LSU Pulmonary / Critical Care Fellowship 2015-2016

**Rotation:** Global Pulmonary Health Scholar

**Supervisor:** Dr. Stephen Kantrow

**Locations:** Izmir, Turkey; Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi, Vietnam; Sao Paulo, Brazil

**Background:** Despite restrictions in public exposure to tobacco smoke and decreased smoking prevalence among affluent Americans, tobacco use in vulnerable populations remains exceptionally high. Health care professionals directly involved in the treatment of tobacco related diseases, including pulmonologists, oncologists and cardiologists, have little training in the current scope of this disease burden or preparation for effective public health advocacy. This unique graduate medical education experience meets a need for increased professionalism in medicine and provides a training path for physician led advocacy to advance health equality.

**Goal:** To increase awareness of 1) smoking prevalence in vulnerable populations and 2) innovative efforts around the world to decrease tobacco related disease.

**Structure:** Trainees in pulmonary medicine are introduced to concepts in comparative health systems, tobacco control and advocacy as mentored observers in instructive international sites.

**Expectations:**

- Guided independent study of the economic, cultural and political influences on tobacco use in an international site and in the US
- Presentation of their experience to the academic community
- Participation in a mentored scholarly project in advocacy

**ACGME Competencies:** professionalism

**Level Specific Expectations:** This opportunity is offered to second year fellows