October 28, 2016

Dear UI Faculty and Staff:

The UI Global Health Studies Program is hosting a fall 2016 workshop entitled, “Doing Harm by Doing Good: Ethics of Students Studying, Volunteering, and Working in Global Communities.”

This workshop will help students think through the complex issues involved whenever we try to “help” across geographic and cultural boundaries, particularly in the area of health related activities for which they have no training or skills.

Faculty and staff who advise students about experiential learning opportunities will benefit from attending a breakout session which will address this topic from a faculty/staff perspective.

The breakout session is entitled “Ethical Learning Abroad Advice for Faculty and Staff.” This will be held on Friday, December 2, from 4:00 – 5:00 pm, in UCC 2520D. [RSVP here](#)

The session will include a panel discussion by Dr. R. Balasubramaniam (Founder and President of Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement, Mysore, India), and Robin Paetzold, Director of Global Programs at the Carver College of Medicine.

This information is important for our students’ success so we hope that you will be able to attend. If you are unable to participate, please pass on this invitation to a colleague in your unit who could also share this information with your students. Kindly indicate your availability with an [RSVP](#).

Sincerely,

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