



# Catalyzing Discussion About Global Health

## Strategic Objective 1

### THE SUJAL PARIKH MEMORIAL SYMPOSIUM ON HEALTH AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

*Inaugural Event to Translate Sujal's Goals and Dreams into the Future*

**MARCH 26, 2011:** [sujalsymposium.org](http://sujalsymposium.org)

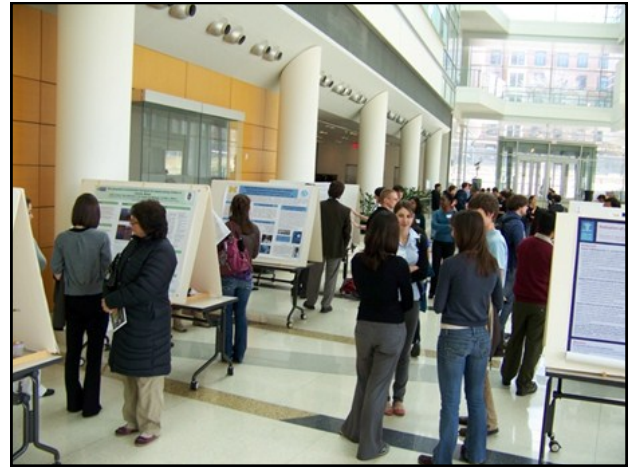
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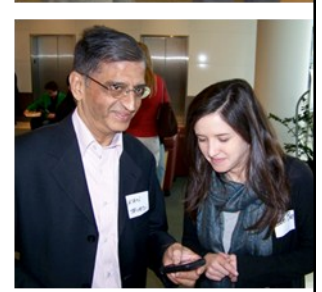
The University of Michigan community lost a rising star in October, 2010, when fourth year medical student Sujal M. Parikh passed away due to injuries sustained in a road accident in Kampala, Uganda. At the time, Sujal was conducting AIDS research as an NIH-Fogarty Clinical Research Scholar.

Sujal was the first Student Associate of the Center for Global Health and served as the student representative on the Center's Internal Advisory Council. He was an inspiring global health and social justice advocate and held leadership positions in the American Medical Student Association (AMSA), Physicians for Human Rights (PHR), Universities Allied for Essential Medicines (UAEM), the Uganda Village Project (UVP), and the Global Health Education Consortium (GHEC).

In the wake of his tragic loss, those who loved him and were inspired by him joined together to honor his life and to carry on his vision through the creation of the Sujal Parikh Memorial Symposium on Health and Social Justice. The symposium served as a forum to generate new ideas, create lasting connections between individuals whose lives were touched by this amazing young man, and to carry on his work by being – in his mother's words – "the hands of Sujal."



More than 150 students, staff, family, friends and faculty honored him throughout the day. Dr. Peter Mugenyi, Director and Founder of the Joint Clinical Research Center in Kampala and Sujal's research mentor, gave the Keynote Address. The remainder of the program included talks by Sujal's colleagues from across the nation, poster sessions, and informal opportunities to share memories.



From the top: poster session; Sonali Palchadhuri creating the 'hands' collage; Naman Shah & Dipa Joshi; Dr. Mugenyi & Linda Okoth; Sujal's uncle Kan Trivedi & Jennifer Bass