

# Global Health Fellows Program

## Summer 2010 USAID Intern Bios



**Melissa Adams**  
**HIV Prevention Intern**  
**Office of HIV/AIDS, Technical Leadership and Research Division**

**Hometown:** Silver Spring, MD

I hold a B.A. in Psychology from the University of Virginia and a MPH in Behavioral Sciences and Health Education from Emory University. While pursuing my Masters degree, I worked with CARE USA's HIV/AIDS Unit where I was responsible for coordinating the provision of technical assistance to 15 country offices. After graduating, I moved to Washington, DC where I served for four years as a Program Associate in the HIV/AIDS and Development Unit at the International Center for Research on Women (ICRW). I recently completed a Fulbright fellowship in northern Uganda and am currently pursuing a Ph.D. as a CONNECT Global Women's Studies Fellow at the National University of Ireland, Galway.

**Fun Fact:** I love to travel and have been to 26 countries



**Julia Bennett**  
**HIV/AIDS Orphans & other Vulnerable Children Intern**  
**Office of HIV/AIDS, Information Systems Division**

**Hometown:** Mackinaw, IL

My interest in the health of disadvantaged populations, health disparities and the social determinants of health led me to enter the inaugural class of MPH students at Washington University's Brown School in St. Louis in the fall of 2009. There I am learning the foundations of public health with an emphasis on evidence-based practice and transdisciplinary problem solving. I received my MSW from the University of Illinois and have broad social work practice experience in a variety of health care settings from acute care to palliative care and hospice. It was my experience working on a cross cultural, transdisciplinary HIV/AIDS team in Lusaka, Zambia that led me to pursue further education to prepare me to work in the field of global public health. My experience in Zambia cemented my commitment to vulnerable populations, particularly women and children.

**Fun Fact:** I love horseback riding and in recent years have attempted to learn to barrel race.



**Ashley Blocker**  
**HIV/AIDS Nutrition Intern**  
**Office of HIV/AIDS, Technical Leadership and Research Division**

**Hometown:** Colorado Springs, CO

Since my youth, I have been interested in medicine and specifically in infectious diseases. These interests led me to pursue a degree in microbiology at Colorado State University, where my passion for public health developed. After more exposure to the spectrum of microbiology, I became especially interested in arboviruses. I chose to serve as a research assistant in the Arbovirus Infectious Disease Laboratory (AIDL) where I was involved in Dengue Fever Research. Upon graduation, I decided to pursue a Master of Public Health at Tulane University School of Public Health. I believe fieldwork is an essential part of public health, and I further challenged myself by enrolling in the Master's International Program, which combines two years of coursework with 27 months of Peace Corps service. I served as a technical adviser to an HIV/AIDS organization in Togo, educating citizens on the virus and promoting healthy living.

**Fun Fact:** I am a recently returned Peace Corps Volunteer from Togo, West Africa and was once detained at a border crossing for two hours trying to get into Cote d'Ivoire. I was only able to pass with the promise of marrying the captain of police!



**Earl Burrell**  
**HIV Prevention Intern**  
**Office of HIV/AIDS, Technical Leadership and Research Division**

**Hometown:** Healdsburg, CA

I graduated from the University of California, Berkeley where I earned my BA in Molecular and Cell Biology, and completed a year-long post baccalaureate at the National Institutes of Health. I then went on to obtain my MPH in Epidemiology at Columbia University, Mailman School of Public Health and am currently a graduate student at University of California, Los Angeles School of Public Health working towards a PhD in Epidemiology. I have held numerous biological research internships at Sequenom Pharmaceuticals, the United States Department of Agriculture, Berlex Biosciences, Columbia University Medical Center, the Desmond Tutu HIV Foundation, and University of California, Los Angeles. I also have significant volunteer experience with HIV/STI prevention and treatment programs in the United States, India, and South Africa.

**Fun Fact:** I've lived in 5 countries on 4 continents



**Dena Bushman**  
**TB and HIV Global Health Intern**  
**Office of HIV/AIDS, Technical Leadership and Research Division**

**Hometown:** San Diego, CA

I am a compassionate, motivated, and open-minded woman, dedicated to improving the unmet needs of the underserved through public health and nursing. I received my Bachelors of Science in Anthropology from UCLA. I am currently working on my masters in public health at Johns Hopkins University while taking a year leave from my masters in nursing at the University of California San Francisco. Prior to nursing school, I served as a Peace Corps rural health and sanitation volunteer in Paraguay for twenty-seven months, and worked with the Adolescent Health Working Group supporting youth access to health services. Volunteering has always been a big part of my life. Currently, I am working with the Esperanza Center in Baltimore to improve access to health care for undocumented Latinos, The Ronald McDonald House, ToyzLove Colombia, and City Works in urban gardening.

