2014 Duke Global Policy Fellows

Duke Program on Global Policy and Governance

Geneva, Switzerland
HUMANITARIAN ACTION FELLOWS

Name: Heejin "Jeenie" Yoon  
University: Columbia University  
Program: Master of Social Work  
Internship Placement: WHO, Gender, Reproductive Rights and Gender based Violence  
Hometown: Littleton, Colorado USA

Personal/Professional bio: Jeenie is currently enrolled at the Columbia University School of Social Work pursuing her Master of Social Work degree. Prior to this, she spent several years volunteering and interning for organizations such as the Rape, Abuse, Incest National Network (RAINN), the DC Rape Crisis Center, The National Center for Victims of Crime, and the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS). She would like to spend her life advocating for victims of violence crime—specifically women. She would eventually like to work in policy to create a more effective method of working with victims of violent crime and to truly promote social justice and equal rights. Jeenie enjoys spending time singing, listening to live music, and eating bread and chocolate.

Name: Daniel Grafton  
University: University of Washington  
Program: Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs and Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies  
Internship Placement: United Nations Development Programme, Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery  
Hometown: Welbhausen, Germany and Del Rio, Texas USA

Personal/Professional bio: Daniel spent half his life in Germany, the other half in the United States. After earning his bachelor’s degree, he spent over a year in Egypt and Morocco, honing his Arabic and working with local organizations. His experiences there motivated him to join AmeriCorps and volunteer for a year teaching and leading an after-school program for disadvantaged youth. Currently, he is in Seattle pursuing a dual Master of Public Administration and Master of Arts in International Studies. His focus is on international development and he is currently collaborating with USAID to articulate how partnerships between diverse actors have led to positive results. He enjoys reading outdoors, going on hikes, and learning about other cultures.
Name: Jacob L McGuire
University: Josef Korbel School of International Studies | University of Denver
Program: International Human Rights
Internship Placement: UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
Hometown: Chicago, IL USA
Extra-curriculars while in Geneva: Site-seeing and indoor climbing

Personal/Professional bio: Jacob McGuire is an MA candidate of International Human Rights at the University of Denver, Colorado. His research interests include distributive justice, social and economic inequality, gender studies, international political economy, political agency and world systems theory. In between his undergraduate and graduate studies, Jacob acted for five years as an educator of foreign languages and cultural studies. He aspires to bring institutions and organizations into collaborative relationships that will foster healthier international relationships and greater social and economic equality.

Name: Stephanie Reist
University: Duke University
Program: Master of Public Policy and PhD in Latin American Studies
Internship Placement: International Organization for Migration
Hometown: Oak Park, IL USA
Extra-curriculars while in Geneva: Travel and French Language Study

Personal/Professional bio: Stephanie Reist was born in Zurich, Switzerland but grew-up in the Chicago suburb of Oak Park. She graduated from Williams College in 2009 with a degree in Comparative Literature and a concentration in International Relations and Latin American Studies. She moved to Durham, NC in 2010 to pursue a PhD in Latin American Studies at Duke University and began working on a Master in Public Policy in 2013 through Duke’s Sanford School. Her doctoral research focuses on the territorial rights of Afro-descendant communities in Colombia, and how these rights are affected by the internal conflict, development initiatives, and displacement. Thanks to generous support from the Mellon Foundation and Duke’s Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, she has conducted research for her dissertation in both Colombia and Ecuador. Stephanie loves traveling, but is excited to be living in Switzerland for the first time since she was an infant. She also enjoys reading, cooking, and running.
Name: Yi Yang
University: Duke University
Program: Master of Public Policy
Internship Placement: Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights
Hometown: Shanghai, China
Extra-curriculars while in Geneva: Humanitarian Assistance: Policy, Law and Practice

Personal/Professional bio: Yi Yang is now studying for a Master of Public Policy at Duke University with a focus on international development. Previously, she graduated from Shanghai Jiao Tong University with a dual degree in both Public Affairs Management and Finance. She has a strong sense of devotion, so she has done a lot of volunteer work. She provided information for visitors from all over the world in 2010 Shanghai World Expo. She also arranged meetings for officials and journalists in 14th FINA World Championships. Based on the experience, she concluded her own motto: Make contributions, serving; Make friends, sharing; Make differences, smiling; Make progress, sweating! In her leisure time, Yi enjoys cooking, travelling and swimming.

Name: Melissa (Kleine) Bingham
University: Loma Linda University
Program: MPH/Global Health/Epidemiology
Internship Placement: WHO, Global Capacities Alert and Response
Hometown: Denver, CO USA
Extra-curriculars while in Geneva: Exploring the region; and I hope to meet new people, cycle, boat on the lake and eat lots of food.

Personal/Professional bio: I've worked the last 10 years as a cardiac nurse in Denver and Cincinnati, OH. While I’ve enjoyed clinical nursing, my passion lies in public health. Over the past 10 years, I’ve been able to travel to Sarajevo, Benin, Haiti and the Philippines to participate in medical and disaster volunteerism. Public health has been an interest since my first day in nursing school but as I started volunteering abroad this interest transitioned into international program development and policy. Since the 2010 earthquake in Haiti, I’ve been able to travel there multiple times. With each visit, my desire for global health grows stronger. In November, I was also able to be a part of a disaster response team that responded to Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines.

