JOB DESCRIPTION: Yale Clinical Fellowship in Health Justice
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The Yale Clinical Fellowship in Health Justice is a one-year (renewable) position designed for law and public health graduates as well as other professionals with experience in domestic and/or international health policy and advocacy. The Clinical Fellowship is a unique opportunity for individuals interested in preparing for a career in global health justice or interdisciplinary clinical teaching. Through close collaboration with Global Health Justice Partnership (GHJP) faculty, students, and partners, the Clinical Fellow gains hands-on experience with clinical teaching, interdisciplinary exchange, building advocacy practices utilizing academic and community engagement, and scholarly research and writing.

About the GHJP:

The Global Health Justice Partnership (GHJP), an initiative of the Yale Law School and Yale School of Public Health, was established in 2012 to promote interdisciplinary, innovative, and effective responses to key problems in health justice. It is a transformative collaboration integrating different fields in order to make critical policy interventions, develop new kinds of cross-cutting research, and provide educational opportunities straddling a variety of academic disciplines. Leveraging Yale's institutional assets, the GHJP trains students to undertake collaborative, real-world research and advocacy to promote health justice in the U.S. and globally. It also organizes conferences and events; builds partnerships with local NGOs and social movements in New Haven, the U.S. and around the world to move research and critical analyses into action; and nurtures a truly interdisciplinary brain trust dedicated to effecting social change.

- Over the years, the GHJP has moved toward increased engagement in the U.S. and locally as part of our commitment to playing a role in a shift of access to knowledge and power to community organizations working for health justice. Our work has expanded during the COVID-19 pandemic, as local and national exigencies around policing marginalized communities and state failures to enact socio-economic supports for appropriate public health interventions has exacerbated long-standing injustices in the U.S.

The GHJP offers a student-centered “Practicum,” a graduate-level course that combines classroom discussions on the theory and practice of health justice with hands-on experience in interdisciplinary research and advocacy. As part of the Practicum, teams of law, public health and other graduate and professional school students work in partnership with scholars, activists, lawyers, and health justice practitioners to carry out policy, research and advocacy projects on cutting-edge issues in the US and internationally. We offer a Practicum with seminar and experiential components in the spring, and an Advanced Practicum in the fall that primarily focuses on experiential project work.

GHJP students, fellows and faculty have worked together on a variety of projects and publications that span several substantive areas, including pharma justice; gender, sexuality and rights; infectious diseases and justice; local (New Haven/CT) health justice; and data for health justice. Below is a sample of past and present projects.
• Working with researchers and community partners in Brazil on a report that linked the war on drugs in Brazil, with the rise of incarceration and spread of tuberculosis in the country. This work was linked most recently to an amicus brief submitted by some of the students and researchers involved, to warn of the risks of COVID-19 in the context of the overcrowded and unsanitary conditions in Brazilian prisons.

• Building an on-going advocacy and documentation in partnership with New Haven-based direct service and harm reduction groups (such as SWAN), focusing on health justice concerns including meaningful access to services and resources in New Haven for people in sex work and other street economies, as well as abuses associated with policing and potential for state-level law reform.

• Coordinating with Black Mamas Matter Alliance and the Center for Reproductive Rights to synthesize research on the causes of maternal mortality with state-level policy choices in a report on racial disparity in maternal health outcomes in the state of Georgia.

• Supporting access to medicines in the US and abroad, including by collaborations to develop strategies and campaigns to lower drug prices in the US with US groups such as Public Citizen’s Access to Medicines project, T1 International and the Prep4All Campaign, and projects to develop interventions in the UN and international IP systems, in collaboration with groups like the Treatment Action Campaign and HealthGAP.

• Collaborating with Yale’s Workers and Immigrants’ Rights Clinic to file a civil lawsuit on behalf of several public health students, a family of Liberian immigrants, and community organizations and healthcare workers, to challenge Connecticut’s quarantine policies and practices as documented in our 2014 report with the ACLU on the unjustified quarantine practices of travelers from Ebola affected countries.

• Co-authoring a path-breaking report on the U.N.’s role in causing the cholera epidemic in Haiti and the U.N.’s responsibilities to provide legal remedies to victims of the epidemic.

**Job Description:**

The Clinical Fellow is an integral part of the GHJP, supporting all aspects of the GHJP’s work including the Practicum and on-going project work. Under the supervision of the GHJP Faculty Directors, the Fellow will:

• Play a key role in planning and conducting the Practicum (fall 2020 and spring 2021), including the development of the curriculum and course materials for the didactic component as well as the selection and supervision of projects for the practical component;

• Support new and continuing GHJP community partnerships, particularly working with local allies in New Haven and nationally, as well as global non-governmental organizations;

• Support the development and progression of new and ongoing GHJP projects and initiatives, including both student efforts and those primarily guided by GHJP faculty;

• Provide general programmatic support for the GHJP, which includes coordinating external-facing communications (website, social media, newsletter, etc.), helping to plan and organize lectures and workshops, and developing and supporting institutional relationships with other clinical programs, centers and allied research groups.

The Fellowship is supported through the Gruber Project for Global Justice and Women’s Rights and a grant from the Open Society Foundation.
Qualifications:

The ideal candidate will have the following qualifications:

- A J.D. degree from a U.S. law school (or the equivalent) and an outstanding law school record and/or an MPH or Ph.D. from a U.S. school of public health, public policy or other related discipline
- At least four years of prior experience in health, human rights, or related advocacy
- Strong written and oral communication skills (additional fluency in a language other than English is highly desirable)
- Prior teaching experience and an enthusiastic commitment to working closely with students
- An interest and proven capacity in legal and/or public health scholarship
- A commitment to developing relationships with community partners, with particular attention to the power issues arising from university-based advocacy
- An ability to work independently and as part of a team, including management skills

The position is for a one-year term (with the possibility of renewal) with a salary of $60,000, plus health benefits and access to university facilities.

Application Instructions:

Applications for the 2020-2021 Yale Clinical Fellowship in Health Justice will be accepted on a rolling basis starting immediately. We encourage interested applicants to submit the required materials by July 6th, 2020 as the initial and second round of interviews will be conducted virtually in July/early August.

The position begins in late August/early September: In light of the exigencies of COVID-19 and academic planning, there is flexibility in the starting date, including in regard to an in-person or remote start.

Applicants should send a resume, a cover letter making the case for their candidacy, contact information for three references, and a 15-20 page writing sample (academic or substantive policy analysis, e.g.) by email to health.justice@yale.edu.

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