**Fun Fact:** I had a pet pig named Zack and two nameless chickens that I loved dearly until I donated them for a fundraiser. In my free time, I enjoy running, hiking, camping and traveling.



**Elizabeth Coleclough**  
**HIV/AIDS Community Care Program Management Intern**  
**Office of HIV/AIDS, Information Systems Division**

**Hometown:** Memphis, TN

My background revolves around community health at the grass roots level. I began as an outreach worker with an orphan/vulnerable children (OVC) program in Old Mutare, Zimbabwe. This experience established my relationship with the local Voluntary Counseling and Testing Center (VCT), specializing in HIV prevention and education. Over the past four years, I have provided various services to VCT and OVC efforts, ranging from needs assessment to grant writing. As a method of financially assisting these programs, I created Footsteps In Hope - an annual awareness walk/run that supports HIV organizations in Mississippi and Zimbabwe. I'm currently pursuing a Master of Public Health at the Rollins School of Public Health. I'm specializing in Global Health, Community Health and Development. During my course of study, I have been involved in Scenarios from Africa, a multi-country competition that encourages African youth to write fictional stories around HIV/AIDS.

**Fun Fact:** In first grade, I took gymnastics class on a bus and won a blue ribbon for best backbend. It's the highest athletic honor I've ever received.



**Stephanie Cook**  
**HIV/AIDS Research Intern**  
**Office of HIV/AIDS, Technical Leadership and Research Division**

**Hometown:** Southfield, MI

During my undergraduate career, I worked as a Research Assistant with the Institute of Social Research at the University of Michigan. Additionally, I was awarded the Minority and Research Training Award and traveled to South Africa for a three month project examining the psychological well-being of Durban, South African youths. I graduated with a Master of Public Health from Columbia University's School of Public Health from the Sociomedical Sciences Department. My focus during my MPH was on HIV/AIDS, gender, sexuality, and mental health. I am now advancing towards my Doctorate of Public Health in the SMS department. Currently, I am working with the HIV Center at Columbia University to analyze and publish two manuscripts concerning the role of HIV-testing and ARV adherence in populations of men who have sex with men in Namibia and South Africa.

**Fun Fact:** I was a synchronized swimmer in college



**Jeane G. Davis**  
**HIV/AIDS Community Care and Prevention Intern**  
**Office of HIV/AIDS, Technical Leadership and Research Division**

**Hometown:** Queens, NY

I am a graduate student within an MSN/MPH program at the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing and Bloomberg School of Public Health. I am passionate about work with underserved communities around HIV/AIDS and gender-based violence. I am a critical care nurse at the George Washington University Hospital, and a nurse and HIV counselor with the DC Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Program. I am also an intern with the DC Department of Health HIV/AIDS Administration focused on perinatal HIV surveillance. I have lived in DC for 10 years, and have had profound professional and personal experiences with marginalized communities to date: as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Malawi, Africa; as an HIV counselor and tester in Baltimore and DC; as a youth organizer around reproductive health and justice in DC, as a research assistant in Baltimore and South Africa, and in nursing roles.

**Fun fact:** I love street food, slam poetry and am a proud DC local for over 10 years (and would love to share fantastic restaurants and spoken word venues for those new to DC!).



**Allison Dawe**  
**HIV/AIDS Program Evaluation Intern**  
**Office of HIV/AIDS, Information Systems Division**

**Home town:** Eugene, OR

I earned my bachelors degree in Planning, Public Policy and Management at the University of Oregon. During my time at the University of Oregon, I also received a minor in Journalism and Communications, a certificate in Non-profit Management and interned for the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation in Santa Monica, California. I then worked in the private sector as a marketing coordinator for two young businesses. I joined the Peace Corps in 2005 with a desire gain international experience and return to the social sector. I served two years in the HIV NGO Capacity Building Program in a rural village in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. I remained in South Africa upon completion of my Peace Corps service and worked as the Monitoring and Evaluation Manager for a PEPFAR implementing partner. I am now completing my graduate degree in Public Policy at Duke University.

