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Environment, Energy, and the Economy

Name	Katherine Comer
University	Duke University
Program	Master of Public Policy
Hometown	Roanoke, Virginia, USA
Internship	WTO Agriculture and Commodities Division



Katherine “Kaki” Comer is a Master of Public Policy candidate at Duke University’s Sanford School of Public Policy. Prior to Duke, Kaki worked in the environmental non-profit sector, domestically and internationally. Kaki graduated from Appalachian State University in 2015 with a double-major in Sustainable Development and Spanish. During her undergraduate career, she conducted environmental research and lived abroad in Chile for a year studying policy, geography and Spanish. After graduating, Kaki served as an AmeriCorps VISTA at the nonprofit organization, Harpeth Conservancy. Following her service year, Kaki continued working on water quality issues and environmental policy in Tennessee. She has also worked on international energy policy and human rights issues at Equitable Origin for several years. In her free time, Kaki loves to travel, hike, run, practice Spanish, and volunteer. She intends to pursue a career in international energy policy as it relates to human rights.

Name	Matias Conti
University	Duke University
Program	Master of Environmental Management
Hometown	Buenos Aires, Argentina
Internship	UN Environment PAGE



Matias is a first-year Master of Environmental Management candidate concentrating in Energy and Environment with interests in consulting and policy, he is also a recipient of the Fulbright Scholarship for graduate studies in the US. He grew up in Buenos Aires, where he studied Environmental Sciences and also spent a semester as an exchange student in Salamanca, Spain. His final research thesis was focused on the renewable energy overview of Argentina. After graduation he worked for Varifarma, an Argentine pharmaceutical company, doing energy and environmental consulting while also being involved in a number of local non profit organizations, he also did seasonal work at a ski resort in Park City, Utah. For the Geneva program Matias is looking forward to developing his skills and knowledge in energy and consulting that can help countries and organizations achieve better results in efficiency and reduce carbon emissions. During his free time he enjoys skiing, playing music, hiking and working out.

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Name	Dianyi, Li
University	Duke University
Program	Master of Environmental Management
Hometown	Chengdu, Sichuan, China
Internship	South Centre



Dianyi is a first-year Master of Environmental Management student from Duke's Nicholas School of Environment. Her concentration is Energy and Environment, with research interests in climate change and carbon policy. With undergraduate degrees in Geography and Economics, she has a strong interest in climate, energy and environment topics. Dianyi has a strong research background on climate and environment issues. She has conducted studies on analyzing the extreme weather in Southeast China, meteorological variability across the west-central Greenland ablation zone, and renewable energy usage in Costa Rica. With a passion on climate policy and energy economics, Dianyi intends to become an expert in providing science-based advice regarding climate policy to help mitigate the effect of climate change.

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Name	Francesca Martella Kehl
University	Duke University
Program	Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science
Hometown	Rome, Italy
Internship	UNECE Sustainable Energy



Francesca is a graduating senior at Duke University. She is double majoring in Environmental Science and Literature. Her two majors reflect her interdisciplinary interest in environmental issues: she is passionate about renewable energy and sustainable development, as well as the stories that shape our understanding and cultural appreciation for the environment. As part of the Duke Engage Program, Francesca volunteered for 8 weeks in a small village North of Phuket, Thailand, working on marine conservation projects. Originally from Italy but currently living in Switzerland, Francesca is excited to be part of the Duke Global Policy Program in Geneva and continue her environmental work within a policy oriented institution.

Name	Erika Munshi
University	Duke University
Program	Master of Environmental Management
Hometown	Durham, North Carolina, USA
Internship	WTO Economic Research and Statistics



Erika is a first-year MEM student at Duke University's Nicholas School of the Environment. At the Nicholas School, Erika studies ecosystem science and conservation with a focus on geospatial analysis and international development. Having worked both domestically and internationally on conservation and agriculture issues, Erika is interested in learning how food security can be attained through global policy. She is currently developing a background in network analysis, geospatial modeling, and global trade policies to further empower small-holder farmers.

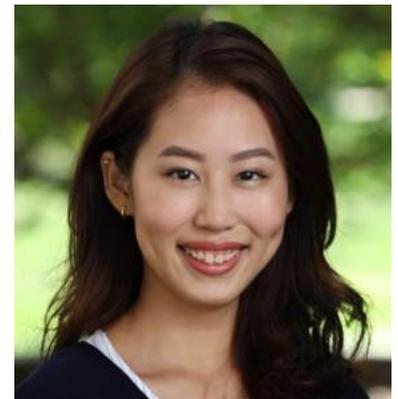
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Name Forrest Robinette
University Duke University
Program Master of Public Policy
Hometown Knoxville, Tennessee, USA
Internship UNEP PAGE



Forrest graduated from Trinity College in 2016 with a degree in English literature. After college, he spent two years teaching high school math in Louisiana as a Teach For America corps member. Forrest's time in Teach For America strengthened his desire to work on behalf of low-income communities and explore poverty reduction strategies through policy. In his free time, Forrest enjoys hiking, travel, and photography.

Name Cai May Tan
University Duke University
Program Master of Environmental Management
Hometown Subang Jaya, Selangor, Malaysia
Internship IISD—Procurement & Infrastructure Finance



Cai May is a first-year Master of Environmental Management candidate at Duke University's Nicholas School of the Environment, with a concentration in environmental economics and policy. She grew up in Selangor, Malaysia, and graduated from Soka University of America in 2018 with a B.A. in Environmental Studies. While studying abroad in Senegal, she interned with a human right organization and conducted research on mining policies and human rights violations. The experience motivated her to pursue a career in environmental management and policy consultancy. She is interested in the climate policy, especially in adaptation and resiliency-building efforts in developing nations. Currently, Cai May plays an active role in a youth-led NGO based in Malaysia that communicates climate policies to the public and advocates for climate action. During her free time, she enjoys travelling, cooking and relaxing with a book or TV show.

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Name	Naimah Azis
University	Duke University
Program	Master of Environmental Management— Duke Environmental Leadership (DEL—MEM)
Hometown	Queens, New York , USA



A native New Yorker, Naimah spent much of her childhood on the beaches of Long Island. From early on, she has been an advocate for social and environmental justice. Naimah, a Supervisory Wildlife Inspector with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Office of Law Enforcement, currently manages the downstate NY Wildlife Inspection Program covering the nation's largest wildlife port of entry, John F. Kennedy International Airport. Naimah and her team spends their days conducting inspections to interdict illegal wildlife, planning strategic operations to disrupt trafficking networks, providing outreach/training to the international trade community and partner border agencies. Naimah has instructed and led teams on capacity building training missions throughout Africa focused on combating wildlife trafficking through effective investigative techniques and border inspections. She is blessed to be part of the global wildlife conservation community and counts her international work and employee development as the favorite parts of her current position.

