

# Yale *Global Health Studies Program*

## Alumni Bios (2013-2019)

Name: **Sophia Sanchez**

Residential college: Davenport

Major: Psychology

Class: 2013

Sophia Sanchez (DC '13) is a psychology major at Yale College. Her primary academic interests are medical anthropology, global health, immunology, and behavioral neuroscience. In her spare time, she enjoys playing the piano, debating with members of the Yale Political Union, participating in intramural sports, and performing slam poetry with Teeth. Sophia is originally from St. Louis, Missouri.

Name: **Jenny Shelby**

Residential college: Trumbull

Major: Sociology

Class: 2013

Jenny Shelby (TC '13) is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology with a concentration in Public Health. Jenny is proud to be a part of Community Health Educators, the largest volunteer organization on Yale's campus. She currently serves as the head of nutrition, drugs, and alcohol education for over twenty New Haven middle schools, strengthening and adapting the curriculum, and training Yale students to teach health workshops to young teenagers. On campus, Jenny represents Yale University as a campus tour guide, works as a Peer Advisor at Undergraduate Career Services, and writes and performs with Yale's oldest comedy group, The Fifth Humour. This past summer, Jenny attended the University of Cambridge in the United Kingdom to study the history of epidemics and Enlightenment philosophy. In addition to her passion for health education, Jenny is interested in the development of media campaigns to promote healthy messages. She hopes to pursue a Master's in Public Health, focusing on behavioral sciences and health education.

Name: **Claudia Martinez**

Residential college: Grace Hopper

Major: Comparative Literature

Class: 2013

Claudia Martinez (CC '13) is currently a premed junior, majoring in Comparative Literature. Claudia was born in Havana, Cuba and was raised in Dallas, Texas. A visit to

a provincial hospital during a brief return to Cuba in 2008 solidified an interest in healthcare that she would later develop during her undergraduate career. The summer after her freshman year at Yale, Claudia participated in a summer medical program at Duke University Hospital, where exposure to the Pediatric Emergency Room and Intensive Care Unit sparked her interest in pediatric healthcare. She consequently went on to work in an autism laboratory at the Yale Child Study Center before joining the Academic Associates Program, where she obtained dual clinical and research experience in the field of ophthalmology through the Yale Eye Center. Interested in bridging language and cultural gaps that may impede patient-physician relations, Claudia worked as a Spanish-English translator at the Haven Free Clinic last summer. She hopes to link her passion of language and literature with her global health interests by becoming a pediatrician and eventually authoring books that portray the experiences and capture the narratives of patients in developing countries.

Name: **Edirin Okoloko**

Residential college: Ezra Stiles

Major: History of Science, History of Medicine

Class: 2014

Edirin Okoloko (ES '14) is currently pursuing a degree in History of Science/History of Medicine. After working for a number of years at Aim High St. Louis, a summer enrichment program for low-income youth, and studying bioethical issues, she began to develop a keen interest in HIV/AIDS infection and general reproductive health in Sub-Saharan Africa. With her course of study at Yale, she is especially focusing on the social and cultural circumstances that affect society and, consequently, the state of health globally. Specifically, Edirin wants to address HIV/AIDS infection by engaging social factors like entrenched beliefs of gender inequality that lead to prostitution and abuse, the taboo nature of homosexuality that leads to high risk behaviors, and the general lack of formal and informal education that result in all of the above. Edirin is a member of Community Health Educators, teaching workshops about healthy relationships and abuse to high schoolers in New Haven. She also serves on the executive boards for the Black Student Alliance at Yale and the Yale Black Women's Coalition, and is a member of Teeth Slam Poets. After graduating from Yale, she hopes to pursue a Masters of Public Health.

Name: **Yvette Odu**

Residential college: Berkeley

Major: Global Affairs

Class: 2014

Yvette Odu (BR' 14) is currently pursuing a degree in Global Affairs. She was born in Nigeria and while growing up in Nigeria developed a deep appreciation for the health challenges that a developing country faces. Her interests include quality of health care and health care delivery of health systems in developing contexts. She has diverse experience in health care ranging from programming electronic medical record software to developing and implementing breastfeeding interventions for new mothers in urban contexts. She also participated in the 2012 Yale Global Health Case Competition. She

is currently working on an education and health project with the New Haven public schools and planning a health systems survey project for industrial workers in South Africa. Upon graduation from Yale College, Yvette is looking to pursue a career in health policy. In her free time, Yvette draws, paints and writes short stories.

Name: **Orit Abraham**

Residential college: Jonathan Edwards

Major: History of Science, History of Medicine

Class: 2015

Orit Abraham (JE '15) is currently a History of Science, History of Medicine and Public Health major, concentrating on health policy and international development. She is interested in studying the determinants of health access to marginalized groups, such as rural or indigenous populations and refugees, and the larger health systems in Ethiopia and the Middle East. Studying Arabic in Jordan was her first glimpse into the enormity of resources required to sustain a prevalent refugee sector. Her activities on campus include serving as advocacy director in Yale UNICEF, assisting an Iraqi family through the Yale Refugee Project, & member of the Student Global Health and Aids Coalition. She joined MEDLIFE on a spring break 2012 trip to Ecuador to work in a mobile clinic where she gained insight into methods of targeting remote populations and providing lost cost health evaluations. She also interned for Yale GHLI during the 4th Annual Conference.

Name: **Ted Lee**

Residential college: Saybrook

Major: Economics and Political Science

Class: 2012

Ted Lee (SY '12) grew up in Chapel Hill, North Carolina and majored in Political Science and Economics. While in high school, he developed an interest in the politics of inequality as an intern for the John Edwards presidential campaign. As an undergraduate, Ted edits for the Yale Herald, represents Saybrook on the Yale College Council, and competes with the Yale Ballroom Dance Team. A recipient of the Richard U. Light Fellowship, he spent this past summer in Seoul, South Korea, where he took Korean language classes at Sogang University. While studying in Korea, Ted worked for a corporate law firm and for a government think tank focused on international economic policy. He retains academic interests in public health, developing countries, and bioethics; after graduation he plans to pursue a career in public health policy and law.

Name: **Shatreen Masshoor**

Residential college: Silliman

Major: African Studies

Class: 2012

Shatreen Masshoor (SM '12) is from Seattle, WA, and majored in African Studies with a focus in medical anthropology. She is interested in looking into sexual violence during

times of conflict, especially in Eastern Congo and Afghanistan. Shatreen speaks French, Dari, and is currently learning Swahili. Some of her activities include: President of the Yale Afghanistan Forum, student intern with the Global Health Initiative, and Sexual Assault Crisis Counselor with the Milford Rape Crisis Center. Shatreen also volunteers at Connecticut Hospice and IRIS. Prior to now, she worked for over a year as a Certified Nurse Aide in a skilled nursing facility and trained as an Olympic-level amateur boxer for two years, in addition to having a black belt in tae kwon do. In the future, Shatreen plans on pursuing her interest in medical anthropology further, as well as working as an ob-gyn in her regions of interest. Shatreen loves hiking, canoeing, and trying new Ethiopian restaurants.

Name: **Amelie Peisl**  
Residential college: Davenport  
Major: Anthropology  
Class: 2012

Amelie Peisl (DC '12) was born in Munich, Germany, and lived in France and Vermont before her family finally settled down in California. Amelie majored in anthropology and also fulfilled pre-medical requirements. She plans to both go to medical school and continue studying medical anthropology, in order to gain a holistic perspective on the field of global health. In order to learn more about the practice of medicine in countries around the world, Amelie is spending the spring semester of 2011 studying abroad in Nairobi, Kenya and taking classes on health and community development. During the summer of 2011, she aims to continue learning about global health by conducting research on community health worker programs in rural Kenya. In her free time, Amelie likes running, baking pies, and watching Arrested Development.

