We are pleased to present this report on the numerous accomplishments of the Hubert Department of Global Health.

THE VALUABLE INVESTMENTS OF THE HUBERT FOUNDATION have greatly increased the impact of the Hubert Department of Global Health in public health teaching, research, and practice. Your generosity elevates the Hubert Department’s leadership in the field, provides extraordinary opportunities for students and faculty, creates a close-knit community, and sends into the world passionate advocates equipped to tackle the most pressing health issues. These educators and researchers fervently believe in our mission of transforming health and making the world a better place.

Their work is motivated by a belief that the Hubert Department of Global Health is uniquely positioned to tackle challenges as diverse as diabetes, obesity, malnutrition, HIV/AIDS, vaccine-preventable disease, and access to safe water and sanitation.
Leaders in the Hubert Department of Global Health assumed new roles and responsibilities this year. Carlos del Rio, MD, Hubert Professor and Chair, became the principal investigator of the Emory Center for AIDS Research (CFAR). Dr. del Rio is chair-elect of the HIV Medicine Association and was appointed chair of the scientific advisory board of the President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief, the leading U.S. initiative to help save the lives of people suffering from HIV/AIDS around the world. Dr. del Rio’s prominence in the field also helps raise awareness in public forums. He was recently interviewed for a story about actor Charlie Sheen’s HIV diagnosis in USA Today, which has a combined print and online readership of more than 40 million. Also, CBS News featured Dr. del Rio in a story about the hunt for a cure for HIV/AIDS on World AIDS Day, December 1. Dr. del Rio, professor of medicine in the Division of Infectious Diseases, received the R. Wayne Alexander Excellence in Research Accomplishment Award from Emory Department of Medicine for his significant career contributions.

Over the past five years, the Hubert Department of Global Health has grown significantly. Usha Ramakrishnan, PhD, was promoted to vice chair of the department, to assist Dr. del Rio with a variety of tasks including faculty promotions, faculty mentoring, and taking the lead in developing a proposal for a PhD program in global health.

The faculty at the Hubert Department of Global Health maintain a tremendously productive level of teaching, publication, and funded research. In fiscal year 2015, faculty received more than $21 million in sponsored research awards. During the past academic year, department faculty published 167 manuscripts in peer-reviewed journals. In addition, publications from faculty were cited 10,597 times as of August 2015.

The Hubert Department of Global Health graduated 94 students from its MPH and MSPH programs in 2015. The incoming class of 106 students, combined with the 92 second-year students, brings the total number of students in the department to 198 for the 2015–2016 academic year.
A $2 million gift from the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation will establish a new chair in global health ethics. The new chair will reside in the Hubert Department of Global Health and will be jointly appointed in the Emory Center for Ethics. The search committee has brought several candidates to campus this fall. Visits will continue over the next several months with an offer anticipated in early spring. The William H. Foege Chair in Global Health search also is under way, and several candidates will be identified and invited to campus during the next six months.

The CDC awarded a $7.43 million cooperative agreement this year to principal investigators Dr. del Rio; Scott J. N. McNabb, PhD, MS, research professor; and Saad B. Omer, MBBS, MPH, PhD, professor of global health, epidemiology, and pediatrics, to establish the first African Center of Excellence for Public Health Security to expand public health capacity and provide in-country training for professionals in eight West African countries. In the aftermath of the Ebola epidemic, it became clear that capacity must be expanded to meet the challenge of future outbreaks in Africa.

Initially, the center will provide in-country training for public health professionals in eight West African countries in disciplines including public health surveillance, epidemiology, laboratory, infectious disease, and preparedness. The long-term goal is to create a locally owned and operated public health preparedness center.

