

# The Time for Gender Equality is NOW

Virtual IHAN CSW UN 2020 parallel event

Co-sponsored with Fordham Institute for Women and Girls, New York

## EVENT PROGRAM:

New York: Friday 19 June 2020, 7 - 10PM  
Nigeria: Friday 19 June 2020, Midnight – 3AM  
Sydney: Saturday 20 June 2020, 9 - Noon

### Welcome

**Professor Gabrielle Casper BSc(Hons) MBBS FRANZCOG**  
Board Member, International Health Awareness Network  
Past President Medical Women's International Association

**Dr Sorosh Roshan MD MPH**  
Founding President, International Health Awareness Network

**Dr Beatrice Goodwin PhD RN**  
Professor of Nursing NY and professor/consultant to 47 universities in 5 Latin American countries.

**Prof Sandra Turner Ph.D., LCSW**  
Associate Professor Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service, New York. Chair of the Fordham Institute for Women and Girls

**Professor Elaine Congress, MSSW, MA, DSW, LCSW**  
Associate Dean and Professor Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service, New York. Co-chair Fordham Institute for Women and Girls

### IHAN, UN, UNICEF and Gender Equality

#### Moment of Stillness-Prayer for Peace

Ms Iris Spellings  
Council of the Spiritual Caucus at the UN

#### NGO CSW/NY and Generation Equality Forum

Ms Houry Geudelekian  
Chair NGO Committee on the Status of Women, New York

#### We are all in this together

Dr Sorosh Roshan MD MPH  
Founding President, International Health Awareness Network

#### Gender Equality: The Global Picture

Adjunct Professor Elizabeth Broderick  
AO LLD Chair, UN Working Group on Discrimination against Women and Girls, Founder & Convenor Male Champions of Change, Principal Elizabeth Broderick & Co

### **Gender equality at the heart of UNICEF's COVID-19 response**

Dr Lauren Rumble PhD

UNICEF Principal Advisor, Gender, and Chief of Gender and Rights Section, Programme Division

### **Interdisciplinary & Intergenerational Approaches: Researchers' Role in Shaping Global Policy**

Ms Jourdan Williams MA

Director of Global Policy & Advocacy, IHAN. Board Member at Large, Executive Committee NGO CSW/NY

### **Empowering Women and Girls through Education in Dominican Republic-**

Ms Maria Alexandra Mensen, MS Journalism

President and Founder Mensen Academy Foundation. Former intern IHAN

### **Why Gender Equality Remains Elusive**

Dr Vijaya Melnick, Ph.D. FIMSA

Prof. Emerita of Biological Sciences, Co-President IHAN

### **Bangladesh's experience women's empowerment and advancement.**

Ms. Rabab Fatima

Ambassador & Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations New York

## **Violence Against Women and Girls**

### **Gender Equality: A Prayer for the Girl Child**

Professor Suzanne Stutman

Professor Emeritus of English, Penn State University. Vice President of Educational Outreach, IHAN

### **Violence against women – the ultimate gender inequality**

Professor Gabrielle Casper BSc(Hons) MBBS FRANZCOG

Board Member, International Health Awareness Network

Past President Medical Women's International Association

### **Enhancing the Re-entry of Offenders Through Trauma-Informed Sentencing: New York's Domestic Violence**

#### **Survivors Justice Act**

Honorable Marcy L. Kahn

Associate Justice of the New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Judicial Department (Retired)

### **Free Legal Services Available to Women Survivors of Violence in Australia**

Ms Lillian Dooley Bcom/LLB student Deakin University

### **Harmful Cultural Practices: A Global Solution**

Dr Eleanor Nwadinobi, MBBS, EMA, FAAC

President, MWIA. Founding co-Chair of the Every Woman Treaty steering committee

### **Femicide in Latin America- the ultimate violence**

Dr Beatrice Goodwin PhD RN

Professor of Nursing NY and professor/consultant to 47 universities in 5 Latin American countries.

### **Violence Against Women: Educating Future Doctors the UNDA approach.**

Ms Sarah Forsyth BAppSc (Physiotherapy), MIPH, MD Candidate SoMS, UNDA

Ms Anna-Maria Formanowicz BSc (Hons); MHM, MD Candidate UNDA

## **Maternal, Sexual and Reproductive Health**

### **Ending Maternal Mortality and Morbidity - The Time for Gender Equality is NOW**

Prof Rosemary Ogu, MBBS, MSc(RH), FWACS, FMCOG.

