



# Human Rights Initiative at the University at Buffalo

## INAUGURAL FEMALE GENITAL MUTILATION/CUTTING CONFERENCE

August 20th, 2022, 8:30 am- 1:00 pm

### Featured Speakers:



**Dr. Sarrah Shahawy**  
Obstetrician-Gynecologist

Sarrah Shahawy, MD, MPH is an obstetrician-gynecologist and researcher whose expertise is at the intersection of local and global migrant women's health with a focus on the Middle East North Africa (MENA) region. Her research includes refugee and immigrant women's healthcare needs, the driving factors of the high national cesarean section rate in Egypt, the health of Palestinian women living under occupation, the effect of female genital cutting on women in the diaspora, and the reproductive health of Muslim women. After her OBGYN residency at Northwestern University and Stroger Hospital of Cook County, she completed a Global OBGYN fellowship at Brigham and Women's Hospital. She holds an MD from Harvard Medical School and a Master of Public Health in Clinical Effectiveness from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. As the lead of the Global OBGYN Committee at MedGlobal, a global health NGO, she has worked in Colombia and Gaza. Dr. Shahawy is joining the Division of Global and Community Health as OBGYN Faculty at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and Harvard Medical School.

Kim Griswold, MD, MPH, FAAP is Professor Emerita of Family Medicine, Psychiatry and Public Health and the Health Professions at the Jacobs School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences, SUNY at Buffalo. Her scholarly interests center on refugee health and wellness, asylum medicine, and integrated care models for individuals with serious mental illness. She serves as the Medical Director for the Center for Survivors of Torture, Jewish Family Services of Buffalo and Erie County, and as faculty liaison to the Human Rights Initiative (HRI) at UB. The HRI provides forensic physical and psychiatric examinations for asylum seekers for their cases in immigration court and offers opportunities for medical students to become deeply involved in advocacy and support of this vulnerable population. Dr. Griswold is an affiliated member of the Physicians for Human Rights Asylum Network.



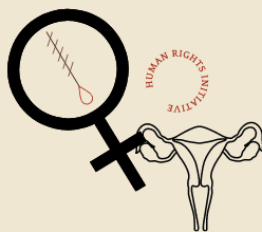
**Dr. Kim Griswold**  
Family Medicine



**Dr. Hyojin Im**  
Social Worker

Hyojin Im, Ph.D. is Associate Professor at the Virginia Commonwealth University School of Social Work. She received her Ph.D. in Social Work from the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities. She subsequently completed postdoctoral training at Mack Center on Mental Health & Social Conflict of the University of California Berkeley. Her research is centered around the intersection between trauma and culture, focusing on how local ontologies of mental health shape trauma expressions and coping in the community and vice versa. She is also passionate about linking local and global practices and policies for seamless refugee programs and sustainable mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) and interventions. Partnering with various national and international agencies (such as the Center for Victims of Torture, UN Agency for Refugees, International Organization for Migration, USAID, and the US Committee for Refugees and Immigrants, etc.), she has been promoting community capacity and partnership for mental health and psychosocial support for refugee communities in both domestic and international settings. In the U.S., she has worked with state-wide refugee mental health programs in Kentucky, Maine, Minnesota, Texas, and Virginia, and designed and implemented community-based wellness interventions and peer-led initiatives for culturally-responsive trauma-informed care for refugee newcomers.

As well as: **Dr. Ivona Percec (Plastic Surgeon)**



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