The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has made an initial commitment of up to $75 million to the Emory Global Health Institute (EGHI) for the Child Health and Mortality Prevention Surveillance network (CHAMPS). The initiative will help gather better data faster, about how, where, and why children are getting sick and dying in developing countries. Jeffrey P. Koplan, MD, MPH, vice president for global health, is the principal investigator. EGHI director Robert F. Breiman, PhD, is the co-principal investigator and holds a faculty appointment in the Hubert Department of Global Health. Other members of the CHAMPS leadership team include Rollins alumni Lisa Carlson 93MPH, director of programs for the EGHI, and Courtney Dusenbury 08MPH, senior research associate of EGHI.
Global Diabetes Research Center

Ruth and O. C. Hubert Chair of Global Health K.M. Venkat Narayan, MD, MSc, MBA, played a pivotal role in the formation of an India-based Center for Control of Chronic Conditions (C4). The announcement of this partnership was covered widely in the international press. Partners include the Public Health Institute of India, the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, and the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. The center will generate new research on diabetes, heart disease, cancer, mental health, and injuries by following more than 50,000 people for multiple years and by conducting clinical trials for prevention and care improvement for these chronic conditions.

“The challenge of chronic conditions confronting India cannot be overstated,” says Dr. Narayan, who is also professor of epidemiology and medicine and director of the Emory Global Diabetes Research Center. “The impact of cardiovascular disease, mental and neurological disorders, cancer, diabetes, and chronic respiratory...
and kidney disease is not only enormous for affected individuals and their families, but even threatens to undermine economic development at the national level.”

Dr. Narayan is the newly appointed chair, adviser, and guest editor for a special issue of the journal *Health Affairs* focused on noncommunicable diseases. He was selected as the lead editor of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI) special issue on global noncommunicable diseases. Dr. Narayan also was selected by the American Diabetes Association to receive its prestigious Kelly West Award for Outstanding Achievement in Epidemiology.

Under the aegis of the Danish Diabetes Academy, Dr. Narayan is a visiting professor at the University of Copenhagen’s School of Global Health. His expertise and extensive network will be used to engage researchers from different disciplines, such as basic, clinical, and epidemiological sciences and anthropology and public health. The expectation is that this will result in greater collaboration with Danish researchers.

Mohamed Ali, MBChB, MSc, MBA, was promoted to associate professor with tenure. Dr. Ali is on the steering committee for the Center of Excellence for Cardiometabolic Diseases in South Asia, playing a significant role in the plans for ten clinics in the study funded by the NHLBI and a three-city study of 13,000 people in South Asia. He is a fellow of the American Heart Association, co-scientific advisor for the National Diabetes Prevention Program, and serves as associate editor of *Global Heart Journal*. He is a consultant for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), helping to manage a program to evaluate diabetes prevention and control policies in the United States.

Shivani Patel, PhD, was named research assistant professor. Dr. Patel’s research focuses on the global epidemiology of obesity and cardiovascular health, with an emphasis on social disparities in the United States and India. She is a member of the Emory Global Diabetes Research Center and serves as Emory’s faculty liaison with C4. She was the lead author of a study published in the *Annals of Internal Medicine* in August 2015; the findings showed at least half of cardiovascular deaths in the United States are preventable through elimination of risk factors such as smoking and high blood pressure.

Lisa Staimez, MPH, PhD, was named research assistant professor. Her research focus is the global prevention of diabetes and cardiovascular disease, with an emphasis on the development of prevention strategies in India. Before joining Emory, Dr. Staimez managed and evaluated programs at the CDC including WISEWOMAN, a lifestyle intervention to prevent cardiovascular disease. She also assessed community health and nutritional status of young children in Guatemala and El Salvador.

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DR. K.M. VENKAT NARAYAN, MD, MSC, MBA
It has been a year of great growth and visibility for the Center for Global Safe Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (CGSW), including the appointment of the center's director, Christine Moe, PhD, Eugene J. Gangarosa Professor of Safe Water and Sanitation, as an external adviser to the Wellcome Trust biomedical research foundation. The Trust is the world's second-largest private funder of medical research, surpassed only by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. It has a tremendous global reach.

The CGSW recently joined Sanitation and Water for All (SWA), a global partnership of over 90 developing country governments, donors, non-governmental organizations, and research institutions working to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals for water, sanitation, and hygiene.

