



AMSA Global Health Scholars 2013 – 2014

CRYSTAL BAE

My name is Crystal Bae and I am currently a 2nd year medical student at the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore. I graduated cum laude at Duke University in 2011 with a Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience and a double minor in Linguistics and Chemistry. I spent one year as a high school teacher in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic at Colegio Bilingüe, New Horizons; I taught 9th grade Algebra, 11th grade Chemistry, and 12th grade Physics from July 2011 to July 2012. I have also done advocacy in Ghana, worked at an orphanage in Haiti, and volunteered post-Katrina in New Orleans. I am a former HIV tester for the Jacques Initiative in Baltimore and am currently a health intern for the International Rescue Committee. I am also the president of the Global Health Interest Group at the School of Medicine and part of the Global Education Student Advisory Council for all graduate University of Maryland, Baltimore schools. I am very interested in health disparities and am thrilled to be part of the AMSA Global Health Scholars Program.



SUNG IN KIM

Education: Combined MD/MPH at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine (c/o 2015) and Emory University Rollins School of Public Health (2013-2014), currently in my MPH year studying global epidemiology
Global Health Experience: Medical volunteer trip to Veracruz, Nicaragua with the International Service Learning during my MS1 spring break (hopefully more to come soon!). Domestically, I enjoy working with homeless and otherwise vulnerable populations in free clinics for acute and preventive care visits.
Where I see Myself in Five Years: Most likely in a residency program, preferably somewhere warm. I'm still doing a bit of



soul searching to figure out which specialty I should pursue, but surgery is my top contender at the moment. I'm looking into programs that provide options to combine international work into residency training, so I can learn more about the landscape and logistics of global surgery in low resource settings.

MORGAN CARSON

School: University of Central Florida (UCF)

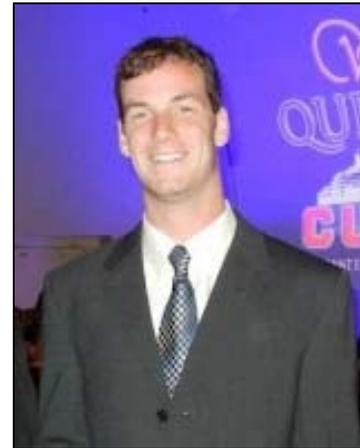
Year: Undergraduate Senior; In 5 years, I see myself finishing up medical school.

Global Experience: I have limited exposure with global health. This is why I am so thankful for this opportunity with AMSA to learn more about Global Health and related areas.

Volunteer Experience: I have volunteered at Florida Hospital as a Surgical Services Patient Liaison in the Ambulatory Surgery Center, a Surgical Service Assistant in the Main OR, and a Patient Experience Ambassador in the Emergency Department. I have also volunteered with AmeriCorps Community Fellows

Program and Kiwanis Circle K for environmental clean-ups, middle and high school tutoring, and other meaningful opportunities (Give Kids The World, March of Dimes, The United Nations Children's Fund, Adopt-A-Road, Lake Erie International Coastal Cleanup, etc.)

Fun Facts: I find it interesting that through my interest in the medical profession and speaking with family members, I discovered that I am related to Dr. Ephraim McDowell, M.D. I am a proud descendant of Dr. Ephraim McDowell, who is known as the "Father of Abdominal Surgery" and "Father of Ovariectomy" for his historic work in performing the world's first abdominal surgery and successful removal of an ovarian tumor weighing over twenty-two pounds. To this day, the McDowell House is a U.S. National Historic Landmark and museum in Danville, KY. I have played on two collegiate men's volleyball teams. I played NCAA Division III for Thiel College's Inaugural Men's Volleyball team in 2010--2011 and NCVF Division I for the University of Central Florida's Men's Club Volleyball.



SAGAR CHAWLA

School: Mayo Medical School

Year: 2nd year

Global health experiences: My experiences working abroad in communities on health issues abroad include my work this past summer at the Bwindi Community Hospital southwestern Uganda. I worked as a medical volunteer and research assistant aiming to determine the efficacy of a novel



community-based health insurance program. In summer of 2012, I served with Global Medical Brigade in Darien, Panama to deliver basic health services to a rural population. In 2010, I worked as an intern at the Institute of Rural Research and Development in Mewat, India. I designed and conducted a research study to assess the nutritional status of children as well as the mother's knowledge of nutrition in rural northern India. In 2009 with Engineers for a Sustainable World, I led an international team of students to design and build a prototype of a solar food dryer in Dehradun, India. The summer of 2008 I was a research intern at the International Rice Research Institute working with a team to develop a flood tolerant version of a popular rice variety. I have also been engaged in policy to alter the social, economic, and environmental variables of health. From the summer of 2010, I have been engaged in the UN Commission for Sustainable Development through the Major Group on Children and Youth, coordinating international lobbying action, drafting resolutions, and delivering policy position speeches. At the local level, I am a Clinic Leader for the REACH Clinic, the student run free clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. I am also on the Executive Board for the RIGHTS Clinic, a student run free clinic for victims of sex trafficking.

