We Are Pleased To Announce This Year's Summer Fellowship Recipients

Hacer la transición de la medicina tradicional a la medicina Americana para los hispanos en Pitt County

Aseem Kaul

This project identifies cultural differences that Hispanics in eastern North Carolina face upon transition to American medicine from their native culture. Aseem, Anusha, and Shannon will analyze differences in treatment processes, subjective preferences, coping strategies and diagnostic methodology through interviews at local clinics.

The cross-cultural comparison of the distinct healthcare systems will allow them to supplement and improve upon the existing model of American medicine for the growing Hispanic population.

Obstacles That Exist in Parenting an Obese Child

Brandon Mills

Olivia Money

The research conducted in this study by Olivia and Brandon is meant to provide a parent’s perspective on the obstacles that exist in parenting an obese child. Readers’ Theater will be the forum in which parents are able to voice and express their concerns while finding and lending support to one another.

Upon the revelation of the occult hurdles these parents struggle with, our future physicians will be better equipped to treat patients of similar backgrounds.

An Exploration of the Provision of Women's Reproductive Care in Two Medical Establishments in Cuzco, Peru

Shannon Booker

Nichelle Barbari

The barrier to basic contraceptive services is an important obstacle that many Peruvian women will face during the course of their lives. Their lives will be shaped both by the opinions of the physicians to whom they have access and their general access to health care.

Nichelle and Sarah propose to investigate the personal opinions of Peruvian physicians regarding women’s access to contraceptive services as well as their ideas about conscientious objection over the provision of these services. Do physicians object to prescribing oral contraceptives or offering other forms of contraception to their patients, and if so, why? Their hope is to gain a better understanding of the source of these objections, whether it is the personal commitments of the physicians, the ideology of the medical institution, or the active presence of the Catholic Church.

Comparative Beliefs Among Health Professionals and Rural Minorities Regarding Organ Donation and Transplant in Eastern North Carolina

Sarah Bennett

Aaron Vose

The goal of this study is to explore the comparative attitudes and beliefs of rural minorities and healthcare workers in Eastern North Carolina toward organ donation and transplant.

Aaron’s project hopes to answer three main questions:
• What are the attitudes and beliefs of rural minorities concerning organ donation?
• What are the beliefs of healthcare workers as to why rural minorities are less likely to participate in organ donation?
• What are the comparative beliefs between these two groups?

Through the answers to these questions, this project aims to gain a greater understanding of the organ transplant system and how it can be improved to possibly encourage more participation or increase knowledge among both rural minorities and healthcare workers in Eastern North Carolina.

We plan to share the results of each fellow’s project this Fall as part of our Perspectives Series.