will discuss specific health questions specifically targeted to improve the overall conditions in developing nations.

Megan Fuerst (University of Notre Dame) - *Counterfeit Anti-Malarial Drugs Propagates Malaria Crisis in Sub-Saharan Africa*

Samuel Wein (Washington University in St. Louis) - *What Makes the Cut? Cultural Narratives of Circumcision: An Autoethnography of Silence, Militarization, and Impact*

Moderator

Lacey Haussamen, M.P.H.

Assistant Director of Global Health Training
Eck Institute for Global Health
University of Notre Dame

Panel C – Natural Resources in the Developing World: Does Extraction Help or Hinder Development? (C102 Hesburgh Center)

Developing nations often see natural resource extraction as a driver of economic growth. However, mining and drilling can create conflict between corporate, political, and local stakeholders. This panel explores how societies navigate these challenges.

D. Alex Wood (University of Notre Dame) - *Mining, Protest and the Future: A Study of the Effects of the 2011 Protests on Mining in Puno Peru*

Gabriela Polo (DePaul University) - *'Sumak kawsay' and the Ecuadorian Yasuní-ITT Initiative: A Pathway to a More Inclusive, Sustainable, and Just Development Model*

Sarah Meyerhoff (Williams College) - *Development or Discord? Oil, Ethnicity, and Politics in Uganda's Albertine-Graeben*

Moderator

Amitava Krishna Dutt, Ph.D.

Professor of Economics and Political Science
Kellogg Faculty Fellow
Director, International Development Studies Minor
University of Notre Dame

Saturday

Session 3 – 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Panel A – The Business of Agriculture (Hesburgh Center Auditorium)

Recognizing the necessary synthesis between business management and agriculture is crucial to development. This panel discusses business administration and execution strategy as it pertains to agricultural development in developing countries.

Roland Perkins (University of Notre Dame) - *A Grinding Mill for Nnindye, Uganda*

Prosper Niwagaba (Uganda Martyrs University) - *Management and Use of Funds from Sales and Proceeds from the Community Banana Gardens in Nnindye Parish*

Michelle Velez (Villanova University) - *The Process of Organic Certification in Cerro Punta, Panama: How to Promote Sustainable Changes*

Moderator

Francis Ssekijjo, M.A.

Project Manager

Nkozi Agri-Business Training Association Credit and Finance Facilitator

Uganda Martyrs University UPFORD Program

Panel B – Green Development: Environmental Sustainability (C103 Hesburgh Center)

Policies that promote resource efficiency, such as those that delineate 'green' building practices, are important for reducing the amount of energy expended in addition to other natural resources. This panel will discuss how the incorporation of 'green' policies is potentially beneficial for developing countries if implemented correctly.

Sam Schelfhout (University of Portland) - *The Emergence of "Green" Architecture in South Africa*

Kevin Fink (University of Notre Dame) - *Assessment of the Seismic Resiliency of Housing Models in Quito, Ecuador*

Megan Reineccius (University of Notre Dame) - *Understanding the Role of the Built Environment in Tanzania*

Joe Thwaites (American University) - *Pakistan's Shifting Discourse on Climate Change at the United Nations Security Council*

Moderator

Samir Younés, M. Arch.

Professor of Architecture

University of Notre Dame

Panel C – Tourism: Economic Revitalization or Ruin? (C102 Hesburgh Center)

Tourism is becoming an increasingly popular means of economic and social development. However, some argue tourism hurts local development efforts and can compromise democratization. This panel deciphers the benefits and consequences of introducing tourism into the developing world.