Name: **Anusha Raja**  
Residential college: Saybrook  
Major: Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology  
Class: 2012

Anusha Raja (SY '12) Anusha Raja majored in Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology with a concentration in Neurobiology. Born in Tamil Nadu, India, she currently resides in Ramsey, New Jersey. During her years of study, she has cultivated an interest in connecting medical anthropology and global health. As a Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellow, Anusha conducted an independent medical anthropology research project in South India. In the future, she aims to understand how to apply medical anthropology research in medical facilities and in public health interventions. After graduating, she hopes to pursue a MD/ PhD in Anthropology with dreams of becoming a physician-anthropologist professor. At Yale, she was the Head Coordinator of the Asian American Cultural Center (AACC) on campus, Board Member of the Intercultural Affairs Council and Raga Society, and Co-Publisher of the Yale Scientific Magazine.

Name: **Farnaz Gulamhussein**

Residential college: Berkeley

Major: Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology

Class: 2012

Farnaz Gulamhussein (BK '12) majored in Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology. She is originally from Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Her experiences in Tanzania introduced and enhanced her interests in pursuing a health-care related career. The experiences and opportunities that she has gained at Yale have further defined this interest. Farnaz hopes to pursue a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree after Yale College and is very excited for the preparation and experiences she will gain and share through the Global Health Fellows program.

Name: **Alyssa Bilinski**

Residential college: Grace Hopper

Major: Political Science

Class: 2013

Alyssa Bilinski (CC '13) is studying political science with an emphasis on health policy and global health and has been accepted into the Five-Year BA/MPH Program in Biostatistics. Since freshman year, Alyssa has studied health disparities in cervical cancer precursors at the Connecticut Emerging Infections Program where she co-authored papers that will be published in the American Journal of Public Health and Obstetrics and Gynecology in 2012. Alyssa also has worked for the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network as an intern in its policy department and as a rape crisis counselor and researcher for its hotline. At Yale, Alyssa's activities include Wishing Well, which raises money for clean- water wells in developing countries, and the Yale Debate Association, where she finished 2nd at the North American Championships in 2011. In addition, she serves as Administration Lieutenant for Yale Emergency Medical Services, Institutional Service Coordinator for Dwight Hall and Co-President of Cupcakes with a Heart, where she enjoys baking fancy cupcakes for charity. In the future, she intends to study statistics in global health and their role in evidence-based policy.

Name: **Sunny Kumar**

Residential college: Saybrook

Major: Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology

Class: 2013

Sunny Kumar (SY '13) is an intensive Biology major at Yale from Boca Raton, Florida. Sunny has engaged in several years of biomedical research. Sunny was selected to be a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Sciences, and his research has been commended by the National Institutes of Health, the U.S. Department of Health, and the U.S. Surgeon General. Sunny has trained and led a team of student health analysts in exploring health resource mapping to reveal underlying sources of health disparities within the New Haven community. Currently, he

is investigating neural stem cell genetics and the mechanisms of asymmetric stem cell division in Yale's Zhong Neurobiology lab, as well as continuing his research into hookworm epidemiology with Yale's Cappello lab. Sunny also enjoys writing articles for the Yale Scientific Magazine, performing educational science experiments for New Haven elementary school classrooms through the DEMOS organization, coaching high school debate with the Urban Debate League, and volunteering at the Yale New Haven Hospital. Sunny's primary research passion lies at the interface of global health, biomedical research, and infectious diseases.

Name: **Connor Bell**

Residential college: Berkeley

Major: History of Science, History of Medicine

Class: 2013

Connor John Bell (BK '13 EPH'14) grew up in Lynchburg, Virginia and majored in History of Science/ History of Medicine and is a Master of Public Health candidate in the Joint Program with the Yale School of Public Health, focusing on Chronic Disease Epidemiology with a Global Health Concentration. Connor has worked at the Free Clinic in Lynchburg and All Our Kin in New Haven, an organization that trains low-income women to own and operate home-based childcare businesses. Last spring, he traveled to Uganda to work with social entrepreneurs that provide health and education services to orphans and still maintains those relationships and projects through the Ugandan Hope Network on campus. Connor also has been involved in Community Health Educators, led Yale RACER's (Runners Against Cancer by Endowing Research), served on the Public Health Coalition, and cofounded the Yale Food Coalition that organized Food Day New Haven last October. In his spare time, Connor likes to exercise, play club lacrosse, attempt to play the guitar and watch Modern Family.

Name: **David Carel**

Residential college: Pierson

Major: Economics

Class: 2013

David Carel (PC '13) grew up in Philadelphia and pursued degrees in Economics and African studies. After spending time in KwaZulu Natal, South Africa, David developed a keen interest in healthcare in rural Southern Africa, particularly in HIV/AIDS and Tuberculosis. David returned to rural KwaZulu Natal to design and implement a youth empowerment initiative into Zulu communities with a focus on life skills development and HIV prevention education. He is currently studying Zulu and hopes to one day work in health policy in South Africa. At Yale, David is the co-founder and director of Yale's Global Health and AIDS Coalition, a student organization dedicated to political lobbying and activism for global health on both the federal and local levels. David is also president of UAID, an organization which promotes student awareness, education and volunteer opportunities surrounding infectious diseases, teaches health education in New Haven public schools, and drums in Yale's West-African Dance Troupe. In his spare time David enjoys playing guitar and piano, running and golf.

Name: **Samantha Greissman**

Residential college: Silliman

Major: History of Science, History of Medicine

Class: 2014

Samantha Greissman (SM '14) grew up in South Florida and plans to pursue a Master of Public Health and a Medical Doctor degree after graduating with a major in History of Science, History of Medicine. Sammy has been studying Spanish since middle school and has taken a number of courses in the language at Yale. Her strong interest in the language and culture has influenced her to focus on Latin American global health in both her studies and fieldwork. After traveling to Urubamba, Peru before her junior year of high school to do public health service, her humanitarian interest became focused on global health. The summer after freshman year at Yale, Sammy again traveled to Peru to partake in a public health initiative but this time in the Moche Valley. During both visits she became particularly interested in respiratory illnesses affecting both regions. Sammy is currently the Social Action/Justice Chair of Yale Hillel's Executive Board and is very active within the community. She is also a member of Yale's Engineers Without Borders. In her spare time, Sammy loves running, playing tennis, and reading.

Name: **Lea Hamner**

Residential college: Branford

Major: Latin American Studies

Class: 2014

Lea Hamner (BR '14) is a Latin American Studies major at Yale University. She is from Seattle, Washington, and has also lived in Peru, India and the Philippines. As a child Lea learned to speak Spanish fluently and she spent the summer of 2011 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil so she could learn Portuguese too. Since living abroad, Lea has desired to return to Latin America to work with public health policy implementation and monitoring. She has begun research investigating the virulence of leptospirosis and its spread in favelas in Salvador, Brazil with Dr. Albert Ko in the Yale School of Epidemiology. In addition to her academic interests, Lea is a certified Emergency Medical Technician who works for Yale Emergency Medical Services and for a voluntary ambulance corps in Echo Hose, Connecticut. Lea is a Peer Health Educator and a music enthusiast who has started two music interest groups: the Yale Electronica Association and the Yale Hip-Hop Alliance.

Name: **Sejal Hathi**

Residential college: Branford

Major: Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology

Class: 2013

Sejal Hathi (BR '13) studied biotechnology and global health. Her aspiration is to become a clinician and medical entrepreneur at the vanguard of health innovation. An avid social entrepreneur, Sejal founded the international NGO Girls Helping Girls at age 15 and, as CEO, has since helped train and mentor thousands of girls worldwide to incubate entrepreneurial projects addressing global issues, in more than 20 countries.