I am currently involved in an Environmental Justice Initiative in the Coachella Valley in Southern California. This region has a high immigration population rate with very few health care services. The initiative seeks to collect data on health diminishing indicators in hopes to bring awareness, funding and policy to the region. This is all being done in order to improve both health care access and lives. This work is who I am; and the satisfaction it brings me is undeniable. All of my past experiences have finally brought me to this path that I want to be on. Turning my hobbies into my career is my ultimate dream.
Name: Congming Jiang  
University: Duke University  
Program: Master of Public Policy  
Internship Placement: International Labour Organization, FPRW Branch  
Hometown: Guangzhou, China  
Extra-curricular while in Geneva: Traveling around Europe; working out  

Personal/Professional bio: Congming was born in central China and then moved to a southern Chinese city called Guangzhou with his family where he attended middle school and high school. Congming graduated from The Ohio State University with a major in Accounting in June 2012. He then attended the George Washington University and received his first master’s degree in Statistics before moving to Durham, NC. He has very broad policy interests including poverty alleviation, HIV prevention in China and education, especially the problem of “left-behind” children in many developing countries. In his free time, he enjoys researching photography, learning languages, traveling, working out, and playing tennis and badminton.  

Name: Joe Calder  
University: University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill  
Program: B.A. Global Studies and Religious Studies, Minoring in Arabic  
Internship Placement: UNICEF, Child Protection CEE-CIS  
Hometown: Cary, North Carolina USA  
Extra-curriculars while in Geneva: I’d like to travel a lot while I’m in Geneva, and I anticipate going on some hiking trips in the mountains.  

Personal/Professional bio: Joe is an undergraduate student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill pursuing a bachelor’s degree in Global Studies and Religious Studies. His specific academic interest is Iranian history and politics and studies Arabic in addition to Persian. He spent last summer in Tajikistan studying Persian and Tajik through the US State Department’s Critical Language Scholarship. At UNC, he works as a local advisory board director for First Book, a US based non-profit that provides books to underprivileged children.
Name: Yordans “Jojo” Beyene
University: University of Utah
Program: Educational Leadership and Policy
Internship Placement: UNHCR, Education
Hometown: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia and Logan, Utah USA
Extracurriculars while in Geneva: No idea, looking forward to trying new things.

Personal/Professional bio: Yordanos (JOJO) Beyene is a native of Ethiopia and has lived in The United State since 2001. After immigrating to the United States her family settled in Logan, Utah. She attended Utah State University and received an undergraduate degree in Sociology and Human Resources Management. Now she is currently a graduate student in Educational Leadership and Policy at The University of Utah.

Since 2011, JoJo has been working closely with low income, first generation and minority students. JoJo is very involved within the refugee community in Salt Lake City. Her cultural background and focus on community collaboration has led her to numerous volunteer opportunities and community leadership roles. She served as an after school program coordinator and soccer coach for girls within this population. However, her passion is assisting the youth she works with in achieving post-secondary education. Today, JoJo encourages young people especially, refugees, recent Immigrants to the United States and women to seek higher education and learn from her life example to follow their dreams, no matter what.

Name: Jessie Huff
University: University of New England
Program: College of Osteopathic Medicine
Internship Placement: WHO, Global Preparedness Surveillance and Response Operations
Hometown: Currently Biddeford, ME (hometown) Apple Valley, MN USA
Extracurriculars while in Geneva: hiking, traveling, running, reading

Personal/Professional bio: Jessie Huff grew up in Minnesota before attending Augustana College, in Sioux Falls South Dakota where she completed her Bachelor of Arts in Biology. While at Augustana she participated on the women’s soccer team and BRIN program researching a pharmacological compound with artery stenting potential. Currently, she is a first year medical student at the University of New England in southern Maine. Medical missions abroad and her family of environmental engineers got her interested in the role of medicine in the environment. This year, she became part of the Global Health Club and volunteer coordinator to an organization called Partners for World Heath, who is devoted to recycling medical supplies. In the future, she would like to pursue her Masters in Public Health and continue to explore the connection of medical waste and the environment.
Name: Julianna Martinez  
University: Duke University  
Program: Undergraduate (Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy)  
Internship Placement: International Organization for Migration  
Hometown: Lenoir, NC USA  
Extra-curriculars while in Geneva: exploring local shops and restaurants, touring the city on a bike, and traveling on the weekends  

Personal/Professional bio: Julianna Martinez is a native of Lenoir, NC, and enjoyed growing up just below the Blue Ridge Mountains. She is a sophomore pursuing a degree in Public Policy at the Duke University Sanford School of Public Policy with a focus on immigration and human rights. In the summer of 2013, she partnered with the Gullah Geechee National Heritage Corridor Commission to help preserve Gullah Geechee culture by focusing on three interdependent pillars: education, economic development, and documentation. Her work with the federal commission required her to identify and preserve sites, historical data, and oral histories. Julianna also worked with Plantersville Summer Academy in Plantersville, South Carolina to create a method of evaluating and providing evidence of students’ progress to distribute to funders. She is excited to learn more about international policy on human rights and how these policies directly impact people. In her free time, she enjoys exploring the outdoors, traveling, and trying out local shops and restaurants. While in Geneva, Julianna hopes to try a different local restaurant every week, bike around Geneva, and travel on the weekends.

Name: Ademide “Dolly” Adelekun  
University: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Program: Bachelors in Public Policy  
Internship Placement: UNAIDS, Gender Equality and Diversity Division  
Hometown: Gastonia, North Carolina USA  

Personal/Professional bio: Dolly is a Nigerian born, first generation American citizen and has found herself at the intersection of many cultures and communities throughout her life. She is driven by a desire to understand the social forces that shape individual’s lived experiences. Dolly is a student currently pursuing a Bachelors degree in Public Policy at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Her primary interests are sexual health and community empowerment and she explored these areas in her studies, academic research and volunteer experiences. She has lead service trips to the Mississippi Delta region of the United States, engaging fellow college students in a week of sexual health and development classes for local youth as well as leading a wellness initiative at CAARE, a local health non-profit in Durham, NC. Dolly hopes to continue her education in public health and has worked as a research assistant in UNC Gilling’s School of Public Health Epidemiology department as well as Duke’s Program on Global Health and Technology. In her current research position with Project GRACE, Dolly conducts community based participatory research in rural North Carolina on HIV/AIDS in black adolescents.
GLOBAL HEALTH FELLOWS

Name: Ishani Premaratne
University: Harvard
Program: B.A. in Anthropology; Secondary in Global Health & Health Policy; pre-medical studies
Internship Placement: WHO, Emergency & Essential Surgical Care
Hometown: Richmond, VA USA
Extra-curriculars while in Geneva: exploring the city!