Name	Randy Delgado
University	Duke University
Program	Masters in Liberal Studies
Hometown	Cary, NC, USA



Randy is pursuing a Master of Arts degree in Liberal Studies. He is an associate partner and global strategy lead at CMG. Randy works with clients on new business models, new market entry strategies, and business optimization strategies across various industries. Randy also serves as the head of the Strategy Institute at CMG. His work has spanned across Europe and Asia helping Japanese trading companies enter into the U.S. and European technology companies expand product mix. Prior to joining CMG, Randy was a director in PwC's advisory strategy and innovation practice co-leading their retail and consumer (R&C) health and wellness innovation group where he helped R&C executives develop health and wellness new market entry strategies. Randy holds a B.A. in Mathematics and an MBA from the Kenan-Flagler Business School at the University of North Carolina.

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Name Brian Dalluge
University Duke University
Program Master of Public Policy
Hometown Alpharetta, Georgia , USA



Brian is a first-year MPP student at Duke's Sanford School of Public Policy. He is interested in the intersection of public finance and sustainable development, and how international organizations try to solve collective action problems. Prior to coming to Duke, he studied philosophy and mathematics at Kalamazoo College, and worked for two years designing business analytics and data collection for a small business in Ann Arbor, Michigan

Name Arunika Chandra
University Duke University
Program Master of Environmental Management
Hometown Durham, North Carolina, USA



Arunika is pursuing her Graduate studies in Environmental Management with a focus on Energy and Sustainability. As an experienced professional having worked in the Solar sector in India, she has had a multifaceted experience that ranges from Project Management and Business Development to Policy. As a part of her role, she assisted Governments to assess Net Metering Policies, Subsidies, and extent of Solar penetration. She helped manage electrification projects and conduct impact assessments of 120 insurgency-inflicted remote villages and 900 solar installations in India and Ghana. This experience piqued her interest in Clean Energy Policy and brought her to extend her knowledge and skills at the Nicholas School of the Environment. Her primary interests lie in Public-Private partnerships related to Energy Access, Clean Energy infrastructure, and Sustainable development in developing countries. In her spare time, Arunika enjoys music and is a trained singer. She likes writing, baking, and watching movies.

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Name	Thandolwethu Dlamini
University	Duke University
Program	Bachelor of Science, Engineer
Hometown	Manzini, Eswatiini



Thandolwethu is arising senior at Duke University majoring in Mechanical Engineering with a minor in German. He hails from the Kingdom of Eswatini where he grew up and attended school before coming to Duke for his undergraduate studies. Shakes believes in building a more equitable world through the provision of basic needs such as clean water, energy, sanitation and education to communities in developing nations like his own. This belief has influenced most of his academic, entrepreneurial, research and career decisions such as delaying his graduation to spend a year working in off-grid rural electrification. First, Shakes was in Lesotho for 7 months working for OnePower then moved back home in Eswatini in April 2019 to work with the Eswatini Electricity Company. Furthermore, Shakes is a Pratt Fellow conducting research with the Duke Center for WASH-AID in the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation funded Reinvent The Toilet (RTT) challenge.

Name	Monisha Eadala
University	Duke University
Program	Master of International Development
Hometown	Hyderabad, India



Monisha holds a BSc in Business Administration from the University of Arizona and has worked as a Leadership Team Member at an environmental NGO and as a Legislative Correspondent for the Member of the Legislative Assembly, India, in the area of the administration and research. She has previously worked as a Project Coordinator and Business Development Executive for a real estate company that built homes. She has an overall experience of 6 years in three sectors—private, government and non-profit. During her time in the MIDP program she plans to study the best practices and their implementation in international development. She would also like to specialize in environmental policy.

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Name	Darren Fogarty
University	Duke University
Program	Master of Environmental Management
Hometown	Rocky Mount, North Carolina, USA



Darren is in his final year of his MEM program at the Nicholas School of the Environment where he concentrates in Environmental Economics & Policy. While he pursues his degree, he has two part time jobs: (1) a Research Analyst at The Institute for the Fiduciary Standard, a nonprofit in Washington D.C., and (2) a Communications Specialist at Wincline, an employee benefits advisory firm in Phoenix, AZ. He is passionate about consumer protection, pragmatic environmental progress, and geopolitics. In his free time, he enjoys exploring nearby cities, traveling, and reading about current events.

Name	Emma Frantz
University	Duke University
Program	Master of Public Policy
Hometown	Sterling, Virginia , USA



Emma is a first-year dual-degree graduate student pursuing an MPP and MEM from Duke University. She graduated from UNC Charlotte in 2016 with a Bachelor's in Political Science and a Bachelor's in Spanish. While in undergrad, she worked as an intern with the Sustainability Office for the City of Charlotte which piqued her interest in environmental policy. She helped develop and market clean energy initiatives around the city. With her master's degrees, she hopes to be able to focus on these issues at a larger scale.

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Name	Elizabeth Houghton
University	Duke University
Program	Master of Environmental Management
Hometown	Sacramento, California , USA



Elizabeth is a Master of Environmental Management student at Duke University's Nicholas School of the Environment. With a B.A. in Literature from UNC Asheville, her current academic focus balances the scientific and social elements of sustainability through a concentration in Ecosystem Science and Conservation and a certificate in Community-Based Environmental Management. She has hands-on experience with hunger relief, sustainable agriculture (especially permaculture), renewable energy, and non-profit work, and is committed to supporting environmental and human well-being with an eye toward creative, collaborative, and transformative solutions.

Name	Rosanne Lam
University	Duke University
Program	Master of Environmental Management
Hometown	Beijing, China



Rosanne Lam is a first-year Master of Environmental Management candidate at Duke University's Nicholas School focusing on private-sector engagement in climate action and renewable energy. At Duke, she currently works on the Nicholas School's SIP report to maintain the Nicholas School's signatory status within UN Global Compact's PRME Initiative. Prior to Duke, she worked at the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, interning for their China office's investments team, on a joint-fund interested in sustainable China-Africa engagement. She has served as a research volunteer with Operation Wallacea, gaining exposure to the UNREDD Programme by aiding a lead scientist with their grant proposal for Cusuco National Park in Honduras. Rosanne received a B.A. in Environmental Studies with a concentration in Biology from Lawrence University as part of the 3-2 cooperative degree program. In the future, Rosanne hopes to work at the intersection of private-sector and international policy to increase climate action.

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Name	Rafaella Lobo
University	Duke University
Program	PhD in Marine Science & Conservation
Hometown	Goiania, Brazil



Rafaella is a PhD student in Marine Science and Conservation at the Nicholas School of Environment at Duke. She got her undergraduate degree in International Relations from PUC-GO, Brazil, where she grew up. She also has a master's degree in Political Science from the University of Central Florida, with a focus on Environmental Politics. Here at Duke, she wants to study issues of international governance for conservation, particularly at the International Whaling Commission. Also pursuing a graduate certificate on Latin American and Caribbean Studies, she wants to focus on issues and challenges for conservation particular to that region of the world. Prior to starting her PhD at Duke, she worked as an Associate in Research at the Duke Marine Lab. She has also interned for places like the World Wildlife Fund, the Sarasota Dolphin Research Program, and the Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute. Rafa wishes to one day have a career at the intersection of policy, governance and conservation, perhaps at an IO/NGO, such as the United Nations Environment Program or WWF.

