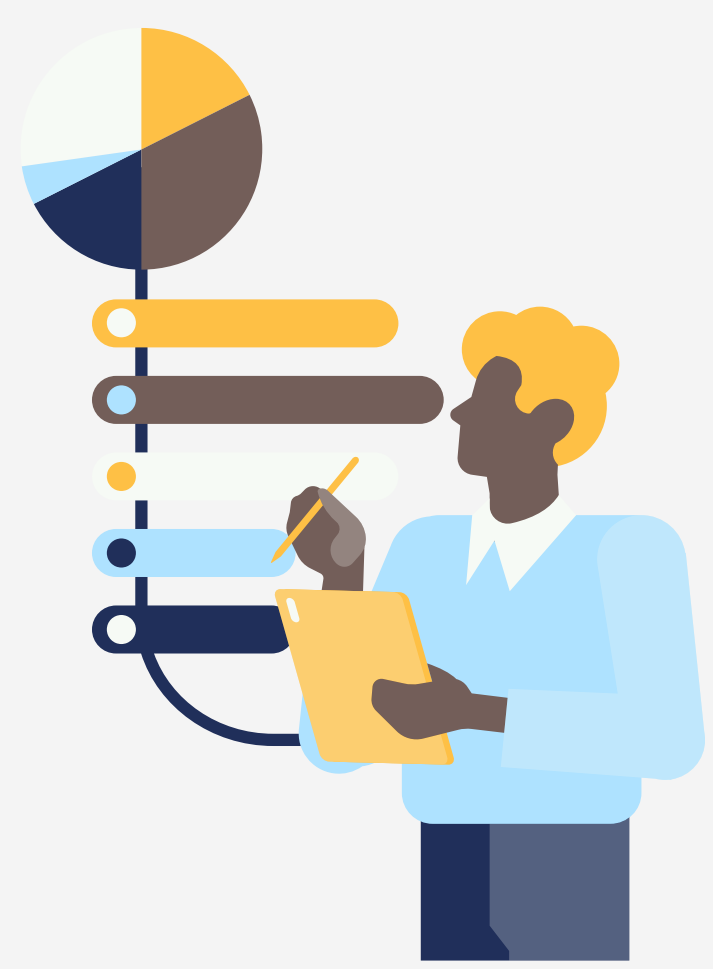


Decolonizing Global Health at Vanderbilt

John Lee and Christina Kim

The Decolonizing Global Health initiative aims to raise awareness about the inequalities and Western-centric beliefs in global health and to encourage self-reflection and the use of sustainable methods to address these issues. Ultimately, we hope all students interested in health professions can reflect on their own positionality and bring a mindset of cultural humility and commitment to equity in all endeavors.



ORIGINS OF THE INITIATIVE

Founded by Ikenna Obi and Teresa Xu for students traveling abroad or doing other medical volunteering