Consultant Obstetrician/Gynaecologist, University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital, Port Harcourt, Nigeria.

### **The Sustainable Development Goals and Women's Health - A look at the progress towards achieving gender equality and empowering women**

Miss Emily Moroney BBMed (Hons), MD Candidate UNDS

Miss Ellen Foster BExNSc, MD Candidate UNDS

### **Maternal morbidity and mortality rates around the globe and the impact of Birthing Kit Foundation Australia**

Miss Arabella Raupach BA BAdvSc (Hons), MD Candidate UNDS

Mr Tom Williams BAgSc, MD Candidate UNDS

### **Postpartum haemorrhage - combating the most significant cause of global maternal mortality**

Ms Grace Lynch BLAS (Neuroscience), MD Candidate UNDS

Miss Rose Clarke BMedSc, MD Candidate UNDS

### **Homelessness during pregnancy - Global health services available and the impact of COVID-19**

Miss Jessica Amy Brown BAdvMedSc (Neuroscience), MIPH, MD Candidate UNDS

Miss Meera Gandhi BSc, MD Candidate UNDS

### **HPV and Cervical screening in Rural Philippines**

Ms Elena Harty BSc( Hons), MD Candidate, UNDA, Sydney  
Mr Oscar Boag Taylor LLB/BA(English), MD Candidate, UNDA, Sydney

### **Women's Health in PNG: Beyond lack of access to medical care**

Dr Charles Arcus, BA AdvHons, MBBS  
Unaccredited Registrar in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Westmead Hospital, Sydney

### **Barriers to sexual health and reproductive autonomy amongst indigenous Australian women.**

Dr Jane McDonnell BMedSci MD MPH  
Senior Resident Medical Officer in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Royal North Shore Hospital, Sydney

### **Immigrant Women's access to sexual and reproductive health in USA**

Ms Anna Peverly, MSW Fordham University

### **LGBTQIA+ and sexual health**

Ms Liz Manus, MSW Fordham University

### **The Effects of Poverty on Women's Health in the Dominican Republic**

Ms Jazmin Marbella Vargas Fordham University

### **Empowering through Women's Health in the Dominican Republic**

Ms Maggie Miqueo, Esq.

Board Member and Past-CEO of Grupo Empresarial Alaska, private water and ice company in the Dominican Republic

## **Impact of Migration, Climate Change and COVID 19 on Women and Girls**

### **A complex emergency: Women on the move in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic**

A/Prof Marciana Popescue PhD

Associate Professor, Fordham University; Senior Fulbright Scholar (2016-2017/Austria); Fulbright Specialist (2018-2021).

### **The disproportional impact of climate change upon women's health - a heated issue**

Dr Kate Petrie BVSc.(Hons) MANZCVS, MD Candidate, UNDA  
Miss Aileen Li BPharm (Hons), MD Candidate, UNDA, Sydney

### **The gendered impact of COVID-19- a look at the effects on girls, carers and migrants**

Miss Nikki Raftopoulos BMedSc (Hons), MIPH, MD Candidate UNDS  
Miss Saesha D'Silva BMedSci (Hons), MD Candidate UNDS  
Ms Anita Skaros BSc, MPharm, MD Candidate UNDS

### **The Shadow Pandemic; the rise of domestic violence during COVID-19**

Miss Grace Sutherland (BEXSc, MPhysiotherapy), MD Candidate UNDS  
Miss Maddeson Riley (BBIomedSc Hons), MD Candidate UNDS

## **Equity for Women Doctors**

### **Gender Inequality in the Era of Social Media and Technology: A Millennial's Perspective**

Dr Orchid Abar MD

### **Medical Women – Put your own oxygen masks on first, especially during the Pandemic!**

Dr Lydia Pitcher MBBS (Hons) BMedSc FRACP FRCPA AMusA  
Haematologist & Oncologist, BloodCare and ICON Cancer Care, Brisbane; Vice-President, AFMW

### **Impact of COVID on Surgical Training: The Risk of Gender Regression**

Assoc Professor Deb Colville MBBS PhD FRANZCO FRACS Dip Epidemiol MPH Cert Ed Dip Management MAICD  
Ophthalmic surgeon and educator, President, AFMW, Co-Chair, Ethics and Resolutions, MWIA