This year, the center changed its name to the Center for Global Safe Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene and introduced a new logo and website, cgswash.org. While the familiar CGSW acronym remains, the name now encompasses the full scope of water, sanitation, and hygiene research and educational activity. Funding for the CGSW from public and private sources totals $20 million and encompasses 40 studies in 18 countries.

In 2015, the CGSW received a new $2.6 million supplemental award from the Gates Foundation to extend the scope of the previously funded SaniPath study. This study examines the risks of exposure—especially children's
exposure—to fecal contamination in urban slums. The research provides guidance to policy makers on how to prioritize sanitation investments in low-income communities to maximize public health impact.

Since 2008, the CGSW has been working with the Developing Health Globally (DHG) program of the General Electric Foundation (GEF) to improve safe water provision to some of the world’s most vulnerable populations. Through the DHG program, GEF and CGSW have been responding to the need for improved water quality in district-level hospitals and health centers through the donation of ultra-filtration water purification systems to five countries: Ghana, Honduras, Rwanda, Cambodia, and Uganda. A recent innovation from this collaboration has been the development of a healthcare facility assessment tool that includes indicators on water, sanitation, hygiene, infection control, and waste management. Although the tool originally was designed to assess the status of WASH infrastructure and resources in hospitals that receive GEF donations, the mobile online version has generated interest by partner organizations including World Vision, Catholic Relief Services, and the World Health Organization (WHO).

Many Rollins students report that they chose Emory because of the Graduate Certificate in Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene launched in 2012. It is the only formal WASH certificate program offered within a public health school in the United States and maybe the world. Seven students were certified in the initial year, and in 2015 there were 20 graduates. There has been a threefold increase in the number of students who pursue the program in their first year (14 in 2013 compared to 42 in 2016).

Amy Kirby, MPH, PhD, assistant research professor, is gaining widespread recognition for her expertise in norovirus research, water quality, and hand hygiene, and has been featured by numerous media including National Public Radio, ABC-TV’s Good Morning America, the Daily Beast, and Fox and NBC news affiliates in Atlanta.

Dr. Kirby continues to engage community members in research projects. In collaboration with the Health and Exposome Research Center: Understanding Lifetime Exposures (HERCULES), she has been working with stakeholders in the Proctor Creek, English Avenue, and Peoplestown neighborhoods. These Atlanta neighborhoods have some of the oldest water infrastructure in the city and experience frequent flooding due to poor stormwater management. Dr. Kirby has met with community organizers, given water safety talks at their meetings, and developed educational materials on health risks due to flooding.
Juan Leon, PhD, MPH, was promoted to associate professor with tenure. His research is focused on parasitic diseases and enteric viruses that cause gastrointestinal disease in vulnerable populations in the Americas. He has developed a health resource guide for U.S. Hispanics, an online module to teach health providers about neglected parasitic infections, and numerous information guides and workshops on a variety of health topics in Mexico, Bolivia, and Brazil.

Dr. Leon currently is working in Mexico to understand routes of microbial contamination of fresh vegetables and fruits in order to prevent produce outbreaks. In Bolivia, his efforts focus on understanding whether malnutrition worsens the effect of the rotavirus vaccine. In the United States, Dr. Leon studies the prevalence of parasitic diseases among immigrant Latin Americans. He is also working with the CDC to understand how Latin Americans access care through the American health system, especially when they are at risk for parasitic diseases.

Joanne McGriff, MD, MPH, was named research assistant professor. Dr. McGriff’s research focuses on safe water and sanitation in vulnerable populations. As CGSW associate director of programs, she works in close collaboration with Christine Moe and the General Electric Foundation on a number of research studies and training initiatives to improve sanitation and hygiene in health care facilities.

The recruitment of Eduardo Perez, MS, from the World Bank greatly enhances the work of the CGSW. Perez joined Emory as senior lecturer and professor of practice in global health after working as the lead water and sanitation specialist at the World Bank. He is a global thought leader whose focus is providing technical assistance for the development of sanitation programs for the poor. Perez advises governments on policy, programming, behavioral change, capacity-building, market development, and financing.