Sejal is also Cofounder of girltank, a hybrid social enterprise designed to empower Young Women Social Entrepreneurs (YSEs) globally to share their work and bring their ventures to scale. Among several other projects, she has additionally worked as USA Ambassador for Ashoka's Youth Venture, as a National Board of Directors member for Youth Service America and Girls for A Change, as a Youth Advisory Board member for State Farm Insurance and Board Member for State Farm Bank, and as a founding member of the World Bank's Youth, Development, & Peace Network of North America. Sejal co-authored her first book at age 16 and has contributed since to other books, journals, and magazines.

Name: **Kristin Horneffer**

Residential college: Davenport

Major: Anthropology

Class: 2014

Kristin Horneffer (DC '14) is majoring in Anthropology with a focus in medical anthropology. Originally from Fairfax, Virginia, Kristin became interested in health in high school while working in a medical oncology laboratory at the National Institutes of Health. While at Yale, Kristin has spent a significant amount of time exploring the "hoods" of New Haven, and getting to know inner-city New Haven from an anthropological perspective. Kristin spent a summer working at a paternity testing clinic in New Haven where she befriended a woman who was once one of New Haven's biggest crack-cocaine dealers. Through this exploration, Kristin became interested in health inequity and in the many health problems afflicting New Haven inner-city residents, the main issue being gun violence. Currently, Kristin is working with various New Haven leaders in order to establish a year-round gun exchange program, and continues to study the lasting mental and social impacts of gun violence. At Yale, Kristin is co-founder of Middleman, a group dedicated to improving Yale-New Haven relations, and president of UAID, an organization that promotes student awareness of infectious diseases. In her free time, Kristin enjoys playing classical and flamenco guitar.

Name: **Hira Husnnen**

Residential college: Davenport

Major: Economics

Class: 2015

Hira Husnnen (DC '15) is from Pakistan and is currently pursuing a degree in Economics. In high school, she was an active board member of the Rotary Club of Karachi Continental, which organized fundraising events throughout the city in order to raise the standard of living of many poverty-stricken citizens of Pakistan. She independently hosted a fund raiser called "The Iftar," for the rehabilitation of the flood victims (2011). At Yale, she was chosen as the director of YHHAP Fundraising Committee and volunteers at IRIS to teach English to an Iranian refugee family. She is also a contributing editor for Yale's first multilingual magazine, ACCENT, and is the treasurer for Yalies for Pakistan. As a Global Health fellow, she hopes to lead a project that will spread awareness about birth control and its benefits in the interior regions of Pakistan, where birth control is often viewed to be against religious principles. She



dreams to open an NGO that promotes education for women as well as open an orphanage in Pakistan.

Name: **Farrah Khan**

Residential college: Berkeley

Major: Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology

Class: 2013

Farrah Khan (BK '13) is a Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology (Neurobiology track) major from Bellevue, WA. She first became interested in the field of global health while volunteering at an eye health camp in rural Bangladesh during high school. She worked with a group of several other Yale students to conduct an intensive HIV/AIDS education and testing outreach program in Manglaralto, Ecuador, in addition to carrying out a public health research study on barriers to HIV testing in the region. She served as Co-Executive Director of the Yale-Ecuador HIV Clinic Initiative on campus. She also volunteered with the Hypertension Awareness Prevention Project at Yale to provide free hypertension screenings at soup kitchens and libraries in New Haven. Farrah is also involved with the Intercultural Affairs Council and Undergraduate Women in Science at Yale student organization. As a Global Health Fellow, she looks forward to gaining a deeper understanding of infectious disease epidemiology and the research tools required to study sociocultural and behavioral influences on public health intervention work. In the future, she hopes to become a doctor who practices medicine in a global context, working in under-served areas both within the US and abroad.

Name: **Mehitabel Markwei**

Residential college: Berkeley

Major: Anthropology

Class: 2013

Mehitabel Markwei (BK '15) is a pre-medical student from Accra, Ghana – West Africa. She is currently a Medical Anthropology major. Having grown up in Ghana, worked in hospitals and witnessed first-hand the incredible efforts of doctors to function despite shortcomings of medical systems back home, she is deeply passionate about the development of Ghana's medical system, specialized and emergency care and the growing burden of non-communicable diseases. Her general interests extend beyond Ghana to African development in general, with a heightened focus on health policy. Here at Yale, she has served as development coordinator for the Yale African Association for Peace & Development (YAAPD), the secretary of the Yale African Students' Association (YASA), Medical Supplies coordinator for UNAIDS missions trips, and a medical interpreter for the Yale Alumni Service Corps (YASC) in Ghana. She envisions a time when news reports of people dying from treatable illnesses will be a thing of the past, and medical facilities will be accessible to people in the remotest parts of several African countries, and not just in the cities or townships. Her hobbies include writing on her blog, reading African literature, participating in community service & causes, and organizing events.

Name: **Omar Njie**

Residential college: Silliman

Major: Global Affairs

Class: 2013

Omar Njie (SM '13 EPH'14) is majoring in Global Affairs with concentrations in economic development and global health. He became interested in global health, specifically African health issues, after interning for The Gambian Medical Research Council the summer before his senior year of high school. He has since returned to Africa, where he interned for the Swaziland Ministry of Health working with NGOs to deliver health resources to marginalized communities. Omar worked to develop a comprehensive plan to market health resources to Swaziland public sector employees as well as outreach events for the Alliance of Mayors and Municipal Leaders on HIV/AIDS in Africa. Last summer, Omar spent ten weeks in London, England assisting the United Kingdom Department for International Development and the Tropical Health and Education trust implement a new £20 million international aid program to support health links in developing world. Having been accepted to the Yale School of Public Health 5-Year BA/BS MPH program and the Mount Sinai School of Medicine Humanities and Medicine program, Omar intends to pursue both MD and MPH degrees after graduation. Omar currently serves as the Yale College student body vice president and outreach chair for STAY (Students and Alumni of Yale), the University student alumni association.

Name: **John Pham**

Residential college: Morse Major: Psychology

Class: 2014

John Pham (MC '14) is from Waterbury, Connecticut. He studies psychology with a particular focus in neuroscience. Always interested in medicine, he became particularly fascinated with the interdisciplinary studies of global health after studying international relations in London. His experiences as a first-generation Vietnamese-American helped to develop his interests in the role of culture and the perception of mental health. John also hopes to investigate and improve the state of emergency medicine in developing nations. He continues to work as an associate for One Body Village, an organization advocating against child sex exploitation. His work with human rights includes volunteering with Boat People SOS in their campaign against human rights violation. At Yale, John spends his time working as a master's aide at Morse College and as a technician for the Student Technology Collaborative. In addition, he is working to obtain his state certification as an EMT. In his free time, John serves as an intramural captain, and he enjoys running, eating, and playing video games among other things. As a global health fellow, John hopes to further his understanding of mental health disparities as well as barriers against quality healthcare.

Name: **Hilary Rogers**

Residential college: Pierson

Major: History of Science, History of Medicine  
Class: 2013

Hilary Rogers (PC '13 EPH'14) is from Providence, Rhode Island, majoring in History of Science, History of Medicine. She will matriculate as a BA/MPH student in the Yale School of Public Health to study Social and Behavioral Sciences with a concentration in Global Health. As the Co-Director for AIDS Walk New Haven 2011, she raised over \$20,000 for the organizations in the Mayor's Task Force on AIDS. She conducted her own research project on splicing factors of HIV in Yale Medical School's Section of Infectious Disease. Hilary conducted a team research project in Manglalto, Ecuador in Summer 2011 on the characteristics of HIV testing. In Spring 2012, she will present her research at conferences at Tulane University and Yale University, and she hopes to publish the findings in global health journals. She serves as Co-Director of the Yale-Ecuador HIV Clinic Initiative, and is currently planning both spring break and summer trips that will build upon their previous volunteer and research projects. After obtaining her MPH, Hilary hopes to attend medical school and plans to devote her professional career to sexual health work in international nonprofit organizations. For fun, Hilary loves to play on the Yale Women's Club Basketball team, and explore the diverse food culture of New Haven with friends.