Name	Sara Naghavi
University	Duke University
Program	Master of Environmental Management
Hometown	Old Westbury, New York, USA



Sara Naghavi is a Master of Environmental Management candidate at Duke University's Nicholas School of the Environment, where she specializes in environmental economics and policy. Sara is passionate about sustainable fisheries and hopes to aid in the implementation of traceable seafood on a local and global scale. She is the President of the Duke Chapter of the American Fisheries Society –DukeFish, and the Secretary of the Duke Chapter of The Coastal Society. Sara obtained her B.S. in Biology and minor in Environmental Studies from Davidson College, where she did herpetological and environmental conservation fieldwork. Prior to beginning her graduate program, Sara led outreach programs, translated science, and served in communications positions to tailor messages and incentivize community engagement in conservation. Sara is gaining proficiency in resource economics and believes it is crucial to construct management efforts that consider the livelihoods and traditions of its stakeholders.

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Name Sharon Riley
University Duke University
Program Master of Arts in Liberal Studies
Hometown Pinehurst, North Carolina, USA



Sharon Riley is a student in the Duke Graduate Liberal Studies program, also pursuing a Graduate Certificate in International Development. She retired as a U.S. Army Colonel and lawyer with over 28 years of active service. Her assignments included tours in Germany, Bosnia, Iraq, and Washington, D.C. In retirement, Sharon enjoys travel, volunteer work, and taking classes.

Name Hyun Shin
University Duke University
Program Master of International Development
Hometown Raleigh, NC, USA



Hyun Sung holds a BS in Life Sciences and a MS in Molecular & Cellular Biology from the Korea University and now studying at the Sanford School of Public Policy in Duke university. He has worked as a Deputy Director in the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport, where he dealt with international affairs with respect to automobile-related regulations. Through the summer intensive program he hopes to closely look at the economic aspects of the environmental issues, as well as how other countries and international community are trying to address the issue, which would enable him to see the vehicle regulation from different dimension.

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Name David Singer
University University of Wisconsin-Madison
Program Masters of Public Affairs
Hometown Middleton, WI, USA



David Singer is currently a student at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in the La Follette School of Public Affairs Master's Program. He received his Bachelor of Science in Economics and Spanish from UW-Madison. David wrote his honors thesis on the Economics of Bioenergy with Carbon Capture and Storage. He is particularly interested in energy, environmental, and social policy. In his free time, David enjoys traveling, playing sports, and doing outdoor activities.

Name Andrew Trexler
University Duke University
Program Master of Public Policy
Hometown Milford, New Hampshire , USA



Andrew is a Master of Public Policy candidate at Duke University's Sanford School. He received his baccalaureate degree in Government from Wesleyan University, where his studies focused on the development and evolution of state systems in Europe and the Middle East. Following graduation, Andrew pursued a career in urban policymaking in south Texas, including initiatives to enhance water security through broad-based conservation programs, to reduce vehicle dependency via careful urban planning, and to improve access to government by addressing language barriers. Andrew is interested in the process of collective problem-solving and building support for smart solutions to global challenges. He enjoys learning about the world's ideas, foods, and cultures, and is always curious to discover what lies around the bend or over that next hill.

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Name	Amanda Ullman
University	Duke University
Program	Master of Environmental Management
Hometown	Camarillo, California , USA



Amanda Ullman is a first-year Master of Environmental Management candidate at Duke University's Nicholas School of the Environment. Her work at Duke focuses on Energy and the Environment and she is supplementing her degree with an International Development Policy certificate. Amanda's professional interests lie in international development of sustainable energy systems. She has supplemented extended international experiences, including study abroad programs in Shanghai, China and Paris, France, with formal study of Spanish, French, Mandarin Chinese, and Portuguese. Prior to her study at Duke, Amanda studied Communication Studies and minored in Global Studies at her undergraduate institution, the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). After graduation, she worked for 3 years as the Director of Marketing and Communications for solar mounting manufacturer, Professional Solar Products (ProSolar).

Name	Hoseok You
University	Duke University
Program	Master of International Development Policy
Hometown	Durham, NC, USA



Hoseok holds a BA in Civil and environmental engineering from the Sung Kyun Kwan University. He has worked as a Deputy Director of the tourism Division and Department of Construction and Transportation at the Jeon-Buk provincial office. He has most recently worked for the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, and Transport as a dispatched official. During his time in the Geneva intensive course, he hopes to study the role and the importance of environmental policy in urban and regional planning in the promotion of sustainable development.

Global Health

Name	John Bollinger
University	Duke University
Program	Master of Global Health
Hometown	Stevensville, Maryland, USA



John is a first-year Master of Science in Global Health student at Duke University. He received his Bachelor's degree in Biology and Global Health from Duke University. In the fall, John will be conducting his thesis research in Galle, Sri Lanka, studying the epidemiology, risk profiles, and outcomes of patients who are infected with carbapenem resistant bacteria. Previously, he has conducted research on maternal and child health in Mityana, Uganda. He would like to pursue a career as a pediatric infectious disease specialist. John is very excited to be a Global Health Fellow and gain a deeper understanding of global policy. In his free time, John enjoys tennis, running, and traveling.

Name	Neha Dhawan
University	Louisiana State University
Program	Doctor of Medicine
Hometown	Shreveport, Louisiana, USA
Internship	WHO Department of Services Delivery and Safety Quality Systems and Resilience Unit



Neha is a first-year medical student at Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans, Louisiana. She graduated from Tulane University with a Master of Public Health in International Health & Development and a B.S in Public Health. She is currently a Forensic Interviewer for the Children's Advocacy Center in New Orleans, in which she conducts investigative interviews of victims of child abuse. Her passion towards promoting children's health on a global platform largely stems from her annual visits to India. Neha often took advantage of these trips by shadowing physicians, visiting rural health clinics, and observing research initiatives. Previously, Neha was an intern at Save the Children working on USAID's flagship Maternal and Child Survival Program. She hopes to use her platform as a future physician to advocate for vulnerable communities around the world.

Global Health

Name	Sean Flannigan
University	University of North Carolina
Program	Doctor of Medicine
Hometown	Jamestown, North Carolina, USA
Internship	WHO—Noncommunicable Diseases, Disability, Violence and Injury Prevention (NVI)



Sean Flannigan is a first year medical student at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. Spending over a year in Papua New Guinea acting as the President of the Board of Directors of a local humanitarian NGO, Sean has developed a unique grassroots perspective of global health and policy. In order to better advance the mission of empowering rural Papua New Guineans, Sean spent much of his time living among the indigenous communities of Madang and immersing himself in their distinctive culture. In doing so, he witnessed firsthand the radical effects of global environmental and social policy on community health. These experiences have driven him to pursue a dual degree in public health in order to develop the competency to establish lasting medical and nutritional interventions for these disadvantaged, at-risk communities in the future. Additionally, Sean is interested in Emergency Medicine and has come to appreciate its fast pace and diversity of acuity. During his spare time, Sean is avid runner and enjoys kayaking, hiking, and traveling.

