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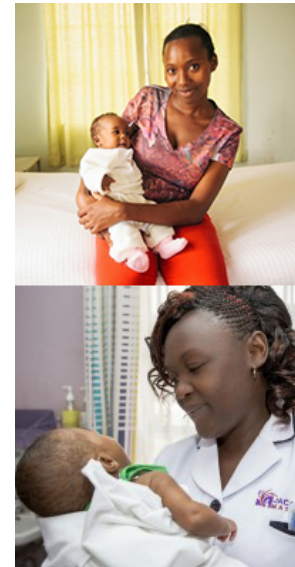
Bulletin

Tips and tools for the Big Ideas community

Big Ideas Alumni Update:

Jacaranda Health

Winner in the Global Poverty Alleviation category of the 2012 Big Ideas competition, Jacaranda Health is addressing maternal and infant health care in the underserved areas of Nairobi, Kenya. Recognizing that the main problem facing poor women is not the lack of access to health facilities, but the lack of quality and skilled care, Jacaranda Health has since 2011 opened two maternity clinics that have served over 7,000 women and delivered over 900 babies with over 99 percent survival rate. In 2016, Jacaranda Health is looking to partner with government hospitals and further expand. Read the full story [here](#).



Captricity, Big Ideas Winner, Raises \$35M

Captricity, a Big Ideas winner in 2011 in the Social Entrepreneurship category, has secured \$35 million in Series C funding. The company uses deep learning techniques to transform written, paper-based documents into digital data. Read more [here](#).

Upcoming Events

IBM Research Africa Lunch: Your Future Made With IBM

Thursday, January 21, 12-1 p.m.

B100 Blum Hall (Plaza Level)

The Blum Center for Developing Economies and CITRIS will be co-hosting a presentation by IBM Research - Africa, which is focused on technology applications in a range of industries and institutions at the core of Africa's growth: healthcare, financial services, agriculture, and government. At this information session, you will

meet Dr. Kamal Bhattacharya, Dr. Skyler Speakman, and Dr. Jay Taneja who will give an introduction to IBM Research – Africa, the teams, and insight into projects at their Nairobi lab. Following this, there will be an informal networking session to explore career opportunities or discuss topics covered by our speakers. Please bring a business card if you have one. [RSVP here](#).

The Great Surge: The Ascent of the Developing World, a discussion with Steven Radelet

Tuesday, January 26, 4-6 p.m.

B100 Blum Hall (Plaza Level)

Join us in discussion of Steven Radelet's new book, *The Great Surge: The Ascent of the Developing World*, which documents the extraordinary progress in developing countries over the past two decades in income, poverty, health, education, democracy, conflict, and beyond; explains why the surge of progress began in the early 1990s; and explores the potential for continued progress into the future. Ted Miguel will join Radelet in conversation on the book and its context.

Berkeley Startup Job Fair

Thursday, January 28, 5 p.m.

NextSpace Coworking Berkeley, 2081 Center Street

Building your startup team? Come on January 28th to NextSpace for the first ever Berkeley Startup Job Fair. Mingle with many of the most innovative startups in and around Berkeley. Meet hundreds of talented local job seekers eager to join your growing company. The event is open to all community members who love startups. Space is limited, register [here](#).

Better Ventures PreSeed: Fireside chat with Angela Benton of NewME Accelerator

Thursday, January 28, 7-9 p.m.

Impact Hub Oakland, 2323 Broadway

For their first event of the year, Better Ventures is thrilled to host a fireside chat with Angela Benton, CEO of NewME Accelerator. Launched in 2011, NewME's mission is to accelerate underrepresented entrepreneurs around the world and ensure greater access to technology entrepreneurship, especially for women and minorities. Looking forward to a lively discussion about her work and vision. Buy tickets [here](#).

Berkeley Food Institute Diversified Farming Systems Roundtable: Agroecology Enters the Vocabulary of the United Nations

Monday, February 8, 4-5 p.m.

Morgan Hall, Morgan Lounge

The intergovernmental process on agriculture has often been fraught with

disagreement. While major issues are recognized with a food system that is failing to nourish a large percentage of the global population, radically divergent paradigms of the future of agriculture are proposed as solutions. In 2014, a process was begun at the Food and Agriculture Organization to discuss and recognize alternative pathways, specifically agroecology. This process and its status will be presented by Dr. Barbara Gemmill-Herren.

Additional Opportunities for Students

Bay Area Global Health Innovation Challenge

Deadline: February 1, 2016.

Are you a student with an innovative solution that has the potential to improve health and save lives in a low-resource setting? Submit your idea to the 2016 [Bay Area Global Health Innovation Challenge](#) for the chance to pitch your ideas to a high-profile panel of global health leaders/venture capitalists drawn from the Bay Area academic, business and nonprofit community and win \$10,000 in seed capital. Hosted April 8-9, 2016 at UC Berkeley (semifinals) and the [7th Annual CUGH Global Health Conference](#), San Francisco (finals).

Seeking Nominations: Global Food Initiative 30 Under 30 Awards

Deadline: February 19, 2016.

The Global Food Initiative 30 Under 30 Awards will honor 30 young leaders who are working toward solving the global food crisis and making an impact early in their careers. They are seeking nominations for individuals who will be 30 years old or younger in 2016 who have made great strides in fields such as ag tech, commerce, cultural studies, design, education, environmental sustainability, food advocacy, food and media, food policy, food security, research, restaurants and hospitality, social justice, and urban farming. Submit nominations [here](#), and more information [here](#).

DIL Explore Award

Deadline: February 22, 2016.

The DIL Explore Award provides up to \$5,000 for early-stage, exploratory research and/or international travel to developing countries that supports development engineering projects addressing international development challenges. Applicants are encouraged to review past [DIL Explore Awards](#) for examples of research funded by DIL.

Saving Lives at Birth Round 6 Broad Agency Announcement

Deadline: February 29, 2016.

Saving Lives at Birth invites global problem solvers to answer their sixth call for groundbreaking prevention and treatment approaches for pregnant women and newborns in poor, hard-to-reach communities around the time of childbirth. Specifically, the challenge seeks approaches that integrate 1) scientific and technological advancements, 2) better service delivery models and, 3) improved "demand side" innovations that empower pregnant women and their families to practice healthy behaviors and access health care. Learn more about the challenge [here](#).



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