

# International Research Panel Discussion- GW Fall IRB Days

- Dr. Kate Applebaum: Milken Institute School of Public Health
- Dr. David Diemert: School of Medicine and Health Sciences
- Dr. James Williams: Graduate School of Education and Human Development and Elliot School of International Affairs

David Diemert

Dr. David Diemert is Associate Professor in the Department of Microbiology, Immunology, and Tropical Medicine at GW. Additionally, he is Director of Clinical Trials at the Sabin Vaccine Institute. Dr. Diemert earned his medical degree from the University of Alberta in Edmonton, Canada, and completed residency and fellowship training at McGill University in Montréal. He is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians in Canada with certification in the specialties of internal medicine, infectious diseases and medical microbiology. His work in Brazil has involved establishing a clinical trial site in partnership with the Fundacao Oswaldo Cruz (FIOCRUZ), which has included establishing a clinic in a rural area of Brazil, assembling and training a Brazilian clinical trials team, establishing quality laboratory facilities at the field site, and conducting preparatory studies of helminth epidemiology and immunology. At GW, Dr. Diemert is the Director of the Microbiology and Infectious Diseases course for the second-year medical students.



Kate Applebaum

Dr. Kate Applebaum studies genetic and biological processes that lead from environmental or occupational exposure to cancer and chronic diseases. Her current research addresses how exposures such as polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, pesticides, and arsenic affect the risk of chronic kidney disease (CKD) and renal cell carcinoma in US pesticide applicators, autoworkers, and Nicaraguan sugarcane workers. Dr. Applebaum received her MPH from Emory University and her PhD in epidemiology and environmental health from Harvard University. Before joining the GW School of Public Health faculty, Dr. Applebaum completed research for a Career Development Award through the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), a part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to study lung cancer in the Shanghai female textile workers study. In addition to teaching courses in epidemiologic methods and applied data analysis, she collaborates with other researchers by contributing expertise in epidemiologic study design and advanced epidemiologic analyses.



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Jim Williams

Dr. James Williams is UNESCO Chair in International Education for Development and Associate Professor of International Education & International Affairs at The George Washington University. He holds his doctorate from Harvard University and his masters from Florida State University. He serves as Director of the International Education Program and is on the faculty of GWU's Graduate School of Education & Human Development and Elliott School of International Affairs, where he teaches graduate classes on education and development; education policy in developing countries; education of marginalized communities; education in emergencies; and international/comparative education. His research interests lie in three areas: policies to improve education in low and middle-income countries; the effects of education on conflict and social cohesion; and predictors of socio-economic gradients. He is currently working on a longitudinal study of dropout in Cambodia, a series of edited books on textbooks and national identity, a comparative case study of higher education for development and social cohesion in Sri Lanka and Malaysia; and a study of US development assistance. His most recent book, (Re) Constructing Memory: School Textbooks and the Imagination of the Nation, has recently been published by Sense Publishers.