Name	Fatima Guerrab
University	The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Program	Master of Public Health
Hometown	New York, New York, USA
Internship	IOM Migrant Health Division



Fatima Guerrab is currently pursuing her Master of Public Health in Health Behavior at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Gillings School of Global Public Health. As an undergraduate, she studied Public Health Education at North Carolina Central University. For the past three years, Fatima has been investigating innovative ways to influence cancer care policies in the healthcare system to improve treatment outcomes for all using a community-based participatory research approach and a racial equity lens. She is committed to eliminating health disparities through developing, implementing, and evaluating equitable policies in the health care system at the state, national, and global level. In her spare time, Fatima enjoys spending time with family and friends, playing badminton, and traveling.

Global Health



Name	Etinosa Oghogho
University	Florida International University
Program	PhD in Public Health
Hometown	Benin, Odo, Nigeria
Internship	WHO Reproductive Health & Research



Etinosa is from Edo State, Nigeria and earned her bachelor's degree in Microbiology from Covenant University, Nigeria. Etinosa earned her Master of Public Health degree from Georgia Southern University and she is currently in pursuit of her Ph.D in Public Health with a specialization in Health Promotion and Disease Prevention at Florida International University. She is a Certified Health Education Specialist passionately involved in global health reaching efforts in Miami, Haiti and Nigeria to reduce health disparities and improve health equity in vastly underserved populations. She is a trained HIV/AIDS and STD peer educator for the Florida Department of Health in Miami Dade County. Her research interests include maternal and child health, global health, reproductive health, social determinants of health, and health disparities. Additionally, Etinosa recognizes that education for African women is not a given and she is committed to the African girl child and women in underserved areas.

Global Health

Name	Farha Pirani
University	Augusta University
Program	Doctor of Medicine
Hometown	Marietta, Georgia, USA
Internship	WHO EURO Office—Country Health Emergencies



Farha was born in Singapore and raised in the United States. She graduated from Emory University with a B.A. in English Literature and minor in Global Health, Culture, and Society, following which she worked for a year in clinical research. Her passion for service has motivated her to intern at a reproductive health nonprofit, conduct health literacy research, volunteer at a refugee clinic, and start an annual festival celebrating diversity with high school peers. She is currently studying medicine at the Medical College of Georgia, driven by her love for hearing people's stories and resolve to advocate for vulnerable populations. There, she has dived in as a coordinator for a free clinic for the homeless population and an Academic House Senator. She is also looking forward to presenting an obesity intervention at her school's Public Health Pitch session. Outside of school, Farha enjoys hiking, audiobooks, recreational sports, and sunny mornings.

Name	Judy Riviere
University	Duke University
Program	Master of Global Health
Hometown	Nice, France
Internship	Medecins Sans Frontieres



Judy is a first year Master student in Duke's global health program. She grew up in France and then studied theater and global health as an undergraduate at Duke University. She is interested in health policy, and specifically in understanding how research can inform policy decision-making. She has conducted research on reproductive health in Argentina and Honduras. Currently she works as a research assistant at Duke's Center for Policy Impact in Global Health at Duke working on projects to better understand the global transition away from donor assistance for health financing to national support. Her Master thesis work focuses on how the transition away from HIV aid could affect vulnerable population in Ghana. In her free time she enjoys writing and painting as well as traveling.

Global Health

Name	Mikayla Schulte
University	University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
Program	Master of Public Health
Hometown	Fort Worth, Texas, USA
Internship	UNEP Chemicals and Health Branch



Mikayla Schulte spent eight years as a Public Health Officer in the U.S. Army National Guard. Her continued passion for public health has led her to pursue a Masters in Public Health, specifically in Epidemiology. Mikayla strongly believes in the importance of global collaboration and implementation of policies that benefit the world population. Her interests further lie in the realm of Infectious Diseases and their ever-changing impact on public health. After successfully completing her internship, Mikayla is excited to continue her work at Texas Health Resources and apply her knowledge to further studying drug-resistant infectious diseases. In her free time, she enjoys traveling the world, learning about new cultures, and riding her horses.

Name	Niisoja Torto
University	Duke University
Program	Bachelor of Arts in Public Policy
Hometown	Gainesville, Florida, USA
Internship	WHO Nutrition



Niisoja is a rising senior studying public policy at Duke University with a focus on food and nutrition policy. As a Ghanaian, born in Kenya, and raised in the US, Niisoja draws his passion for health inequities from his frustrations with the disproportionate burdens experienced by members of even his own communities. His research and fieldwork experiences in rural South Africa and Uganda most greatly inform his drive to leverage policy solutions to improve the health outcomes of underserved populations around the world. His research interests largely center on the double burden of malnutrition, early childhood development and nutrition, and food politics. He is in the process of writing an honors thesis on reinventing food aid and assistance in low- and middle-income countries. Outside of work, Niisoja enjoys swing and Latin dance and talking ethics and politics.

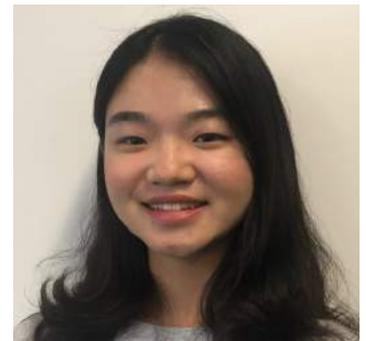
Global Health

Name	Julian Xie
University	Duke University
Program	Doctor of Medicine & Master of Public
Hometown	Burlingame, California, USA
internship	World Food Programme



Julian is an MD/MPP student in the Primary Care Leadership Track, and he is a Margolis Scholar of Health Policy and Management. During his first year at Duke Med, Julian collaborated with fellow students to found Root Causes, a student organization dedicated to healing the food system. Root Causes addresses food security in Durham through projects like the Duke Outpatient Clinic Fresh Produce Program, which provides fresh fruits and vegetables to food-insecure patients. Previously, he worked for the Duke Program on Global Health and Technology Access on antibiotic resistance policy, and the Duke World Food Policy Center on developing local food systems. His interests center on creating a healthier food system with more sustainable production, affordable access, and racial equity. Julian loves cooking, and writes music and performs in a band called Racemates.

Name	Jiaqi Zhang
University	Duke University
Program	Master of Global Health
Hometown	Jingzhou, Hubei, China
Internship	UNAIDS



Jiaqi Zhang is a first-year master student in Duke Global Health Institute. Before coming to Duke, Jiaqi majored in Medicine and Health Management in Huazhong University of Science and Technology. In 2015, she participated in a program at Saint Louis University, started to know about global health. Focusing on health policy and economy, she was involved in a project on studying critical illness insurance in China during her undergraduate study. Doing surveys with poor patients who had critical illness further confirmed her resolve to study in global health and dedicate herself to help more people get equal access to health. After that, she interned in two hospitals in China for, got to know hospital routines in the department of public health. Now she also works as a research assistant at the Center for Policy Impact in Global Health, helps work on projects studying transitioning from donor assistance for health.