Personal/Professional bio: Ishani Premaratne is a pre-medical student and Anthropology concentrator in her junior year at Harvard. She was born in Hawaii, but has spent a great deal of time in her parents’ home country of Sri Lanka throughout her life. She is passionate about women’s health, women’s empowerment, and social entrepreneurship. It is a combination of these interests that led her to co-found GrowLanka, a social enterprise that serves war widows in northern Sri Lanka. She is also the co-Founder and Vice President of Harvard College Women in Medicine, a Resolution Fellow with The Resolution Project, and a Global Health Equity Option (GHEO) Scholar with the Department of Global Health and Social Medicine at Harvard Medical School in a program spearheaded by Dr. Paul Farmer.

During her semester working with Compañeros en Salud (CES), a sister organization of Partners in Health in Chiapas, Mexico during spring 2014, she conducted research on healthcare-seeking behaviors among the campesinos living in the Sierra of Chiapas. She worked alongside community health workers, nurses, and social service year physicians who are based in one of CES’s six local clinics in order to investigate how patients navigate the range of healthcare options available to them and what factors dictate their choices. In her free time, you can find her baking, scrapbooking, and ice skating!

Name: Ben Ramsey
University: Duke University
Program: Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy Studies
Internship Placement: WHO, Department for Prevention of Noncommunicable Diseases
Hometown: Greenville, South Carolina USA

Personal/Professional bio: Ben is a third year undergraduate student at Duke University. Previously he has conducted research on youth migration in Togo and cardiovascular disease in Uganda. He has also been a research assistant at Duke’s Center for Health Policy and Inequalities Research. Ben serves as the undergraduate volunteer coordinator for Remedy at Duke, an organization which recovers unused medical supplies from Duke Hospital and coordinates the transfer of this supplies to places in need. Ben enjoys the outdoors, but also great movies.
Name: Megan Pera  
**University:** The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
**Program:** Bachelor’s in Public Health, Nutrition  
**Internship Placement:** Global Social Observatory, Scale Up Nutrition Project  
**Hometown:** Saint Paul, Minnesota USA  
**Extra-curriculars while in Geneva:** I hope to hike and play Frisbee while in Geneva, as well as explore Switzerland and other parts of Europe.

**Personal/Professional bio:** Megan is interested in nutrition and how what we eat affects our health, especially as it relates to the health of entire populations. She would like to work in non-communicable disease prevention through lifestyle interventions and public health initiatives. She hopes to pursue a Masters in Public Health after working for a few years. She has lived in Thailand in the past and loved working internationally. She is excited to be in Geneva this summer working on a global nutrition project.

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Name: Michael McNeil  
**University:** Duke University School of Medicine  
**Program:** Doctor of Medicine  
**Internship Placement:** WHO, Intellectual Property Division  
**Hometown:** Austin, Texas U.S.A.  
**Interests/Hobbies:** Sports especially Basketball and Football, Outdoors including hiking and camping, Reading and writing, Relaxing with the family  
**Extra-curriculars while in Geneva:** Visiting family in Italy, Working on research in Germany, Hiking in Switzerland and playing on the beach in France.

**Personal/Professional bio:** Mike was born in Colorado Springs, Colorado and bounced around the United States for several years before his family settled down in Austin, Texas where he spent the majority of his youth wakeboarding, playing basketball and hanging out with friends. He had his first experience with medicine after breaking his arm playing soccer and fell in love with the field. After spending his senior year in Minnesota he studied for a year at Brigham Young University before spending two years in the Patagonia in Argentina serving a mission for his church. This sparked a growing interest in Global Health work. He returned to the US and finished his undergraduate studies and then began studying at Duke where he have been involved in the Global Health interest group planning trips to Haiti, the Wilderness Medicine Interest Group, and founding the Advisory Dean Olympics. He and his wife will be celebrating their 5-year wedding anniversary while in Geneva and will be bringing along our 18-month son Luke! Mike has a particular interest in technological innovation in medicine and in particular how to utilize novel mechanisms of healthcare delivery to improve access to care in developing nations. This fall he will be applying to Residency in Pediatrics.
Name: Megan McCarroll  
University: Duke University  
Program: Bachelors in Public Policy  
Internship Placement: IOM Migration Health Division  
Hometown: Portland, Oregon  
Extra-curriculars while in Geneva: exploring, running, and swimming in the lake (if it’s not too cold!)  

Personal/Professional bio: My interest in global issues began in high school while involved in a program called Amigos de las Américas, through which I volunteered for two months in a rural community in Honduras and lived with a host family. It was this experience that led me to Duke University. Last summer, I travelled to Muhuru Bay, Kenya through DukeEngage to conduct research on the effect of nutrition on cognition and growth in primary school students. During my time Muhuru Bay, I also had the opportunity to see firsthand the transformative effect of education while living at a women’s secondary school that provides scholarships to girls who otherwise would not have been able to continue their education past primary school. Back at Duke, I assist with the nutrition research project through the Global Health Institute and am preparing to begin the certification process to become a licensed teacher before I graduate. I am very excited to be a part of this program and am looking forward to this summer!

