



2025 Global Health Symposium

Exploring the re-emergence of infectious diseases and implications for practice and policy

The Office of Global Health invites you to join engaging discussions on how socio-politics surrounding the smallpox vaccination paved the way for the emergence of mpox. Experts from around the nation will guide attendees through lessons learned from the ongoing outbreak and curbing the tuberculosis pandemic globally. All presentations are available virtually and in-person. Lunch will be provided for the first 100 in-person presentation attendees. CME credits are available.

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March 24-27

Monday, March 24 | Noon to 1 pm | Armour Academic Center 539

The law of Unintended Consequences and the Emergence of Mpox

Bradley Stuart Hersh, M.D., M.P.H., FACP, independent consultant

In 1980 the World Health Organization declared smallpox eradicated – the only infectious disease to achieve this distinction. This presentation will review how changes in smallpox vaccine policy facilitated the global emergence of mpox, formerly called monkeypox, in 2022.

Tuesday, March 25 | Noon to 1 pm | Armour Academic Center, 994A

Curbing the TB Pandemic: Challenges and Opportunities

Emily Erbelding, M.D., M.P.H., National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NAID)

This presentation will cover the global epidemiology of TB, novel tools to curb its spread and address the inequities in disease burden.

Wednesday, March 26 | Noon to 1 pm | Armour Academic Center, 994A

The Global Threat of Emerging Infections: Lessons from Mpox and Other Pathogens

Aniruddha Hazra, M.D., University of Chicago

This presentation will explore the lessons learned from the ongoing mpox outbreak and how global inequities in healthcare infrastructure, public health systems, and social determinants of health contribute to the growth of emerging infections.

Thursday, March 27 | 2-6 pm

**Poster viewing: Atrium Lobby | Award ceremony: Room 540 AAC
Trainee Research Day 2025**

Join us for presentations highlighting trainee accomplishments and cutting-edge research happening at Rush. \$500 will be awarded to the poster that demonstrates the greatest innovation and impact in reducing health care disparities in a global or local setting. The award is co-sponsored by the Office of Global Health and the RUSH BMO Institute for Health Equity. The event will be followed by an award ceremony and reception.

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Bradley Stuart Hersh

Bradley Stuart Hersh, M.D., M.P.H., FACP is an independent consultant in global and population health. Hersh has over three decades of experience participating in global health initiatives with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the World Health Organization and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS domestically and abroad. Most of his work focused on supporting low- and middle-income countries in reducing morbidity and mortality from vaccine-preventable diseases — especially polio eradication and measles mortality reduction — and scaling up HIV prevention and treatment programs. Since retiring in 2017, Hersh has served as an independent consultant in global health, dividing his time between Switzerland and Chicago.

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Emily Erbelding

Emily Erbelding, M.D., M.P.H. is director of the Division of Microbiology and Infectious Diseases (DMID) at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID). She oversees an extramural research portfolio of basic, translational, and clinical research in infectious diseases that exceeds \$2.2B annually. DMID/NIAID continues to lead the research response to emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases.

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Aniruddha Hazra

Aniruddha Hazra, M.D. is an associate professor in the Section of Infectious Diseases and Global Health at the University of Chicago. He is director of STI Services at the Chicago Center of HIV Elimination and director of the University's Infectious Diseases Fellowship Program and a clinical ambassador of CDC's Let Stop HIV Together Campaign. Additionally, Hazra works at Howard Brown Health, the largest LGBTQ+ health provider in the Midwest. His clinical and research interests center on sexually transmitted infections and their impact on sexual and gender minorities as well as other vulnerable populations living on the South Side of Chicago.