Name: **Hannah Slater**

Residential college: Berkeley

Major: History of Science, History of Medicine

Class: 2013

Hannah Slater (BK '13, EPH'14) is from San Diego, California, working toward a bachelor's in History of Science, History of Medicine and a master's in Health Policy and Administration with a Global Health concentration through the Yale School of Public Health's 5-Year BA/MPH program. Hannah teaches health workshops to middle school students through Community Health Educators, focusing on issues of healthy relationships and sexuality, and works as a peer counselor in Yale's Queer Peers program. Hannah has spent her past two summers interning at FUNDASIDA, an AIDS organization in El Salvador, and at the Center for HIV Law and Policy in New York City. She also spent the spring semester of her sophomore year studying global health issues in Brazil, Vietnam and South Africa through the International Honors Program. She also enjoys being in musical improv comedy group Just Add Water and leading backpacking trips for incoming freshman. Hannah is particularly interested in sexual and LGBTQ health, and hopes to advocate for these issues through education and policy work.

Name: **Rohit Thummalapalli**

Residential college: Ezra Stiles

Major: Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry

Class: 2013

Rohit Thummalapalli (ES '13) is majoring in Molecular Biophysics & Biochemistry. Originally from Miami, Florida, Rohit has developed a keen interest in global health and

international development through his experiences at Yale. He is interested in developing health care infrastructure in resource-poor areas, and is working with the LV Prasad Eye Institute in Hyderabad, India on designing and evaluating a community intervention program for schoolteachers aimed at improving children's eye health. Currently, he is working on expanding this model to neighboring villages in the state of Andhra Pradesh. In addition, as President of Yale Rotaract, Rohit is working with the Rotary Club of New Haven and Rotary International on other projects in India, including the development of a vocational training center and equipment of a newly built eye hospital in rural towns in the state of Maharashtra. In New Haven, Rohit works as a research director of the Yale Sight Savers Program, organizing community glaucoma screenings and evaluating strategies to maximize patient follow-up rates. In addition, he has pursued interests in biochemistry and neuroscience by working in Elke Stein's neurobiology research lab since freshman year. In the future, Rohit hopes to attend medical school and serve as a clinician in an international setting.

Name: **Stephanie Wagner**

Residential college: Jonathan Edwards

Major: Global Affairs

Class: 2013

Stephanie Wagner (JE '13) hails from Hinsdale, IL majoring in Global Affairs. She began studying Arabic her freshman year at Yale and has a deep interest in health interventions and systems in the Middle East. After studying in Jordan this past summer, she is trying to put her Arabic skills to use by working with the Yale Refugee Project to tutor refugee families in New Haven. Additionally, Stephanie is a captain of the Yale Club Nordic Ski team and generally loves being outside-especially in the snow! This also includes leading freshmen outdoor orientation trips in the fall! Besides staying busy at Yale, Stephanie enjoys keeping up with bad reality TV shows, playing jazz piano, and laughing with her roommates. Stephanie looks forward to collaborating with the other Global Health fellows and is grateful and excited to be a part of the Global Health community at Yale.

Name: **Dennis Wang**

Residential college: Grace Hopper

Major: Molecular Biophysics & Biochemistry and Global Affairs

Class: 2014

Dennis Wang (CC' 14, EPH '15) is double majoring in Molecular Biophysics & Biochemistry and Global Affairs, and is also studying the Epidemiology of Microbial Diseases with a Global Health Concentration at the Yale School of Public Health. He hopes to work in the Washington, DC area after Yale either in government or health work before applying to medical school. After four summers and countless hours in labs at George Mason University, the NIH, and the Yale Stem Cell Center, Dennis lived in Rwanda for a summer and worked with Spark MicroGrants, doing monitoring and evaluation to better understand health and international development in general. He is currently interested in non-communicable diseases such as alcoholism, smoking, and

mental disorders in China, a developing country with significant potential in improving public health. Dennis works as a Master's Aide in Calhoun College and is involved with conference planning for the Yale International Relations Association and writing for the Yale Scientific Magazine. Dennis loves to travel, having visited Canada, the United Kingdom, the Czech Republic, Austria, China, Korea, India, Ecuador, Honduras, Rwanda, Uganda, and Burundi in his time at Yale, and also reads the news obsessively.

Name: **Isabel Beshar**

Residential college: Saybrook

Major: Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology and History of Science, History of Medicine

Class: 2014

Isabel Beshar (SY '14) is a pre-medical student, double majoring in Biology and History of Science, History of Medicine. She was born and raised in New York, but has spent some of her life in Perth, Australia. As an undergraduate at Yale, Isabel served as president of Yale's Public Health Coalition, worked with the New Haven-León Sister City Project to plan a service trip to Nicaragua, and organized a research project with the Yale-Ecuador HIV Clinic Initiative. Isabel has a specific interest in chronic diseases, such as Type II Diabetes and hypertension, and hopes to use her position as a Global Health fellow to expand long-term resources for these patients. She is also focused on Latin America: Isabel has volunteered in Panama, Nicaragua, and Ecuador and hopes to use these experiences to one day organize chronic disease programs for the developing world.

Name: **Joshua Ackerman**

Residential college: Berkeley

Major: Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology and Latin American Studies.

Class: 2014

Joshua Ackerman is from New Rochelle, NY and double majoring in Biology and Latin American Studies. Through his global health research, Josh aims to develop and deliver low-cost, efficient biomedical advances to under-served and impoverished individuals in Latin America. He currently works with the Ko Laboratory at the Yale School of Public Health to study one of the most common infectious bacteria known as *Leptospira*, the causative agent of leptospirosis. Over the past three years, Josh has conducted international research projects about urban health inequity in Ecuador, Nicaragua, and Brazil. Beyond his interest in global health, Josh works as a Freshman Counselor in Berkeley College, serves as a representative on the Yale College Council, and teaches health education to New Haven middle school students through Community Health Educators. He also works with The Future Project to chart a new course for students with special needs in New Haven.

Name: **Fabian Fernandez**

Residential college: Davenport

Major: Medical Anthropology and Pre-Medicine  
Class: 2015

Fabian Fernandez (DC '15) is currently studying Medical Anthropology and Pre-Medicine at Yale University. Drawing upon his roots in Latin American (Venezuela and Cuba) as well as his interests in health, he is passionate about sociocultural determinants of health ranging from gender and sexuality to urban and indigenous access to health throughout Latin America. As a summer trip member and former director of the Yale Ecuador HIV Clinic, he has worked to provide access to HIV testing and sexual health education. He also worked with Hannah Mogul-Adlin (TC 13') to conduct semi-structured ethnographic interviews with sex workers and their clients on the legal brothel system in Ecuador. Within New Haven, Fabian works as a single-classroom educator at Community Health Educators (CHE) and as an interpreter at Haven Free Clinic. This last spring Fabian studied abroad with the IHP: Health and Community Program looking comparatively at health issues in New Orleans (U.S.A.), Chennai (India), Buenos Aires (Argentina), and Cape Town (South Africa).

