

NEWSLETTER

CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION "A Center Without Walls"

MESSAGE FROM
THE DIRECTOR
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In a world of increasing challenges, CIE provides a constant force for good. Driven by a passion to transform lives, CIE over the past year, has responded to the war in the Ukraine, climate change, the enduring impact of COVID-19, the devastating denial of education for women and girls in Afghanistan, the abuse of girls in Malawi and historic trauma for children and families in occupied Palestine. As part of CIE's commitment to UMass being a land grant institution, faculty, staff, and students have challenged the endemic racism and discrimination of indigenous American's and African Americans in education and health systems.

Frontiers award, <u>Lamiaa Eid</u>, our CIE Endowment Scholar, has established a new relationship between Center for International Education (CIE), Middle East Institute for Higher Education (MEIHE) and the United Nations Development program (UNDP) to empower women's educational leadership in addressing digital literacy and disabilities.

Current Projects

Education and healing for Ukrainian refugees

CIE, in partnership with <u>Ana Gomez</u> (Agate Institute, Colombia) and <u>Daniela Lempertz</u> (EMDR Global Alliance, Germany) has spearheaded the training of mental health workers for Ukrainian child refugees in seven countries Russia and the Ukraine.



Egyptian Pioneers successBuilding on the consortium success involving the American University of Cairo (AUC), FHI360, and CIE in winning the Egyptian

Women's access to quality education

Despite the close out of higher education and health literacy projects in Afghanistan because of the Taliban defacto government, Nangyali Attal has continued to lead policy-development for women's agricultural education, funded by the Rockefeller Foundation, involving 7 consultants working on the ground Javid Mussawy, in response to the exclusion of girls from education, has plans underway to bolster the underground girls-school movement in rural settings in Afghanistan.



CIE focus and priorities:
Responding to global challenges
Endowment scholar
Welcoming Fulbright
community building
peace corps return
student publication success

CIE Endowment Fellow

The CIE Endowment Fund supports an international graduate student each year. Read about Fellows <u>here</u>.



Pempho Chinkondenji, Director of Loving Arms, a CIE partner, is working tirelessly to increase access to schooling for girls in Malawi through her Mama mentors' program as well as develop her community awareness to reduce violence against girls.



Empowering Afghan refugees

Three female undergraduates (Rubaba Azad, Sadaf Tokhi & Seema Amin) led the start-up of our Afghan women's empowerment group, in partnership with Catholic Charities, and Focusing International, now running for over a year. A participatory approach has followed the women's agenda including language development, health care, child-care, and employability. Our own Barbara-Gravin Wilbur established the child group running along the 'empowerment teas' as they are affectionately known.







Healing for marginalized communities

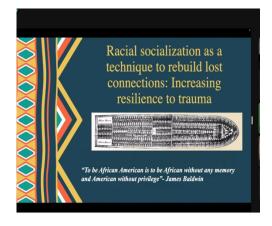
Gerald Fonville, Mukhayyo Azamova and Nanak Hiymatullah, compared racial trauma as a consequence of (i) slavery in the USA with (ii) the military occupation in the occupied Palestinian territories. A unique approach developed by Dr Fonville, embedding racial socialization into state-of the-art trauma therapy is soon to be tested in both countries.







Gerald also led one of CIE's TiGR seminars entitled 'Racial Socialization and African American Trauma."



Madison Palmer's participatory action research on cultural safety for Indigenous American's experiences of US health professionals led to the development of a proposal for UMass to develop its own indigenous American IRB.



Fighting COVID-19

CIE is starting a new project to address Long-COVID-19 in occupied Palestine. Funded by the Children and War Foundation, the project introduces a mental health coping skills programs into schools across the West Bank.



CIE's public engagement in partnership with the Trauma Response Network, has provided wellbeing support for hospital medics on the front line responding to COVID-19. Early analysis of data by <u>Dr. Barron</u> and <u>Quinnetuhqut Lamore</u>, former PhD student, indicates that medics experience PTSD and posttraumatic growth as a consequence of the pandemic





A welcome to UMass Fulbright Association

CIE welcomed the UMass international students' <u>Fulbright Association</u> to Montague House.



The recent showing of *Persepolis*, organized by <u>Ipek Bayram</u>, Association president, highlighted the centrality of a compassionate lens for girls and families living under violent oppression.



Peace Corp recruitment

Finally, past Peace Corp members will be pleased to hear we are working with the Peace Corp to encourage a more international lens at the College of Education and across the UMass Amherst campus. Recruitment sessions will be organized over the coming year.

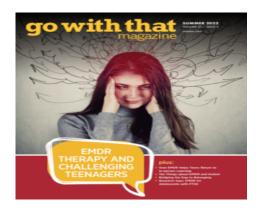




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