Perez was the global team leader for the Water and Sanitation Program (WSP) for scaling up rural sanitation solutions. The WSP team used evidence-based efforts to influence the policies and practices of government and development partners in Africa, South Asia, and East Asia. Prior to joining the World Bank, Perez worked for 13 years as the technical director for sanitation projects funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development. He also worked for international non-governmental organizations and started his career as a Peace Corps volunteer in Honduras. He has been the keynote speaker at numerous global conferences including the Stockholm World Water Week meeting and the Africa Ministerial Conference on Sanitation. He has authored guidelines, manuals, policy and research briefs as well as published in leading journals such as WaterLines. He serves as chair of the WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Program and as a member of the expert working group on sanitation for the United Nations.
Reynaldo Martorell, PhD, Robert W. Woodruff Professor of International Nutrition and senior advisor to the EGHI, is engaged in numerous projects with important implications for improving nutrition policy and programs around the world. He recently received a $1 million grant from Family Health Initiative (FHI). This project will support the improved availability, quality, demand and scale-up of an integrated package of reproductive, maternal, newborn, child health, and nutrition (RMNCHN) interventions in eight districts of the state of Bihar, India, supporting the Bihar government to meet its targets for improving the health and survival of women, newborns, and children statewide.

Another project launching next year in collaboration with Usha Ramakrishnan, PhD, and Parminder Suchdev, MD, MPH, associate professor, will test a novel approach to assessing children’s height through an advanced imaging system. The inability to measure height accurately in field settings has been a barrier to collecting and evaluating critical data on nutritional deficiencies and child growth. Drs. Martorell and Ramakrishnan also will work together on a new project in India aimed at reducing anemia through food fortification.

Amy Webb Girard, PhD, is leading research on the social determinants of maternal and child nutrition. In western Kenya, she is evaluating the integration of health care with agriculture extension to promote consumption
of vitamin A-rich sweet potatoes among pregnant and breastfeeding women and their children. In Tanzania, she is collaborating with Drs. Ramakrishnan and Kathryn Yount on an International Livestock Research Institute project that increases women’s empowerment and promotes consumption of dairy products in poor households.

Helena Pachón, MPH, PhD, research associate professor, published several studies this year as part of her work with the Food Fortification Initiative (FFI) including an analysis of the prevalence of anemia over time among non-pregnant women of reproductive age. Published in the British Journal of Nutrition, the analysis demonstrated that each year of flour fortification was associated with a 2.4 percent decrease in anemia prevalence. The FFI includes partners from the CDC, the private sector, non-governmental organizations, and international organizations.

A study of 5,000 women in Vietnam led by Dr. Ramakrishnan aims to expand understanding of the long-term effects of early childhood nutrition. The research, funded by the Micronutrient Initiative and the Mathile Institute of Human Nutrition, will examine whether weekly multivitamin mineral supplements including iron taken before pregnancy will improve the iron status during pregnancy and birth.
A Window on Latino Health: Ventanilla de Salud Atlanta

The Ventanilla de Salud Atlanta (VDSA) provides opportunities for students to build public health skills while providing crucial assistance to Mexican nationals who visit the Consulate General of Mexico in Atlanta. An estimated 1,000 people visit the consulate weekly. In the first year of the program, under the leadership of Karen Andes, PhD, assistant professor, the VDSA provided practicum opportunities for 10 Emory students.

The VDSA serves a population of relatively recent Mexican immigrants to the Southeastern United States whose cultural, linguistic, and migration status factors present tremendous barriers for health services and information.

The CIGNA Foundation awarded an $118,000 grant to VDSA to develop and pilot a program to train Mexican young adults to promote health in their own communities. Individuals who have registered for the immigration status known as deferred action for childhood arrivals will be provided with legal work documents and temporary protection from deportation in return for training in health promotion. The young people will intern at VDSA and receive formal training in an entry-level health career such as lab technician or dental assistant in order to improve their job prospects.