Emily de Wet (Wheaton College) - *Racialized Paths and the Business of South African Township Tourism*

Jasper Peet-Martel (Macalester College) - *Deceptive Development and Democratization: Stadium Construction and Securitization in the FIFA World Cup Host Countries of South Africa and Brazil*

Julia Benedith (Wesleyan University) - *"Una realidad compleja": How "Ship Out" Has Influenced the Relationships and the Aspirations of Bluefields's Youth*

Panel D – The Power of Language (C104/105 Hesburgh Center)

Native or indigenous languages can often play a crucial role in cultural development, yet this may conflict with a view of development that sees modernization or globalization as an end goal. This panel will discuss how language relates to development as a facet of unification, education, or cultural preservation.

Samantha Murphy (Josef Korbel School for International Studies, University of Denver) - *Language in Uganda: Implications for Security and Democracy*

Megan Olson (University of Notre Dame) - *Perceptions of Foreign Language as a Tool for Development in Brazil*

Moderator

Rev. Robert Dowd, CSC

Assistant Professor of Political Science

Director, Ford Family Program in Human Development Studies and Solidarity

University of Notre Dame

Poster Presentations, 1:00 – 2:15 pm

Mary Beliveau (Seton Hall University) - *Eucalyptus Plantations: A Viable Solution to Deforestation in Madagascar*

Mallory Bernstein (Muhlenberg College) - *An Exploration of Diabetes Care in Durban, Kwa-Zulu Natal Suburbs as Seen Through the Work of Diabetes South Africa*

Vierelina Fernández (DePaul University) - *Imagining ALBA without Chávez: The End of South America's Promise for Alternative Development?*

Erik Jensen (University of Notre Dame) - *Sustainable Housing in Post-Earthquake Haiti*

Karla Jimenez (Columbia University) - *Mozonteña Women: Land, Leadership, and Identity in the Pueblo Indígena de Mozonte, Nueva Segovia*

Margeaux Prinster (University of Notre Dame) - *Barriers to Empowerment: An Exploration of Gendered Space and Female Vocational Training in Jodhpur, India*

Vijay N Sachdev (University of Redlands) - *The Implications of Privileged Gay Politics on Queer Aberrations: Interrogating South Africa's Nongovernmental Industrial Complex*

Samuel Wein (Washington University in St. Louis) - *What Makes the Cut? Cultural Narratives of Circumcision: An Autoethnography of Silence, Militarization, and Impact*

Session 4 - 2:30 - 4:00 pm

Panel A - Education and Empowerment (Hesburgh Center Auditorium)

Education is not merely the transfer of knowledge, but a foundation for development and change. This panel will explore the different realms of education, from health to business skills, as well as seek to understand the challenges education faces in today's world.

Catherine Gold (Hamilton College) - *The Role of the Government of Chile in Health Education: An Issue of Empowerment*

Gabrielle Arengé (Connecticut College) - *Conceptualizing and Cultivating Creativity in Kibera, Kenya*

Fiona Zawedde (Uganda Martyrs University) - *Opportunities and Challenges of Teaching in a Rural Secondary School*

Colleen Wade (University of Notre Dame) - *The Development of a General Business Skills Training Program for Nnindye, Uganda*

Panel B - Development Trends in the Developed World (C103 Hesburgh Center)

The goals and programs associated with development are not limited to developing countries. Wealthier nations are addressing topics such as food security, food systems, and education. This panel will examine development trends and efforts in these areas in the developed world.

Alyssa Tutterow (Washington University in St. Louis) - *The Influence of Farmers' Markets on Food Security: A Case Study of Melbourne, Victoria (Australia)*

Aurora Myers (University of Portland) - *Food Waste & Food Loss: Working to Alleviate Inequities through Social Entrepreneurship & Advocacy*

Elizabeth Millea (University of Notre Dame) - *Pavee Point and Education in Ireland*

Meg VanDeusen (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill) - *Cultivating Change: Women Transforming Holland's Food System*

Panel C - The Changing Field of Agriculture (C102 Hesburgh Center)

During a time of climate change and increased environmental awareness, agricultural practices must evolve to meet growing problems with sustainable solutions. This panel analyzes potential agricultural practices, policies, and solutions in the developing world.