Global Health Intensive Course Week Program Students

Name	Johnna Bakalar
University	University of Miami
Program	Master of Public Health
Hometown	Shelton, Connecticut, USA



Johnna is currently a Master's in Public Health student at the University of Miami. In May of 2019, she will graduate from the University of Miami with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biochemistry and Nutrition and a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Health. Last summer, Johnna had the opportunity to intern with Health Systems Trust, an NGO in Cape Town, South Africa. Here, she contributed to a research project that aimed to provide a framework for strengthening collaboration between different sectors of the government to tackle health related issues. This experience is what sparked her interest in global health policy and health disparities. Currently, she interns with the National Alliance of Mental Illness in Miami, FL and is a research assistant in the Department of Biochemistry, studying a protein linked to suicide. In her free time, Johnna enjoys listening to music, traveling, and spending time with friends and family.

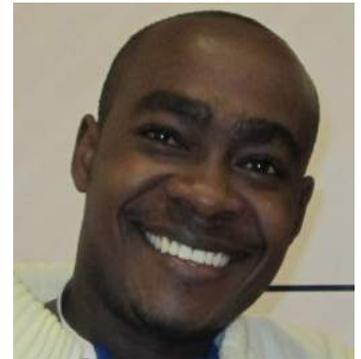
Name	David Ishaya
University	University of Iowa
Program	Doctor of Pharmacy & Master of Public Health
Hometown	Gombe, Gombe, Nigeria



Ishaya is a second year Doctor of Pharmacy/Master of Public Health candidate at the University of Iowa. Born and raised in Nigeria, Ishaya moved to Iowa for college where he first majored in Biochemistry at Simpson College. Ishaya's interest in global health started from watching his dad who was a public health worker in Nigeria. Seeing the need for formal sex education among teenagers and young adults, Ishaya started and still runs an NGO called "Dreams Alive" with the mission of providing the right information, effective care, skills, and support to adolescents and young adults to curb the scourge of HIV/AIDS/STIs and drug abuse among African youths. Dreams Alive's past projects include yearly tours of rural secondary (high) schools in northern Nigeria where students are given sex education, substance abuse awareness, and free HIV counseling and testing. He is excited to expand his knowledge on global health. Ishaya enjoys running and hiking.

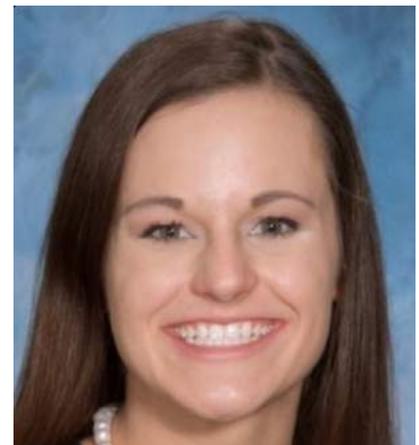
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Program Master of Global Health
Hometown Moshi, Kilimanjaro, Tanzania



Godfrey is a first-year Master of Global Health student at the Duke university. He holds medical degree (MD) from Catholic University of Health and Allied Sciences – Bugando. Prior to starting graduate school, Godfrey coordinated a longitudinal, mixed-methods cohort study funded by the U.S. National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (MPI Melissa Watt & Blandina Mmbaga). The study was investigating the implementation of Option B+ guidelines for initiating lifelong antiretroviral treatment to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV (PMTCT) in Tanzania. Godfrey's research interests include reproductive health and care models for HIV/AIDS. Godfrey is a thoughtful and dedicated professional and loves to interact with and learn from others.

Name Kelsey Landrum
University Duke University
Program Master of Science of Health
Hometown Bartonville, TX, USA



Kelsey is a Master of Science in Global Health candidate at Duke University, where she researches the penetration of Universal Health Coverage policies on access to pediatric surgical care. Her other research projects include pediatric surgical safety initiatives and implementation analyses. She is specifically interested in the intersections of epidemiology and economic policies. Kelsey is originally from Dallas, Texas and obtained a Bachelor of Science in Public Health and minor in Spanish from Baylor University. Her extracurricular interests include distance running, volunteering with UNICEF and collaborating with the Global Initiative for Children's Surgery. Kelsey's long-term goal is to pursue a PhD in Epidemiology, and continue working in both epidemiology and health policy.

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Name	Stephen Lansing
University	University of Albany
Program	Ph.D. in Political Science
Hometown	Albany, New York , USA



Stephen is a second-year Ph.D. student at the University at Albany, Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy, studying Political Science with a concentration in Public Policy and Law. His research interests are in data analytics, healthcare and technology policy, and disability rights. For seven years, Stephen has worked in the health and human services field, in both direct provision of care and public policy implementation. He is currently a Senior Healthcare Program Specialist with the New York State Office of Health Insurance Programs, working as a project manager on data analytics and fiscal reporting regarding Medicaid redesign initiatives. In his free time, Stephen enjoys reading, watching classic movies, traveling, craft beer, and baseball.

Name	Mary Minnig
University	Duke University
Program	Master of Science in Global Health
Hometown	Falls Church, VA, USA



Molly is currently pursuing a Master of Science in Global Health at Duke University. As an undergraduate, she studied Health and Societies at the University of Pennsylvania. After the completion of this course, Molly will be traveling to Moshi, Tanzania to conduct research for her thesis. Her fieldwork research will focus on access to post-hospitalization rehabilitation care for injury patients. Molly's interest in injury research has stemmed from her own experiences with injury as a gymnast and pole vaulter.

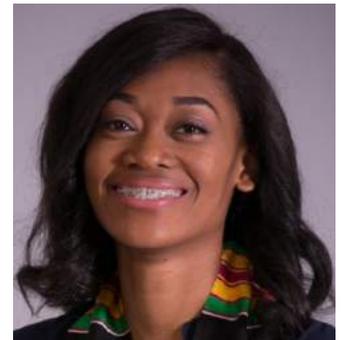
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Name	Allison Stephens
University	Rutgers University
Program	Las Vegas, Nevada, USA
Hometown	PhD in Biomedical Informatics



Allison Stephens is a PhD student in Biomedical Informatics at Rutgers University. Her dissertation research is on the impacts of climate change on infectious diseases in her home state of Nevada. Concurrently, she is completing a certificate in Climate Change and Health at Yale University. Allison has significant managed care experience in: provider relations, contracting, and regulatory compliance. Additionally, Allison has expertise in public policy as a former elected official, current elected member of a national political party, and recipient of numerous gubernatorial appointments. Most recently, Allison was appointed to serve on the Medicare Evidence Development & Coverage Advisory Committee (MEDCAC), which provides guidance to CMS on treatments under evaluation for coverage. Allison earned her B.S. in Health Care Administration and her M.Ed. in Health Promotion from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. In her free time, Allison enjoys hiking, listening to music, and reading classic literature.