VDSA serves as community partner for the core course required for all global health students.
Drawing on the expertise of nearly 20 faculty members with technical expertise in humanitarian emergencies, CHE@EMORY drives global collaboration, research, and evidence-based training to improve the lives and well-being of populations impacted by humanitarian emergencies. Given the increasing numbers of emergencies, CHE@Emory’s work to train a cadre of emergency response professionals is extremely important. One example of CHE@Emory’s work is the practicum program that places four graduate students in short-term summer positions in CDC country field offices. They learn preparedness and emergency planning, to equip them as future responders.

Nearly 30 MPH students have participated in these field experiences, with placements through non-governmental organizations (NGOs) such as CARE USA, International Medical Corps, Emergency USA, Save the Children, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR), and The Carter Center. Over approximately eight weeks, each student contributes to the planning and preparedness mission of the country office and works closely with an assigned mentor over their practicum period.

“Above all, I have learned to always have a contingency plan, and to get buy-in from the local population when developing any plans,” said one student who completed a CHE@EMORY practicum in Hanoi in summer 2015. “Four global health security officers at the Ministry of Health taught me how to pronounce words in Vietnamese, give a proper greeting, and navigate a business meeting and press conference in the wake of a Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) outbreak. I was able to develop transnational leadership skills, as well as technical and interpersonal skills which I will use to solve complex global problems in the future.”

In addition, four mid-career professionals from conflict-affected or resource-poor countries who participated in the CHE@EMORY fellowship program have gone on to assume leadership positions with humanitarian organizations at the international and national levels. Students engaged in the Humanitarian Emergencies Research Team (HERT) have developed reports for WASH and tuberculosis projects in Haiti. They are developing a diagnostic tool for CHEs and a fact sheet that provides a succinct visual resource for responders preparing to deploy to a humanitarian emergency.
The O. C. Hubert International Fellowships Program and the Global Field Experience Program

The Rollins School of Public Health now boasts six endowed funds for global field research. Among these, the O. C. Hubert Fellowships in International Health remains the largest fund. The 55 fellows completed research in 18 countries across Asia, Africa, North America, South America, and Europe.

The Global Field Experience (GFE) distinguishes Rollins from other top schools of public health. This program allows students to apply the knowledge they have learned in the classroom in international settings. Deborah McFarland, MPH, MSc, PhD, associate professor in the Hubert Department of Global Health, is the faculty director of the program, and 68 students embarked on field research projects in resource-challenged communities across the world in summer 2015. They worked with more than 30 organizations, including international groups like CDC, Save the Children, Sightsavers, International Medical Corps, Aga Khan University, CARE, and several small grassroots groups.

For the first time, the GFE program hosted a competition for students returning from summer field practicums. Modeled after TED Talks, the competition’s three rounds provided an opportunity for students to present ideas that inspired or challenged them during the practicum experience. It proved to be a fascinating, effective forum for everyone involved. The three finalists, all students in the Hubert Department of Global Health, are featured below.

Sarah Legare 16PH collected data on vaccine policy decision-making in Tbilisi, Georgia, and is analyzing it for her thesis.

Kristina Countryman 16PH collected data from couples near Kigali, Rwanda, on contraceptive choices after they were counseled by community health workers.

Manka Banda 16PH developed a data analysis protocol for reporting routine health data in rural health zones in the Democratic Republic of Congo and presented findings to the Ministry of Health.
Global Elimination of Maternal Mortality from Abortion (GEMMA)

GEMMA supports student research and projects related to the prevention of maternal death from abortion. The GEMMA Fund provides awards to students of up to $600 that allow them to conduct research, collaborate on programmatic work, and present and publish their findings on this important public health issue. Over the past two years, the GEMMA Fund has supported work in 13 countries across the Americas, Africa, and Asia.

Recent student work has focused on topics such as contraceptive use in Guatemala, Rwanda, the Democratic Republic of Congo, the Philippines, and the southeastern United States; results of abortion-related policy changes in Colombia and Uruguay; barriers to reproductive health and abortion services in settings ranging from Nicaragua to Alabama; adolescent pregnancy in Thailand; a safe abortion hotline in Kenya; and stigma among sex workers in South Africa regarding reproductive health access and attitudes toward condom use.