Alexandra Guest (Skidmore College) - *Agriculture in the Context of a Changing Climate: A survey of local producers on the Azuero peninsula*

Greg Yungtum (University of Notre Dame) - *Agricultural Land Use in Uganda*

Chiman Debbarma (Holy Cross College, Agartala, India) - *Shifting Cultivation, Jhum Cultivation, Primitive Culture, Indigenous Population, Jhumias*

Moderator

Ben Efird, M.A.

University Relations Manager for the Midwest Region
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Panel D - Resource Instability and Human Well-Being (C104/105 Hesburgh Center)

Instability of resources such as food, water, and energy can affect the overall productivity of a country. Conflicts can arise between countries that are overusing shared natural resources. This panel will address the ways resource instability is affecting not only individuals but also the economies of developing countries.

Jesse Schaffer (George Washington University) - *The Impact of Syrian Refugees on Socio-ecological Resilience and Community Tensions in the Northern Badia of Jordan*

Marielle Velander (George Washington University) - *Building Conceptual Bridges Over Troubled Waters: Analysis and Sentiment Surrounding the Jordan River*

Moderator

Erin Metz McDonnell, Ph.D.

Kellogg Assistant Professor of Sociology
University of Notre Dame

Session 5 - 4:15 - 5:45 pm

Panel A - More Than Good Intentions: Improving Outcomes and Dealing with Unintended Consequences (Hesburgh Center Auditorium)

Although development is intended to improve the lives of recipients, even the most well-meaning initiatives may fail to truly address their needs or may even create unintended negative consequences. This panel will provide insights on how to move beyond good intentions in order to bring about development with truly meaningful impact.

Lexi Doolittle (University of Richmond) - *Homelessness, Violent Gangs and Trafficking: A Global Comparison of At-Risk Youth Organizations*

Jingting Kang (University of Notre Dame) - *International Volunteering: Valuable or Vandalism*

John Francis O'Halloran (University of Portland) - *United States Foreign Aid to Syria: A Case Study*

Moderator

Vania Smith-Oka, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor of Anthropology
Kellogg Faculty Fellow
University of Notre Dame

Panel B - Confronting Gender Issues (C103 Hesburgh Center)

Each country has its unique gender-related problems, ranging from inequality to discrimination to stereotypes and beyond. These kinds of problems inhibit developing countries' social and economic development by limiting job opportunities and highlighting hurtful expectations. This panel will address how developing nations are trying to solve gender-related issues while simultaneously fostering development.

Keavy McFadden (DePaul University) - *Production and Pain: Development, Gender, and Female Bodies in the Salvadoran Garment Industry*

Paul Rebman (Macalester College) - *The Creation of the Hombre Nuevo: How Do Men in Nicaragua Confront Male Privilege and Gender Inequality?*

Sanggeet Mithra Manirajah (Scripps College) - *Are You Man Enough? A Look at the Attitudes of Young Male Professionals on Notions of Masculinity and Male Gender Norms in Modern India*

Moderator

Joseph Wiltberger, Ph.D.

Cultural Anthropologist
Kellogg Visiting Fellow

Panel C - Partnership and Participation: Solidarity Initiatives in Development (C102 Hesburgh Center)

Development can be generalized as improvements in social, economic, political, and humanitarian realms. However, developing nations cannot increase crucial factors such as life expectancy, literacy rates, and political stability entirely on their own. This panel will explore cases such as partnerships and local initiatives and their implications for particular countries' development.

Denise Umubyeyi (University of Notre Dame) - *New Partnerships in International Development: Implications for Rwandan Health Care*

Genevieve Gill-Wiehl (University of Notre Dame) - *Accompanying Accompagnateurs: Support Systems Among Community Health Workers in Lima, Peru*

Lyndsey Czapansky (Hendrix College) - *Problematizing Decentralization: The Effects of Socioeconomic Status on Political Participation in Africa*

Moderator

Steve Reifenberg, M.A.

