

Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security Announces 2017 Emerging Leaders in Biosecurity

The Center for Health Security at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health today announced the selection of its 2017 Fellows for the Emerging Leaders in Biosecurity Initiative (ELBI). ELBI is a part-time fellowship program that provides graduate students and early- to mid-career professionals with an introduction to the field of biosecurity. The program's goal is to build a multidisciplinary network of biosecurity practitioners and scholars. ELBI is supported by a grant from the Open Philanthropy Project.

As part of its commitment to grow and support the field of biosecurity, the Center has selected 28 Fellows from the US, the UK, and Canada. As in previous years, this year's Fellows have backgrounds in government, the biological sciences, medicine, national security, law enforcement, public health preparedness, and the private sector.

“Since its founding in 2012, the Emerging Leaders in Biosecurity Initiative has built a network of exceptional individuals who are deeply committed to advancing national and international biosecurity,” says Tom Inglesby, director of the BSPH Center for Health Security. “This year's Fellows bring a wealth of knowledge and accomplishment to an already active and productive network.”

During their fellowship year, the 2017 ELBI class will meet with influential figures in the field of biosecurity through a series of briefings, discussions, and site visits. The program lasts throughout the year and will begin with a workshop held in Washington, DC, this March.

“The Emerging Leaders in Biosecurity Initiative provides a unique entry point into the field of biosecurity for professionals of various backgrounds,” says Jaime Yassif, program officer for biosecurity and pandemic preparedness at the Open Philanthropy Project. “The challenge of securing the nation and the globe against severe biological threats requires a skilled and dedicated workforce able to bring all of our societal resources to bear on the problem. It also requires imagination and creativity to develop new tools and approaches—something the ELBI Fellows and alumni have consistently demonstrated.”

Says Anita Cicero, deputy director of the Center: “We congratulate the 2017 ELBI Fellows. We look forward to introducing them to past, present, and future issues in biosecurity and learning from their unique experiences and perspectives.”

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Martin Adams, GSS Health

Aurora Amora, Independent Consultant, The World Bank Group

Brandy Burgess, University of Georgia

Marija Cemma, Canadian Food Inspection Agency
Christopher Chadwick, US Department of Health and Human Services
Brandon Lloyd Dean, Los Angeles County Public Health Department
Jessica Dymond, Johns Hopkins University, Applied Physics Laboratory
Ngozi Erondu, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine
Stuart Evenhaugen, US Department of Homeland Security
Mary Margaret Fill, CDC
Jeffrey Fortman, Analytical Services, Inc.
Jeffrey Freeman, Center for Humanitarian Health
Andrew Herr, Georgetown University
Alison Hill, Harvard University
Adrienne Keen, US Department of State
Daniel Leifer, Lurie Children's Hospital/McGaw Center of Northwestern University
Emily Lord, Healthcare Ready
Syra Madad, NYC Health and Hospitals Corporation
Matthew Moe, US Department of Homeland Security
Patricia Pacheco, Sandia National Laboratories
Justin Pahara, Amino Labs Inc./Synbiota Inc.
James Phillips, Harvard Medical School
Saskia Popescu, George Mason University
Betsey Pugel, NASA
John Scarbeck, FBI
Carolyn Shore, The Pew Charitable Trusts
Sapana Vora, US Department of State
Simon Weller, UK Ministry of Defence