Alpha Omega Alpha is the national honor medical society. Founded in 1902, it is dedicated to improving care for all by recognizing educational achievement and gifted teaching, encouraging the development of leaders, supporting the ideals of humanism, and promoting service to others. Its motto is: “Be worthy to serve the suffering.” Election to AΩA is a distinction that will accompany you throughout your professional life.

Boston University’s chapter, Gamma Massachusetts, was chartered in 1948. Students at BUSM are eligible for selection to AΩA during their fourth year. At BUSM, selection is based on academic performance in BUSM-III clerkships and USMLE exams, as well as evidence of leadership, professionalism, and commitment to service and to the medical profession. In addition, AΩA offers several opportunities for awards and scholarships for both members and nonmembers.

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8:00-9:00am  Department of Surgery Grand Rounds
  “Global Health: Moving from Disease Control to Provision of Care”
  Boston University School of Medicine, L-110

9:00-10:00am  Meeting with Karen Antman, MD
  Dean of the School of Medicine
  Joined by Global Health Faculty
  Office of the Dean

10:15-11:00am  Tour of BUSM/BMC with Robert Beazley, MD
  Assistant Dean for Student Affairs
  Professor of Surgery

11:00am-12:00pm  Lunch and Discussion with AOA Medical Students
  Whitelaw Conference Room
  Collamore Building, 5th Floor

12:00-1:00pm  Department of Pediatrics Conference
  "Food Security: A Human Rights Issue"
  FGH Building, Carter Conference Room
  Ground Floor

1:30-2:30pm  Department of Medicine
  Global Health Pathway Faculty and Residents
  Evans Building, Room 115

Joia Mukherjee MD, MPH received undergraduate degrees in Chemistry and Molecular Biology from the University of Michigan, after which she attended the University of Minnesota Medical School. Dr. Mukherjee completed a residency in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics as well as a fellowship in Infectious Disease at Massachusetts General Hospital. She has also obtained master’s degrees in Public Health from the Harvard School of Public Health and in Biomechanics from Michigan State University.

Since 2000, Dr. Mukherjee has been the Chief Medical Officer for Partners in Health (PIH), an international medical charity dedicated to providing a preferential option for the poor in healthcare. PIH strives to offer high quality, comprehensive health care to the poorest and most vulnerable, in partnership with local communities and health officials. In this pursuit, PIH operates in Haiti, Rwanda, Lesotho, Malawi, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Peru, Mexico, Russia, Kazakhstan and the Navajo Nation. Dr. Mukherjee’s clinical focus in resource-poor settings has been HIV/AIDS, multi-drug resistant tuberculosis, mental health and most recently Ebola. She is involved in the direct implementation of health programs and disease-specific initiatives across PIH’s 10 focus countries, as well as research and the generation of new knowledge in these arenas.

Dr. Mukherjee’s clinical work and field experience include expanding HIV and tuberculosis services through the public sector and linking these programs to the revitalization of primary health care. Her scholarly investigations focus upon producing a body of evidence to guide the development of health care delivery systems that can effectively address the burden of disease in resource-poor settings. As an innovator, teacher, and mentor, she promotes the capacity of healthcare professionals and emerging leaders in the Global Health Delivery discipline. She is an Associate Professor in the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School and leads the Masters of Medical Science program in Global Health Delivery.

Dr. Mukherjee serves on the board of directors for Last Mile Health (Liberia), Village Health Works (Burundi) and Project Muso (Mali). She advises many other grassroots organizations about delivering health care to the poorest of the poor, from a human rights perspective. In addition, Dr. Mukherjee consults for the World Health Organization and other international agencies regarding health systems development, human resources for health, treatment options for HIV, Hepatitis C, and the control of drug resistant tuberculosis.