

# From Competencies to Curriculum: Approaches to Teaching Global Health Satellite Session

## Speaker Biosketches



**Laura Magaña, PhD, MS**  
 President and Chief Executive Officer  
 Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health

The Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH) welcomed Dr. Laura Magaña as the new president and chief executive officer in August 2017. Prior, Dr. Magaña dedicated more than 30 years to leading the successful transformation of public and private universities in Mexico; educational organizations in the USA; United Nations programs; and NGO's in Central America and Europe. She was most recently the academic dean of the ASPPH-member [National Institute of Public Health \(INSP\)](#) in Mexico. Her diverse portfolio features research, training, and technological developments in national and foreign Universities, much of which relate to learning environments and the use of technology in education.

Dr. Magaña is an active member of professional and scientific educational committees around the globe for her recognized expertise in education, including the Public Health Institutes of the World, World Federation of Public Health Associations, Association of Schools of Public Health in Europe, Latin-American Global Health Association, National System of Researchers, and the National Academy of Medical Education in México. Dr. Magaña also has served as the ASPPH representative to the Global Forum on Innovation in Health Professional Education of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine and she participates in editorial boards, including Public Health Reviews, ASPHER in Europe, the Chilean Journal of Public Health and the Journal in Eastern Europe.

Dr. Magaña holds a BA in Special Education, MS in Educational Technology, and a PhD in Educational Administration.

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### **Elizabeth Ablah, PhD, MPH**

Associate Professor, Preventive Medicine and Public Health, University of Kansas School of Medicine KU - MPH Program

In her role as associate professor in the Department of Preventive Medicine and Public Health at the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita, Dr. Ablah's research interests include community-based participatory research, physical activity and healthy foods, the built environment, worksite wellness, and health impact assessments.

As the key consultant on both Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health (ASPPH) global health competency development initiatives, the first, seminal product delivered in 2011 and the most recent release in 2018, and the lead consultant on creation of ASPPH's [MPH Global Health Concentration Competencies Toolkit](#), Dr. Ablah brings deep subject matter expertise to educating professionals for global health.

She received a BA with distinction from St. Olaf College, an MPH from the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita, and a Master and PhD in Community Psychology from Wichita State University.

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### **Núria Casamitjana, MSc, PhD**

Director of Training and Education, ISGlobal; and Professor, University of Barcelona

Dr Núria Casamitjana co-created the Barcelona Centre for International Health Research (CRESIB, 2006) and the Barcelona Institute for Global Health (ISGlobal, 2010). From 2006 to 2010 she was the Deputy Director at CRESIB. She currently directs training and education at ISGlobal and is a professor at the University of Barcelona (UB) in Spain.

Dr Casamitjana is also director of the Master of Global Health and the Master of Clinical Research at UB and coordinator of the *TransGlobalHealth* Erasmus Mundus PhD Programme and the track on International Health of the Medicine and Translational Research PhD Programme. She also coordinates other courses on different global health topics, including the leadership courses on *Science of Eradication: Malaria* together with Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and Swiss TPH; and a course on *Safe Mothers and Newborns* together with the Maternal Task Force at the University of Harvard and the University Aga Khan.

She is the former president of the tropEd Network for Education and Training in International Health and member of the executive board of the World Federation of Academic Institutions for Global Health. Since 2015 she has served as a Board and Executive Committee member of the Partnership for Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health (PMNCH) representing the Academic, Research and Training institutions; and since 2018 she serves as Board member of the Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH).

Dr Casamitjana holds a BA in Pharmacy and a PhD from UB, and a Master in Occupational Health from the University of Barcelona - University Pompeu Fabra.

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### **Margaret (Peggy) Bentley, MA, PhD**

Secretary-Treasurer, Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH), and Carla Smith Chamblee Distinguished Professor of Global Nutrition and Associate Dean for Global Health in the Gillings School of Global Public Health, and the Associate Director of the Institute of Global Health & Infectious Diseases at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

Dr. Margaret (Peggy) Bentley was on faculty in International Health at the Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University and joined the University of North Carolina in 1998. Her local and global research focuses on women and infant's nutrition, infant and young child feeding, behavioral research on HIV and nutrition, and community-based interventions for nutrition and health. She has been involved in WASH-related research, including integrated interventions for nutrition and hygiene and has expertise in ethnographic, qualitative, and mixed-methods research methods and the application of these for program development and evaluation.

Dr. Bentley led a National Institutes of Health (NIH)-funded intervention to improve child growth and development in Andhra Pradesh, India and currently leads an NIH-funded behavioral intervention trial in North Carolina for prevention of obesity among infants and toddlers. She was principal investigator of a Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation grant for analyses of nutrition data from the Breastfeeding, Antiretroviral and Nutrition (BAN) study. She was founding chair of the Board of Directors of the Triangle Global Health Consortium and is treasurer of the Consortium for Universities in Global Health. She is the UNC faculty director of the Duke-UNC Rotary Peace Fellows Center. In 2016, Dr. Bentley received the American Society of Nutrition Kellogg International Nutrition Award and the Bernard G. Greenberg Alumni Endowment Award, presented for excellence in teaching, research and service. In 2017, she was the recipient of the Triangle Global Health Global Health Champion Award.

Dr. Bentley received an MA and PhD in Medical Anthropology from the University of Connecticut.

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### **Chang-Chuan Chan, PhD**

Distinguished Professor and Dean, National Taiwan University College of Public Health

Dr. Chang-Chuan Chan is a distinguished professor in Institute of Occupational Medicine and Industrial Hygiene, College of Public Health, National Taiwan University. He served as associate dean in the College for six years before taking the position of dean in August 2017.

He teaches contemporary issues in global health and sustainable health and environment at NTU and has focused his research on air pollution control and other health, environment, and

labor issues in Taiwan, especially in the industrial areas and neighborhoods around them. So far, he has over 100 research projects related to environment, health, risk assessment, and environmental management funded by the Ministry of Health, Taiwan EPA, National Research Council, Ministry of Economic Development, Council of Labor, National Health Research Institute, Taipei City, New Taipei City, Kaoshung City, Nantou County and several private companies. Dr. Chan also serves as the Chair of International Society for Environmental Epidemiology - Asia Chapter (ISEE-AC).

Dr. Chan earned his BS degree in chemistry and biology in National Taiwan University, and MS and ScD degrees in industrial hygiene and air pollution control in Harvard University.

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