Name	Ashley Thornhill
University	Loma Linda University
Program	Master of Public Health, Global Health
Hometown	Huntsville, AL, USA



Ashley is a first-generation Caribbean-American who was born in New York and raised in Georgia. She is an alumni of Oakwood University where she received her Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry in 2017. Her passion for improving the health of women and children globally led her to pursue an MPH in Global Health with an emphasis in maternal, newborn & child health at Loma Linda University. Service experiences such as a medical mission trip to Guyana not only allowed Ashley to be selected as a UNCF/Gates Millennium Scholar, but afforded her a glimpse at lack of access to care. Earlier this year, Ashley spent two months with an NGO in Oaxaca, Mexico working alongside physicians, nurses & community health workers, to examine and educate patients. She developed a women's reproductive health assessment to better understand the barriers affecting access to care. Ashley hopes to further global health initiatives to decrease health disparities due to social determinants of health, especially in underserved communities as a practicing physician through research and advocacy.

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Name	Daniel Adams
University	Duke University
Program	Master of Public Policy & Doctor of Law
Hometown	Fayetteville, North Carolina, USA
Internship	WTO Intellectual Property



Daniel is a dual degree first-year public policy student at Duke University Sanford School of Public Policy and has already completed his first year of law school at North Carolina Central University School of Law. He obtained his undergraduate degree in Business Administration with a Concentration in Management from North Carolina Central University. Currently, Daniel is employed at the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) as a Freedom of Information Act Analyst. His interest in intellectual property was sparked by his time serving on the Science and Intellectual Property Law Review. He is also interested in education from his time teaching middle school students. Prior to entering law school, Daniel traveled for two years to over 30 different countries. He enjoys playing sports, watching movies, and scuba diving.

Name	Berenice Beltran Maldonado
University	The Pennsylvania State University
Program	Master of International Affairs
Hometown	Santa Fe, Jalisco, Mexico
Internship	OHCHR Human Rights Council



Berenice Beltrán-Maldonado is enrolled in graduate program at The Pennsylvania State University. She is a first-year master's student in International Affairs with a concentration in Humanitarian Action, Human Rights and Public Policy. She obtained her undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater in Social Work, Spanish, Criminology and a Diversity Leadership Certificate. Born in Guadalajara Jalisco México but raised in Santa Fe Jalisco, México. Berenice moved to Wisconsin with her family at a young age. She is currently a clinical student with the Penn State Law Center for Immigrants' Rights Clinic, where she advocates for immigrants' rights. At a fairly young age, she has been committed to and passionate about social justice. She has interned with RISE Law Center and Voces de la Frontera. Berenice hopes to continue advocating for the rights of immigrants, refugees, women, workers, children and marginalized communities.

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Name	Rhian Carreker-Ford
University	Duke University
Program	Master of Public Policy & Master of Business Administration
Hometown	Detroit, Michigan, USA
Internship	UNAIDS - Community Support, Social Justice and Inclusion Department



Rhian Carreker-Ford is a current dual-degree student at Duke University that is pursuing a Master's degree in Public Policy and a Master's degree in Business Administration (from the University of North Carolina – Kenan-Flagler School of Business). In 2010, Rhian graduated magna cum laude from Fisk University in Nashville, TN - where he majored in Political Science & Psychology. He went on to serve as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Panama where he worked on water, sanitation and health-related projects. Prior to graduate school, Rhian worked at U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Service (USCIS) in San Francisco, where he administered U.S immigration law and focused on naturalization and adjustment of status procedures. Rhian speaks English and Spanish fluently and beginner level Japanese and Mandarin. Rhian enjoys a blend of policy and field work, using the knowledge that he learned in Peace Corps with the skills that he is learning in the classroom now.

Name	Vanessa Guether
University	University of California, Santa Barbara
Program	Master in Environmental Science &
Hometown	Santa Barbara, California, USA



Vanessa is a first-year graduate student at the Bren School of Environmental Science & Management in California. She graduated with high distinction from the University of Minnesota - Twin Cities with a Bachelor of Arts in Strategic Communication and a minor in Design and Sustainability Studies. Vanessa has worked for sports organizations, newspapers, and craft beer companies managing social media accounts, planning events, and analyzing market trends. Vanessa was born and raised in Germany but enjoys dual citizenship with the United States. A passionate traveler, Vanessa has worked on three different continents and enjoys the challenge of mastering cultural nuances as well as local languages. At the Bren School, Vanessa is specializing in corporate environmental management with a focus on with a focus on data science. By combining environmental science with her communication skills, Vanessa hopes to become an environmental leader that incorporates social and environmental justice into sustainable solutions.

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Name	Stephanie Keyaka
University	The Pennsylvania State University
Program	Master of International Affairs
Hometown	Lanham, Maryland, USA
Internship	IOM The Essentials of Migration Management



Stephanie is an integrated-undergraduate-graduate student passionate about peace, justice, and more specifically, fighting for the advancement of human rights for all people through sustainable development. This passion and resilience is her greatest asset, but it is also accompanied by an array of skills and qualities that make her excellent for international work. She is well-versed in marginalized populations. She has been a human rights research assistant for two years now, studying communities of people with the lowest qualities of life and analyzing the relationship between government assistance –or lack thereof– and these political, social and economic disparities. She has interned and volunteered abroad, giving her experience with grassroots mobilization and activism using very little resources. She possess a high caliber of written, verbal and communication skills. She loves meeting and interacting with new people and is comfortable in managing and overcoming disputes. Above all, Stephanie deeply aspires to help as many people as she can with the knowledge she acquires.

Name	Kayla King
University	The Pennsylvania State University
Program	Master of International Affairs
Hometown	Seattle, Washington, USA
Internship	WHO Euro Office—Country health Emergency Programme



Kayla King is from Seattle, Washington and she is currently pursuing her Master's Degree in International Affairs at Pennsylvania State University. She most recently completed a Peace Corps service in Ukraine, working closely with a local school and developing projects at the grassroots level including GLOW (Girls Leading Our World). This project focused on gender inequality and development within Ukraine, targeting the youth population with discussions and camps regarding such topics as: gender, multiculturalism, self-esteem, self-love, safe sex practices, human trafficking awareness, HIV/AIDS prevention and stigmatization and more. Through her experiences in the Peace Corps and with a background in education, Kayla is now adding development and policy into her focus alongside grassroots work. She hopes to work for such programs as UNICEF, UNHCR or UN Women in order to implement policy at the grassroots level and understanding its implementation from a top-down approach.

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Name	Rashida Nek
University	Duke University
Program	Master of Public Policy
Hometown	Miami, Florida, USA
Internship	IOM Migrant Health Division



Rashida is completing her Master's in Public Policy this year with a focus on Global Policy and International Development. She has explored topics of human rights, humanitarian aid, and refugee assistance. Previously, she worked as an analyst at the Science and Technology Policy Institute (STPI), a organization focused on providing objective analyses for the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, and other Federal science agencies. At STPI, her work focused mainly on program evaluations, outcome evaluations and metric development. She received her undergraduate degree in Brain and Cognitive Sciences from MIT in 2008. Afterwards, she interned in Mexico City, surveying breast cancer risk factors in Latin America at the Mexican Health Foundation, and in Bangalore, working on issues related to rural maternal health at Siemens. In her free time, she enjoys running, volunteering, traveling, and cooking.