### **Mental health of women physicians**

Dr Banafcheh Hejazi MD, CCFP  
McGill University, Clinical assistant Professor Family doctor

## **Towards the future**

Prof Gabrielle Casper  
Dr Sorosh Roshan

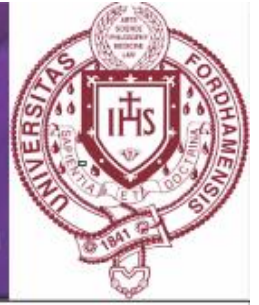
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## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES:



### **Dr Charlie Arcus BAdvA(Hons) MBBS**

Charles Arcus is an Unaccredited Registrar in Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Prior to studying medicine, Charles completed with Honours a Degree in Political Philosophy and English Literature. He first became passionate about pursuing a career in Obstetrics and Gynaecology after volunteering at Port Moresby General Hospital and Mt Hagen General Hospital in PNG. There, Charles built respect for those working in challenging circumstances and acquired strong thirst for women's health advocacy. He shared his experiences in the RANZCOG Magazine, as a Clinical Associate Lecturer for the University of Sydney, and through presentation at the Women's Health Summit held by Bayer Limited this year.



### **Dr Orchid Abar, MD**

Bio: Orchid Abar was born and raised in New Jersey, USA after her parents immigrated there from Iran a few years prior. She earned her Bachelor's Degree in Global Health and Environmental Studies from Washington University in St. Louis, MO. She just graduated medical school from Drexel University College of Medicine in Philadelphia, PA in May 2020. Orchid developed a strong passion for women's health in medical school, therefore she is now in residency training to become an Obstetrician and Gynecologist at Abington - Jefferson University near Philadelphia, PA. She strives to be a strong advocate for gender equality throughout her career.



### **Adjunct Professor Elizabeth Broderick AO LLD**

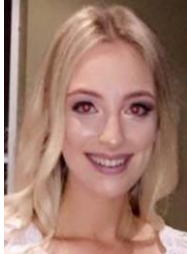
As Australia's longest serving Sex Discrimination Commissioner (2007-2015), Elizabeth worked tirelessly to break down structural and social barriers faced by women and men, and to promote gender equality. She established and convenes the 'Male Champions of Change' strategy and led the review into the treatment of women in the Australian Defence Force. In 2017 Elizabeth was appointed by the United Nations in Geneva as a Special Rapporteur and Independent Expert on Discrimination against Women and Girls. In 2016, Elizabeth was appointed an Officer of the Order of Australia and was named 2016 NSW Australian of the Year.





**Mr Oscar Boag Taylor BA LLB MD Candidate, SoMS, UNDA**

Oscar Boag Taylor is a third-year medical student at UNDA, Sydney. Prior to Medicine, Oscar completed a Bachelor of Laws/Arts double degree at the ANU. As a lawyer, Oscar volunteered with Legal Aid and the National Children and Youth Legal Centre, advising young women regarding sexual consent, reproductive rights and violence protection. As a medical professional, Oscar is a founding member and former secretary of UNDA's Equity in Medicine Committee and has co-authored health and human rights policy for the Australian Medical Students Association. Since 2018, Oscar has undertaken aid-work in a reproductive health clinic for under-privileged women in the Philippines.



**Miss Jessica Amy Brown BAdvMedSc MIPH MD Candidate, SoMS, UNDA**

Jessica Brown is a third-year medical student at the University of Notre Dame. Prior to studying medicine, she completed a Bachelor of Advanced Medical Science, majoring in Neuroscience, a Master of International Public health that focused on maternal and child health, mental health in a global context and environmental sustainability. She has volunteered on a global level including delivering educational workshops to women and children in rural India, volunteering and providing medical supplies at a hospital in rural Tanzania and conducting HPV screening and women's health checks with Team Philippines. She is currently conducting a study on medical students' preparedness to deal with domestic violence.



**Professor Gabrielle Casper BSc(Hons) MBBS FRANZCOG**

Professor Gabrielle Casper is Head of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, School of Medicine, Sydney, The University of Notre Dame Australia and Past Chairman of the NSW State Committee of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG). She is Past President of the Australian Federation of Medical Women and Past President of Medical Women's International Association (MWIA). She has undertaken projects with the World Health Organisation and United Nations and cares for her patients with compassion and understanding while lobbying to improve women's health in Australia and overseas.



