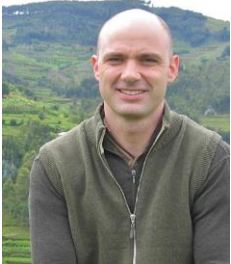




ADVANCEMENT OF THE PROFESSION - Giuseppe J. Raviola, MD, MPH



Dr. Raviola graduated *cum laude* from Dartmouth College with high honors in history. He earned his medical degree from Harvard Medical School (HMS) and a public health degree in Clinical Effectiveness from the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. He trained in general psychiatry at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) and McLean Hospital, and in child and adolescent psychiatry at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center.

Dr. Raviola currently serves as Director of Mental Health for PIH, Director of the Program in Global Mental Health and Social Change at HMS, and Associate Director of the Chester M. Pierce M.D. Division of Global Psychiatry at MGH. He is an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, and Global Health and Social Medicine, at HMS. Seeking to advance education and career development opportunities in psychiatry and global health, he has developed two innovative fellowship programs in global mental health delivery and implementation research for early career psychiatrists, and a new graduate student course in global mental health delivery. He has contributed to more than 50 peer-reviewed publications and book chapters spanning global mental health implementation, disaster psychiatry, ethnography and cultural anthropology, HIV/AIDS, mental health policy and clinical psychiatry.

In 2000 as a medical student, Dr. Raviola worked as a clinical observer at East Africa's largest public hospital. He and local physician leaders completed one of the first studies of physician mental health in the context of HIV/AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa. He has spent his career since then working in global health. Dr. Raviola has accompanied front-line implementers of mental health service delivery programs in both providing urgently needed care, and in building mental health care delivery systems for the long-term. Following clinical training, in 2009 Dr. Raviola began work in post-genocide Rwanda with the international health care organization Partners In Health (PIH), integrating care for severe mental disorders into public sector primary care systems. In 2010 he responded to the devastating Haiti earthquake emergency, undertaking with local colleagues a decade-long process of developing a rural, integrated, community- and facility-based mental health system. Since the 2014-16 Ebola crisis response in West Africa, he has collaborated with local colleagues in Liberia and Sierra Leone to strengthen community-based mental health care, including the development of novel homeless outreach programs, and supporting the reform of the oldest psychiatric hospital in sub-Saharan Africa (now Sierra Leone Psychiatric Teaching Hospital). In 2020, with PIH engaged by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to develop a new contact tracer corps during the COVID-19 pandemic response, he advocated for a dedicated mental health and psychosocial response, trained the new corps in Psychological First Aid and in mental health referral, and supported the development of a peer support program for staff.

For his striving to build teams and bridge disciplines for the benefit of public mental health across contexts, and to elevate the place of Psychiatry within the global discourse on health, the Massachusetts Psychiatric Society is pleased to recognize Dr. Giuseppe Raviola with its 2021 Advancement of the Profession Award.