Name	Maria Ramirez
University	Duke University
Program	Master of Public Policy
Hometown	Waukesha, Wisconsin, USA
Internship	IOM International Partnerships Division



Maria is a first year Master of Public Policy Student at Duke University's Sanford School of Public Policy. She holds a Bachelors of Arts in Spanish and International Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a Master of Arts in Teaching from the American University. Maria began her career in education, first as a classroom teacher in Washington, D.C. and Amman, Jordan and then a college access program director in Waukesha, Wisconsin. In addition to working in education, Maria also has a keen interest in supporting refugee communities and has worked with Arabic-speaking refugees in both Jordan and Wisconsin. Noticing education inequality and lack of access to opportunity in under-resourced communities across these diverse settings, Maria was driven to understand such trends from a global perspective. Her current studies focus on international development and global policy, and she looks forward to

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Name	Brittany Sharkey
University	The Pennsylvania State University
Program	Master of International Affairs
Hometown	Middletown, New Jersey, USA
Internship	IOM Communications



Brittany is from Middletown, New Jersey and studied Communication Arts and Sciences and Political Science at Penn State, completing her degree in three years. During her undergraduate studies she conducted research on emotional manipulation, and is currently conducting research coding the behavior of doctors and its contribution to the over-prescription of antibiotics. Brittany founded and was the CFO of her nonprofit, Timoun Kontan, located in Port Au Prince, Haiti, that funds the education and provides a safe community space for children in the greater city area. She was also an international delegate for the Millennium Campus Conference in Rabat, Morocco, that discussed global Sustainable Development Goals. Brittany's current concentration for her Master of International Affairs degree is Negotiation and Communication Behaviors, and she is writing her thesis on the neurological contributors to argumentation behaviors of liberals versus conservatives. Brittany speaks German and Spanish, and is learning French and Russian, and loves to travel whenever and wherever she can.

Name	W. Leif Van Grinsven
University	Wheaton College
Program	Master in Humanitarian and Disaster Leadership
Hometown	Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA
Internship	WHO Euro Office—Preparedness, Readiness & Capacity Building



W. Leif Van Grinsven is a dual-enrolled candidate at Wheaton College (IL) completing an undergraduate interdisciplinary studies major focused on disaster risk and pursuing a Master's in Humanitarian and Disaster Leadership. After witnessing an altruistic NGO hurt those they came to help in Goa, India, Leif has focused on connecting the head and the heart in the fields of international development and disaster management. As a Humanitarian Disaster Institute research assistant, he is conducting qualitative research on the experiences of immigrants and refugee communities after the 2017 hurricanes and partnering with a humanitarian organization to explore the relationship between leadership, humility, and mental health. In Geneva, Leif looks forward to seeing how disaster management can protect and promote development efforts. Leif is a two-time All-American decathlete and captain of the Wheaton College track and field team and loves to foster personal and community growth both on and off the track.

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Name Asha Asokan
University Duke University
Program Master of International Development Policy
Hometown Durham, NC, USA



Asha Asokan is a human rights specialist with a special focus on child protection in armed conflict. Asha holds a Bachelor's in Law and a Master's degree in International Human Rights Law, from India. Asha started her career as a lawyer in the High Court of Kerala, India. Later in 2010, she relocated herself to Sudan and worked as a contractor for the UN Peacekeeping Mission in Sudan. In 2012, she moved to South Sudan and worked with Nonviolent Peaceforce (NP), an INGO working for the protection of civilians in conflict-affected countries. While working with NP, she supported many communities in South Sudan by averting conflict between the communities. During her two and half year tenure with NP, Asha engaged with different stakeholders at the national and local level to prevent and reconcile conflicts in South Sudan, thereby supporting peace in the country. She was also involved in the establishment and capacity building of community-based women's groups who were empowered to be involved in South Sudan's peace process. Before becoming a Rotary Peace Fellow, she served with the United Nations Peacekeeping Mission in South Sudan as a child protection specialist. In this capacity, she was actively involved in the identification, release, and reintegration of children associated with armed forces and groups in South Sudan. Along with other child protection actors, she advocated and negotiated with armed forces and groups to stop child recruitment and other grave child rights violations in South Sudan.

Name Matthew Buchanan
University Duke University
Program Master of Public Policy
Hometown Honolulu, Hawaii



Matt graduated from the University of Hawaii in 2008 with a degree in Art (with a focus on drawing a painting) and minors in Music and French. After college, he commissioned in the Army as an infantry officer. While serving in several regular and special operations units, Matt deployed to combat in Iraq and Afghanistan seven times. In his free time, he enjoys surfing, cycling, and hiking with his wife Kristen, and children, Piper and Dale.

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Name Danelle Gamble
University Duke University
Program Master of Public Policy
Hometown Oviedo, Florida



Danelle Gamble is a first year Master of Public Policy student at the Duke University Sanford School of Public Policy. She was born in Nashville, TN and raised in Oviedo, FL. Danelle joined the Army as a military police officer after graduating from the University of Louisville with a bachelors degree in business economics. Danelle served as a platoon leader, operations officer, company commander, and officer instructor. She also deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom to train Afghan National Police. Danelle is a mother of one, enjoys photography, reading, travel, and exploring creation.

Name Yuto Hashimoto
University Duke University
Program Master of International Development Policy
Hometown Chiba, Japan



Yuto is a mid-career professional of supply chain management in the automotive sector, currently studying at a master's program of international development policy at Duke University. He has worked at Volvo Group Trucks Purchasing for more than 5 years. His ultimate career goal is to support disadvantaged people by providing not only living necessities but also job opportunities to rebuild their lives by themselves. His volunteer experience in the Philippines initially spurred him to achieve these ends. He witnessed the inefficient management of supplying goods to the areas devastated by typhoon. Moreover, he became aware of the necessity of jobs to put their lives back in order after the aid is terminated. In this program, he now hopes to learn the practical perspective in the field of humanitarian action especially how to seamlessly bridge the aid provision and the support of self-sustained development in the vulnerable regions

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Name Catherine Lawler
University University of Minnesota Twin Cities
Program Master's of Human Rights
Hometown Saint Louis Park, MN



Katie is a first-year Masters in Human Rights student at the University of Minnesota with a concentration in Global Health and Humanitarian Aid. She grew up in Madison, WI, and received a B.A. in Psychology and French from the University of Michigan and a B.S.N. from the University of Illinois at Chicago. She has worked as a registered nurse in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) for the past 13 years, including eight months spent volunteering at St. Damien Pediatric Hospital in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. She is currently employed at the University of Minnesota Masonic Medical Center as a specialty-certified NICU nurse (RNC-NIC) and Unit Council representative. She also recently accepted a role as a Program Support Intern at Maestral International, L.L.C. Outside of work and studies, Katie loves to read, sing in her church choir, spend time with her little nephews, and run with her dog, Frances.