**Ms Rose Clarke BMedSc MD Candidate, SoMS, UNDA**

Rose Clarke is a third-year medical student at the University of Notre Dame, Sydney. Prior to studying Medicine, she completed a Bachelor of Medical Science at the University of Sydney. She has a particular passion for Aboriginal Health and has spent time volunteering in a remote Aboriginal Community in the Northern Territory with NASCA and at Yulu-Burri-Ba, an Aboriginal Medical Service in Queensland. In 2019, she was the 'Indigenous Close the Gap Representative' and committee member for the rural health organisation at UNDS. She is also a John Flynn Placement Program scholar which offers her the ability to be mentored and trained in rural medicine.



**Associate Professor Deb Colville MBBS PhD FRANZCO FRACS Dip Epidemiol., Master of Public Health, Cert Ed and Training, Dip Management, MAICD**

Associate Professor Deb Colville is a practicing Australian paediatric ophthalmologist and health professional educator, Melbourne, Australia. She has published on public health and global blindness, particularly in women and children. Her post-doctoral research interests are in gender and curriculum, gender and surgery, and in leadership for women in medicine, with particular focus on feminist education. Her COVID interest is in the potential regression in the gendered aspects of the curricula for surgical training in Australia. She is currently President of the Australian Federation of Medical Women and also develops policy in the Medical Women's International Association.



**Dr Elaine Congress, MSSW, MA, DSW, LCSW**

Dr. Elaine Congress is Associate Dean and Professor at Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service in New York City. She also was an original member of the 25-year-old Fordham Institute for Women and Girls and is the incoming Co-Chair of this Institute. At the United Nations, she represents two NGOs, the International Federation of Social Workers (IFSW) and the Institute of Multicultural Counseling and Education Services (IMCES). The author of many articles and books on social work ethics and values, multicultural practice, health, and immigrants, her most recent book *Behavioral Science in the Global Arena: Addressing Timely Issues at the United Nations and Beyond* focuses on the United Nations and the Sustainable Development Goals.



**Ms Saesha D'Silva BMEDSc(Hons) MD Candidate, SoMS, UNDA**

Saesha D'Silva is currently a third-year medical student at the University of Notre Dame Australia. Prior to commencing her medical degree, Saesha completed a Bachelor of Medical Science at the University of New South Wales. Following this, Saesha completed her honours thesis in endocrinology at the University of New South Wales in conjunction with the Garvan Institute of Medical Research. Saesha has a keen interest in women's health and advocacy, having volunteered with under privileged communities to improve access to healthcare and education services. She has also completed advocacy work with under privileged women in her local community.



**Ms Lillian Dooley BCom/LLB student, Deakin University**

Lillian Dooley is a penultimate year Law/Commerce student, with a passion for Criminal Law and Human Rights Law. Lillian is volunteering as a paralegal at Flemington and Kensington CLC, as well as a court clerk with Legal Aid. She has volunteered as a tutor for disadvantaged children, as well as founding and being the leader of her school St Vincent de Paul group, which involved organising fundraising and charity donations, and regularly assisting with the soup van. She has regularly assisted the Planned Activity Group at Monash Health, which involves caring for those with cognitive impairments and intellectual disabilities.



**Ambassador Rabab Fatima**

Ambassador Rabab Fatima currently is the Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations in New York. Prior to that she was Bangladesh Ambassador to Japan. Ambassador Fatima is a career diplomat and has served in various positions in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh and in Bangladesh missions in New York; Kolkata, India; Geneva; and Beijing. Ambassador Fatima also served in lien with two international organizations, namely, the Commonwealth Secretariat, London, as Head of Human Rights; and with the International Organization for Migration's Regional Offices in Dhaka, Bangladesh; and Bangkok, Thailand. Ambassador Fatima received her M.A. in International Relations and Diplomacy from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, USA, and B.A. in Social Science from the University of Canberra, Australia.



**Ms Anna-Maria Formanowicz BSc(Hons) MHM MD Candidate, SoMS, UNDA**

Anna-Maria Formanowicz is a third-year medical student at the University of Notre Dame Sydney. Prior to studying medicine, she completed with Honours a Bachelor of Science in Physiology and Neuroscience. She undertook research developing a novel tool to quantify motor improvements in post-stroke patients with low and very low motor function. She has a Masters in Health Management from the University of New South Wales and industry experience in health information management. She is a strong believer in women in leadership roles, holding the Sponsorship Representative for the Surgical Association of Notre Dame Sydney (SANDUS) in 2019.



