

BGSC INSTRUCTOR APPRECIATION

2022 – 2023 ACADEMIC YEAR

This year, we wish to acknowledge and express our appreciation for the significant contributions of BGSC Instructors, Dr. Robert Baird and Charles Mock. Dr. Mock has been an instructor since 2019 and Dr. Baird since 2020 of our course [SURG 542 – Directed Study in Global Surgical Care](#). Through the Directed Study course, students conduct an exhaustive search of the world literature, on a global surgical care topic of their choice.

The course instructors have helped update the course to reflect new information and trends including adding information on different types of reviews such as scoping and systematic reviews. They have also provided guidance to students on selecting their academic advisors and topics they wish to delve deeper into in their directed study. They also offered feedback and support on how to write an academic manuscript that may lead to publication in a journal. As a result, the course and Dr. Baird's and Dr. Mock's instruction have been highly valued by learners as evidenced in evaluations.

BGSC would like to recognize the significant and continued contributions of these two instructors this past term and for the past several years in providing an enriching environment for our students.

Here is some of the positive feedback received from students about Dr. Baird and Dr. Mock:

- *"The online discussions were very useful, with ideas shared by classmates and good feedback from instructors."*
- *[The instructor] "provided good feedback on student questions along with additional resources for student consideration."*
- *[The instructor] "maintained good contact, answered student questions effectively, and provided good insight and feedback in discussions and throughout the course."*
- *[The instructor] "provided detailed feedback and was very supportive of student success."*
- *"Going through the process of writing a scoping review was a positive learning experience overall."*
- *"Good interaction with class, good support, individual and specific attention to each student."*
- *"Stepwise introduction, introduced the course, took time to hear the topic ideas from students and gave feedback before students could go deep into the learning and assignment preparation. The course is highly demanding which is good for learning and it thus needs time with mentors and instructors in terms of Zoom calls etc. The course is a great foundation for other courses in understanding deeply areas of students global surgery interests."*
- *[Instructor was] "Very friendly, kind and open to helping students. Really appreciated [their] support through the course."*
- *[Instructor was] ["Very approachable, good support to the students throughout the course. I particularly appreciated the guidance received and valuable suggestions for my study project."*
- *"The feedback for the proposed topics was excellent and gave a good and broader view of how I can direct my scoping review to align with my career interests."*



DR. ROBERT BAIRD

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Dr. Baird is an Associate Professor of Pediatric Surgery, Surgical Director of the Pediatric Trauma Program, and Fellowship Program Director at the University of British Columbia. He holds double Master's degrees from McGill University (Experimental Surgery) and Oxford University (Evidence-Based Health Care). He worked in Kenya while completing his surgical training and currently supports the Uganda-Vancouver surgical partnership through in-person camps, virtual teaching and curriculum building for learners from low-resource environments. He is particularly focused on bidirectional opportunities to enhance surgical training as well as evidence-based capacity building.

DR. CHARLES MOCK

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Dr. Mock has training as both a trauma surgeon and an epidemiologist. He worked as a surgeon in Ghana for 4 years, including at a rural hospital (Berekum) and at the Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (Kumasi). From 2005-7, he served as Director of the University of Washington's Harborview Injury Prevention and Research Center (HIPRC). From 2007-10 he worked at World Health Organization (WHO) Headquarters in Geneva, where he was responsible for developing WHO's trauma care activities. In 2010, he returned to his position as Professor of Surgery (with joint appointments as Professor of Epidemiology and Professor of Global Health) at the University of Washington.



His main interests include the spectrum of injury control, as it pertains to countries at all economic levels: surveillance; injury prevention; pre-hospital care; and hospital-based trauma care. He is the Past President (2013-2015) of the International Association for Trauma Surgery and Intensive Care (IATSIC). He served as co-chair of the American Surgical Association Working Group on Global Surgery (2017-2019) and as Associate Editor of the World Journal of Surgery (2011-2022). He currently serves on the editorial board of Injury: International Journal of the Care of the Injured.