

Monday March 27th, 2017

1. Our UC Health, Health Sciences Clinical Professors, make a multitude of scholarly and creative contributions every day! For the rest of the year, we'll be featuring our HSCP faculty and the innovative things they do! This week, meet Dr. Gerald Kayingo:



Scholarship- Unbound: Lessons from Project iFloss.

Gerald Kayingo PhD, MMSc, PA-C, is the director for the Master of Health Services — Physician Assistant Studies Program and an assistant clinical professor at the Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing at UC Davis. Since his arrival at UC Davis in 2014, Kayingo has had a keen interest in the scholarship of service and building global partnerships here in Sacramento and overseas. He believes that the professoriate should be change agents in the communities where they work or live. He has noted that community partnerships are untapped resource to improve health professions education. The current digital revolution and social networking brings endless opportunities for the professoriate to engage community and be change agents particularly around public health and health disparities.

One of the areas with significant disparities is oral health in primary care settings. Kayingo works with students to leads project iFloss, an interprofessional longitudinal service learning initiative that integrates oral health in primary care. Project iFLoss has three major goals, to advocate for oral health in the community; to provide patients with resources; and to educate students and future providers on this element of health care. Our health professions curricula cover very little on oral health, yet the mouth is a gateway to the gut. Studies indicate that oral bacteria and gum disease can contribute to various health issues including cardiovascular disease and diabetes. Through project iFloss, innovations in oral health education can be implemented in the community through interprofessional, person-centered, and culturally sensitive teams. This work does not only close the gap in oral health disparities, it inspires students and presentation, another testimony that service can be scholarship. Outside the United States, Kayingo is involved in a number of outreach and capacity building projects in Eastern Africa. He is recent recipient of the Carnegie African Diaspora fellowship collaborating with Makerere University Medical School in Kampala-Uganda to increase capacity of the primary health care workforce in that region.

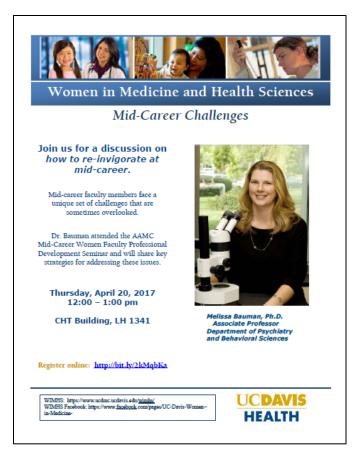
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 Don't miss the presentation for all on "Mid-Career Challenges" by Dr. Melissa Bauman 4/20/2017: Register here: <u>http://bit.ly/2kMqbKa</u>



4. Did you know UC Davis Schools of Health Faculty Development and Diversity has many offerings to enrich the faculty experience? Click here to <u>learn</u> more!