Name: Katayoun (Kati) Taghavi  
University: University of Otago  
Program: Medicine – Obstetrics and Gyanaecology  
Internship Placement: WHO, Age and Life Course Department  
Hometown: Christchurch, New Zealand  

Personal/Professional bio: Having had direct exposure to the disparities in health care around the world, Kati has always had a passion to work in this field. After completing medical school, she went on to study Obstetrics and Gynecology in Christchurch, New Zealand. She is fascinated by how culture, politics and ethics affect health care. Kati has had medical experiences in urban and rural settings within New Zealand. She has also worked in Chicago, Verona and Tehran. Kati has a strong research interest in cervical cancer screening, particularly in the third world setting, and she hopes to get further immersed in this area as her career evolves.
Name: Vanessa Lehner  
University: Princeton University  
Program: PhD in Demography and Public Policy  
Internship Placement: WHO, Age and Life Course Department  
Hometown: Salzburg, Austria  
Extra-curriculars while in Geneva: Lake diving, Rowing, Biking, Hiking, Eating lots and lots of Fondue, Exploring la Suisse!  

Personal/Professional bio: Originally from Salzburg, Austria, Vanessa grew up in Budapest, Hungary. After taking a gap year to volunteer with an NGO in Togo, overseeing and implementing a rural microcredit scheme, she completed her Bachelor’s degree in Human Sciences at Oxford University in 2012. Working at the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Society and Vienna Institute of Demography, her research interests lie in understanding fertility and health behaviour in former Communist countries, especially Hungary. Studying for her PhD at Princeton University, she is currently dipping her toes into the field of ageing in developing countries, and is excited about her internship at the WHO which will help her to gain a more “hands-on” approach to implementing health policies in various countries across Africa, Asia, and the Middle East.

Name: Chelsea McMullen  
University: Duke University  
Program: Master of Science in Global Health  
Internship Placement: WHO, GMP  
Hometown: Mooresville, NC USA  
Extra-curriculars while in Geneva: Hiking, camping, seeing live music, French lessons and conversation groups  

Personal/Professional bio: Chelsea grew up in Connecticut and New York before moving to North Carolina with her family. She is currently pursuing a Master of Science in Global Health at Duke University, where she works as a research assistant. Prior to this, she graduated from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with highest honors in Biology, and studied the role of various protein mutations in chordoma cancer. Outside the lab, she participated in UNC’s Public Service Scholar program, and realized that access to healthcare and medicine was a worldwide issue while working at free clinics in Nicaragua and rural Virginia. She also gained an appreciation for non-western medicine while studying community health and traditional medicine in Yunnan Province, China. After interning in Geneva, she will conduct fieldwork for her master’s thesis in the Democratic Republic of Congo, where she will study interspecies disease transmission in Lola ya Bonobo sanctuary. Chelsea loves to travel and learn about new cultures through language, food, music, and medicine.
Name: Sindhoori Nalla  
University: Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine  
Program: Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine  
Internship Placement: WHO, Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases  
Hometown: New Jersey, USA

Personal/Professional bio: Sindhoori grew up in New Jersey and attended Rutgers University for her undergraduate studies, where she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Health with a focus on Biological Sciences and Economics. As an undergraduate, she was involved with a variety of both local and global health initiatives, including serving as President of the Rutgers University Children’s AIDS Network, which worked in direct liaison with the Robert Wood Johnson AIDS Program to support pediatric patients affected by HIV/AIDS. Through this involvement, she also helped create and organize the Rutgers University Global Philanthropic Symposium, a collegiate conference aimed at bringing students together to discuss sustainable solutions to current global issues. She also worked with a nonprofit called VisionSpring, an organization aimed at increasing access to eye care in the developing world. Sindhoori is an advocate for improving quality of health care and has worked with the American Medical Student Association (AMSA) to create a training program for medical students aimed at improving patient communication with minority populations. She is now a first year medical student at Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, where she is currently serving as the Health Disparities Director for the Student Osteopathic Medical Association (SOMA). Sindhoori has traveled to Honduras and India on medical mission trips and is looking forward to learning more about global health and global policy with her next international health experience in Geneva this summer!

Name: Maryam Janani  
University: Princeton University, Woodrow Wilson School  
Program: Master in Public Affairs – Economics and Public Policy  
Internship Placement: WHO, CHOICE  
Hometown: San Antonio, Texas USA  
Extra-curriculars while in Geneva: Hiking, runs around the lake, traveling during weekends if possible, group dinners, modern art museum visits, attending classical music concerts (if it is cheap!), lectures about global health delivery and gender issues

Personal/Professional bio: Maryam is a Mexican-Iranian-Texan who left her hometown of San Antonio (go Spurs!) to study at Harvard where she majored in neurobiology and minored in health policy. Following college, she spent two years in Kenya establishing a community health worker program with Common Hope for Health and managing health and education impact evaluations through Innovations for Poverty Action. She then moved to the beautiful Bay Area to work for the Center for Effective Global Action (CEGA) based at UC Berkeley, launching two capacity building initiatives focused on training researchers from low-income countries to conduct rigorous program and policy evaluations. Upon graduating from Princeton, Maryam seeks to design, evaluate, and scale sustainable social and economic programs, particularly in global health delivery and gender empowerment. In the meantime, she enjoys adventures, plays a mean game of air hockey, is learning how to whistle, and will dance to anything.
Name: Marija “Masha” Cemma  
University: University of Toronto  
Program: PhD in Molecular Genetics  
Internship Placement: WHO, Antimicrobial Resistance Team  
Interests/Hobbies: reading fiction, opera, theatre, travel, sailing, salsa, and tango.  
Extra-curriculars while in Geneva: I am hoping to find someone to sail with, go hiking in the mountains, and practice my French.

Personal/Professional bio: Masha Cemma grew up in Latvia, a small Baltic country. After completing high school in Riga, she attended University Paris V in France for two years and then moved to Toronto, Canada. She graduated from the Biochemistry Specialist program at University of Toronto with a silver medal and high distinction. Masha is currently a PhD student at University of Toronto/Hospital for Sick Children. Her research contributes to understanding bacterial invasion and survival in human cells using *Listeria* and *Salmonella* as model pathogens. At the WHO, she will examine the burden of antimicrobial resistance on society and the strategies implemented by different member states to tackle this issue.

