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Welcome; Introduction to Effective Altruism

Holly Elmore and Chris Bakerlee (9:30-9:50) B103



Holly Elmore

Holly Elmore is a grad student in Harvard's Department of Organismic and Evolutionary Biology. She has been involved with Effective Altruism since 2014 and has held a leadership role in Harvard's grad student EA groups for the last four years. Holly is passionate about spreading the word on EA, because it's the best philosophy / community / movement she's found that combines rigorous analytical thinking with the proper concern for suffering and yearning to do good. More selfishly, she loves the community of rare people who connect

with her on the things she considers most important. Holly vaguely plans to seek work in EA after graduation and welcomes suggestions about specific positions or paths.

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Keynote Presentation: Philanthropy, Philosophy and Cash Transfers

Michael Faye (9:50-10:35) B103, sli.do #K073

The end of extreme poverty is within reach. New evidence and technology have created a unique opportunity to modernize humanitarian and development assistance. At the same time, the world's \$135B aid spending is still overwhelmingly decided by intermediaries within a sector often organized by sectoral siloes. GiveDirectly is aiming to reshape this sector by providing choice and capital to those that need it most through direct cash transfers, and thus, establishing a new benchmark for giving. Join its President and co-founder, Michael F, as he discusses the opportunity (and challenges), the evidence, and the philosophy around deciding what is best.



Michael Faye

Michael Faye is the President and co-founder of GiveDirectly, which has been ranked a top international charity by GiveWell, recognized by FastCompany as one of the top 10 most innovative companies in finance, and was said to be "sending shockwaves through the charity sector" by the Guardian. He's also the CEO and co-founder of Segovia Technology, which is making it easier for organizations to pay anyone, anytime, anywhere in the emerging markets. Michael's work on international development has been published in the

American Economic Review, Brookings Papers on Economic Activity, Foreign Affairs and he's spoken extensively on development and philanthropy. This year he joined the World Economic Forum's community of Young Global Leaders. In addition, Michael is a term member of the Council of Foreign Relations and was named one of Foreign Policy's 100 leading Global Thinkers in 2013. He holds a PhD in Economics from Harvard, where he also studied Math and Classics.

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Advocacy for Policy Change

Michael Green (11:10-11:50) B103, sli.do #L547

Growing up in Upstate New York has played a profound role in Michael's drive to address Climate Change. The mountains and forests of his hometown are under threat and along with it the local economy faces multifaceted threats. For Michael, urgency created by these threats have turned into second nature and serve as the main driver for his work in the climate movement. Hear his story on how his upbringing and a series of setbacks have helped shaped and further cement his commitment to the cause. Over the past decade he has overcome obstacles that are recognizable to many but what makes his case different is how he has turned this into momentum and built several successful nonprofits. Michael Green is a seasoned advocate and political thought leader. He writes for several corporate boards as well as a regular contributor to local and national media outlets.



Michael Green

Michael Green leverages his extensive knowledge of policy and climate science to lead Climate XChange, a Boston based nonprofit focused on carbon pricing advocacy media and research. Prior to joining Climate XChange, Michael was the Executive Director and Co-Founder of CABA, a business association focused on climate policy. In Boston, he sits on several advisory councils focused on smart planning and climate-related goal setting for the city. Nationally he is recognized as an expert in climate policy design. He has been

asked to speak at the White House, testify before federal agencies and acts as an advisor to national nonprofits on campaign management and private sector engagement. Michael has served as a representative to the United Nations focusing on international climate science and policy since 2012 and is a regular lecturer at Northeastern University and other leading educational institutions. Recognized as a Champion of Change by President Obama in 2016, Michael was honored for his commitment to climate change as an equity issue. Michael sits on the board of several nonprofits focused on climate change and clean transportation. His passion for protecting our climate stems from his adoration of the great outdoors. Outside of the office, he can often be found roaming the nearest mountains on his bicycle, skis or in his hiking boots. He lives in Jamaica Plain with his dog and wife.

Lightning Talks

(11:10-11:50) B101

Come hear eight of your fellow attendees deliver the five-minute presentations that won our lightning talk competition!

