

ANESTHESIOLOGY & PAIN MEDICINE

EDI BRIEF

April 2025

Global Initiatives Month

This month we are highlighting global initiatives that are positively impacting health outcomes around the world.

Our department's [Global Anesthesia Initiative \(UW-GAIN\)](#) promotes equitable care for all in need of essential anesthesia and surgical services worldwide. More than 50 APM faculty members are involved in global efforts in [35 countries](#) around the world, utilizing their expertise to impact global education partnerships, curriculum development, quality improvement, and global disease research, as well as national and international anesthesia societies.

This year, UW-GAIN has partnered with faculty from the University of Nairobi, the Society for Pediatric Anesthesia of Kenya (SPAK), and the World Federation Society of Anesthesia (WFSA) to focus on safer surgery for pediatric patients in low-resource areas. In March, UW-GAIN faculty and our Kenyan partners taught the *Safer Anesthesia from Education* (SAFE) course to 24 clinicians in Nakuru county.

UW-GAIN also offers training opportunities for APM trainees and anesthesiologists in partnering countries. Since 2018, UW-GAIN has hosted anesthesiologists from [low and middle-income countries](#) to observe at the University of Washington and participate in the [ASA/SPA](#) annual meetings. UW-GAIN also offers a faculty-fellowship program in global health.

The leadership and dedication of our faculty make this work possible. Thank you for all you do!

Resources:

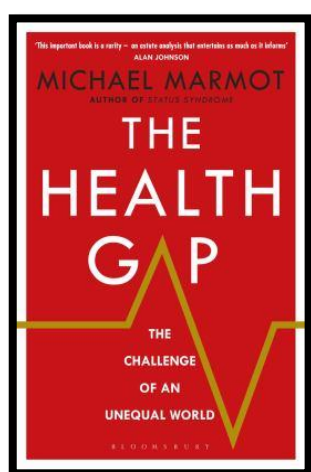
- [WFSA Workforce Map](#), showing the density of anesthesia providers in various countries around the world.
- [Ethical Considerations for Short-term Experiences by Trainees in Global Health](#)
- [The Future of Global Health Education: Training for Equity in Global Health](#)
- [Capacity Building During Short-Term Surgical Outreach Trips: A Review of What Guidelines Exist](#)

Department Highlights

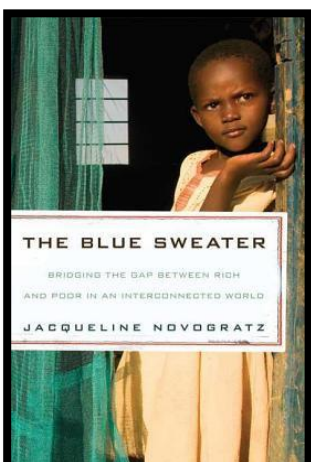
- **May 20:** Inaugural resident-faculty global health journal club.
- **Fall 2025:** We look forward to welcoming an SPA Global Scholar from Zambia.
- **Fall 2025:** UW residents will lead the 3rd annual fundraiser for pulse oximeters and capnographs worldwide for the [ASA-Lifebox Resident Challenge](#).

Resources

Recommended Reading:



[*The Health Gap: The Challenge of an Unequal World*](#), by Michael Marmot, speaks on health disparities within countries and health inequities that stem from poverty. He highlights how health inequities create conditions that lead to the minimal healthcare access and the need to rethink how we approach health disparities on a global level.



[*The Blue Sweater: Bridging the Gap Between Rich and Poor in an Interconnected World*](#), by Jacqueline Novogratz. A story about a woman who left her career in international banking to develop a new form of philanthropic investing called "patient capital" to make people self-sufficient and uplift others on a global scale.