Name: **Erinma Kalu**

Residential college: Branford

Major: Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology

Class: 2014

Erinma Kalu grew up in northern Florida and is a Biology major and MPH candidate in the Yale School of Public Health's Chronic Disease Epidemiology program. She is interested in addressing the socioeconomic barriers to chronic disease care and the intersection between HIV/AIDS and aging. She is particularly interested in Latin America and the U.S. In summer 2013, Erinma conducted research in Lima, Peru on barriers to TB medication adherence. In summer 2012, Erinma worked with the Yale- Ecuador HIV Clinic Initiative (YEHCI) in coastal Ecuador to conduct research, teach in high schools, and test patients for HIV. At Yale, Erinma has served as Co-Executive Director of YEHCI. She also fundraised for and planned a service trip to Puerto Rico for the Yale Gospel Choir. After Yale, Erinma hopes to pursue an M.D. In her free time, Erinma loves reading Spanish and English literature, writing, and digital photography.

Name: **Emily Briskin**

Residential college: Pierson

Major: Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology

Class: 2015

Emily Briskin (PC '15) plans to pursue a Master of Public Health degree after graduating with a double major in French and Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology. Emily's interest in both foreign cultures and science has fostered her passion for global health. At Yale, Emily enjoys her work in a molecular biology research laboratory and is an active member of Community Health Educators, an outreach group that equips New Haven students with facts on personal health. Emily has also served as co-director of Yale Student Global Health and AIDS Coalition, a student organization focused on global health activism and advocacy. Emily is spending fall semester of 2013 studying

abroad in Paris, France. Emily hopes to use her passion for biology and knowledge of French to work on structuring evidence-based health programs in under-served populations around the globe.

Name: **Sagar Raju**

Residential college: Ezra Stiles

Major: Molecular Biophysics & Biochemistry

Class: 2014

Sagar Raju (ES '14) is a senior Molecular Biophysics & Biochemistry major from Bridgewater, New Jersey. His interest in global health developed from the year he spent working in India after high school. Sagar worked with Karuna Trust, an NGO based in Karnataka that runs primary health centers (PHCs) across rural India. As part of this organization, Sagar developed and implemented an emergency medicine program that taught the PHC staff how to properly triage, diagnose, and treat emergency patients that arrive at their centers. At Yale, Sagar conducts HIV research in a microbial pathogenesis lab. Sagar also works for the Elmseed Enterprise Fund, a non-profit microfinance institution that gives small loans to entrepreneurs in the New Haven community. He is also a captain of Yale's men's ultimate Frisbee team, Superfly. Over the past summer, Sagar worked with Global Health Strategies, a global health consulting company that focuses on advocacy and communications.

Name: **Lindsey Hiebert**

Residential college: Pierson

Major: Global Affairs

Class: 2015

Lindsey Hiebert (PC '15) is from Gainesville, Florida and is double majoring in Global Affairs and Biology. The premature births of her two youngest siblings inspired her to become involved with the March of Dimes, and she now serves as the Mission Education Chair for the organization's National Youth Council. In New Haven, she volunteers at Yale New-Haven's Newborn Special Care Unit, working with preemies and families. On campus, she is a member of the Student Global Health and AIDS Coalition and is the Public Health Network Coordinator for Dwight Hall, Community Service and Social Justice Center. She loves New Haven and is particularly interested in community development. She hopes to use this opportunity to gain hands on experience in strengthening health systems and resources on a local and global scale. In addition, she enjoys research with diverse past experiences studying infant cognition, the pathophysiology of preeclampsia, and cancer bioinformatics.

Name: **Onagh MacKenzie**

Residential college: Silliman

Major: Anthropology

Class: 2015

Onagh MacKenzie (SM '15) is from Naples, New York. She is studying anthropology and is particularly interested in issues related to women's health and food insecurity. On

campus, Onagh teaches health education in New Haven schools, tutors refugee families, plays club soccer, leads incoming freshman on hiking trips, volunteers at a free health clinic, and will soon be a tutor in a local prison. She also works for the Yale Sustainable Food Project and is very interested in sustainable agriculture. The summer after her sophomore year she organized farmers' markets and worked to make local food more accessible to residents of Sitka, Alaska. Onagh also loves to speak Spanish and spent the summer after her freshman year studying the language in Ecuador. She will spend the fall semester of her junior year studying abroad in Kenya through SIT's Urbanization, Health, and Human Rights program.

Name: **Teresa Logue**  
Residential college: Saybrook  
Major: American Studies  
Class: 2015

Teresa Logue (SY '15) is a pre-medical student from Miami, FL. As an American Studies major concentrating in "The International US", she's interested in the flow of American ideas abroad, especially as relates to international development and global health. She developed her passion for global health through coursework at Yale as well as two recent summer experiences: one volunteering on a series of community development projects in Peru's Moche Valley, and another interning at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). Outside of class, Teresa coordinates Dwight Hall's International Network, where she gets to support Yale student groups that do international service and advocacy projects, and is a volunteer EMT. In her free time, she kayaks, hikes, studies Turkish, and does lighting design for Yale plays and dance shows.

Name: **Gracia Vargas**  
Residential college: Davenport  
Major: Global Affairs  
Class: 2015

Gracia Vargas (Stamford, CT) is a pre-med Global Affairs major studying International Development. She has always wanted to be a doctor, and growing up in a Guatemalan family made her especially aware of the special need for doctors to serve the poor in Latin America and within immigrant communities in the US. She hopes that her undergraduate experience at Yale will prepare her both for medical school and for work in development. Gracia is active in various organizations on Yale's campus. She volunteers at the HAVEN Free Clinic as a Spanish interpreter, and serves as 2015 representative to the Davenport College Council. She is a co-captain and goalkeeper for the women's club lacrosse team and is involved with Yspaniola, an NGO founded by Yale students in 2005 that focuses on community development in the bateys of the Dominican Republic through education.

Name: **Esete Woldemariam**  
Residential college: Morse



Major: Economics  
Class: 2014

Esete Woldemariam (MC '14) was born and raised in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. She is majoring in Economics. Her interests lie at the intersection of Agriculture, Business, Public Health and Technology. To that end, she has spent a couple of summers doing public health research on HIV/AIDS and maternal and child health. She has also worked as a business analyst for an Agro Commodities firm, and a Telecommunications company. At Yale, she has been involved in various groups ranging from Maya Consulting group to Yale Christian Fellowship. She is passionate about learning languages, and was recently awarded the Richard U. Light Fellowship to complete a yearlong intensive language program in Beijing, China. Chinese is her fourth language, and she is excited to add more to the list. She hopes that the many skills she has developed during her college career would some day help her to set up a successful multinational business with operations in emerging markets.

Name: **Ruchit Nagar**

Residential college: Davenport

Major: Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology

Class: 2015

Ruchit Nagar is a junior Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology major, focusing on biotechnology from Houston, TX. He has a background in biomedical research, having worked in anti-cancer drug development, lung bioengineering in the Niklason Lab, bioinformatics research in the Gerstein lab. Recently he has focused more on global health research, studying HPV epidemiology in Guayaquil, Ecuador, and computational epidemiology with Twitter data at HealthMap.org. As an undergrad, Ruchit has been involved in Community Health Educators, teaching about substance abuse and healthy sex, HAPPY, a hypertension awareness group, and Musical Cure, directing collaboration between Yale and local New Haven medical centers and coordinating the development of an Arts Channel at Yale New Haven Hospital. He is helping develop a curriculum for a new interdisciplinary class on social health entrepreneurship and innovation with Professor Marty Klein. Ruchit hopes to continue pursuing innovations in medicine moving forward to make a large scale impact.