**Fun Fact:** I've spent over 4 1/2 years in South Africa



**Christine Henneberg**  
**PMTCT/Pediatric Intern**  
**Office of HIV/AIDS, Technical Leadership and Research Division**

**Hometown:** Oakland, CA

I majored in English with a creative writing focus at Pomona College, but after living and teaching in India for six months, my interests broadened to include public health and development. Subsequent health outreach work in India ultimately led me to medical school. My professional experiences in the intervening years include working as an Assistant to the Program Coordinator of Child Family Health International's Infectious Disease Program in Bombay and volunteering with local NGOs in India (primarily in clinical, outreach, and administrative settings). I have also worked as a Program Associate at the Institute of International Education (IIE) on an international breast cancer awareness project, and as a Research Assistant in Stanford University's Department of Pediatrics and Adolescent Medicine. I am now a second-year student at the UCSF-UC Berkeley Joint Medical Program, where I am pursuing a public health-oriented Masters degree and an MD.

**Fun Fact:** The last time I had a summer job, I was working on a farm as a shepherdess.



**Christine Hershey**  
**Malaria Monitoring & Evaluation Intern**  
**Office of Health, Infectious Diseases, and Nutrition, Infectious Diseases Division**

**Hometown:** Solvang, CA

My goal is to combine my basic scientific training, my public health training and experience in epidemiology and community-based vaccination programs to tackle infectious disease problems at the population level. I obtained my PhD in Biochemistry from Harvard University where I designed and performed research on a transcription factor. When it was time to do a postdoctoral fellowship, I returned to my true love which is virology and conducted research on inhibitors of dengue virus infection and set up a murine model of dengue virus infection. I have ten years of experience with the Hepatitis B Initiative in Boston, MA. I established a hepatitis B screening and vaccination clinic targeting the high-risk Vietnamese population. I am beginning a career transition into the public health side of infectious disease by getting my MPH from Johns Hopkins, where I am concentrating in epidemiology with a particular interest in infectious disease.

**Fun Fact:** I raised pigs growing up.



**Margaret Hower**  
**Tuberculosis Program Intern**  
**Office of Health, Infectious Diseases, and Nutrition, Infectious Diseases Division**

**Hometown:** St. Louis, MO

My life has been rich, raising a family, owning my own business, baking professionally and working as a social worker in city, state, national and international settings. I returned to graduate school now to switch my career focus to global health, international development and system dynamics. I will graduate in May 2011 with Masters in Public Health and Masters in Social Work degrees. In graduate school, I have immersed myself in international development and global health. I successfully completed an eleven week capacity building internship in Mongolia transferring knowledge and skills, and demonstrating my ability to work across cultures and languages. I am innovative and resourceful and have over twelve years experience providing excellent organizational results. My skills include program planning, implementation and evaluation, sustainability planning, grants management, logistics planning, research and analysis. I bring a passionate excitement, dedicated effort and strong skill set to any job I take.

**Fun Fact:** I spent last summer working in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.



**Christina Jacobi**  
**Commodities Security & Logistics Intern**  
**Office of Population and Reproductive Health, Service Delivery Improvement Division**

**Hometown:** Durham, NC

I graduated from Harvard with a degree in anthropology. Since then, my work experience has focused on nonprofit management and fundraising. Through writing grants for a group of community health centers in New York City, I have become familiar with program design, budgeting, and evaluation processes. This position solidified my commitment to improving women's health and addressing health disparities. My background also includes extensive experience in writing, editing, and media production. My interest in international work has been shaped by travel and volunteer projects abroad. I am currently pursuing an MPH at Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, where I'm concentrating in women's and reproductive health while working toward a certificate in maternal and child health. I have also been accepted to Wharton's MBA program, which I will begin this fall.

**Fun Fact:** I used to work as a travel writer.



**Ghada Khan**  
**Health Research Analyst Intern**  
**Office of Health, Infectious Diseases, and Nutrition, Nutrition Division**

**Hometown:** Santa Barbara, CA

Though my upbringing primarily took place in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, where I was born, I spent most of my summers traveling the world. After graduating from Riyadh high school with high honors, I was given the opportunity to continue my studies in the US on a full scholarship. I obtained a BS in Microbiology with emphasis on Genetic Engineering from the University of California, Santa Barbara in 1998. After working in the field of microbiology for a few years, I decided to become a full time mom. During my departure from the workforce, I dedicated my time to volunteer work in Maternal & Child Health (MCH) and Humanitarian Aid. I am currently following my passion for the global improvement of women's health by pursuing an MPH from George Mason University along with both working and volunteering in the MCH and research fields.

