Lori Diprete Brown

Lori Diprete Brown, MSPH, MTS, is the Director for Education and Engagement for the Global Health Institute, where she is involved in developing and sustaining campus-wide global health programs. She served in the US Peace Corps in Honduras from 1983-1985, and has collaborated with international organizations such as USAID, the Pan American Health Organization, Save the Children, CARE, and the Aga Khan Foundation. She has played leadership roles in health care quality improvement programs in Chile, Ecuador, and (currently) Ethiopia, and has contributed as a trainer and advisor to strengthening health systems in 13 countries. She works with UW students to develop public health-oriented field experiences around the world, and is involved in developing global service-learning programs through a new campus initiative, Wisconsin Without Borders. Her current teaching and research focuses on development of effective, rights-based, multi-sectoral strategies to improve the health and well-being of children in highly vulnerable situations around the world. She is a co-leader of the Undergraduate Certificate in Global Health.

John Ferrick

John Ferrick is the Director of the Office of International Programs in the College of Agricultural and Life Sciences (CALS) and also Assistant Dean of the Division of International Studies. John either teaches or has taught courses focusing on health and nutrition in developing countries, international agriculture, and natural resource management. Many of his courses involve service learning. John started his international career as a US Peace Corps Volunteer in the country of Lesotho, and has since spent time doing program development, management, and evaluation (often related to public or global health) in countries including Lesotho, Botswana, the Philippines, Papua New Guinea, and Fiji. John is currently engaged in UW-Madison’s efforts to define and develop global health-related activities, and he places special emphasis on ensuring that food and agriculture are key components of these activities. He is a co-leader of the Undergraduate Certificate in Global Health.

Sherry Tanumihardjo

Dr. Sherry Tanumihardjo manages a progressive research and outreach team at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in the Department of Nutritional Sciences. She has almost three decades of experience with vitamin A and carotenoids. Her multidisciplinary research approach is enhanced by her broad educational background in chemistry (BS), biochemistry (MS) and nutrition (PhD). She has two main research foci. These include vitamin A assessment methodology and carotenoid bioavailability. These two overlap when investigating provitamin A carotenoids. Tanumihardjo has authored more than 100 research publications, chapters and technical documents and has been an invited speaker nationally and internationally. Her research group works with animal models to answer various questions on issues related to vitamin A toxicity and deficiency. The team takes these research outcomes and applies them to humans. The team has conducted studies in the United States, Indonesia, South Africa, Ghana, Burkina Faso, and Zambia. She has acted as a consultant to many studies throughout the world to assist with study design and appropriate standardization. She is a strong advocate for the promotion of
nutritionally enhanced staple foods, vegetables and fruits to enhance overall health and general well-being. Sherry is the Director of the undergraduate Certificate in Global Health and co-teaches Introduction to Global Health, the one global health class that all declaring students must take.

Sweta Shrestha

Sweta Shrestha serves as the Associate Instructional Specialist for the UW-Madison Global Health Institute. She received her BS and her Master’s in Public Health from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Along with her MPH, she also received her Graduate Global Health Certificate. With field experience in Uganda and Nepal, Shrestha is currently working on the development of both the graduate and undergraduate Certificates in Global Health and the associated field experiences (both international and domestic). With her Nepali background, Shrestha is involved in the undergraduate global health field course in Nepal.

Robin Mittenthal

After serving as an agricultural advisor with the Peace Corps in The Gambia, West Africa, in the mid 1990s, Robin returned to the US and worked as a farmhand and manager on both conventional and organic farms in several states. He has M.S. degrees in Nutrition (Tufts University) and Library and Information Science (University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign). He has worked with K-12 students as both a librarian and teacher and now enjoys helping college students think about local food production, the concept of sustainability, and other food-related aspects of health. In addition to serving as an advisor with the undergraduate Certificate in Global Health, Robin helps out with day-to-day administration of the certificate, with its field courses, and whatever else he’s needed for. In his spare time, Robin is trying to complete a PhD in entomology and soil science at UW, exploring the impact of fertilizers on both plants and their insect pests. Robin has also travelled in China, speaks rusty Mandarin, and tries to follow Chinese environmental issues.