Taymon Beal—Tech Volunteering in Effective Altruism

Holly Elmore—Scrupulosity: What It Is and What to Do About It

Arden Koehler—What to Do With "Greedy" Problems?

Kevin Litchfield—Is Insisting on Cause Impartiality Worth the Costs?

Caroline Mehl—Reducing Political Polarization Through Evidence-Based Interventions Nathaniel Schwalb—Voting Reform: Progress in the USA

Jacob Schwartz—What's the Relationship between the Effectiveness and Scale of the EA Community?

Jacob Silterra—Incentivizing Antibiotic Discovery via Prize

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Learning States: Enabling Smart Solutions for Policy Impact

Asim Ijaz Khwaja (1:15-1:55) B103, sli.do #G704

Innovative policies can bring the tools of development such as healthcare, primary education, and skills training to millions of the world's poor citizens, giving them a sustainable path out of poverty. However, too often, policy actors (be they governments, NGOs, or charities) approach development challenges with a favored solution in mind. rather than starting with a deep look at the problem at hand. It is also easy to focus in on a set of distinct programs in a policy area rather than taking a critical systems-level approach. All of this risks wasting time, resources, and effort – with the poor paying the greatest price. How can we take a more rigorous, systematic approach that continually iterates on past learnings and leverages market mechanisms to more effectively achieve goals and increase impact? In this talk, Asim liaz Khwaia will describe an analytical, collaborative approach that starts with problem identification then employs data and evidence to enable a self-learning system that diagnoses underlying causes, proposes options, tests solutions and more effectively refines policy. Using an example from his own research, he will apply this approach to education policy in Pakistan: a series of large-scale studies in collaboration with the government of Pakistan that have mapped the educational system, then tested, implemented, and refined policies to raise learning attainment among children.



Asim Ijaz Khwaja

Asim Ijaz Khwaja is the Sumitomo-Foundation for Advanced Studies on International Development Professor of International Finance and Development at the Harvard Kennedy School, Co-Faculty Director of Evidence for Policy Design (EPoD), and co-founder of the Center for Economic Research in Pakistan (CERP). Starting July 1, 2019 he will serve as director of the Center for International Development (CID) at Harvard University. Asim is also the co-founder of the Entrepreneurial Finance Lab (EFL), an award-winning start-up using

psychometric testing to collateralize human capital, lending ~\$1.5B across 27 countries. His areas of interest include economic development, finance, education, political economy, institutions, and contract theory/mechanism design. His research combines extensive fieldwork, rigorous empirical analysis, and microeconomic theory to answer questions that are motivated by and engage with policy.

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Plant-based and Cell-based Meat Policy: Latest Developments and Opportunities for Impact Cameron Meyer Shorb (1:15-1:55) B101, sli.do #Z928

Plant-based and cell-based meat could make factory farming economically obsolete, but that requires government policies that allow them to compete on a level playing field. In 2018, plant-based foods and cell-based meat went from relative obscurity to top priorities for U.S. federal food regulators. In just the first few months of 2019, 24 states proposed legislation intended to hobble these growing industries. This talk will review these developments and use them as case studies in how effective altruists can effect change across all three branches of government at state and federal levels.



Cameron Meyer Shorb

Cameron Meyer Shorb is the Policy Coordinator at the Good Food Institute. The Good Food Institute uses markets and food technology to facilitate the transition away from industrial animal agriculture and toward a sustainable, healthy, and just food supply. At GFI, Cameron helps ensure that plant-based and cell-based meat, eggs, dairy, and seafood benefit from a clear path to market, a level playing field, and public investments in research and development. Previously, he worked as a field organizer for the 2016 Massachusetts ballot

campaign that banned the extreme confinement of farm animals. Cameron graduated from Carleton College and has been involved in the effective altruism communities in Boston and New York City, where he now lives.

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Informal Breakout Discussions: Cause Areas

(1:55-2:45) Main Gathering Area

Gather around the sign for the cause area you'd most like to discuss to meet other attendees who share your interests. This will be a fairly free-flowing event focused on networking, learning, and bonding.