Executive Director
Kellogg Institute for International Studies
University of Notre Dame

Panel D – Identities New and Old (C104/105 Hesburgh Center)

Identity shapes how individuals and groups approach and respond to development challenges. This panel will address how actors in the developing world are preserving old identities or creating new ones, while also maintaining a process of development.

Jesse Barlow (Bard College) - *Poverty vs. Citizenship: Identity and Nation-building through Rwanda's Post-Genocide Development*

John Gibbons (University of Notre Dame) - *Ethnonationalism in Pune Politics: A Study of Maharashtra Navnirman Sena's Appeal in Pune, Maharashtra*

Tate Ryan-Mosley (University of Notre Dame) - *Grassroots Interactions and Social Trust in Rwanda Post-Genocide*

Moderator

Fr. Emmanuel Kallarackal, CSC
Principal
Holy Cross College, Agartala

When China Met Africa

Marc Francis and **Nick Francis** (2010)

This film captures an extraordinary moment in time, following three characters working on the frontline of China's foray into Africa. Described by *The Times* as "a rare grassroots view into one of the most important economic challenges of our age," *When China Met Africa* reveals the expanding footprint of a rising global power. Set in Zambia, this captivating work from two award-winning filmmakers points to a radically different future, not just for Africa, but also for the world.





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Committee Bios

John Gibbons, Conference Cochair

John is a senior political science and Chinese major with an international development studies minor. He spent the past summer in Pune, India, conducting research on an ethnonationalist political party. He plans to pursue a career in international social entrepreneurship after graduation.

Eddie Linczer, Conference Cochair

Eddie is a senior studying political science and Chinese. Currently he is conducting research on Chinese cyber-espionage against the United States. Next year Eddie plans to start a foreign policy career in Washington, DC.



Jenna Ahn, Center for Social Concerns Liaison

Jenna is a senior theology and pre-health studies double major who spent the last two summers working alongside the Missionaries of Charity in Kolkata, India. Jenna is writing a senior honors theology thesis on contemporary theologies of mission and the Missionaries of Charity.

Orrin Belden, Club/Class Liaison & Abstract Committee

Orrin is a junior science pre-professional major with minors in international development studies and Latino studies. He spent last summer in Quito, Ecuador working with Timmy Global Health and Tierra Nueva on research about the perceptions and trends of chronic diseases in resource-poor communities. Orrin plans to pursue a medical degree after graduation, to serve communities both in the US and in Latin America.

Ana Dionne-Lanier, External Contacts

Ana is a senior political science and peace studies major. She spent the summer before her junior year in Uganda and Rwanda studying post-conflict reconciliation. She hopes to work abroad after graduation.

Lindsey Forsberg, Faculty Liaison

Lindsey is in her fourth year of the Reilly Dual Degree program, studying electrical engineering and anthropology. Last year she studied at Oxford University and spent the following summer in northern Uganda, where she worked on long-range wireless and solar energy projects. On campus, Lindsey is the student assistant for the Notre Dame Initiative for Global Development.

Genevieve Gill-Wiehl, Editor/Writer

Genevieve is a senior studying English and pre-health studies with a minor in international development studies. She spent the past summer in Lima, Peru, researching support systems for community health workers who work with multi-drug-resistant tuberculosis patients. Genevieve hopes to pursue an MD/MPH after graduation.

Carolina Gutierrez, Logistics & Abstract Committee

Carolina is a sophomore majoring in finance with a supplementary major in applied and computational mathematics and statistics. She is currently conducting research for the economics department regarding the motivations for why people save

in developing countries.

Magdalena Guzman, *Data Coordinator & Abstract Committee*

Maggie is a sophomore business major with an international development studies minor. She spent her last summer in her native Mexico, working with the local government on ways to improve the state's recreational spaces in order to increase community engagement and social capital given the recent wave of violence. She plans a career in the Foreign Service.