Name: **Luke Myhre**

Residential college: Davenport

Major: African Studies

Class: 2014

Luke Myhre (DC '14) is an African Studies Major with a focus in Health. He is currently applying to medical school, hoping to eventually work in sub Saharan Africa. He grew up in remote western Uganda before two years of boarding school in Kenya. With medical missionaries for parents, he aspires to live and aid in an area others will not. He speaks Kiswahili and spent the last 3 summers in Kenya, including researching the toxicities of Maasai traditional medicine, working with soccer camps in Mombasa, and collecting geographic information on Spina Bifida patients to research a spatial

correlation with malaria. On campus he is co-Captain of Yale Men's Club Soccer, involved in leadership of Yale Undergraduate Gospel Choir and works 3 campus jobs. He looks to continue pursuing experience and language in east Africa, in hopes of helping and healing what will forever be home.

Name: **Rushika Pattni**

Residential college: Saybrook

Major: Economics

Class: 2015

Rushika J. Pattni (SY '15) was born and brought up in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. She hopes to pursue a double major in Economics and History of Science, Medicine & Public Health. Rushika's interest in public health comes from her exposure to conditions she has seen around her in Tanzania. After working with the YWAM clinic in Tanzania, she developed an interest in maternal health, child care and nutrition. She continued to work with women and children who were left in dire conditions due to the stigma associated with both HIV/AIDS and cancer in Dar es Salaam. She has interned with mothers2mothers Tanzania, whereby she worked with mentor mothers who provide psychosocial support to women in rural communities in Southern Tanzania as they work alongside doctors and nurses. Understanding language and culture is the first step to successfully engage in an unfamiliar community, hence her dream is to continue learning more languages so that she can travel the world and work with many more developing communities.

Name: **Amelia Earnest**

Residential college: Pierson

Major: Global Affairs

Class: 2014

Amelia Earnest (PC '14) was raised just outside of Richmond, Virginia and is majoring in Global Affairs. Her primary interests revolve around global health, writing, the Spanish language, and international affairs. On campus, she enjoys leading freshmen hiking trips throughout the Northeast as a FOOT leader, serving as a weekly English-speaking partner for an Iraqi refugee family through Yale Refugee Project, and working as a Master's Aide for Pierson College. Through her work with Yale Refugee Project, she is beginning a new set of programs focused on refugees' health status and access to health services. Her interest in speaking Spanish led her to take classes in Quito, Ecuador in the summer of 2011 and to become involved in a YIRA trip making a documentary about the Huaorani, an indigenous tribe in Ecuador, in December of 2011. In the summer of 2012, Amelia worked in Lima, Peru with an NGO studying the effects of economic interventions on tuberculosis-ridden communities. With the generous support of the Global Health Fellows program, she was able to spend the summer of 2013 in South Africa writing for an online publication that focuses on public health and human rights issues. She is grateful to the Global Health Fellows for the program's guidance and support and is very excited to collaborate in the global health community, both at Yale and in the professional world.

Name: **Michaella Baker**

Residential college: Timothy Dwight

Major: History of Science, History of Medicine and Public Health

Class: 2016

Michaella Baker (TD '16) is a History of Science, History of Medicine and Public Health major, concentrating in medicine and public health with an emphasis on health psychology. She is interested in studying the psychology behind stigmatized diseases such as HIV/AIDS and obesity in a global perspective. After working at summer camp in Rwanda for women and children with AIDS with an organization called We-ActX, she realized her passion for global health. Her activities on campus include serving as the Social Cultural Chair on the Board of Hillel, as the Chief Marketing Officer for Kappa Alpha Theta, as a copy editor for the Yale Global Health Review, and as the Vice President for the Team U chapter at Yale. She also does research at the Global Health Leadership Institute at Yale. Michaella has spent her summers volunteering at Northwestern Memorial Hospital and spent her most recent summer studying abroad in Croatia. She looks forward to spending more summers abroad and taking full advantage of being a global health fellow at Yale!

Name: **Jana Lohrová**

Residential college: Ezra Stiles

Major: History of Science, History of Medicine and Public Health

Class: 2016

Jana Lohrová (ES '16) is from Prague in the Czech Republic. She is still looking for her specialization within Global Health; at this point she is primarily interested in communicable diseases, but is also passionate about various environmental issues and their interaction with human health. On campus, she works in the Sustainability Service Corps under the Office of Sustainability and enjoys singing with the Yale Women's Slavic Chorus, of which she is also the business manager.

Name: **Shalila de Bourmont**

Residential college: Jonathan Edwards

Major: Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

Class: 2016

Shalila de Bourmont is an Ecology and Evolutionary Biology major. She is interested in studying the rural to urban transition and its effects on health, both in terms of communicable and non-communicable diseases. Having lived in Colombia for seven years, Shalila's interest in global health first began when she noticed the dramatic increase in quality of life in Medellin, Colombia as it went from being one of the most violent cities in the world to one of the most innovative due to concerted efforts from public health and government officials. At Yale, Shalila leads Freshmen on hiking trips throughout the Northeast as a FOOT leader. She is also a founding member of TeamU, a running club dedicated to improving global health through fundraising, and a member of Ramona, the Yale Ultimate Frisbee club. She is currently working at the Jetz lab on

the Map of Life project, which aims to map species distributions throughout the world on an interactive website platform.

Name: **Emily Thacher**

Residential college: Berkeley

Major: History of Science, Medicine, and Public Health

Class: 2016

Emily Thacher (BK '16) is a History of Science, Medicine, and Public Health major from Seattle, Washington. She first became interested in global health during the summer after her junior year of high school, when she taught community health and nutrition in a small town a couple hours outside Oaxaca, Mexico. Since coming to Yale, Emily's interest in health has grown only stronger. Her activities on campus include directing the Public Health Center of the Roosevelt Institute, working on a variety of community health initiatives through the student group New Haven Action, and performing free hypertension screenings in the community through the Hypertension Awareness and Prevention Project at Yale. In the long term, she hopes to combine a Master of Public Health and an MD degree in order to fight for preventative care and health equity in the US and around the world.

Name: **Vivek Vishwanath**

Residential college: Trumbull

Major: History of Science, Medicine and Public Health

Class: 2016

Vivek Vishwanath (TC'16) is a History of Science, Medicine, and Public Health major, concentrating on infectious diseases, international development, and health policy. Originally from San Diego, Vivek is interested in the development of health systems in LMICs, as well as primary healthcare access in rural settings. Vivek's first exposure to the diverse array of issues in health came from spending a summer teaching for a non-profit on the outskirts of Bangalore, India. More recently, he has worked for the Results for Development Institute to develop the Center for Health Market Innovations. On campus, Vivek is a research assistant in a lab focused on antimalarial therapy and HIV coinfection in Uganda. In the past, he has worked with Unite For Sight and Engineers Without Borders chapters. He currently writes for the Yale Journal of Public Health and is a co-founder of a global health consulting firm geared towards supporting rising NGOs.

Name: **Pavane Gorrepati**

Residential college: Ezra Stiles

Major: History of Science, Medicine, and Public Health

Class: 2016

Pavane Gorrepati is a History of Science, Medicine, and Public Health major from Davenport, Iowa. Her interest in food security developed after conducting research in Changsha, China as a Borlaug-Ruan International Intern, for which she was awarded the 2012 Elaine Szymoniak Award. Her many environmental community endeavors

were recognized by President Obama and she was awarded the President's Environmental Youth Award. She was also named a Wallace-Carver Fellow, interning at the USDA and USAID, working on food security initiatives. At Yale, Pavane is the food/nutrition chair for the Public Health Coalition and the Chief Administrative Officer for Kappa Alpha Theta. She works at the Peabody Museum as an instructor for the EVOLUTIONS After School Program and is a Youth Advisory Board member for State Farm Insurance. She is also the author of a children's book. Pavane is interested in advancing the role of women in international food security through her initiative, Feeding Inspiration.