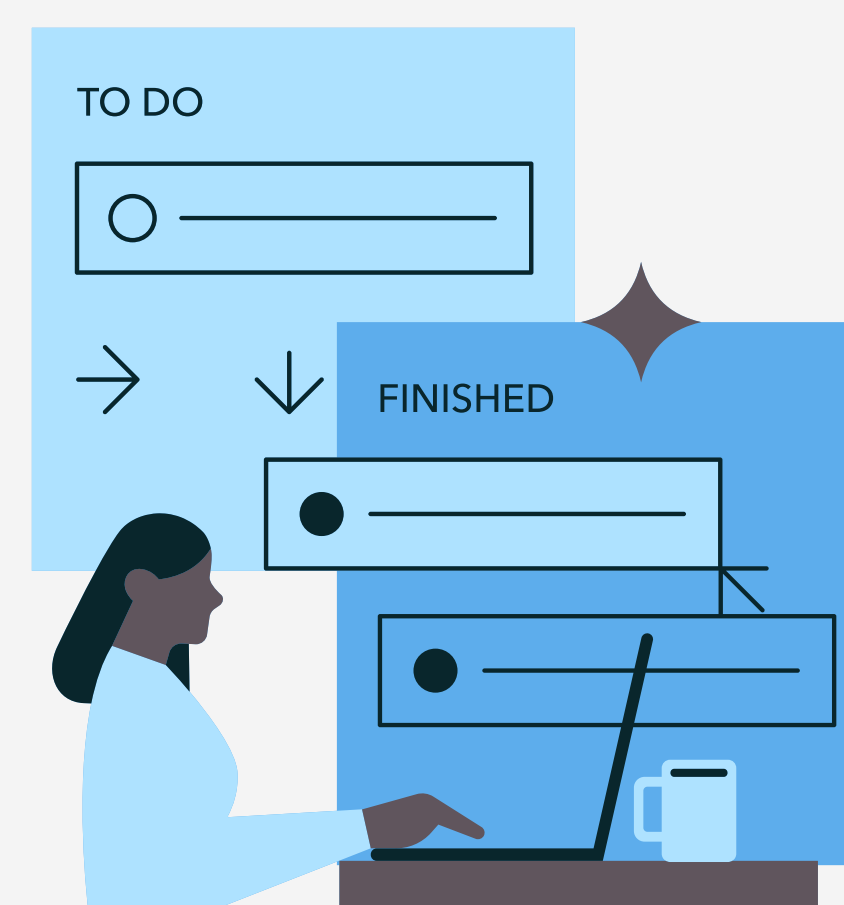
WORK DONE IN THE PAST

Foundational workshops and modules made by Ikenna and Teresa to present to students on campus



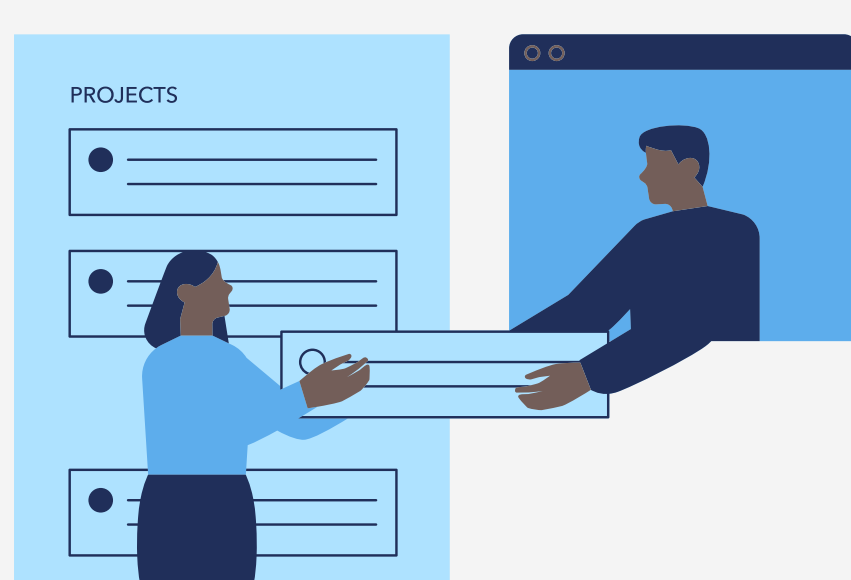
DEFINING DECOLONIZATION

Fostering cultural humility and recognizing colonial legacies and inequalities that persist today



CONTINUATION OF THE INITIATIVE

Editing and creating new modules to present to students on campus



INCREASED OUTREACH

Collaboration with more organizations, beyond those related to global health, to help more students learn about decolonization



NEW IDEAS AND APPROACHES

Including more niche topics by developing more modules that reflect our individual interests



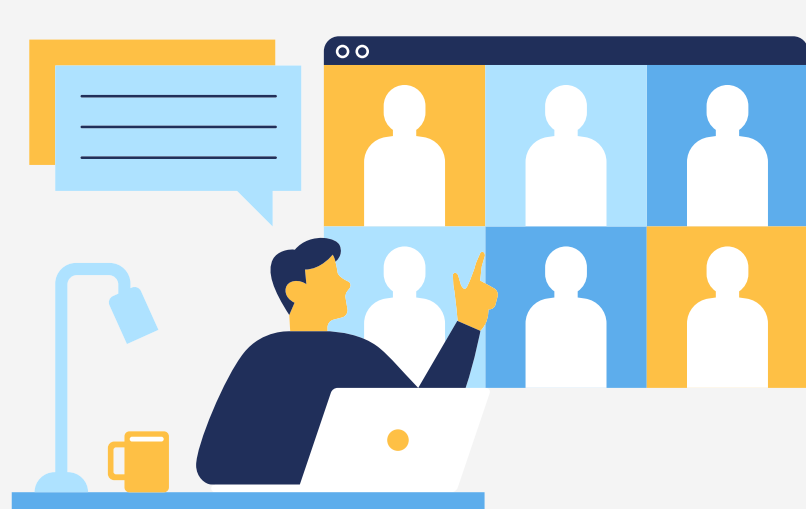
LEARN FROM SETBACKS

Hierarchy of health organizations on campus and difficulty organizing collaborations despite preemptive planning



REVIEW AND ADJUST

Listen to feedback from students to learn and improve to foster a community that is equitable and inclusive for all.



BUILD A SUPPORT SYSTEM

Interest in expansion and promotion by creating our own Vanderbilt committee for more organized workflow



PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

Designing an Immersion program and holding independent events open to the Vanderbilt community