Each year, students showcase their work during the Annual GEMMA Evening. Last year, the GEMMA Fund also supported seven students in attending and presenting at the Psychosocial Workshop that precedes the Population Association of America meeting each year in San Diego. Throughout the year, GEMMA students engage in activities at Rollins and across Emory University to increase awareness on abortion and reproductive health-related issues and raise funds by soliciting donations to support future student work.

This year, the GEMMA Fund also supported the Emory Reproductive Health Association (ERHA) in organizing their first annual conference, Sexual and Reproductive Health through a Social Justice Lens, at Rollins in November 2015. The student-organized conference hosted speakers from across the university, including Roger Rochat, MD, and Lorrie King, MPH; Stu Marvel, MA, LLM, PhD, Emory School of Law; and Pamela Scully, PhD, of Emory College, with a keynote address from reproductive justice advocate Willie Parker, MD. The day-long event also included breakout sessions on topics ranging from sexual and reproductive health ethics to communication and legislative advocacy. Facilitators represented community partners such as CDC, Planned Parenthood Southeast, and members of SisterSong and Feminist Women's Health Center.
International Fellowship Programs

The Hubert Department of Global Health is home to six fellowship programs including the CDC Complex Humanitarian Emergencies Fellowship, William H. Foege Fellowships Program, Fogarty Fellowships, Fulbright Fellowships, Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program, and King Abdullah bin Abdul-Aziz Al Saud (King Abdullah) Fellowship Program—all prestigious programs for scholars and professionals from abroad. Not only do these fellows return to their countries with deeper knowledge and skills to deploy to improve the health of their communities, but also they enrich the community of learning here at the Rollins School of Public Health. They endow the student body, faculty, and staff with the gift of diverse perspectives and practices in public health, world views, and culture.

Now in its fifth year, the King Abdullah Fellowship Program (KAFP) continues to afford opportunities for scientific collaboration, cultural exchange, and knowledge building among public health professionals in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) and the United States. The mission of the KAFP is to strengthen the public health sector in the KSA by giving physicians from the Ministry of Health a two-year leave of absence to earn their MPH degrees at Rollins. While here, they and their families receive logistical and English language support from the KAFP. To date, 29 fellows have graduated from the program and 27 are currently matriculating.

Public health is still a developing field in the KSA, and KAFP alumni are shaping it by assuming leadership positions in the healthcare system, presenting at public health conferences, and pursuing advanced studies. In 2015, six thesis manuscripts from KAFP alumni were accepted for publication in a special issue of the Journal of Epidemiology and Global Health. This year, the KAFP has invited applicants from outside of the Ministry of Health in order to bring in the most competitive candidates and broaden the program’s impact.
There are 14 Hubert Humphrey Fellows currently enrolled at Rollins, the largest number in the 24 years of the program. The Humphrey Fellows focus on epidemiology, health education, and public health policy and administration, and a special HIV/AIDS concentration program initiated in 2004. This year’s Humphrey Fellows hail from Brazil, Burkina Faso, Pakistan, Bulgaria, Uzbekistan, Laos, Bhutan, Egypt, Bangladesh, South Sudan, and Mali. Philip Brachman, MD, leads and directs this fellowship, and President Jimmy Carter meets each spring in Atlanta with the Humphrey Fellows from campuses across the country. In March 2015, in conjunction with a workshop on public health and social justice at Emory, President Carter met with 62 of the 168 Humphrey Fellows who represented 15 U.S. campuses.

Now in its 13th year, the William H. Foege Fellowships in Global Health continue to help mid-career professionals from developing countries to create lasting partnerships with mentors at Atlanta-based public health agencies. In 2015, four new Foege Fellows arrived at the Hubert Department of Global Health. Dr. Deborah McFarland directs this fellowship.
In 2015, Hubert Department of Global Health faculty, students, and alumni were recognized with honors and awards for their achievements in teaching, research, mentorship, and leadership in their field. These include the following:

**HONORS AND AWARDS**

**ADDITIONAL PROMOTIONS AND NEW APPOINTMENTS**

**Kathryn Yount, PhD**, was promoted to professor with tenure. She is the Asa Griggs Candler Chair of Global Health and Professor in the Hubert Department of Global Health and Department of Sociology at Emory University. She also is jointly appointed in the Departments of Behavioral Sciences and Health Education as well as Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies. Dr. Yount is a social and family demographer with more than 20 years of conducting large studies on women’s and children’s health, women’s and girls’ empowerment, and gender-based violence in Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Latin America, and the United States. She has led or collaborated on more than 40 research grants from federal agencies including the CDC and the National Institutes of Health (NIH), multilateral agencies including the WHO and the World Bank, overseas governments, and private foundations. She has authored more than 110 publications. A current collaboration called the Global Girls Research Initiative assesses the impact of interventions to enhance the capabilities of adolescent girls on a global scale.

Dr. Yount maintains the **Global Research on Women (GROW)** network of researchers, policy makers, heads of non-governmental organizations, and advocates working to empower women and girls, strengthen their health, and end gender-based violence. Recent projects, aimed at producing the evidence and the leadership for effective local solutions, included partners such as the World Bank, the United Nations Development Program, and the National Institutes of Health in Egypt, Vietnam, and Bangladesh. Among the journals accepting Dr. Yount’s findings for publication in 2015 were *Psychology of Violence* and *Qualitative Health Research*.

**Solveig Cunningham, MSc, PhD**, assistant professor, received the Pfizer Young Investigator’s Award for Distinguished Research from the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health.

**Saad B. Omer, MBBS, MPH, PhD**, professor, was appointed to the National Vaccine Advisory Committee.

**Amy Webb Girard, PhD**, was selected to receive the Hubert Department’s 2015 Faculty Teaching Award.
Research. Dr. Yount served in 2014-2015 as president of the Emory University Senate and chair of the University Faculty Council. During her term, she served as a faculty counselor on the Academic Affairs Committee of the Emory Board of Trustees, spearheaded a university-wide Faculty Peer Mediation Program, assessed best practices at peer universities with respect to university-level tenure and promotion reviews, and guided the creation of a new senate committee for the prevention of sexual violence on Emory’s campus.

Kate Winskell, PhD, was promoted to associate professor. She is one of Emory’s four new Mellon Fellows in Humanistic Inquiry hired in 2015 to forge future directions in the humanities across the disciplines and schools at the university. Mellon Fellows are junior and midcareer faculty who will foster an interdisciplinary approach to humanistic inquiries. A cultural historian, Dr. Winskell’s primary research focus is communication to bring social and behavioral changes that relate to HIV/AIDS, gender, sexuality, and stigma in sub-Saharan Africa. She is assistant director of Emory’s Center for Health, Culture, and Society.

With her husband, Daniel Enger, and African colleagues, Dr. Winskell launched a program to encourage young people around the world to submit creative ideas for short films about HIV/AIDS by prominent directors. Used as an educational resource at the community level, the films are currently viewed more than a million times a month on YouTube alone. More than 250,000 youth from 70 countries have participated in contests to submit storylines for the films over a 19-year period.

Dr. Winskell’s NIH-funded research analyzes samples from this film archive to track young Africans’ evolving understanding of HIV/AIDS risk and implications for disease prevention efforts. She recently was recognized with an Emory 1 Percent Award for receiving a perfect score from reviewers on her grant submission for this research. Through another NIH grant, she is utilizing her research findings and the youth narratives to develop a mobile phone game to prevent HIV among young Kenyans.

Ghada Farhat, PhD, was named research associate professor. Dr. Farhat is an epidemiologist whose research focuses on breast cancer risk and prevention. She has been involved in public health training, education, and capacity-building initiatives in West Africa, the Middle East, and the United States. She is currently co-investigator on a workforce development project in Liberia to train public health workers in field epidemiology, a critical need brought into focus by the Ebola epidemic.
We are most proud of the accomplishments of the community of scholars, staff, and students of the Hubert Department of Global Health. They are passionate champions of saving lives and improving health for people throughout the world. The resources made possible by the remarkable generosity of the Hubert Foundation enable our community to make the world a better place for all its people.