Jingting Kang, *Abstract Committee*

Jingting "Lily" is a sophomore majoring in business, sociology, and actuarial science. Born and raised in China, she came to the United States as an exchange student at the age of 15 and has also studied in the United Kingdom and Israel. As an entrepreneurial enthusiast, a world traveler, and a pioneer seeking truths in human society, she hopes to launch and oversee an international social enterprise in the future.

Madi King, *Abstract Committee*

Madi is a sophomore political science and international development studies minor. She plans to conduct research on the effects of capitalism in India during the next two summers. Also involved in the Hesburgh Public Service Program, Madi is pursuing a career in foreign service and diplomacy after graduation.

Deanna Kolberg, *Faculty Liaison*

Deanna is a senior studying political science and Chinese. She's done research in India, China, Vietnam, Ireland, and the United Kingdom. Her major themes of study are federal mandate implementation methods and Chinese soft power. Deanna plans on continuing her studies in graduate school next year.

Anna Kottkamp, *Editor/Writer*

Anna is a junior environmental science major with an international development studies minor. She spent last summer as an intern with an NGO in Peru working on sustainable development and agriculture. She is interested in the interplay between agricultural systems, food systems, and ecosystems in the context of international development.

Geri Lanham, *Housing Chair & External Contacts*

Geri is a junior political science major with a peace studies minor. She spent last summer interning for a Congressman and experienced the importance of grassroots organization. She is planning to pursue a career in public policy.

Hien Luu, *Graphic Designer*

Hien is a senior studio art major and hopeful Japanese minor. She is interested in craftsmanship and anything involving it—including pottery, printmaking, cooking, and human development. She foresees multiple career changes in her life but hopes most involve art making.

Chris Newton, *Abstract Committee Chair*

Chris is a junior political science major and international development studies minor. He spent last summer in Rwanda conducting research on Rwanda's regional foreign policy. He is currently studying abroad in Jerusalem, Israel.

Megan Olson, *Abstract Committee*

Megan is a senior political science major with minors in international development Studies and Brazilian and Portuguese studies. After studying abroad in Brazil for 6 months her junior year, she returned last summer to conduct research on the role of foreign language education as a tool for development. After graduation, she is pursuing a career in social and economic policy research.

Jackie Paul, *Photo Contest Coordinator*

Jackie is a junior sociology major with a business economics minor. She is focusing her studies on international development and humanitarian aid work. She spent last summer in Komga, South Africa working at a children's home through the Center for Social Concern's ISSLP program. She is currently conducting research comparing religious and secular INGOs.

Jessica Peck, *Presenter Liaison*

Jessica is a sophomore romance languages major and international development studies minor. Her main focus in development is improving the effectiveness of education in developing countries. She hopes to work on the topic in Latin America this summer.

Thomas Rieth, *Internal Communication*

Thomas is a sophomore anthropology major with arts and letters premedical supplementary major and a minor in international development studies. He has an interest in global health and plans on pursuing a career in the health field.

Ena Solorzano, *Presenter Liaison*

Ena is a sophomore economics and political science major with an international development studies minor. Raised in El Salvador, her main goal is to help her country develop through education and its impact on economic growth. She is currently deciding what type of research she will be doing in Latin America in the upcoming year.

Emily Strickland, *External Contacts*

Emily is a junior political science major. She spent this past summer at the U S Department of Defense working for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, where she conducted research on the AfPak Hands, a joint program for culturally attuned military and civilian personnel in Afghanistan and Pakistan. She is pursuing a career in the Foreign Service.

Denise Umubyeyi, *External Contacts*

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The overarching mission of the Ford Program is to build a translational, interdisciplinary alliance of scholars, students, public servants, and conscientious citizens to address critical challenges confronted by individuals living in extreme poverty.

