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Louis Herns Marcelin, Ph.D. (Director)
is a sociocultural anthropologist whose research examines questions related to health and human security, and the roles of power, violence, and marginalization in society.
Viviana E. Horigian, M.D., M.H.A. is currently serving as the Director of Public Health Education and as a director of the Americas Initiative for Public Health Innovation.
David J. Lee, Ph.D. is Professor in the Department of Public Health Sciences whose current research focuses on the public health applications of mindful practices for the prevention and management of chronic disease.
Imelda K. Moise, Ph.D. is a health geographer using geospatial analysis to examine the sociocultural and contextual factors associated with health inequities.
Catherine Newell, Ph.D. is a scholar of the conjoined histories of technology, ecology, and medicine.
Kathryn Nowotny, Ph.D. is a medical sociologist who specializes in correctional health and healthcare, health disparities, social demography, drug use & abuse.
Bryan Page, Ph.D. is a medical social scientist with a specialization in studying the consumption of drugs in urban, street-based settings.
Nick Peterson, Ph.D. is a sociocultural anthropologist who specializes in health care disparities and health equity.
Shouraseni Sen Roy, Ph.D. is a geographer whose research focuses on climatology, spatial analysis, and mapping crime patterns.
Justin Stoler, Ph.D. is a global health geographer whose research uses epidemiological and geospatial methods to explore the geographic patterns of health disparities and the environmental influences on epidemiology.

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- Field Consultant
- Global Health Advisor

Internships and Study Abroad Opportunities
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Pictured right, Dr. Louis Herns Marcelin, Director of Global Health Studies.
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