Topics:
Animal welfare
Artificial intelligence
EA community-building
Global health and poverty
Improving mental health at scale
Other x-risks/global catastrophic risks

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Why Banning Lethal Autonomous Weapons Should Be a Top EA Priority

Max Tegmark (2:45-3:25) B103, sli.do #B049



Max Tegmark

Max Tegmark is a professor doing physics and AI research at MIT, and advocates for positive use of technology as president of the Future of Life Institute. He is the author of over 200 publications as well as the New York Times bestsellers "Life 3.0: Being Human in the Age of Artificial Intelligence" and "Our Mathematical Universe: My Quest for the Ultimate Nature of Reality". His work with the Sloan Digital Sky Survey on galaxy clustering shared the first prize in

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Personal Giving Panel Discussion

Cullen O'Keefe, Jason Ketola, and Julia Wise (2:45-3:25) B101, sli.do #3093 How do I achieve the greatest impact with my charitable giving? And how do I balance my donations with the rest of my life? Come join us for a candid discussion of how to optimize

your personal giving. Whether you are "earning to give" or just giving what you can, this conversation will have something for you.



Cullen O'Keefe

Cullen is a third-year J.D. candidate at Harvard Law School. They currently work part-time as a Research Affiliate with the Center for the Governance of AI at the Future of Humanity Institute, supported by the Berkeley Existential Risk Initiative. They also serve as President of the Harvard University Effective Altruism Student Group and Vice President of Harvard Law School Effective Altruism. As of August 2019, they will be working as a Research Scientist for Policy at OpenAI. Their research focuses on the law, policy, and

governance of advanced artificial intelligence.



Jason Ketola

Jason Ketola is Vice President of Operations at MaxMind, a Boston-based tech company that donates substantially based on effective altruist principles. Jason is a member of the oversight committee on the Animal Charity Evaluators Research Fund, and he and his wife Yulia participate in animal advocacy as donors. He completed an M.S. in Health Communication at Tufts University and worked on mass-media public health behavior change campaigns before working at MaxMind.



Julia Wise

Julia Wise is Community Liaison at the Centre for Effective Altruism, working to help effective altruism and the people in it thrive. She also serves on the board of GiveWell.

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Informal Breakout Discussions: Interest Areas

(3:25-5:15) Main Gathering Area

Gather around the sign for the topic you'd most like to discuss to meet other attendees who share your interests. This will be a fairly free-flowing event focused on networking, learning, and bonding.

Topics:
EA and Rationality
EAs in Academia
EAs in Policy
EAs in Tech
Living by EA Principles
Moral Philosophy
Social and Charity Entrepreneurship

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Charity Entrepreneurship

Scott Weathers (4:15-4:55) B103, sli.do #G761

Want to start a high-impact charity? It's not an easy job, but it can be an incredible way to have an impact. In this talk, Scott Weathers discusses the pros and cons of founding a charity. He also describes what Charity Entrepreneurship can do to help would-be founders get started, with a focus on global poverty and animal welfare charities.



Scott Weathers

Scott Weathers is a Strategic Partnerships Manager at Compassion in World Farming. In 2017, he was the co-author of an open letter to the World Health Organization on factory farming, which earned nearly 300 expert signatures and was published in The New York Times and The Lancet. Previously, he worked as an advocate in Washington, D.C. to develop federal legislation to improve the effectiveness of U.S. global health policy. Scott earned a Master of Science at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

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Retrospectives on Elected Office: Successes and Failures

Elizabeth Edwards (4:15-4:55) B101, sli.do #W178

Applying effective altruist ideas to the work of practical policy change is a challenging task. Join former Representative Elizabeth Edwards as she shares what worked well, what didn't work at all, and what lessons can be learned by the movement as a whole



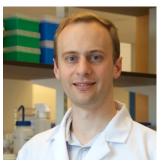
Elizabeth Edwards

Elizabeth Edwards recently completed two terms in the New Hampshire State House of Representatives. An advocate of harm reduction, civil liberties, and criminal justice reform, Edwards helped expand access to Narcan and legalize needle exchanges. She is best known for her sponsorship of bills to decriminalize sex work. She lives with her wife of five years, Caitlin.