In 2008, together with the Center for Social Concerns, the Ford Program sponsored a student research symposium entitled "[Solidarity in the Pursuit of Authentic Human Development](#)." Twenty-eight students presented at the event, including students from Uganda Martyrs University. Raymond Offenheiser, president of Oxfam America, delivered the keynote address.

In November of 2008, the symposium grew into a full conference sponsored by the Ford program and cosponsored by the Center for Social Concerns and the School for International Training. "Innovation in the Service of Human Dignity" featured graduate and undergraduate student presenters from 29 universities and representing 28 countries of research. Moderators from around the country also attended the conference to facilitate panel discussions. Peter McPherson, the former head of USAID, delivered the keynote address.

The second annual Human Development Conference, "[People, Power, and Pragmatism: The Future of Development in Our Changing World](#)," was held in February of 2010. More than doubling in size from the previous year, the conference grew to 80 students with research experiences in 38 different countries. Thirty-eight colleges and universities from across the globe were represented. Ray Chambers, the United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy for Malaria, spoke on his commitment to the Millennium Promise and *Malaria No More*. The keynote address was delivered by Joseph Sebarenzi, the former speaker of the Rwandan Parliament, who spoke passionately about his experience as a genocide survivor and his efforts to create reconciliation, peace and development in Rwanda and the world.

The third annual Human Development Conference, "[Unleashing Human Potential: Global Citizens in Pursuit of the Common Good](#)," brought together 73 undergraduate and graduate student-presenters with research experiences in over 30 countries. The Ford Program also welcomed a group of two students and three faculty members from Uganda Martyrs University, the program's partner university in on-site research and development projects. The two-day conference concluded with a dinner banquet and keynote address given by microfinance specialist David Roodman from the Center for Global Development.

The fourth annual HDC, "[Faces Behind the Figures: Visions of Prosperity, Progress and Human Potential](#)," took place during February 2012, culminating in a keynote address given by *Not For Sale*'s co-founder and executive director Mark Wexler. The conference featured 250 students, faculty and development experts from across the United States and beyond. Eighty-two students presented research on development-related topics conducted in over 35 different countries. Panels addressed topics ranging from food security and agricultural development to post-conflict transformation and the effectiveness of foreign aid.

Last year, the fifth annual Human Development Conference, "[In the Field: Cultivating Collaboration and Innovation](#)," brought together more than 200 students, faculty members, and development experts from around the world, including keynote address speaker, Sara Sievers, the founding executive director of the Center for Globalization and Development at Columbia University's Earth Institute. Over 70 students presented their own research, representing fieldwork from more than 30 countries. Topics addressed ranged from evaluating the perceptions of trust among Peruvian sexually abused victims to combating cancer in Samoa and implementing organic agricultural certification in India.

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Offering participants the opportunity to explore interdisciplinary and sustainable research to improve livelihoods while advancing human dignity, this year's theme is inspired by the idea that development is an evolving process. A widening set of stakeholders and rapidly advancing technologies raise new possibilities for the field. The conference will be a chance to reflect on both successes and failures in development, while analyzing opportunities created by these new trends.

With the goal of showcasing student research that investigates collaborative and innovative solutions to address human development's most challenging issues, we welcome proposals from undergraduate and graduate students to share their research, particularly those based on experiences in the field, in a broad spectrum of topics:

Agriculture	• Engineering	• Infrastructure
Aid	• Environment	• Migration
Business	• Gender	• Peace and Conflict
Culture	• Governance	• Public Policy
Economics	• Health	• Religion
Education	• Human Rights	• Technology

Students interested in presenting a paper should submit their abstract (no more than 500 words) no later than **Thursday, November 7. Deadline extended to Thursday, November 14.**

For abstract submission instructions please visit: http://fluidsurveys.com/s/HDC_call_for_papers/

Invitations for participation will be extended by early December. Students who accept invitations to present at the conference will be responsible for securing funding for travel and other related expenses.

We hope you will join us!

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