Name Mohamed Mahmoud
University Duke University
Program Master of International Development Policy
Hometown

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Name	Wei-Ting (Jadon) Yang
University	The Pennsylvania State University
Program	Master of International Affairs
Hometown	Hsinchu City, Taiwan



Wei-Ting is a first-year Master of International Affairs student at the Pennsylvania State University, and has an undergraduate degree in East Asian Studies from National Taiwan Normal University. He has internship experiences at the American Institute in Taiwan, British Office Taipei, and Taiwan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, gaining different perspectives of foreign policy under different cultural environments. Through the internship in Geneva, Wei-Ting would like to see how policy-making works on a global level. He also spent a summer volunteering in the mountains of northern Thailand, working with descendants of migrants that are considered stateless refugees. Not only did he taught local kids Mandarin and school subjects, but also engaged in cultural exchange by designing a series of cultural courses and performing Taiwanese traditional arts with the kids. The volunteer experience got him interested in issues of human rights and migration, and would like to launch a career in an NGO or become a diplomat after graduation.

Faculty Instructors

Name Tana L. Johnson, Ph.D.
DGP Program Environment, Energy, and the Economy
Duke University Position Assistant Professor in the Sanford School of Public Policy, Assistant Professor of Political Science



Tana Johnson is a member of the faculty of the Sanford School of Public Policy at Duke University. She holds a Ph.D. in Public Policy from the University of Chicago and a bachelor's degree in International Relations from the University of Wisconsin. Her research examines the environmental advocacy of the World Meteorological Organization and the United Nations Environment Program, the origins and design of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, relations between intergovernmental and non-governmental environmental organizations, and ongoing efforts to reform or establish international institutions dealing with climate change. Her recent book, "Organizational Progeny: Why Governments are Losing Control over the Proliferating Structures of Global Governance" was published in August 2014 by Oxford University Press. While a research fellow at Princeton University's Niehaus Center for Globalization and Governance in 2010-2011, Johnson co-sponsored a conference that brought together political scientists, natural scientists, lawyers, and economists to discuss ongoing climate change negotiations. She previously worked at the Wisconsin Department of Commerce. [Link to full bio here.](#)

Name Amy Hepburn, MPP
DGP Program Humanitarian Action: Human Rights,
Duke University Position Adjunct Faculty member at the Sanford School of Public Policy



The Humanitarian Action course is led by Amy E. Hepburn (Duke MPP'01), a policy professional who has researched, published, and programmed extensively on issues affecting children in complex humanitarian emergencies, including armed conflict and HIV/AIDS in the Balkans, Eastern and Southern Africa, and the Republic of Georgia. Her clients include international NGOs, the United Nations High Commissioner of Refugees in Geneva, the United States Department of State, and the United States Agency for International Development. Her research and programming interests include the education and holistic care of children in complex humanitarian emergencies- particularly those orphaned by HIV/AIDS in eastern and southern Africa and/or affected by armed conflict. Hepburn co-directed the Duke University Graduate Program on Global Governance and Policy in Geneva, Switzerland from 2001-2005. She currently teaches international humanitarian law and policy as part of the Program. Hepburn is a Senior Research Fellow in the Duke University, Health Inequalities Program and is an adjunct faculty member at The George Washington University, Elliott School of International Affairs where she teaches on the care of children in complex humanitarian emergencies. She received both her undergraduate and graduate degrees with honors from Duke University. She currently resides in Washington, D.C. with her husband and four children. [Link to full bio here.](#)

Faculty Instructors

Name	Gavin Yamey, MBBS, MPH, MA
DGP Program	Global Health Track Faculty Director
Duke University Position	Professor of the Practice of Global Health and Public Policy; Director, Center for Policy Impact in Global Health; Associate Director for Policy, Duke Global Health Institute



Gavin Yamey, MD, MPH, trained in clinical medicine at Oxford University and University College London, medical journalism and editing at the BMJ and public health at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. He was Deputy Editor of the *Western Journal of Medicine*, Assistant Editor at the BMJ, a founding Senior Editor of *PLOS Medicine*, and the Principal Investigator on a \$1.1 million grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to support the launch of *PLOS Neglected Tropical Diseases*. In 2009, he was awarded a Kaiser Family Mini-Media Fellowship in Global Health Reporting to examine the barriers to scaling up low cost, low tech health tools in Sudan, Uganda and Kenya. Dr. Yamey serves on two international health commissions, the Lancet Commission on Investing in Health and the Lancet Commission on Global Surgery. He has been an External Advisor to the WHO and to TDR, the Special Program for Research and Training in Tropical Diseases. Dr. Yamey has published extensively on global health, neglected diseases, health policy, and disparities in health and has been a frequent commentator on National Public Radio. Before joining Duke, Dr. Yamey led the Evidence-to-Policy Initiative in the Global Health Group at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) and was an Associate Professor of Epidemiology & Biostatistics at the UCSF School of Medicine. [Link to full bio here.](#)

Name	Frederick W. Mayer, Ph.D.
DGP Program	Director of the Program on Global Policy in Geneva
Duke University Position	Director of Center for Political Leadership, Innovation, and Service; Associate Dean for Strategy and Innovation in the Sanford School of public Policy; Professor



Frederick "Fritz" Mayer is Professor of Public Policy, Political Science, and Environment and Associate Dean for Strategy and Innovation at Duke University's Sanford School of Public Policy. Mayer teaches courses on the political economy of public policy, globalization and governance, political analysis, and leadership. In addition, Professor Mayer is the director of POLIS: The Center for Political Leadership, Innovation and Service. Mayer's research concerns the role of stories in politics. His book *Narrative Politics: Stories and Collective Action* (Oxford University Press, 2014) argues that shared stories are essential tools for enabling communities to overcome free riding and other obstacles to collective action. He is particularly interested in the role of narrative in global environmental politics. Mayer's second line of research addresses globalization and its effects, with particular emphasis on the labor and environmental impacts of economic integration. His book *Interpreting NAFTA: The Art and Science of Political Analysis* (Columbia University Press, 1998) chronicled the history of NAFTA and explores the nature of the political processes that created NAFTA. Mayer received an A.B. in history and literature from Harvard College, and an M.P.P. and a Ph.D. in public policy, both from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. [Read Mayer's full bio here.](#)

Program Staff

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Sarah manages the Duke Global Policy Program in Geneva. She works to form strategic partnerships for the program, supports students in securing internships in Geneva, and manages the on-site program. Outside of the DGP Program, Sarah is responsible for managing Sanford's international programs in India and driving the school's intercultural engagement activities. Sarah received her BA in International Relations and Political Science and her M.Ed. in International Higher Education. Sarah came to Duke University from Chicago in January 2016 after working for five years in global education and non-profits. After several experiences living abroad, Sarah is honored to help students navigate new cultural contexts and effectively network while in Geneva.

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Annalisa received a B.A. in International Studies with minors in French and Environmental Science from North Carolina State University. Before joining Duke's Sanford School of Public Policy, she worked at the McKimmon Center for Extension and Continuing Education, Wake County Government and Global Training Initiative at N.C. State. She has research experience in all three tracks of the Geneva program, including an economic research project for a governmental renewable energy site, an undergraduate thesis on International Policy for Environmental Refugees, and has recently assisted a global health non-profit in behavior research related to pediatric AIDS in Africa. She believes that international issues are more important than ever, and is excited to assist students in maximizing their opportunity for global policy leadership with resume/cover letter editing, visa applications, and other pre-departure support.