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Information Hazards, Coordination Problems, and Mitigating Catastrophic Bio-risks Kevin Esvelt (5:20-6:00) B103, sli.do #P755

Biology has thankfully not had its atomic moment, but that blessing has created a profound vulnerability to information hazards and potentially catastrophic bio-risks. Incentives favoring secretive research plans prevent scientists from warning colleagues of dangers, while a culture of open data has made the genome sequences of pathogens responsible for killing millions available to every human with an internet connection. How can concerned researchers build support for risk mitigation and institutional change without sharing exactly why we are concerned? Is it even wise for additional researchers to think about catastrophic bio-risks? Perhaps not: some knowledge is simply not worth having. While there is no silver bullet, secure algorithmic screening for potential hazards and compelling storytelling using striking but harmless examples of previously unimagined advances could mitigate the most immediate risks and lead to the institutional, cultural, and political changes we need.



Kevin Esvelt

Kevin M. Esvelt is an assistant professor of the MIT Media Lab, where he leads the Sculpting Evolution Group in exploring evolutionary and ecological engineering.

He received his Ph.D. from Harvard University for inventing a synthetic microbial ecosystem to rapidly evolve useful biomolecules, and subsequently helped pioneer the development of CRISPR, a powerful new method of genome engineering.

In 2013, Esvelt was the first to identify the potential for CRISPR

"gene drive" systems to alter wild populations of organisms. Recognizing the implications of an advance that could enable individual scientists to alter the shared environment, he and his colleagues chose to break with scientific tradition by revealing their findings and calling for open discussion and safeguards before they demonstrated the technology in the laboratory. At MIT, the Sculpting Evolution Group develops safer "daisy drives" that only spread locally, as well as ways of restoring populations to their original genetics. Together with the communities of Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard, they are advancing the "Mice Against Ticks" project aiming to prevent tick-borne disease. Other research interests include unraveling the workings of molecular evolution and reducing animal suffering. An outspoken advocate of freely sharing research plans to accelerate discovery and improve safety, Kevin seeks to use gene drive as a catalyst to reform the scientific ecosystem.

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Self-Care for Altruists: A Discussion on Well-Being in EA

Julia Wise (5:20-6:00) B101

It can be difficult to balance big altruistic goals with taking care of your own physical and mental well-being. Share your thoughts and hear from other community members about



Julia Wise

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Keynote Presentation: Fireside Chat: Shaping the Future of Artificial Intelligence Richard Mallah, Cullen O'Keefe, and Baobao Zhang (9:30-10:35) B103, sli.do #P564



Richard Mallah

Richard Mallah is Director of Al Projects at existential risk mitigation NGO the Future of Life Institute, where he works to support the robust, safe, beneficent development and deployment of advanced artificial intelligence. He helps move the world toward existential hope and away from x-risk via meta-research, analysis, research organization, community building, and advocacy, and with respect to technical progress, strategy, and policy coordination. Richard was in FLI's core from its very start; among his many dozens of activities at

the Future of Life Institute, Richard was the lead author of FLI's landmark Landscape of Technical AI Safety Research, he has given dozens of invited talks on the safety, robustness, and beneficence of advanced AI and AGI, has co-organized conferences and workshops, and formally peer reviews papers on the topic. Mr. Mallah also serves on the Executive Committee of IEEE's initiative on autonomous systems ethics, co-chairs that initiative's AGI committee, and is a member of its wellbeing and LAWS committees. At Partnership on AI, Richard serves on its safety-critical AI and labor & economy working groups. He also serves as a senior advisor to the AI initiative of The Future Society. Richard has had over fifteen years of experience in AI R&D leadership in industry, lending an appreciation for tradeoffs at all AI research and product lifecycle stages. Richard also has experience in risk management, having led systems for enterprise risk management, research management, and counterparty risk management at BlackRock during the financial crisis. Richard holds a degree in computer science with a specialization in AI from Columbia University, and is well read in natural philosophy.



Cullen O'Keefe

Cullen is a third-year J.D. candidate at Harvard Law School. They currently work part-time as a Research Affiliate with the Center for the Governance of AI at the Future of Humanity Institute, supported by the Berkeley Existential Risk Initiative. They also serve as President of the Harvard University Effective Altruism Student Group and Vice President of Harvard Law School Effective Altruism. As of August 2019, They will be working as a Research Scientist for Policy at OpenAI. Their research focuses on the law, policy, and

governance of advanced artificial intelligence.



