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COVID-19 FRONTLINE RESPONDERS, LET'S TALK!

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WEBINAR

BIOGRAPHIES OF SPEAKERS

VINH-KIM NGUYEN

Co-Director, Global Health Centre; Emergency Physician



Vinh-Kim Nguyen is a medical anthropologist and an emergency physician. He continues to practice acute care medicine in Canada and with Médecins sans Frontières, most recently in emergency medicine in Yemen and in Ebola centres in the DRC. He practised HIV medicine in Montréal between 1992 and 2012, and was involved as a co-investigator in multiple clinical trials while teaching in the School of Public Health at the University of Montréal where he helped establish graduate programmes in Global Health. He now teaches Anthropology and Global Health in Geneva, and continues to conduct research on barriers to the elimination of infectious diseases. His early anthropological research, based on extensive work in the field working with community groups, examines the introduction of antiretrovirals in West Africa from the mid 1990s and is detailed in his first book, *The Republic of Therapy: Triage and Sovereignty in West Africa's Time of AIDS*. With Margaret Lock he co-authored *An Anthropology of Biomedicine*, which provides a theoretical framework for analysing health and illness in the era of globalized biomedicine and is now in its second edition. He is Vice President of MSF Switzerland and Co-Director of the Global Health Centre at the Graduate Institute in Geneva.

ADAORA OKOLI

Internal Medicine Resident Physician, Tulane University



Adaora Okoli is a medical doctor working to strengthen health systems in order to reduce the burden of infectious diseases in low-income communities and achieve equitable access to health for all. She graduated from the University of Ghana Medical School in 2011 where she obtained a bachelor of medicine and bachelor of surgery degree (Mb.CHb) and holds a Master of Public Health degree with a concentration in Infectious disease Epidemiology (MPH, 2018) from Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. She contracted the Ebola Virus Disease in July 2014 while treating a Liberian diplomat at a private hospital in Lagos, Nigeria. She successfully fought the virus and eventually survived against all odds. Since surviving the disease, she has been an advocate for survivors, universal health coverage and global health. She is currently an internal medicine resident physician in New Orleans and an Aspen New Voices Fellow.

MAURICIO HUERTAS GLAUSER

Master of International Affairs Student; Medic, Swiss Army



Mauricio Huertas Glauser was born in Colombia into a family of Swiss roots. In 2014, he left Latin America, moved to Switzerland and completed his recruit school as a medic in the Swiss Army. He then studied Political Science at the University of Lausanne. He joined the Graduate Institute in 2019, where he currently pursues a Masters degree in International Affairs. Mauricio was mobilised by the army in March 2020 to face the Covid-19 crisis. As a part of the 2nd Hospital Battalion of the Armed Forces, his company got deployed in the Canton

of Neuchâtel to support local hospitals.

MODERATOR

DANIEL GRAHAM

Head of Communications & Events, The Graduate Institute



Dan Graham is Head of Communications at the Graduate Institute. Prior to joining the Institute, Dan held various communications roles with WWF International, the World Food Programme, and Kofi Annan Foundation among many others.