**Sarah Forsyth BAppSc (Physiotherapy) MIPH MD Candidate, SoMS, UNDA**

Sarah Forsyth is a third-year medical student at the University of Notre Dame, Sydney. Prior to studying medicine, she completed a Bachelor of Applied Science (Physiotherapy) with Distinction from the University of Sydney, gaining extensive experience as a physiotherapist in both clinical and academic roles. Sarah is passionate about global health and has completed a Master of International Public Health with Distinction (University of Sydney), which included working with disadvantaged older women in rural India. Sarah has also gained experience in women's health clinics in rural India, and more recently as a student volunteer in rural Philippines.



**Ms Ellen Foster BExNSc MD Candidate, SoMS, UNDA**

Ellen Foster is a third-year Doctor of Medicine (MD) student at the University of Notre Dame, Sydney. Prior to commencing medicine, she completed a Bachelor of Exercise and Nutrition Science at the University of Queensland (UQ). After completing her degree, Ellen worked in work rehabilitation and Disability Employment Services. Ellen has long been passionate about women's health and safety and it is this passion that has seen her involvement as a volunteer with a community-based daytime refuge for women in crisis, homeless or needing support.



**Miss Meera Gandhi BSc(Hons) MD Candidate, SoMS, UNDA**

Meera is a third-year medical student at the University of Notre Dame, Sydney (UNDS). She has completed a Bachelor of Science (Hons) majoring in Biomedical Science. Meera is passionate about women’s and global health, particularly the factors that perpetuate health inequity. She has been the Refugee and Asylum Seeker Health Representative and Secretary of the Global Health Group at UNDS. Meera has also volunteered at Lou’s place, a refuge for women who are in crisis or homeless. Additionally, she was a mentor for Youth Without Borders’ Stride Program which seeks to empower young refugee women to envisage their futures in our global economy.



**Ms Houry Geudelekian**

Houry Geudelekian is Chair NGO Committee on the Status of Women, New York. Houry was the previous Gender Program Coordinator at NGO CSW, NY and the UN Coordinator of Unchained At Last, an ECOSOC accredited US based organizations that fights to stop early marriage in the US. She recently ended her term as Co-Chair of Working Group on Girls and Co-Chair of NYC4CEDAW.

As a board member of NGO CSW NY she was a founding member of the Cities for CEDAW campaign as well as Beijing Platform for Action+20, working closely with UN Women. She has also facilitated and partnered with UN Member States, UN Women, UNDP to bring about positive change globally through panel discussions and projects.



**Dr Beatrice Goodwin PhD RN**

Past Director of Master’s Degree Program at New York University then Professor of Nursing and Nursing Department Chair at Lehman College of City University of New York; WHO Consultant to university in Santiago, Chile. Founding Editor of *Journal of Nursing Scholarship*. Consultant to national organizations of university nursing education in Chile, Argentina and Colombia, and Mexico; developed first nurse-midwifery curriculum in Chile; worked with WHO Collaborating Center at NYU; curriculum consultant to 47 universities in Chile, Argentine, Mexico and Colombia. WHO consultant to pediatric hospital in Ecuador. Immediate past president of NGO Health Committee.



**Miss Elena Harty BSci(Hons) MD Candidate, SoMS, UNDA**

Elena Harty is a third-year medical student at the University of Notre Dame University. Prior to commencing her medical degree, Elena completed a Bachelor of Science at the University of Melbourne. Following this, Elena completed her honours in early detection and prevention of bowel cancer using a novel risk assessment tool. Throughout her time as a medical student, Elena has volunteered in the Team Philippines program run through UNDS. It is with this program Elena is completing her MD project which is looking at the prevalence of HPV in the rural population of Calauin in the Philippines. Elena is passionate about early detection, screening, and equal access to cancer prevention in all populations.



**Dr Banafcheh Hejazi MD, CCFP**

Dr. Banafcheh Hejazi is a family physician, a professor at the Family Medicine Residency Program at the McGill University, and a documentary filmmaker. In 2013, Dr. Hejazi produced a documentary to create awareness about depression among physicians. DOCTORS ALSO CRY documentary has been broadcasted multiple times on CBC TV and has become a mandatory component of the first-year medicine curriculum in all universities across Quebec. Dr. Hejazi is the recipient of the prestigious Diamond Jubilee Medal from Queen Elizabeth II for her 15 years of volunteer work at Shield of Athena for family violence.