**Fun Fact:** I am originally from Saudi Arabia, and I am the mother of two amazing kids. I love to write, read, and spend time with my wonderful family.



**Christine Kim**  
**HIV/AIDS Health Systems Strengthening Intern**  
**Office of HIV/AIDS , Strategic Planning, Evaluation & Reporting Division**

**Hometown:** Baltimore, MD

I am currently a graduate student at the Johns Hopkins School of Public Health in the International Health Department, Health Systems track. Prior to starting graduate school, I volunteered and traveled in India for 2 months at an NGO called Operation ASHA. I also worked in policy and advocacy for almost 2 years in Washington, DC. As an undergrad at UC Berkeley, I studied history and public health--much of my research involved the history of tuberculosis leading up to the development of excessive drug resistance, particularly in South Africa. My education and professional experience has enabled me to develop a broad range of skills from history literary research to managing advocacy campaigns on TB, writing policy fact sheets on global health issues, and developing greater research methods and analytical skills as a student.



**Amelia Kinter**  
**Tuberculosis Intern**  
**Office of Health, Infectious Diseases and Nutrition , Infectious Diseases Division**

**Hometown:** Kennett Square, PA

I am currently pursuing a Master of Public Health at Washington University in St. Louis, where I have already completed my Master of Social Work (MSW) .Throughout my MSW program, I have gained professional skills from the American Red Cross conducting qualitative interviews and monitoring databases. Additionally, I am a highly motivated, organized, self-starter ready to start my internship with Global Health Fellowship Program, where I will enhance my international health training and experience.

**Fun Fact:** I am spending a month in Africa before the internship program begins.



**Elesha Kingshott**  
**HIV/AIDS Orphans & other Vulnerable Children Intern**  
**Office of HIV/AIDS, Information Systems Division**

**Hometown:** Brick, NJ

I am currently pursuing a Master of Public Health at The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and a Master of Social Work at the University of Maryland Baltimore, with a specific interest in the area of child health. My interest and dedication in the area of child health is rooted in the belief that all children deserve the opportunities for a healthy life. My interest in child health began during college when I interned at the Anna Freud Centre in the United Kingdom. I investigated the psychological outcomes of childhood maltreatment. This experience created a desire for me to pursue a career that works to ensure all children have the opportunity to grow up in environments that foster their physical and mental health. Since this experience, I have worked in my professional and academic career to address health care disparities and access for children and their families

**Fun Fact :** I hiked part of the Andes in 2007.

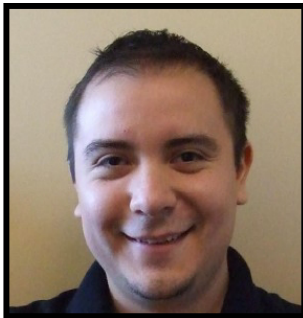


**Joanna Lai**  
**HIV/AIDS Care and Treatment Intern**  
**Office of HIV/AIDS, Technical Leadership and Research Division**

**Home town:** Los Angeles, CA

I am currently an MPH student at Johns Hopkins University studying international health with a focus on global disease epidemiology and control. I graduated with a B.S. in International Development from the University of California, Los Angeles and have an M.S. in Education Development, Policy, and Administration from the University of Southern California. I have 4 years of public health field experience in sub-Saharan Africa and have other relevant experience in Latin America and South Asia. Most recently, I served as the National HIV/AIDS Program Manager for an international NGO in Mozambique, overseeing clinic and community-based HIV prevention, care, and treatment interventions. My professional and academic interests include infectious disease epidemiology, HIV/AIDS and TB control, quality assurance, health systems management, and international health policy. I am fluent in Portuguese and Chinese, and proficient in Spanish.

