

# Refugee Health Awareness Week

Health Sciences Learning Center

3/3/08 - 3/7/08

\*hosted by GHIG, MEDiC and PHR at the HSLC

Lunch provided for all noon talks

**Monday 3/3, 12-1pm Room 1325, Garret Bucks: *Searching for Shelter: The Refugee Experience from Camp to Chicago***

Mr. Garrett Bucks is a former language and job training teacher at the Heartland Alliance for Human Rights and Human Needs, one of Chicago's largest refugee resettlement agencies. He currently works for the educational non-profit Teach For American in Madison.

**Tuesday 3/4, 12-1pm Room 1325, Rebecca Gilsdorf: *"Crisis in Darfur: Health and History"***

Rebecca Gilsdorf is a second year student in Civil and Environmental Engineering, also working towards a Certificate in International Engineering focusing on Africa. She has been involved in the student organization Action in Sudan since fall 2006 and is currently the president of the organization. Apart from Action in Sudan, her broader concern for human rights will be leading her to Morocco, Uganda and South Africa in the coming year.

**Thursday 3/6, 12-1pm Room 1325, Karen Solheim: *"Capacity-building with Employed Refugees"***

Karen Solheim RN, PhD is a clinical professor at the UW-Madison School of Nursing. Dr. Solheim teaches community health nursing and is a member of the UW Center for Global Health Steering Committee. Dr. Solheim has been involved in a variety of global health service, consultant, and research/scholarship activities in Asia and Africa. Her research is focused on capacity building with refugees employed by nongovernmental organization in camp settings.

**Thursday 3/6, 7pm Room 1325, Film Screening: *The Devil Came on Horseback***

Using the exclusive photographs and first hand testimony of former U.S. Marine Captain Brian Steidle, THE DEVIL CAME ON HORSEBACK takes the viewer on an emotionally charged journey into the heart of Darfur, Sudan, where an Arab run government is systematically executing a plan to rid the province of its black African citizens. As an official military observer, Steidle had access to parts of the country that no journalist could penetrate. He was unprepared for what he would witness and experience, including being fired upon, taken hostage, and being unable to intervene to save the lives of young children. Ultimately frustrated by the inaction of the international community, Steidle resigned and returned to the US to expose the images and stories of lives systematically destroyed.

**Friday 3/7, 12-1pm Room 1309 Beth Potter: *"The Intersection of American Healthcare and Traditional Hmong Beliefs"***

Originally from Illinois, Beth completed her undergraduate degree at Knox College in French Literature. She then attended Rush Medical College in Chicago and completed her residency at UW-Madison. Since residency, she has been teaching at Wingra clinic. She is the medical director at Wingra clinic. She has been involved in teaching evidence-based medicine to medical students, residents and faculty. Beth is also involved in the Family Physician's Inquiries Network (FPIN). She has an interest in women's healthcare and working with underserved communities. Outside of work, Beth enjoys spending time with her husband and 3 children. She enjoys running and biking when possible.