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- **EMU Faculty Sabbatical Spotlight**

Q'eqchi' Mothers' Health Needs and Strengths in the Greater Chichen Region of Alta Verapaz, Guatemala



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12:10 p.m. • West Dining Room • bring your own lunch

Q'eqchi' women and their children have some of the poorest health outcomes in Latin America. Dr. Yoder will share about a community health needs and strengths assessment conducted in the Greater Chichen region of Alta Verapaz, Guatemala, and ongoing work with the Community Cloud Forest Conservation to promote health and well-being for Q'eqchi' women.

Dr. Laura A.G. Yoder has been teaching nursing at Eastern Mennonite University since 2003 and has been the BSN program director since 2015. Her research has focused on health behavior and quality improvement in nursing with a quantitative methodological focus. While leading EMU intercultural experiences in Guatemala, she met the directors of the Community Cloud Forest Conservation and began working with their health promotion team. Her Spanish language skills and love for intercultural exchange provided a strong foundation for the shared work of her sabbatical project.



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