**Fun Fact:** I love to play speed scrabble!



**Jorge Luna**  
**HIV/AIDS Surveillance Intern**  
**Office of HIV/AIDS , Strategic Planning, Evaluation & Reporting Division**

**Hometown:** Valparaiso, Chile

I am a second year Infectious Disease Epidemiology PhD candidate at Columbia University. I have completed a MPH in Health Policy and Management from Columbia University, Mailman School of Public Health. My undergraduate training is a dual major, in both Bio-genetics and Spanish Languages: Latin American Literature from Dartmouth College. I currently keep two ongoing positions as part of experience development during my graduate studies. I am a graduate research assistant for a Clinical Stroke Epidemiologist. I manage a 45 site international clinical stroke study with investigator sites in 9 different countries. I write manuscripts, analyze study findings and give presentations at national stroke conferences. I also work with NYC DOH in the Syndromic Surveillance Unit. In this governmental position I work with city analysts to detect disease outbreaks using a variety of near-real time NYC data feeds including Poison Control Center, ED Surveillance and Notifiable Disease Reporting.

**Fun Facts:** I have swum in the largest saltwater swimming pool in the world. It is approximately 2 km long in Algarrobo, Chile.



**James Orlando**  
**Highly Vulnerable Children Intern**  
**Bureau for Global Health, Office of the Assistant Administrator**

**Hometown:** Loomis, CA

After graduating from the University of California, Berkeley, I worked for two years as a counselor at a therapy center for emotionally disturbed teens. Seeking to expand my experience internationally, I spent the next four years throughout Asia with various charities addressing children in crisis. At orphanages in Sri Lanka, India and Nepal, I taught English and assisted with fundraising for development projects. This included expanding school sites, purchase of educational supplies, sustainable crop development, and potable water systems. I implemented an English curriculum program and evaluation for a boy's prison in Mongolia. In Thailand, I worked with Habitat for Humanity building homes and community organizing with the tsunami relief effort. Currently, I am a Social Welfare graduate student at UC Berkeley. I am interning at a state funding agency focusing on early childhood development. My work entails assessing program efficacy and creating quantifiable methods of evaluation.

**Fun Fact:** In my more nomadic days, I purchased a couple of Bactrian camels and rode across the Gobi desert.



**Shimon Prohow**  
**HIV/AIDS Policy Research Analyst Intern**  
**Office of HIV/AIDS , Strategic Planning, Evaluation & Reporting Division**

**Hometown:** Tucson, AZ

I have been involved with HIV prevention and care since I was in high school, when I volunteered with the Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation as an HIV prevention educator and counselor. I continued to volunteer throughout college with the Cascade AIDS Project in Portland, Oregon while writing my thesis on the French social reaction to AIDS. After college, I spent my Peace Corps service in Togo, where I ran novel HIV awareness campaigns in the Maritime Region and all around the country. I spent several years after my Peace Corps service working for various international health non-profits including Population Services International, Winrock International and the Luapula Foundation of Mansa, Zambia. During that time, I became an expert in HIV counseling and testing, harm reduction and HIV prevention among injecting drug users. I am currently enrolled as MBA candidate at Georgetown University, improving my skills in program management and operations.

**Fun Fact:** In Peace Corps, I worked on Guinea worm parasite eradication.



**Rachel Scheckter**  
**Fistula and Postabortion Care Intern**  
**Office of Population and Reproductive Health, Service Delivery Improvement Division**

**Hometown:** Lewisburg, PA

I graduated from Grinnell College in Grinnell, IA with degrees in Psychology and Global Development Studies. Following graduation I moved to Providence, RI and served as an AmeriCorps volunteer for a year providing individualized perinatal education and doula services to at risk pregnant women who were patients at community health clinics around the city. After completing this service, I accepted a job at a small reproductive health clinic in Iowa City, IA as a health services representative where I was involved in direct client care as well as administrative tasks and community outreach. Realizing I had reached my full potential at this small organization and that I wanted to pursue higher education in my field, I enrolled in the University of North Carolina's Gillings School of Public Health, where I am currently working towards my master's degree in Maternal and Child Health.

**Fun Fact:** In addition to going to school or working during the summer I'm often busy in the kitchen designing, baking, and decorating wedding cakes. I'm still an amateur, but demand was definitely up last summer. With a move to DC this year, though, I'm hoping I'll get a little time off to focus less on sugar and flour and more on global health!



**Clinton Sears**  
**HIV/AIDS Nutrition Intern**  
**Office of HIV/AIDS, Technical Leadership and Research Division**

**Hometown:** Canaan, NH

After completing my undergraduate studies at Tulane University, I moved to Boston and worked in a lab while waiting for my Peace Corps assignment to begin. Moved by volunteer experience in the Philippines, I returned to Asia to teach in Korea and travel around the region for five years. In order to overcome limitations on the kinds of work I could do, I decided to return to the US and pursue an MPH in Global Health at Emory's Rollins School of Public Health. At RSPH, I have developed a strong quantitative skill set, from community needs assessment to survey design, and then analysis using a variety of software packages. For my MPH practicum, I was the first master's level student to work with the Government of Micronesia on Kosrae island, where I designed and conducted a household food security assessment in conjunction with the Cancer Coordinator.