For the past three years, Masha has been co-directing a mentorship program for grade 10 students in high-risk Toronto neighborhoods. She is responsible for bringing high-profile speakers who share their career journeys, including Juno-award winning artist, UN interpreter, City Councillor, Gemini award winning producer and screenwriter and Google engineer. Masha is also on the editorial board of the monthly newsletter for Hospital for Sick Children and regularly contributes articles on various topics, including mental health in graduate student population and Canadian health policy. In Geneva, she is hoping to practice her French, hike in the mountains, and solidify her sailing skills.

Name: Ana Chow  
University: Columbia University in the City of New York  
Program: Master of Science in Social Work, Management Fellows Program  
Internship Placement: WHO, TDR (Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases)  
Hometown: California, USA

Personal/Professional bio: Ana identifies as first generation Asian American, who was born in Panama, raised in Minnesota, and spent most of her adult life in northern California. Her family’s migration journey is what shaped her global perspective and propelled her into the field of transnational work. Currently she is a Master of Science in Social Work student at Columbia University, as a Social Enterprise Administration Management Fellow concentrating in Health, Mental Health, and Disabilities. Her fieldwork in NYC includes coordinating the implementation of a family reunification program at Bellevue/NYU Program for Survivors of Torture and providing psychosocial support for youth in Harlem. Ana credits much of her professional development to her community organizing and teaching experiences, where prior to graduate school she worked in education and literacy with a range of students from preschool to adult ages in California and Asia. She has also worked along the Thai-Burma border supporting refugee and migrants, and with the International Rescue Committee in refugee resettlement in the Bay Area of CA. Ana is looking forward to being challenged, as well as learning and exploring this summer in Geneva!
Name: Jasmine Hamilton  
**University:** University of British Columbia  
**Program:** Doctor of Philosophy in Pathology and Laboratory Medicine  
**Internship Placement:** WHO, Special Programme for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases (TDR)  
**Hometown:** Guyana/Barbados

**Personal/Professional bio:** Jasmine is a visionary global health advocate. She has a strong interest in the sustainability of health systems and is passionate about translating research into useful policies, especially in the Caribbean where she was born and raised. Her current doctoral thesis involves developing a new class of medicine aimed at improving the treatment of transfusion dependent patients. Throughout her research and diverse leadership experiences in development education, she has developed a vibrant commitment to knowledge management and translation. Similarly, her experiences as Global Educator and field researcher for the Canadian Hunger Foundation in Vancouver and Cambodia, have given her an appreciation for some of the challenges involved in policy making. Jasmine is extremely excited about her internship this summer, as the TDR is a vibrant example of global health advocacy. She is eager to learn and embraces opportunities that allow her to harness her experience in international development, knowledge, and research skills as a transfusion scientist to make meaningful contributions to her communities.

Name: Aria Ilyad Ahmad  
**University:** Balsillie School of International Affairs, Waterloo Univ. & Wilfrid Laurier Univ.  
**Program:** PhD Candidate, Global Governance  
**Internship Placement:** WHO, Medical Products Unit, Drug Safety and Vigilance  
**Hometown:** Toronto, Canada  
**Extra-curriculars while in Geneva:** meeting my fellow Fellows, deciphering the global governance architecture, soaking in Switzerland’s cultural artifacts, brushing up mein Deutsch, weekend expeditions ‘round the EU, discovering Geneva’s art and music scene, biking-hiking-n’-sailing, and of course a wee bit of futbal hooliganism!

**Personal/Professional bio:** Aria is a PhD candidate in global governance at the Balsillie School of International Affairs in Waterloo, Canada. His work interrogates ideational contestation in the framing of global health challenges, with a particular interest in the role of formal and informal institutions in the governance of drug quality. Aria was the inaugural Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) Access Fellow in India, a past TEDMED Scholar, and he has testified before the Canadian Senate on Canada’s Access to Medicines Regime. In addition to serving on the Board of Directors of Universities Allied for Essential Medicines (UAEM) and the Global Steering Committee of the Young Professionals Chronic Disease Network (YP-CDN), he has also worked on emergency preparedness at Public Health Ontario. Aria received his MSc in international pharmaceutical policy from the University of Toronto, where he also held affiliations with the Global Health Diplomacy Program, the Initiative for Drug Equity and Access and the Graduate Student Alliance for Global Health.
Name: Christina Dideriksen  
University: Duke University  
Program: Master of Science in Global Health  
Internship Placement: UNAIDS  
Hometown: Durham, NC USA  

**Personal/Professional bio:** Christina is originally from Durham, NC and has been fortunate to travel often to Africa, volunteering with her parents’ work with HIV positive people. With a Master of Fine Arts in her pocket, Christina spent several years acting on stage, before succumbing to her desire to return to Africa for a more proactive role in the community. She recently completed her Master of Science at Duke University with a thesis investigating the possibilities of using drama for health education in Tanzania. Christina hopes to continue working creatively in advocacy and development on the global stage.

Name: Suneel Mahesh Agerwala  
University: New York Medical College  
Program: MD  
Internship Placement: WHO, Department of Neurological Disorders an Neuroscience  
Hometown: Cortlandt Manor, NY USA  
**Extra-curriculars while in Geneva:** traveling, sailing, music,  

**Personal/Professional bio:** Suneel was born in New York. He has lived in New York, Texas and California, but has traveled to almost all fifty states. He graduated with a degree in Biological Psychology from Pace University. For five years after graduating he conducted various research projects, including developing stem cell therapies for epilepsy, evaluating HIV medication drug interactions, and quantifying the metabolic effects of sleep restriction. While working with relatively low-functioning patients as part of his research, he developed an interest in working on the systemic causes of mental health disorders, impairment in childhood development, social injustice, human rights violations, and lack of access to care. He also decided to go back to school to train as a physician to work on the more acute medical issues of complex patient populations.
Name: Cameron Moore  
University: New York Medical College  
Program: MD/MPH  
Internship Placement: International Organization for Migration, Migration Health Division  
Hometown: Tacoma, Washington USA  
Extra-curriculars while in Geneva: Traveling, food, wine-tasting.