Baobao Zhang

Baobao Zhang is a PhD candidate in Yale University's Political Science Department, a research affiliate with the Center for the Governance of AI at the University of Oxford, and a Kerry Fellow at the Yale Jackson Institute for Global Affairs. Her current research focuses on public opinion toward artificial intelligence and how the American welfare state could adapt to the increasing automation of labor. Her previous research covered a wide range of topics including the politics of the U.S. welfare state, attitudes towards

climate change, and survey methodology. Her papers have been published in *Political Analysis*, *Nature Climate Change*, the *Journal of Artificial Intelligence Research*, and *JAMA Surgery*. Her research and graduate education have been funded by the National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship, the Yale Institution for Social and Policy, and the Ethics and Governance of Artificial Intelligence Fund. She worked as a data scientist for the Yale Project for Climate Change Communication from 2015 to 2017.

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Using an Effective Altruism Framework to Best Help Animals

Melissa Guzikowski and Sydney Heiss (11:00-11:40) B103, sli.do #7368

Animal Charity Evaluators (ACE) is a nonprofit with a mission to find and promote the most effective ways to help animals. Join Managing Editor Melissa Guzikowski and Experimental Researcher Sydney Heiss as they discuss ACE's role in the effective altruism movement and the current empirical research being conducted within ACE. They will specifically discuss the best-known ways to identify and advocate for high-impact interventions for animals, as well as charity evaluations and project prioritization within the experimental research division.



Melissa Guzikowski

Melissa first joined ACE as a content and copy editor during the 2017 charity evaluation process. Shortly thereafter, she began an eightmonth internship with The Humane League, where she worked as head of the New Media Research Team. In July 2018, she rejoined ACE as a research intern. After working closely with the research department for several months, she moved into the role of Managing Editor. Melissa's academic background is in cultural anthropology and romance languages. Prior to getting involved in effective

altruism, she worked as an English teacher in Spain for several years.



Sydney Heiss

Sydney joined ACE in May 2018. She has a background in experimental research, having completed her bachelor's degree in psychology at Rutgers University and her master's degree in psychology at The State University of New York at Albany. She is currently in the process of completing a Ph.D. program in clinical psychology. Prior to beginning her research career, Sydney worked as a cook at a variety of vegan eateries, including The Cinnamon Snail in New York City.

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EA: Nontrivial Pursuit

Eric Gastfriend (11:00-11:40) B101

Doing good requires not just the right intentions and philosophical understanding, but also a broad knowledge base of how the world actually works. This live trivia show, in the style of "Who Wants to be a Millionaire?", will be a fun and educational celebration of EA-relevant factoids. Hosted by Eric Gastfriend, the show will feature Elizabeth Edwards and Scott

Weathers, among others, as contestants, and will also allow the audience to participate via smartphone! The winning contestant will get to choose which high-impact charity they would like the prize funds to be donated to.



Eric Gastfriend

Eric Gastfriend is a social entrepreneur who has been active in the Effective Altruism movement since 2011 when he became the volunteer Community Manager for the career-coaching organization 80,000 Hours. He is the Founder of the Harvard University Effective Altruism Student Group and Philanthropy Advisory Fellowship, which advises corporations, foundations, and billionaires on how to have the most impact with their charitable dollars. He is currently cofounder and CEO of DynamiCare Health, a tech startup that is

fighting substance addiction with evidence-based motivational tools. He earned his B.A. *magna cum laude* from Brown University, where he started the Brown Animal Rights Club, and MBA from Harvard Business School.

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Distribute for Free or Charge Fees? Using Research to Address the Debate over How to Maximize the Uptake of Preventive Health Products

Anupama Dathan and Caroline Tangoren (1:00-1:40) B103, sli.do #S504

Should preventive health products be provided for free? How does free distribution affect use of preventive health products and does it discourage people from buying preventive health products in the future? This presentation will walk through the key points in the "Pricing Debate" and synthesize evidence from over fifteen J-PAL affiliated research projects from around the world. We will highlight why positive externalities, lack of information, and liquidity constraints mean policymakers should eliminate cost-sharing for preventive health products when possible. From there, we will give a brief summary of how this research has shifted global thinking and helped to convince governments, donors, NGOs, and other stakeholders of the benefits of free distribution of key preventive health products, including insecticide-treated bednets for malaria prevention.



