

NAME: *Sarah Petry*

What is your idea of perfect happiness? *A cat, a good book, & some sunshine*

What is your greatest fear? *Guns & the inherent violence of them*

Which living person do you most admire? *My sister, Sam, who is a fighter & a survivor, always on her own terms.*

What do you consider the most underrated *\_\_architectural\_\_* of Sanford? *The Sanford & Rubenstein exteriors would make GREAT climbing walls.*

On what occasions do professors make you feel the most gratitude? *When they provide thoughtful, actionable feedback on my work & ideas*

Which words or phrases do you most overuse? *regardless, uncomfy, all this to say...*

What assignment or study made you happy? *Conducting qualitative interviews*

What assignment or study challenged you? *see above*

Where on campus have you felt joy? *Duke Gardens, Rubenstein Hall 200 (where I defended my dissertation!) sitting outside the Sanford school*

What qualities do you value most among your peers? *Curiosity, compassion, dedication, silliness*

What is your secret talent? *I believe that we should all be very uncomfortable about the state of our world, so my talent is making people remember that discomfort. Also, I can do the splits.*

If you could change one thing about your time at Sanford, it would be *\_\_doing more social events with all the grad students here!\_\_*.

What do you consider your greatest achievement in life? *Building my communities into my family & showing up for them, always.*

Where would you most like to live? *Carrboro, NC, or, if it were possible, Carrboro but close to the beach & the mountains!*

What is your most treasured possession? *My cat, Rosie Cotton (named for the LOTR character & Samwise Gamgee's future wife)*

What do you consider the most challenging issue in health care policy? *Inequity is built into health policies, which reliably reproduce health inequities & in turn structure our society in deeply racist & classist ways.*

What is your favorite occupation of the past? *You know how farms have cats who are “mousers”? That would be a fabulous occupation (if I were a cat) that feels a bit old-timey*

Who are your favorite writers? *NK Jemesin, Tasymn Muir, Sara Ahmed, Bell Hooks, Octavia Butler, Roxanne Gay*

What is your most marked characteristic? *My biceps - I climb & I have a beautiful tattoo on my right bicep to highlight how fab they are*

Who is a hero in public policy? *The National Welfare Rights Organization - supported Black mothers on TANF & fought for antiracist welfare reform.*

What are two books you recommend? *Mermaids in Paradise (nonsense & delight, 5 stars) & Difficult Women (aka the best kind of women! 5 stars)*

What is your motto? *“It’s all gonna be okay, everything is gonna work out” (started telling myself this during my first year of grad school - sometimes it was true, sometimes not so much. But, you know what? It all worked out!)*