Personal/Professional bio: Cameron Moore is a medical student at New York Medical College. He spent much of his youth traveling, living in India, Costa Rica, Lebanon and Gabon. Cameron’s interest in medicine comes out of his experiences with traditional healers in the Amazon and the Congolese rainforest and out of his drug addiction outreach work in Harlem, New York. Cameron has a passion for social justice and worked as a political organizer and co-manager of a left-wing museum/café space in the East Village of Manhattan for two years. Cameron’s public health interest is in the causes behind income disparities among nations and social classes and ways to level the playing field particularly in regard to health access.

Name: Shu Chen  
University: Duke University  
Program: Master of Science in Global Health  
Internship Placement: WHO, Age and Life Cycle  
Hometown: Sichuan, China

Personal/Professional bio: I was born and grew up in Sichuan, China. I received my Bachelor degree in Peking University in 2012 before I came to Duke University for graduate study. Driven by the desire to increase access to high-quality healthcare resources for the underprivileged in China, I came to Duke Global Health Institute to pursue a Master degree in global health and will graduate in May, 2014. My primary research interests are evidence-based policy making, health outcome evaluation, health system and health innovations.

I interned at the George Institute for Global Health, China as a project manager on a verbal autopsy project from 2011 to 2012. I spent 12 weeks in Singapore working on an economics evaluation study to look at the cost-effectiveness of a new TB test compared with tuberculin skin test to screen out ocular tuberculosis. Besides, I have been working at the IPIHD for nearly two years to help with identifying healthcare innovators in China.
Name: Magdalena (Magda) Anchondo  
University: Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University  
Program: Master in Public Affairs (MPA)  
Internship Placement: UNHCR, Reproductive Health, Public Health and HIV  
Hometown: Lockhart, TX USA  
Extra-curriculars while in Geneva: Traveling, Exploring the City, Crossfit/Gym, Going into France for food, Dancing  

Personal/Professional bio: Magda grew up in California, Italy, Virginia and Texas. She attended Stanford University and became passionate about women’s rights and development through her research and honors’ thesis on violence in Guatemala. Shortly after graduation, Magda entered the Peace Corps as a Girls’ Empowerment Facilitator and English teacher. She spent two years in West Africa in Benin; she directed girls’ empowerment camps, taught sexual and reproductive education, and fundraised the building of the her school’s new library. The summer before starting her masters, Magda served as a consultant for John Snow Research and Training Institute in Kakuma Refugee Camp, Kenya. She trained community sexual and reproductive health educators and created a curriculum to teach the camp’s adolescents about their sexual and reproductive health. She’s excited to contribute to the Public Health and HIV department of UNHCR!!

Name: Jamal Edwards  
University: Duke University and University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Program: BA in Global Health and Journalism & Mass Communications  
Internship Placement: UNAIDS  
Hometown: Rancho Cucamonga, CA USA  
Extra-curriculars while in Geneva: Traveling, hiking, and biking.  

Personal/Professional bio: As a native Californian, Jamal Edwards grew up in the quaint suburban city of Rancho Cucamonga. He is a current sophomore pursuing a bachelor’s degree in Global Health and Journalism & Mass Communications (Public Relations specialization) at the Duke Global Health Institute and the UNC School of Journalism and Mass Communication. Jamal’s interest in Global Health began this past summer when he took part in health communication work in Whitesburg, KY. He worked with a community action group that tackled political, economic, health and food security issues by developing innovative strategies to communicate changes and new developments in governmental policy through social media technology. Through his work, he was able to observe dichotomies between government and non-profit aid and a rural community’s limited resources. He hopes to further his work in Global Health and community empowerment on an international scale. Jamal is currently in his second year as a varsity coxswain on the Duke Men’s Rowing team and serves as the Black Student Alliance President at the university.
Name: Min Yang  
University: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  
Program: Health Policy and Management  
Internship Placement: WHO, Public Health, Innovation and Intellectual Property  
Hometown: China, Shunde

Personal/Professional bio: Min, who is the Deputy Director of the Duke-UNC China Leadership Summit and recipient of the "25 Top Under 25 in US-China Relations" by Yale's China Hands magazine, is a junior at UNC-CH double majoring in Health Policy & Management and Mathematical Decision Sciences. A research fellow at the UNC Project-China, Min participated in the operation of the Guangdong Provincial STI Control Center to study approaches to increase HIV testing uptake in South China, where he also helped organize the second UNC-South China STI’s Research Training Conference. In summer 2012, Min designed science classes in Kunming, China, as part of his work for the NGO Machik.
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Name: Kristina Dushaj  
University: New York University  
Program: Master of Arts in Bioethics  
Internship Placement: WHO, Evidence and Policy on Environmental Health Unit (EPE)  
Hometown: Bronx, New York USA  

Personal/Professional bio: Kristina grew up in the Bronx and is currently living in New York City. She is a first year graduate student in bioethics at New York University, with a concentration in clinical medical ethics, public health, and health policy. She received a Bachelor of Arts in English and American Literature at New York University and also completed a post-baccalaureate pre-health program at Manhattanville College in Westchester. During her undergraduate career, Kristina studied Greek literature and photography in Athens, Greece because of her passion for classical Greek literature and historical culture. She has worked in clinical research for over four years, with a focus in neurological health, particularly the effects of neurodegenerative diseases and addictive behaviors on the human brain and body. Kristina has published several works in scientific journals and scholarly reviews and has also organized a series of medical conferences to educate clinicians and the general public alike. Because of her strong interests in clinical research and population health, she will be applying to medical school this upcoming summer in hopes of becoming a pediatric neurologist.

