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The World Health Organization (WHO) affirms that “there is no health without mental health.”

Individuals everywhere are discussing mental health now more than ever before.

However, billions experience a lack of access to support resources and the quality of care needed. Communities across the world are facing a mental health crisis that demands action. How do we combat disparities when it comes to mental health literacy?

*We welcome you to join us this Fall for a conversation of multiple perspectives on global mental health.*

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# FALL 2023 Global Mental Health



Wednesday, November 8th  
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

**Great Hall at I-House**

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# Welcome to Fall 2023 Conversations in Global Health!

The UC San Diego Global Health Program, Students for Global Health and the Global Forum are proud to bring you the **Quarterly Conversations in Global Health** series, an opportunity for the Global Health community to come together to discuss relevant issues in the field from an interdisciplinary perspective and increase community interaction at UC San Diego.

## | Agenda |

- 3:20 p.m. Opening Remarks / Announcements
- 3:30 p.m. Panel Speaker Presentations
- 4:20 p.m. Panel Q&A

## | Panel Moderator |

### Thomas J. Csordas, Ph.D.

Global Health Program Director and Distinguished Professor of Anthropology



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### Dr. Janis H. Jenkins

Distinguished Professor of Anthropology and Psychiatry, Director of the Center for Global Mental Health, UC San Diego



### Dr. Jyoti Mishra

Associate Professor of Psychiatry, Co-Director of the UC Climate Change and Mental Health Initiative, Founder & Director of NEATLabs, UC San Diego



### Dr. Amanda Miller

Postdoctoral Researcher, NIAAA T32 Alcohol Research Training Program Postdoctoral Fellow, San Diego State University/UC San Diego

**Dr. Janis Hunter Jenkins** is a psychological/medical anthropologist with expertise on culture and mental health. She received her Ph.D. from UCLA and post-doctoral training at Harvard Medical School. She has taught on the faculty at Harvard University, Case Western Reserve University, and UC San Diego. Within the Department of Anthropology, Professor Janis Jenkins is a member of the Psychological/Medical Anthropology subfield. As of Fall 2021, Dr. Jenkins is Vice-President/President-Elect for the Society of Psychological Anthropology sub-section of the American Anthropological Society. Her principal interests are cultural processes and structural institutions that shape mental health and illness worldwide. Her theoretical formulation entails conceptualizing mental illness as a fundamental human possibility, capacity, and process that affects all humans, to greater or lesser degrees, and for varying temporal periods. Dr. Jenkins works with families, adults, children and adolescents in studies of culturally diverse refugee, migrant, and immigrant populations.

**Dr. Jyoti Mishra** is an Associate Professor, Department of Psychiatry at UC San Diego. Dr. Mishra is trained in computational, cognitive and translational neurosciences. In January 2023, Dr. Jyoti Mishra was appointed as the Co-director, UC Climate Change and Mental Health Initiative. She is the founder of the Neural Engineering & Translation Labs (NEATLabs) at UC San Diego. She is the founder of the Neural Engineering & Translation Labs (NEATLabs) at UC San Diego. Active research foci include personalized mental health and implementing resilience in the context of climate change. Her team seeks to understand whether the symptoms of climate change-related trauma translate to changes in cognitive functioning – the mental processes involved in memory, learning, thinking and reasoning. This research has been featured in the TIME magazine, Washington Post, NPR, The Hill, World Economic Forum, Neuroscience News, among others.

**Dr. Amanda Miller** has been conducting HIV and substance use research since 2010. She received her doctorate from University of California, San Diego, her masters from University of California, San Francisco and is currently a postdoctoral fellow in the NIAAA Science in the Practitioner Model T32 at SDSU/UCSD. Dr. Miller's research primarily focuses on the synergy between alcohol use, experiences of intimate partner violence and HIV. Her dissertation research examined how alcohol use and intimate partner violence impact HIV care and treatment outcomes in Uganda. Her postdoctoral research is focused on addressing perinatal alcohol use among pregnant and breastfeeding women who are at high risk of HIV infection of living with HIV in South Africa. She is also co-investigator on a study to assess the feasibility of integrating point of care syphilis testing into routine antenatal care in Uganda and has ongoing mental health research at the same study site aimed at characterizing drivers of poor mental health and substance use and identifying gaps in mental health literacy in this setting to inform adaptation of interventions to address these issues.