**Fun fact:** My first task as a Peace Corps Volunteer in the Philippines was judging the Binibining Agham (Little Miss Science) pageant series at my site.



**Erin Seaver**  
**Commodities Security & Logistics (Policy and Finance) Intern**  
**Office of Population and Reproductive Health, Commodities Security & Logistics Division**

**Hometown:** San Diego, CA

Born and raised in San Diego, California, I am the only child of a hard-working, single mother. After completing high school, I attended UC Santa Barbara. While pursuing my degree, I worked as the Student Manager of the Recreational Sports Program on campus and coached girls basketball at the local high school. Following graduation, I was hired as a Medical Assistant for Planned Parenthood of Santa Barbara, Ventura and San Luis Obispo Counties and soon moved into a Public Affairs position within the same affiliate. My experiences providing reproductive health education/services immensely impacted my life and instilled a deep commitment to expanding access to family planning and reproductive health care. It is this continued passion that has brought me to D.C., to pursue my Masters degree and to increase my knowledge of global health.

**Fun Fact:** I am a basketball player and former high-school basketball coach.



**Roy Smoot**  
**HIV/AIDS Health Policy Initiative Intern**  
**Office of HIV/AIDS, Strategic Planning, Evaluation & Reporting Division**

**Hometown:** Ann Arbor, MI

I graduated from Ohio University's Honors Tutorial College in 2005 with a bachelor's degree as an English major and Spanish minor. I studied in Pamplona, Spain for ten weeks during my senior year. Upon graduation, I worked for AmeriCorps in rural Ohio with Health Recovery Services, teaching substance abuse classes to at-risk youth. I then worked for Peace Corps in Youth and Community Development in Kosrae, Micronesia. I taught English and social studies and used community contacts to establish fitness and nutrition programs for students. In early 2009, I was an adjunct professor at Columbus State Community College, teaching English as a foreign language. Last fall, I enrolled at the University of Michigan's Ford School of Public Policy as a Master of Public Policy candidate. I am currently applying to be a Student Associate at the U of M's new Center for Global Health.

**Fun Fact:** I'm a baseball fan, that's been on my mind lately since it's baseball season.



**Eileen Yam**  
**Demographic and Health Surveys Intern**  
**Office of Population and Reproductive Health, Policy, Evaluation and Communication Division**

**Hometown:** Princeton, NJ

I have six years of experience conducting research on sexual and reproductive health issues and programs, based abroad as well as in Washington. My work includes quantitative and qualitative studies on abortion, HIV/STIs, maternal health, and family planning. I've served as a regional program associate in the Mexico City office of the Population Council before repatriating to become the monitoring and evaluation manager for the Private Sector Partnerships-One project with Abt Associates Inc., followed by a position as research and evaluation specialist with the International Center for Research on Women. Trained in social science and public health, I hold a BA in anthropology from Yale University, a MPH in maternal and child health from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and am currently a PhD student in the Department of Population, Family and Reproductive Health at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

**Fun Fact:** I once did 107 cartwheels in a row.



**Linnea Zimmerman**  
**HIV/AIDS Family Planning Integration Intern**  
**Office of HIV/AIDS, Information Systems Division**

**Hometown:** Index, WA

My interest in public health began in Bangalore, India. In a country of marked income disparity, I saw how social position affected health. Following this, I received my MPH from Emory University. During the summer, I conducted a study with UNFPA in Gulu, Uganda. I designed my research tools, trained research assistants in ethics and data collection, and oversaw the collection of qualitative and quantitative data. During my second year at Emory, I interned with CARE as a grants manager and worked with country offices to strengthen their evaluation systems. After receiving my MPH from Emory, I worked as an intern with the Rwanda Zambia HIV Research Group as a manager of two departments, data and couples' voluntary counseling and testing (CVCT), and was tasked with overseeing the implementation of a family planning-CVCT integration program. Currently, I am a PhD student at Johns Hopkins in the Population, Family, and Reproductive Health department.

**Fun fact:** I grew up in the second smallest town in Washington state, with a grand total of 105 people.