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Global Health Residency Fetes First Grads



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The Division of Social Medicine and Health Inequalities at Brigham and Women's Hospital honored the first graduates of the Howard Hiatt Residency in Global Health Equity and Internal Medicine, Nancy Lange and David Walton, in a ceremony on May 24. Founded in 2004, the program is named for Hiatt, HMS professor of medicine, former dean of HSPH, and the founder and associate chief of the Health Inequalities Program at BWH. The residency gives BWH internal medicine residents an opportunity to focus on culturally competent health care and the reduction of health disparities, including field rotations, while simultaneously fulfilling the requirements for a master's in public health.

“Through the residency, I’ve gotten to really see the cutting edge of this growing field,” said Lange, who noted that in a traditional residency, she would not have had time to work abroad.

Walton, who graduated with an MD from HMS in 2003, has worked with Paul Farmer and Partners In Health in Haiti and has researched drug-resistant tuberculosis in the former Soviet Union. Lange, who received her medical degree from Cornell University in 2003, has studied waterborne illnesses in Brazil, participated in an AIDS initiative in Senegal, and worked at the Partners In Health site in Rwanda.

Pictured at the event are (from left) Hiatt; Lange; Farmer, the Maude and Lillian Presley professor of social medicine at HMS; Walton; and Jim Yong Kim, head of the HMS Department of Social Medicine, who is also the François-Xavier Bagnoud professor of health and human rights at HSPH.