



## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual McGill Global Health Conference

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#### **Title of Talk:**

Spawning Accountability for a Better WoRLD

#### **Abstract:**

Social conditions are responsible for at least half of health outcomes and disparities around the world. Yet the state of our knowledge of fundamental social policies around the world is limited--whether it be looking at how national policies regarding working conditions affect health or what can be done about how discrimination and poverty impact on morbidity and mortality. This talk will describe and demonstrate a new global initiative whose goal is to increase the information available for fostering innovation and accountability around social determinants of health. The WoRLD initiative brings together information on social policies with health and economic outcomes data from all 192 UN countries. WoRLD is creating a unique research tool and public resource for critically examining data concerning the most substantial determinants of health globally.