

Gillian Ice

Program Committee Chair

BIO: Gillian Ice is professor of Social Medicine and director of global health at Ohio University in the Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine and College of Health Sciences and Professions. She has been a member of HBA for 26 years. Her research focuses on stress and aging with a focus on the impact of family, institutional and community environments on the well-being of older adults. As the director of the Global Health Initiative at Ohio University, she manages health related study abroad programs and health-related global partnerships and directs global health undergraduate and graduate curricula. She served as chair of the Ohio University International Council. More recently, she has shifted to applied work and conducts health systems strengthening projects in Botswana, Egypt, Ethiopia and Rwanda.

Platform statement: Over the years, HBA has been an invaluable academic home and resource for me. I value the collegiality, mentoring, and scientific exchange that occurs at annual meetings and in between. I have served as secretary/treasurer, as a member of the executive committee and have assisted with reviewing conference abstracts. As a small organization, we rely on volunteers to do the “work” of the organization and I have enjoyed serving the organization over the years. It is also critical that we work to continually recruit and retain new members. One way to retain members is to maintain an inclusive and engaging conference. The new presentation formats and special sessions over the last few years are great example and I would like to continue to keep a vibrant and current conference format. Additionally, I believe an inclusive program committee is essential to good program planning. I believe my experience as secretary/treasurer and my administrative experience across multiple units of Ohio University position me well to take on the job of program chair.