Anupama Dathan

Anupama Dathan is a Senior Policy Associate at J-PAL who manages the Health sector. In her capacity as Senior Policy Associate, she writes policy publications, cultivates new research partnerships, and conducts policy outreach for evidence dissemination. Prior to her time at J-PAL, Anupama worked in a number of positions related to health policy and research, including maternal and child nutrition at the Results for Development Institute (R4D) and communicable diseases and vaccine access at the ONE

Campaign. Anupama graduated with a master of public policy from Georgetown University's McCourt School of Public Policy and with a bachelor of arts from Duke University.



Caroline Tangoren

Caroline Tangoren is a Policy Associate at J-PAL, where she works on the Health sector. In her capacity as a Policy Associate, she writes policy publications, cultivates new research partnerships, and conducts policy outreach for evidence dissemination. Prior to her time at J-PAL, Caroline worked at Save the Children as a Research and Data Analysis Associate with a focus in sexual and reproductive health. Caroline graduated with distinction from Yale University with a BA in global affairs and a certificate in global health.

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Peer Coaching

(1:00-1:50) Main Gathering Area

Facing a tough decision or quandary that you'd like to discuss with other aspiring effective altruists? Then come join us for a session of small-group peer coaching. Whether you're making a career choice or just looking for ways to become more productive, peer coaching will give you the chance to receive -- and, in turn, provide -- attentive and respectful feedback on your thinking.

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Responsible AI Development as a Collective Action Problem

Amanda Askell (2:05-2:45) B103, sli.do #C629

It has been argued that competitive pressures could cause AI developers to cut corners on the safety of their systems. If this is true, however, why don't we see this dynamic play out more often in other private markets? In this talk I outline the standard incentives to produce safe products: market incentives, liability law, and regulation. I argue that if these incentives are too weak because of information asymmetries or other factors, competitive pressure could cause firms to invest in safety below a level that is socially optimal. I argue that, in such circumstances, responsible AI development is a kind of collective action problem. I then develop a conceptual framework to help us identify levers to improve the prospects for cooperation in this kind of collective action problem.



Amanda Askell

Amanda Askell is a research scientist in ethics and policy at OpenAI, where she works on topics like responsible AI development, cooperation, and safety via debate. Before joining OpenAI she completed a PhD at NYU with a thesis on infinite ethics. She also holds a BPhil in philosophy from the University of Oxford and has written articles for Vox, The Guardian, and Quartz.

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Hope and Love - The Empirical Basis of Healing Our Mental Health

Vikram Patel (2:05-2:45) B101, sli.do #Z535

This lecture will address the ways in which brief psychosocial interventions delivered by lay people in low resource settings enable people with mental health problems recover and, in doing so, simultaneously experience a sense of fulfilment and reward.



Vikram Patel

Vikram Patel is The Pershing Square Professor of Global Health and Wellcome Trust Principal Research Fellow at the Harvard Medical School. His work has focused on the burden of mental disorders, their association with social disadvantage, and the use of community resources for their prevention and treatment. He holds Honorary Professorships at the Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health, the Public Health Foundation of India, and the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine (where he co-founded the Centre for Global

Mental Health in 2008), and is a co-founder of Sangath, an Indian NGO which won the MacArthur Foundation's International Prize for Creative and Effective Institutions in 2008 and the WHO Public Health Champion of India award in 2016. He is a co-founder of the Movement for Global Mental Health. He is a Fellow of the UK's Academy of Medical Sciences and has served on several WHO expert and Government of India committees, including the WHO High Level Independent Commission for Non-Communicable Diseases and Mental Health. He has been awarded the Chalmers Medal (Royal Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, UK), the Sarnat Medal (US National Academy of Medicine), an Honorary Doctorate from Georgetown University, the Pardes Humanitarian Prize (the Brain & Behaviour Research Foundation), an Honorary OBE from the UK Government and the Posey Leadership Award (Austin College). He was listed in TIME Magazine's 100 most influential persons of the year in 2015.

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