Name: Anastacia Dialynas  
University: Princeton University  
Program: Master in Public Affairs  
Internship Placement: United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Sustainable Energy Division  
Hometown: Irvine, CA USA  
Extra-curricular while in Geneva: I want to explore the city and travel.  

Personal/Professional bio: Anna is currently an MPA candidate at Princeton University’s Woodrow Wilson School, where she is focusing on energy and economic policy. She grew up in Orange County, California and received her bachelor’s degree from Pomona College, where she studied economics and environmental analysis. She spent a year abroad studying renewable energy, environmental politics, and international economics in Iceland, Greece, and England. After graduation, she worked as a Research Assistant at the Federal Reserve Board in Washington, DC where her focus was on international trade and oil prices. She has also interned in the energy efficiency division of Southern California Edison Company, an electric utility, and for the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, the Northeast’s cap-and-trade program.
Name: Alexandra St. Pé  
University: University of Maryland, Baltimore County  
Program: PhD in Geography and Environmental Systems  
Internship Placement: United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) Sustainable Energy Division  
Hometown: Brandon, Mississippi USA  
Extra-curriculars while in Geneva: Travel and practice French

Personal/Professional bio:
Growing up in the active weather states of Louisiana and Mississippi, Alexandra’s fascination of the atmosphere and all environmental systems that keep Earth’s climate balanced began at a very young age. Upon completing her Bachelors of Arts and Sciences degree in Broadcast Meteorology at Mississippi State University, she worked as an on-air Weekend Meteorologist for a local TV-station. Aware of her rich family history, which she traces back to France, Alexandra also minored in French. As an undergraduate student she was offered a summer internship to expand her knowledge of weather, climate, and technology in the City of Light, Paris. While working for the French company Leosphere, Alexandra learned the importance of innovation and technology in the weather and climate industry.

After returning to the United States, she set out to expand her training in interdisciplinary topics related to climate and earned her Master of Science in the Geography and Environmental Systems department at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC). Working as a graduate assistant for NASA’s Hurricane and Severe Storm Sentinel campaign, Alexandra’s research examined long-term trends in Atlantic hurricane development and the impact of Saharan dust outbreaks on storm intensification processes.

Through graduate coursework, Alexandra became increasingly interested in the political landscape of science and is currently pursuing her Doctorate of Philosophy degree at UMBC to integrate her passions for climate science and technology with public policy. Her Ph.D. attempts to bridge the gap between science and policy, investigating the ability of emerging technology to reduce uncertainty in offshore wind energy projects and translate science into renewable energy policy relevant knowledge. Drawing from open dialogue with Maryland clean energy policy leaders and atmospheric measurements over the State’s proposed offshore wind farm site, Alexandra hopes to develop a powerful database that addresses both science questions and concerns associated with the development and strategic planning of future offshore wind energy projects.
Name: Chelsea Baldino  
University: Nicholas School of the Environment, Duke University  
Program: Master of Environmental Management  
Internship Placement: UNEP TEEB  
Hometown: Rochester, NY USA  
Extra-curriculars while in Geneva: attending conferences and talks on topics of interest, exploring the music scene, and travelling on the weekends  

Personal/Professional bio: Chelsea Baldino was born and raised in Rochester, NY before attending Northwestern University, where she majored in Environmental Sciences and Economics. In 2010 she spent a semester abroad at the University of Otago in Dunedin, NZ. Following her college graduation, she worked as a research assistant at the Ecosystems Center at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, MA on three soil-warming experiments that study how climate change impacts nutrient cycling in temperate forests. Chelsea is currently a Master of Environmental Management Candidate at the Duke University Nicholas School of the Environment in Durham, NC. She is concentrating in Environmental Economics and Policy, with a specific interest in payment for ecosystem services projects and environmental markets.  

Beyond her academic interests, Chelsea is an outdoors enthusiast, enjoying hiking, camping, and kayaking. She is also a music enthusiast, having formerly been a musician herself. She is very excited to be spending the summer in Geneva and meeting all of the other program participants!

Name: Justin Bergendahl  
University: The University of Texas at Austin  
Program: Master of Energy and Earth Resources  
Internship Placement: ICTSD - Global Platform on Climate Change, Trade and Sustainable Energy  
Hometown: Austin, Texas USA  

Personal/Professional bio: Justin is a graduate student at the University of Texas completing his Master of Energy and Earth Resources degree with a focus on sustainability and renewable energy. Before moving to Austin, he participated in an environmental conservation volunteer program in southern Thailand where he trained to be an advanced scuba diver to study the health of coral reefs with a focus on damage caused by pollution. After his volunteer program he worked for an Australian carbon credit consulting business where he helped business owners from around the world develop emission reduction projects. He has attended Carbon Forum Asia conferences in both Singapore and Bangkok. He now studies in Austin, Texas focusing on the policy and technical issues regarding energy use. He will be finishing this semester with a special class that takes place in Brazil to study the challenges rising nations face in terms of environmental, economic, and energy issues. He enjoys traveling and exploring Austin's live music and microbrewery culture. He is looking forward to interning at the ICTSD and living in Geneva this summer!
Name: Xueyao (Snow) Pan
University: Duke University
Program: Master of Public Policy
Internship Placement: WTO (World Trade Organization)
Hometown: Hangzhou, China
Extra-curriculars while in Geneva: May be travelling? No ideas yet 😊

Personal/Professional bio: Xueyao (Snow) Pan is a current candidate for a Master in Public Policy at Duke University. Previously she received a degree in English literature from Hangzhou Normal University. In 2012, she worked as a translator for diplomats in China during the 2012 Diplomats’ Recreational Sport Games. She also translated for experts in gynecology during the Normal Labor & Birth 7th International Research Conference. With a strong interest in international trade, she worked as an intern in Amsky, an international trade company in China in 2013. In 2014, she worked with the North Carolina Justice Center on promoting in-state tuition for undocumented immigrants in North Carolina. She is also a staff editor for the Sanford Journal of Public Policy. Her policy interests lie in international trade and human rights. In her spare time, she enjoys reading, swimming and cooking.