Name: **Justin Abbasi**

Residential college: Morse

Major: Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

Class: 2018

Name: **Farah Al Hadid**

Residential college: Jonathan Edwards

Major: Political Science

Class: 2018

Name: **Aaminah Bhat**

Residential college: Branford

Major: Global Affairs

Class: 2018

Name: **Diksha Brahmhatt**

Residential college: Berkeley

Major: Anthropology

Class: 2018

Name: **Claire Chang**

Residential college: Pierson

Major: Environmental Studies

Class: 2018

Name: **Matthew Derbin**

Residential college: Berkeley

Major: Biomedical Engineering

Class: 2018

Name: **Jonathan Galka**

Residential college: Davenport

Major: Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

Class: 2018

Name: **Darby Herkert**

Residential college: Branford  
Major: Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology  
Class: 2018

Name: **Sarah Householder**  
Residential college: Berkeley  
Major: Modern Middle Eastern Studies  
Class: 2018

Name: **Alfred Jiang**  
Residential college: Jonathan Edwards  
Major: Ecology and Evolutionary Biology  
Class: 2018

Name: **Cassandra Lignelli**  
Residential college: Davenport  
Major: Anthropology  
Class: 2018

Name: **Sara Meyers**  
Residential college: Davenport  
Major: Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology  
Class: 2018

Name: **Ephrem Rae**  
Residential college: Branford  
Major: Global Affairs  
Class: 2018

Name: **Hannah Rees**  
Residential college: Branford  
Major: Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology  
Class: 2018

Name: **Jaclyn Schess**  
Residential college: Grace Hopper  
Major: Economics  
Class: 2018

Name: **Amber Tang**  
Residential college: Saybrook  
Major: Molecular Biophysics & Biochemistry  
Class: 2018

Name: **Caroline Tangoren**  
Residential college: Timothy Dwight

Major: Sociology and Molecular, Cellular and Developmental Biology  
Class: 2018

Name: **Renhao (David) Wang**

Residential college: Pierson

Major: Economics and Biomedical Engineering

Class: 2018

Name: **Chloe Yee**

Residential college: Davenport

Major: History of Science, Medicine, and Public Health

Class: 2018

Name: **Tiannan Zhou**

Residential college: Branford

Major: Psychology

Class: 2018

Name: **Nafeesa Abuwala**

Residential college: Berkeley College

Major: Anthropology

Class: 2019

Nafeesa Abuwala (BK '19) is an Anthropology major from Houston, TX. She is also a candidate for a Masters in Public Health ('20) with a concentration in chronic disease epidemiology. Her interest in Global Health stems from a medical outreach trip to Peru where she was introduced to the direct results of health inequity on a community, especially in the developing world. She now hopes to gain a fuller understanding of the ways in which food practices, cultural beliefs, and access to basic resources directly affect the standard of health care in a population. She hopes to pair these interests with her anthropological studies to focus on the structural barriers to health in Latin American countries, and foster ways to improve access to maternal and child health services. On campus, she was involved with Dwight Hall, Students for Autism Awareness at Yale, and Student Partnerships for Global Health. She was also a research assistant for the MOMS partnership with Women's Health Research at Yale.

Name: **Joy Chiu**

Residential college: Jonathan Edwards

Major: Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology

Class: 2019

Joy Chiu (JE '19) is a Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology major from Naperville, IL. Her interest in public health began in middle school when she began studying the epidemiology of foodborne illnesses for class. This interest quickly evolved into a fascination with germs and infectious agents. Joy is currently working in the

YSM's Section of Infectious Diseases developing new antimalarial and antifungal treatments. On campus, Joy plays the bells in Harkness Tower and would love to take people up the tower for tours! After graduation, she is planning on pursuing an MD/PhD with a focus in immunology and host-microbe interactions.



Name: **Cecilia Crews**  
Residential college: Ezra Stiles  
Major: Political Science  
Class: 2019

Cecilia Crews (ES '19) is a Political Science major from New Haven, CT with a planned interdisciplinary concentration in health policy. She hopes to research access to maternal, child, and reproductive health in sub-Saharan Africa and the Middle East. Her interest in Global Health began with a trip in high school to Nya Mata, Rwanda to study its healthcare system and volunteer at local hospitals. The next summer, she worked independently with a doctor in Haiti, studying the treatment of HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis in Port au Prince and the surrounding rural communities. On campus, Cecilia is the Operations Director of No Closed Doors, an organization that assists New Haven residents with housing and resume writing. She also is a member of RALY, a reproductive justice group, and Yale Democrats, with which she helps design legislation for reproductive rights and equal pay. Cecilia loves reading, traveling, and writing poetry.

Name: **Omar Khan**  
Residential college: Branford College  
Major: Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology  
Class: 2019

Omar Khan (BR '19) is a Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology major from the suburbs of Chicago, Illinois. Throughout his time at Yale, Omar has had very influential academic, industry, policy, and field work experiences. From these experiences, Omar began to appreciate the multidisciplinary approach that is required to enact structural changes in the delivery of health that are effective, practical, and sustainable. In the future, Omar is interested in applying this framework to pressing matters in global health, like access to life-saving medication in low-income and resource-constrained settings. At Yale, Omar was involved in the Muslim Students Association (MSA), Yale Rotaract, was an associate instructor for local middle and high school students, and was a Senior Interviewer for the Office of Undergraduate Admissions. He also conducted research at the Department of Immunobiology with Dr. Richard Flavell, investigating immune cell metabolism and lncRNA biology. In the future, Omar hopes to pursue further training in medicine and is excited to stay involved with global health work and the Yale Global Health Studies program.

Name: **Eric Chen**  
Residential college: Saybrook College  
Major: Biomedical Engineering  
Class: 2019

Eric Chen (SY '19) is a Biomedical Engineering student who received a joint bachelor's and master's in biomedical engineering. At Yale, he served as a Co-Lead for BulldogHacks, Yale's health care hackathon, because he loves to facilitate

interdisciplinary innovations in health care. In the summer of 2018, he worked in the Office of the Chief Economist at the United States Department of Agriculture to estimate the impact of the trade war on US agriculture, and his estimates were used to structure trade mitigation policies. For his capstone project, Eric continued to study agricultural issues, focusing in on farmworker justice in California. As a referrals director at the HAVEN Free Clinic, he also helped low-income patients in the local community get access to critical specialty care. On campus, he conducted research on temporal lobe epilepsy in the Yale Department of Laboratory Medicine in addition to research on the cancer immune microenvironment in the Department of Biomedical Engineering. In his free time, Eric was actively involved with a cappella and Christian community. Eric will pursue his medical education at Harvard Medical School, through the Harvard-MIT Health Sciences and Technology program.

Name: **Seyram Dodor**

Residential college: Saybrook

Major: History of Science, History of Medicine, and Public Health

Class: 2019

Seyram Dodor (SY '19) was a History of Science, History of Medicine, and Public Health major from Greenville, NC. As a first-generation Ghanaian American, she is interested in how health affects those within the African Diaspora. Her interest in global health started when she interned as a research assistant at NC State, investigating a health disparity in cervical cancer in black women. At Yale, Seyram worked as a Student Assistant for the Afro-American Cultural Center at Yale and served as a research fellow for the Women's Health Research Center at Yale. After graduation, Seyram plans to continue her work in advocating for sexual and reproductive health and rights.

Name: **Emma Lower**

Residential college: Ezra Stiles College

Major: Ethnicity, Race and Migration

Class: 2019

Emma Lower (ES '19) is an Ethnicity, Race and Migration major from Seattle, WA. She is particularly interested in studying women's health, and how health justice can be achieved for women of color and immigrants. After working with asylum seekers from West Africa and Central and South America in the summer of 2016, she viewed health as a way to advocate for international human rights. She wrote her Global Health Capstone on how Sanctuary Cities can better meet the standards of health justice for undocumented people in the U.S. At Yale, Emma is a four-year letter earner on the varsity cross-country and track and field teams and the captain of the track and field team. Next year, she will be earning a Masters Degree in Global Studies at UC Berkeley, and in the future she plans to work in the nonprofit sector and law focusing on human rights and global health.

