Oct 27th Grand Rounds Webinar Speakers

Margaret Little, PhD
Professor, Philosophy Department
Senior Research Scholar, Kennedy Institute of Ethics
Director, Ethics Lab
Georgetown University

Dr. Little is Senior Research Scholar at the Kennedy Institute of Ethics, and Professor of Philosophy at Georgetown. Her research interests include issues in reproduction, clinical research ethics, data ethics, and the structure of moral theory.

A Rhodes Scholar and fellow of the Hastings Center, she has twice served as Visiting Scholar in residence at the National Institutes of Health Department of Bioethics, and was appointed to the Ethics Committee of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. She is co-founder of The Second Wave Initiative, which works to promote responsible research into the health needs of pregnant women.

Lameck Chinula MD
Assistant Professor, Global Women’s Health
UNC School of Medicine

Dr. Chinula is assistant professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology’s Division of Global Women’s Health at the University of North Carolina (UNC) at Chapel Hill and a Clinical Research Site Leader at UNC Project Malawi, a collaboration between UNC and Malawi Ministry of Health. Dr Chinula completed medical training at University of Malawi College of Medicine and residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at University of Cape Town in South Africa. He is a former Fogarty International Clinical Research Fellow, AORTIC ACLI participant and leads UNC Global HIV Clinical Trials Unit Malawi Clinical Research Site participation in HIV prevention and treatment trials and also in NCI AIDS Malignancy Consortium. He is a Co-chair for IMPAACT 2010 study. Dr Chinula is also an honorary lecturer at University of Malawi College of Medicine. He has research interests in HIV and cervical cancer prevention.
Rebecca Zash, MD  
Assistant Professor of Medicine  
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center

Dr. Rebecca Zash is an infectious diseases physician at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, and Instructor at Harvard Medical School and a research associate at the Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health and the Botswana Harvard AIDS Institute Partnership. After medical school at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, Dr. Zash completed internal medicine residency and infectious diseases fellowship at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. As part of her ID fellowship Dr. Zash moved with her family to Botswana to pursue research on the safety of antiretroviral medications during pregnancy. She has continued to focus her research efforts on understanding the mechanisms of adverse birth outcomes among HIV-infected women and developing pregnancy pharmacovigilance systems in low resourced settings. In addition to research and patient care, Dr. Zash also serves as the associate director for global health programs in the Internal Medicine residency at BIDMC.

Roger Shapiro, MD  
Associate Professor of Immunology and Infectious Diseases  
Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Dr. Shapiro is an Associate Professor in Immunology and Infectious Diseases at the Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health, and Associate Professor in Medicine at Harvard Medical School and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. Since 1999, he has worked in Botswana studying the prevention of mother-to-child HIV transmission (PMTCT) and the reduction of morbidity and mortality among infants born to HIV-infected women. Dr. Shapiro has been the principal investigator of several large NIH-funded clinical trials, and his current research focus includes the performance of nationwide surveillance studies to evaluate the mechanisms by which antiretrovirals impact adverse birth outcomes; the conduct of a clinical trial of early antiretroviral treatment to improve clinical outcomes in HIV-infected infants; and the novel use of broadly neutralizing monoclonal antibodies as alternate treatment for early-treated, low-reservoir children. Dr. Shapiro works closely with the Botswana PMTCT Program, and is a member of the PMTCT Advisory Panel for the World Health Organization.
Shahin Lockman, MD
Associate Professor of Medicine
Brigham and Women’s Hospital

Dr. Lockman is an infectious-disease trained clinician and has conducted clinical trials, epidemiologic and implementation science investigation related to HIV-1 in Botswana since 1996. One of her research focus areas is the safety and efficacy of antiretroviral drugs used for HIV treatment and prevention among pregnant and postpartum women; she currently serves as co-chair for the IMPAACT 2010 (VESTED) trial which is evaluating the safety and efficacy of DTG- vs. EFV-based antiretroviral treatment regimens in pregnant and postpartum women. Dr. Lockman also conducts research on health and neurodevelopmental outcomes in HIV-exposed/uninfected children and on community-based HIV prevention, and mentors more than 20 early stage investigators on a range of clinical research projects in Botswana. She is PI of the Botswana Clinical Trials Unit at the Botswana Harvard AIDS Institute Partnership (conducting ACTG, IMPAACT, and HPTN network trials).