Name: Sam Young
University: University of California, Santa Barbara
Program: Master of Environmental Science and Management
Internship Placement: Earthmind
Hometown: San Jose, CA, USA
Extra-curriculars while in Geneva: Travelling

Personal/Professional bio: Sam grew up in San Jose, California, spending summers backpacking in Grand Teton National Park, Wyoming with his family. He developed a strong appreciation for the importance of good stewardship of natural resources and land ethic from a young age, and took this interest in natural resource management to the California Polytechnic University, San Luis Obispo, California. In 2011 he graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Management and a minor in biology. Post-graduation Sam worked doing vegetation surveys and ecological health assessments for Sierra Nevada meadows with the United States Forest Service, and rare species surveys for a private consulting firm in the San Francisco Bay Area. Currently Sam is pursuing a master’s degree in environmental science and management focusing on conservation planning. He hopes to identify cooperative solutions with industry and development for preserving biodiversity at local, regional, and global scales.
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Name: Amanda Teo
University: Singapore Management University
Program: Quantitative Economics
Internship Placement: United Nations Economic Commission for Europe
Hometown: Singapore
Extra-curriculars while in Geneva: Hopefully I’ll get to cycle!

Personal/Professional bio: Amanda was born and educated in Singapore, which is a tiny country located just below the tip of Malaysia in Southeast Asia. She will soon be graduating from Singapore Management University with a Bachelor’s of Science degree in her favorite subject, Economics. In particular, she is extremely interested in development economics and policy analysis and has written an honors thesis examining the effectiveness of minimum wages in improving welfare in Indonesia. To achieve her eventual goal of becoming an economic researcher in the field of development economics, she will be undertaking a Master’s Degree in Economics at the London School of Economics and Political Science this fall. Prior to the Duke program, she interned under a governmental body where she wrote country briefs analyzing trends in Research and Development (R&D) in preparation for the upcoming 2015 national R&D plan. She is now looking forward to the new experiences and insights that the upcoming internship will bring.

Name: Alejandro Colsa-Perez
University: University of Michigan
Program: MS Environmental Justice and Graduate Certificate on Science, Technology and Public Policy (STPP)
Internship Placement: WHO, Urban Health Initiative
Hometown: Sevilla, Spain
Extra-curriculars while in Geneva: Probably gym, improving my French and traveling around the country.

Personal/Professional bio: Alejandro Colsa is originally from Spain, where he completed his undergraduate studies in Geography. He is currently a Fulbright scholar doing a MS on Environmental Justice at University of Michigan’s School of Natural Resources and Environment (SNRE) with a graduate certificate degree in Science, Technology, and Public Policy at the Ford School of Public Policy. Previously, Alejandro received a Master of Science’s Degree on Environmental Sustainability from University of Edinburgh (United Kingdom). In addition to his academic background, Alejandro also has hands-on professional experience. Last summer, he was an environmental health intern at WE ACT, a grassroots environmental justice organization in New York, where he helped update information about Outdoor and Indoor Air Quality and health outcomes in New York City. Alejandro looks forward to participating in this summer program in Geneva, an opportunity to both experience a new culture and expand the sustainability and policy knowledge developed during his academic career.
Name: Faith Eileen Begay  
University: Duke Sanford School of Public Policy  
Program: Master of Public Policy  
Internship Placement: South Centre  
Hometown: Lower Brule, SD USA

Personal/Professional bio: Faith Begay is originally from the Lower Brule Sioux Reservation in South Dakota and graduated last spring from Stanford University with a B.A. in Public Policy and minor in Native American Studies. During her time at Stanford she studied abroad in Madrid, Spain and Santiago, Chile, and also traveled to the Amazon Basin in Peru for a seminar on indigenous peoples preservation. She has previously interned at the Historical Preservation Office of the Yankton Sioux Tribe and in Washington D.C., where she interned in the Office of Congressional Legislative Affairs for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and the Office of Research Policy for the U.S. Social Security Administration. In the future Faith is interested in working on Native American Policy, specifically in the areas of community and economic development and international trade. She is now pursuing a Master of Public Policy at the Duke Sanford School of Public Policy. In Geneva she will be interning with South Centre in the Trade for Development Programme. In her free time, Faith enjoys playing basketball, going on adventures with friends and family, and cooking.

Name: Jessika Berns  
University: The University of Toronto  
Program: Master of Arts in Environmental Studies  
Internship Placement: The International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development – Publications Team  
Hometown: Toronto, Ontario, Canada  
Extra-curriculars while in Geneva: Hiking, cycling, visiting art galleries, food and wine tasting, and going to the beach!

Personal/Professional bio: Jessika Berns is a proud Canadian who was born and raised in the City of Toronto. In 2012, Jessika was awarded an Honours B.A. from the University of Toronto. She double majored in Environmental Studies and Political Science and also completed an East Asian Studies minor program, which had a full focus on contemporary China. During her time at U of T she studied abroad in Siena, Italy, New York City, and Jerusalem, Israel. She also took an intensive “field camp” type of course, which took her to national parks in Ottawa and Quebec, and received a certificate from the University’s Peace and Conflict Society for completing an interactive seminar series. In 2013, she graduated from the University of Toronto with a Master of Arts degree having completed a self-directed collaborative program in Environmental Studies and Political Science. In the summer of 2013, she went back to Jerusalem, Israel to take an intensive course on peace and conflict at the Rothberg International School. Her Masters Research Project focused on renewable energy technologies and Ontario’s energy policy. In future, Jessika is interested in working on Energy Policy at every level of governance. In Geneva she will be interning at the International Centre for Trade and Sustainable Development in their publications department. In her free time, Jessika enjoys trying new and exotic foods, visiting art galleries, and engaging in an active and healthy lifestyle.