Name: **Arvind Venkataraman**

Residential college: Ezra Stiles College

Major: Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry

Class: 2019

Arvind Venkataraman (ES '19) is a Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry major from Philadelphia, PA. His interest in global health stems from a realization that science and medicine in their current states may not be enough to properly serve marginalized communities, and he is deeply interested in the question of how scientists can perform research in a way that best benefits these communities and grants them agency. In the future, Arvind hopes to synthesize his knowledge of science and medicine with a health justice framework to address structural problems with scientific research and healthcare delivery. He is interested in healthcare in resource-poor settings, including rural areas and the wilderness. Post-graduation, he is continuing his work in the Department of Immunobiology with Dr. Akiko Iwasaki on projects exploring the involvement of endogenous retroviruses in autoimmune disease and the role of the gut flora in the anticancer immune response. On campus, he was active in the music scene, performing with the Yale Symphony Orchestra, La Orquesta Tertulia, and various jazz groups, and was a FOOT leader.

Name: **Jude Alawa**

Residential college: Branford College

Major: Global Affairs & Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology

Class: 2019

Jude Alawa (BR '19) is majoring in Global Affairs and Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology. He is from Miami, Florida by way of Damascus, Syria and is interested in the intersection between medicine and public policy, specifically with respect to humanitarian assistance and access to healthcare among marginalized populations. Jude's current work focuses on providing water purification devices to Syrian refugee camps and addressing interventions to improve chronic disease care among refugees. In the future, Jude hopes to study and craft effective measures to improve clinical standards and increase access to healthcare in under-resourced communities at home and abroad. At Yale, Jude is active in the Yale Rotaract Club (Local/International Service), the Yale International Relations Association, Instrumental Connection (Music Instruction in New Haven), and as a research assistant studying cancer immunotherapy at the Yale Medical School.

Name: **Gabriela Esnaola**

Residential college: Ezra Stiles

Major: Global Affairs

Class: 2019

Gabriela Esnaola (ES '19) hails from Philadelphia, PA and is pre-med majoring in Global Affairs. Through her work in the field of health services research, she learned about and conducted research evaluating the political, economic, social, and

environmental factors underlying disparities in health and health care. She hopes to improve the health and care of historically underserved populations in the U.S. and abroad by not only understanding individuals within the context of their communities, but also being able to design and implement novel and cost-effective ways to care for them. On campus, she volunteers at the HAVEN Free Clinic, serves as president of the Cuban-American Undergraduate Student Association (CAUSA), and is a member of the Public Health Coalition and PIH Engage at Yale. She is also involved with Student Partnerships for Global Health.

Name: **Bri Matusovsky**

Residential college: Pierson College

Major: Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

Class: 2019

Bri Matusovsky (they/them pronouns) was an Ecology and Evolutionary Biology major. Their interest in social and behavioral interventions for health comes from an accumulation of experiences from a young age. Due to frustrations with the way that people stigmatize mental health and neuro-diversity, Bri wanted to focus on global mental health, stress, and stigma as a Global Health Scholar.

At Yale, Bri worked as a Peer Wellness Champion, planning events and doing peer check-ins to encourage good health practices among undergraduate students. Bri also volunteered at Yale-New Haven Hospital with the Living History Project, interviewing patients for their non-medical histories and writing them into short biographical narratives. During the semester, Bri worked at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station as a research assistant, searching for alternative ways to control mosquito populations by manipulating the mosquito microbiome. In the summer before their senior year Bri spent 10 weeks living in Bucharest, Romania and conducting qualitative focus groups of queer women and transgender individuals on topics of resilience building and mental health resources. They hope to find a way to combine their interest in biology, passion for mental health issues, and love for personal stories in a way that brings about positive change in how people think about related issues and interventions.

Name: **Jessica Powell**

Residential college: Davenport

Major: History of Science, History of Medicine and Public Health

Class: 2019

Jessica Powell (DC '19) is a History of Science, History of Medicine and Public Health major, with a focus in Global Health. As a Global Health Scholar, she aspires to study, design, and implement sustainable development interventions addressing issues in child health, with a focus on sustainable approaches to advancing the health and empowerment of girls and young women. In the summer of 2014, she traveled to Las Cañas in the Dominican Republic to conduct an independent microloan and food stability project. Loans were provided to five families to purchase pregnant dairy cows and a pregnant pig for breeding, targeting families with multiple children, especially girls,

as about 90 percent of girls above the age of 13 in Las Cañas are affiliated with prostitution. She is currently working with a mentor at UNICEF on a research project in which she is examining the effectiveness of interventions pertaining to early and forced child marriage.

Name: **Rebecca Schapiro**

Residential college: Davenport

Major: History of Science, History of Medicine and Public Health

Class: 2019

Becca Schapiro (DC '19) was a History of Science, Medicine and Public Health major from Atlanta, GA. She is particularly interested in women's health and how access to health care for women can be expanded. This interest began while visiting maternity hospitals in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and discussing the often-prohibitive cost of life saving procedures with nurses there. She is passionate about increasing accessibility to reproductive health services to underserved communities. On campus, Becca works in an integrative environmental physiology lab that focuses on women's health that is starting a study to determine the risk factors for preeclampsia. Some of her activities include teaching health classes at New Haven public schools with Community Health Educators, chairing the Advocacy Committee of the Yale Hunger and Homelessness Action project, and being the tournament director for one of her favorite groups on campus, the Yale Women's Ultimate Frisbee Team. She will be continuing her education, pursuing a Masters in Public Health at the Yale School of Public Health after graduation.

Name: **Veeraya (Kate) Tanawattanacharoen**

Residential college: Pierson College

Major: Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology

Class: 2019

Veeraya (Kate) Tanawattanacharoen (PC '19) was a Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology Major from Eau Claire, Wisconsin. In the future, she hopes to improve the quality of life for individuals in resource-poor communities, address the burden of non-communicable diseases in lower-income countries, and synthesize research which will inform evidence-based policy decisions and interventions. She has previously worked as a Montessori Teacher at the Duang Prateep Foundation in the Klong Toey Slum in Bangkok, taught health classes to New Haven middle school students through Yale Community Health Educators, interned at the Thai Ministry of Public Health, and worked as a student research at the Yale School of Public Health to assess correlates to childhood obesity in Samoa, an country in the South Pacific facing some of the highest burdens of obesity globally. On campus, she was also involved in the Yale College Council as the University Services Policy Director and was the co-director of the Yale Alzheimer's Buddies. After graduation, Kate will be working as a Clinical Research Assistant at the Children's Hospital Los Angeles. In her free time, Kate likes to spend time with her friends, bake cakes, and attempt to be a photographer.

Name: **Claire Young**

Residential college: Timothy Dwight

Major: Global Affairs

Class: 2019

Claire Young (TD '19) graduated with a BA in Global Affairs and is pursuing her MPH in Epidemiology of Microbial Diseases at Yale School of Public Health. She has concentrated on vector-borne and neglected tropical diseases, working on malaria and global health security at the Center for Disease Control in Burkina Faso and conducting field research in Salvador, Brazil on congenital Zika virus infection. She volunteers as a researcher for UNICEF Ventures, assessing social impact of open source technology innovations, and with the Hagarla Institute on Maternal Health Capacity Building in Somalia. This summer she is working at UNICEF's Health & HIV division on maternal and child health, and will be writing her master's thesis on post-pregnancy infection and fistula. She plans to work at GAVI, the Global Alliance for Vaccination & Immunisation, in Geneva post-graduation.