

This project proposes an interdisciplinary research collaboration to investigate local understandings of and engagements with child immunization in Narok County, Kenya. The Ignite Global Health Research Lab and Dr. Brad Weiss of the Anthropology department will partner to use spatial, social scientific, and ethnographic methods to investigate our research questions. The project will begin in May 2023 with two undergraduate research assistants receiving ethnographic research training. These students will travel to Kenya and work with Ignite's in-country partner, Community Health Partners (CHP), to collect the relevant data. This research will contribute significantly to the Data and Career pillars of William & Mary's Vision 2026 Strategic Plan. This research will generate new spatial and anthropological data regarding the relationship between geography and the meanings of child immunization. At the same time, this project will prepare the student research assistants to enter the workforce with strong data skills and international experience. Finally, the results of this research will be used to help CHP better plan its programming and improve the health and well-being of residents of Narok County, Kenya.