**Ms Liz Manus, MSW**

Liz Manus, a native New Yorker, is a recent Master of Social Work (MSW) graduate from Fordham University. At Fordham University, Liz was president of Fordham Student Congress on Lincoln Center campus. This is in line with her mission to enhance connection, collaboration, and community. Liz is passionate about women’s rights and access to education. She interned as a school social worker in early education, conducted short term therapy for public school teachers at the UFT, and was a student intern at the United Nations. At the United Nations, Liz represented the NGO IFSW, the International Federation of Social Workers.



**Honorable Marcy L. Kahn**

Justice Kahn is Associate Justice of the New York State Supreme Court, Appellate Division, First Judicial Department (Retired) Justice Kahn served for more than 30 years as a judge in the New York State appellate and trial courts. Prior to that, she was a commercial litigator and assistant state special prosecutor. She has presented continuing education programs to judges and lawyers in the United States, at the United Nations ECOSOC CSW and at the Vatican. In retirement, she does pro bono policy advocacy on climate change, rule of law and human rights.





**Dr Vijaya Melnick, Ph.D. FIMSA**

Dr Vijaya Melnick is Professor Emerita of Biological Sciences and the former Director of the Center for Applied Research and Urban Policy, University of the District of Columbia. She served as Associate Director, International Center for Interdisciplinary Studies in Immunology, Georgetown University Medical Center. She is Co-President of the International Health Awareness Network. She served as Principal Investigator on research projects on the health of women & children, and on international biomedical and bioethics programs. She has authored research and policy papers and books. She is listed in Who's Who publications and is the recipient of the Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award.



**Ms Maria Alexandra Mensen, MS Journalism.**

Mrs. Mensen is the current President and Director of Mensen Academy, Mensen Academy Foundation and The Association of Triathlon in Gaspar Hernandez in Dominican Republic. She is a past intern and board member of IHAN, a former instructor and adjunct lecturer at Lehman College of The City University of New York, and Iona College. She graduated with a Masters degree in Journalism from Columbia University in 2006, where her master's thesis focused on studying the role of women in street gangs. The school she founded in 2009 in the living room of her house is now a formal academy recognized by the Dominican Ministry of Education.



**Ms Maggie Miqueo, Esq.**

Maggie Miqueo is a New York lawyer and entrepreneur, based in the Dominican Republic for over 20 years. She is primarily focused on the bottled water and packaged ice industries, where she has consolidated, modernized and instituted best practices in family businesses. With her husband-partner, she holds real estate investments in Samana, DR and contributes to the training and sustainable development of communities in such province. She serves on the advisory board of IHAN, is a member of Save The Children (DR), and, for years, served on a board of the Lycée Français de Saint Domingue.



**Miss Aileen Li BPharm(Hons) MD Candidate, SoMS, UNDA**

Aileen Li is a third-year medical student at the University of Notre Dame Sydney. Prior to studying medicine, she completed a Bachelor of Pharmacy at the University of Sydney. Her passion for global health, particularly amongst women and children, directly stems from her work as a pharmacist and volunteering experiences, which include delivering education programs in Nairobi, Kenya, to women with HIV/AIDS; and assisting in women's health clinic as part of Team Philippines. Aileen has continued her involvement as a medical student as Vice President of Team Philippines, and as Vice Chair of the Paediatric Association at Notre Dame Australia.



**Ms Grace Lynch BLAS MD Candidate, SoMS, UNDA**

Grace Lynch is a 3<sup>rd</sup> year medical student at the University of Notre Dame, Sydney. Prior to studying medicine, she completed a Bachelor of Liberal Arts and Science, majoring in Neuroscience at the University of Sydney. She has a strong interest in gender equity and women's health and in 2019 was part of the UNDS Society for Equality in Medicine, which hosted multiple speaker nights focussing on female role models and diversity in Medicine. Grace has also completed advocacy work in remote Indigenous communities and worked as a mentor to Indigenous high school students with the Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience.



