

Global Health Lecture Series

Tuesday
April 9, 2013
ACB 110
Noon



WELLBODY ALLIANCE, SIERRA LEONE

FEATURING

MOHAMED BAILOR BARRIE, M.B.CH.B., EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR, WELLBODY ALLIANCE - SIERRA LEONE

Dr. Mohamed Bailor Barrie is the only pediatrician and one of only five physicians serving the 450,000 people of Kono District, the epicenter of Sierra Leone's recent conflict and the most underserved region of the country. The son of a village tailor, Dr. Bailor Barrie grew up in unimaginable poverty and hunger. Inspired by his neighbor, a hardworking and dedicated nurse, he defied all odds to achieve the second highest score in the country on his high school completion examination—granting him a full scholarship to attend medical school in Freetown during the war. Each day he walked 14 miles to and from class. Unable to afford medical textbooks, he hand-copied his classmates' books by candlelight. During the war he lost his father to a preventable disease and his mother was kidnapped by rebel forces, presumed dead for years. When violence came to Freetown, Bailor was forced to escape by dugout canoe under the cover of darkness to a refugee camp in neighboring Guinea.

While almost all of Bailor's medical school colleagues fled abroad to better lives and better opportunities, he was the only graduate who chose to serve his country and people. As the co-founder and Executive Director of Wellbody Alliance, Dr. Bailor Barrie has sacrificed everything for his commitment to social justice and wellbeing in what the UN has called "the least livable country in the world." In a context of extremely limited health and social services and with the scarcest of resources, Dr. Bailor Barrie dedicates each day to the seemingly insurmountable challenge of bringing essential healthcare to Sierra Leone's poorest people.

Free lunch will be provided to the first 40 attendees!

SPRING 2013 SCHEDULE OF PRESENTERS

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| ⇒ Thursday, March 28 (ACB100)
David Sacks, PhD, NIAID | ⇒ Wednesday, May 1 (ACB110)
Michael D. Parsa, MD FAAEM, Challenges of
Short-Term Medical Missions |
| ⇒ Tuesday, April 9 (ACB110)
Mohamed Bailor Barrie, M.B.CH.B.
WellBody Alliance, Sierra Leone | ⇒ Thursday, May 9 (ACB120)
Dr. K.M Cherian, International Center for
Cardio Thoracic & Vascular Diseases, India |
| ⇒ Wednesday April 17 (ACB110)
Marie Leiner, PhD, Mental Health & Children
on the US/Mexico Border | ⇒ Wednesday, May 22 (ACB110)
Vera Von Bergan, MSIV, 4th year elective at
King George Medical University, India |

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