**Dr Jane McDonnell BMedSci MD MPH**

Dr Jane McDonnell is a doctor working in Obstetrics & Gynaecology at Royal North Shore Hospital, Australia. She completed her Doctor of Medicine with Excellence at The University of Notre Dame, after completing a Bachelor of Medical Science at The University of Sydney. She has a Masters in Public Health with Excellence from the University of New South Wales and has completed an internship at the World Health Organisation in Geneva. She has volunteered in Australia and overseas providing education to women on sexual and reproductive health. She currently volunteers with Doctors4Refugees and with asylum seeker women, providing health education.



**Ms Emily Moroney BMed(Hons) MD Candidate, SoMS, UNDA**

Emily Moroney is a third-year medical student at the University of Notre Dame, Sydney. Prior to commencing this degree, she completed a Bachelor of Biomedicine (Honours) at the University of Melbourne. Emily is passionate about global health, volunteering in Team Philippines and holding the position of Maternal and Child Health Representative of Global Hands in 2019. Emily is interested in maternal health research, focusing on the effect of pregnancy on maternal conditions such as Type 2 Diabetes and Congenital Heart Disease. Emily is an advocate for improving access to education and has mentored students from remote and Indigenous backgrounds.





**Dr Eleanor Nwadinobi, MBBS, EMA, FAAC,**

Dr Nwadinobi is an independent gender, health, women's rights, and women, peace, and security expert in Nigeria. She is President, Medical Women's International Association and founding Co-Chair of the Every Woman Treaty steering committee. Dr Nwadinobi has worked on a wide range of issues including women's rights, widows' protection, child trafficking, girls' education, harmful practices, peace building, and violence prevention with the African Union, DFID, ECOWAS, UN, the World Bank and others. She sits on the Board of several International and National Organisations, published several papers and made numerous conference presentations and recipient of several awards



**Prof Rosemary Ogu, MBBS, MSc (RH), FWACS, FMCOG.**

Prof Rosemary Ogu Consultant Obstetrician/Gynaecologist, University of Port Harcourt Teaching Hospital (UPTH), Port Harcourt, Nigeria and is a Maternal Health Advocate with interest in Sexual/Reproductive Health & Gestational Diabetes. She is the Secretary of the World Health Organisation/Federal Ministry of Health Maternal-Newborn-Child-Health Implementation Research Team for the reduction of Maternal & Perinatal Mortality in Nigeria. She is the principal investigator of the UPTH World Health Organisation Safe Childbirth Checklist Collaboration. As a dedicated Medical Woman & Past President of the Medical Women's Association of Nigeria, Rivers-State Branch; she collaborates with relevant Government Agencies and Non-Government Organisations to advocate and offer sensitization, awareness, screening, preventive and care services for Women's Health.



**Dr Kate Petrie BVSc(Hons) MANZCVS MD Candidate, SoMS, UNDA**

Kate is a final year medical student at the University of Notre Dame, as well as a veterinarian with six years' working experience across Australia, the UK and USA. Kate is passionate about gender equality and women's health, especially in under-resourced settings. She has volunteered in a remote Filipino community, where the highlight of her work involved providing gynaecological services to underprivileged women. She has also provided medical care to communities in rural Australia with the Royal Flying Doctor Service. Kate has been actively involved in shaping health policy and hopes to pursue a career in Obstetrics and Gynaecology.



**Ms Anna Peverly MSW**

Anna Peverly is a recent Master of Social Work (MSW) graduate from Fordham University. While at school, she interned at JCCA, engaging with children who experienced child sexual abuse and assisting them by empowerment and empathy. She also worked with Dr. Elaine Congress as a United Nations intern, collaborating on various conference presentations regarding sexual health and violence against women and even submitted a paper titled "gendered languages and gender-based violence"; this paper won a feminist award at the Manhattan Psychological Association. Anna is passionate about women's issues and hopes to carry this passion into a career of advocacy.



**Dr Lydia Pitcher MBBS (Hons) BMedSc FRACP FRCPA AMusA**

Dr Lydia Pitcher is a dual qualified Haematologist/Oncologist and Director of BloodCare Australia. She is currently Vice-President of the Australian Federation of Medical Women. She has a strong commitment to doctor well-being, women and children's health, with a particular focus on Nutritional and Preventative Haematology, having completed post-graduate training at Great Ormond Street, London. She has been involved in clinical practice, ethics, advocacy, research and teaching for more than 30 years, and has participated in many national and international committees. She is an advocate for parity in indigenous health and is a long-term board member of the Timor Children's Foundation.



**Dr. Marciana Popescu**

Associate Professor, Fordham University; Senior Fulbright Scholar (2016-2017/Austria); Fulbright Specialist (2018-2021). Dr. Popescu's research focuses on migration policies; women's rights; and the role of higher education institutions in addressing wider global issues. Dr. Popescu started her research work focusing on violence against women, particularly intimate partner violence in post-Communist Romania, and in the US. A member of the UN-NGO Committee on Migration, working on the Global Compact on Safe and Regular Migration and an active member of the Institute for Women Girls (IWG/Fordham), Dr. Popescu is committed to continue to advocate for women's rights in the United States and across the world.



**Nikki Raftopoulos BMedSci(Hons I) MIPH MD Candidate, SoMS, UNDA**

Nikki Raftopoulos is a third-year medical student at the University of Notre Dame Sydney. Prior to studying medicine, she completed a Bachelor of Medical Science at the University of Sydney from which she graduated with First Class Honours. Whilst completing a Master of International Public Health at the University of New South Wales, Nikki focused on key electives such as Maternal and Reproductive Medicine, Health Promotion and Social Perspectives of Health and the Global HIV epidemic. Her time spent at AID clinics in Tijuana, Mexico strengthened her resolve for global health literacy and equality.



**Miss Arabella Raupach BA BAdvSc(Hons) MD Candidate, SoMS, UNDA**

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**Dr Sorosh Roshan, M.D. MPH**

Dr. Sorosh Roshan is the founder and president of the International Health Awareness Network. She is a former Adjunct Associate Professor at New York University, Vice President of the International Council of Women, and President of the National Council of Women U.S.A. Dr. Roshan was also the Director of the Lehman College Foundation. Dr. Roshan is one of the most salient voices on women's health and empowerment advocacy worldwide. IHAN's mission is to educate, empower and provide healthcare to socioeconomically underserved women and children. IHAN has advisory council members in Jordan, Kenya, India, Switzerland, Turkey, Dominican Republic USA, Australia, Bangladesh, South Africa, England.



**Dr Lauren Rumble PhD**

Dr Rumble, UNICEF Principal Advisor, Gender, and Chief of Gender and Rights Section, Programme Division has been working as a child and women's rights advocate with the United Nations and other organisations for the past 15 years. She is passionate about using evidence to influence policy and leverage greater investments for women and girls, including to end poverty and violence. An experienced feminist leader of people, she enjoys the challenge of creating lasting solutions across teams to translate powerful ideas into practical action.



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Anita Skaros practices as a clinical pharmacist at St. George Hospital and is in her third year of medical training at the University of Notre Dame. Anita has a longstanding passion for health advocacy and is a believer in individual empowerment through support and education. Anita is fluent in Arabic and in 2008 co-founded an English tuition program for refugees and asylum seekers from the Middle East. As a pharmacist, Anita has experience working in the Drug and Alcohol Unit, where she was involved in the provision of health care to female victims of domestic violence, here she gained a strong interest in Women's health and advocacy.



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Suzanne Stutman is Emeritus Professor of English, American Studies, and Women's Studies at Penn State University. She is Past President of the National Council of Women of the United States. She is a Board member of IHAN and has served for over twenty years. Dr. Stutman is also the author of five scholarly texts and three books of poetry, among them *All the Power Rests with You*, which was launched by Heartbeat South Africa in 2005. Her poetry has been featured by UNICEF, NCW, INCW, UNIFEM and Women Organized Against Rape. Her *Take Back the Night* speech is published in the anthology *Women in American History*.



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**Associate Professor Sandy Turner**

Sandy Turner is an associate professor and former Associate Academic Dean (2004-2014) at Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service. Dr. Turner has been a member of the Fordham Institute for Women and Girls since it was founded in 2001 and has been the director for the past 3 years. She is also director of the Fordham Mentoring Latinas program. Dr. Turner research's interests have centered on issues related to feminism and empowerment, substance abuse, and sexual abuse.

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**Mr Thomas Williams BAg MD Candidate, SoMS, UNDA**

Thomas Williams is a third-year medical student at the University of Notre Dame Sydney. Prior to studying medicine, Tom completed his Bachelor of Agriculture at the University of Melbourne. During his time in medicine Tom has been heavily involved in women's and obstetrics health issues, including volunteering in a rural Phillipino community. The highlight of his time there was spent providing gynaecological services to underprivileged women. Tom has since used this experience as a springboard for exploring more opportunities in women's health in Australia.