Personal fact: While I grew up in the Midwest, I was born in Mumbai, India and lived in Lagos, Nigeria as a child.

LINDSAY KATONA

School: University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine

Year: Second year

Relevant Experience: South Sudan (summer 2013), Vietnam (6 trips over the past several years), India (2006), China (2006), South Africa (2006), Bolivia (2005), Ghana (2004)

Lindsay Katona, MPH is a second year medical student at the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine.

She has worked for Mayflower Strategy Group for the past four years, consulting on projects related to medical simulation, medical technology, and information management. She received her Masters in Public Health from Columbia University

in 2012, where she focused her studies on Epidemiology and Biostatistics. She previously served as a Coro Fellow in Public Affairs, which is a nine-month leadership-training program involving field placements, seminars, and interviews with key players in the New York City Public Affairs arena. She is currently working on the second phase of a project to improve disease surveillance efforts in Vietnam using text messages, and a first aid research-training program in the River Kit region of South Sudan.



CHRISTIANNE SHAMS

School: Oakland University William Beaumont SOM

Year: M2

Global Health/Volunteer experience: Having spent the first five years of my life in Cairo, Egypt with physician parents and a very medically involved extended family, I was exposed to the disparities in medical care rather early. It was this early experience that I feel sparked my interest in global health. Since then I have been involved with countless organizations locally and abroad, including Free the Children, CANFAR, AMFAR and Amnesty International. Additionally, I have assisted in developing programs developing physical activity programs aimed at children with developmental disabilities, aiding senior citizens in ensuring regular access to medical care and medications as well as working to establish an orphanage in rural Kenya. I have also held executive positions in global health interest groups, starting in high school and continuing through my medical education.



TINA SAFAVIE

Tina Safavie is a first year graduate student at Georgetown University, working towards her Master's Degree in Biomedical Science Policy and Advocacy. Currently, Tina is also interning at the HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD, Tuberculosis Administration (HAHSTA) within the DC Department of Health. Her work includes assessing the feasibility of incentive based STD testing and elucidating the distribution of trichomonas and yeast infections throughout the city. Completing her Bachelors of Science in Biology, Tina has a genuine passion for the existiquite and complex mechanisms behind disease. She ultimately hopes to attend Medical School and build a career practicing humanitarian medicine in developing countries. In her spare time, Tina loves to run, swim and figure skate.



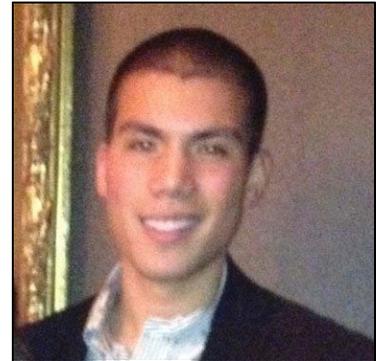
OSMAAN MINHAS

Osmaan Minhas is a third year medical student at Midwestern University with an interest in global health policy. Before starting medical school he worked as writer-producer for Al Jazeera English in Washington DC where he covered the U.S. and Latin America. He is a former science policy intern at the U.S. State Department where he worked on science and health diplomacy issues at the Office of Science and Technology Adviser - including science and health diplomacy between the U.S. and Pakistan and the development of policies that empower members of science and health diasporas. As medical volunteer in Andes region of Peru in 2010 he gained first-hand experience in how governments and NGOs work together to improve health outcomes in underserved communities. Osmaan is interested in how global health policies work to affect local results on the ground and improving our understanding about the intersection of global health and local conflicts.



DYLAN EIGER

My name is Dylan Eiger and I am from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. I am currently a sophomore at Duke University studying Chemistry, Biology, and Global Health. I conduct research in the field of stress-responsive and self-healing polymer chemistry. Last winter, I traveled to Panama to set up and volunteer at a medical clinic where I treated approximately 500 patients. This coming December, I will be working with other Duke students in Honduras to provide medical treatment to a rural community. I have a strong passion for medicine and global health and hope to pursue a career in health care later in my life.



PAVAN

Pavan has been interested in public health and global health before even deciding on a career in medicine. In 2010, Pavan joined AmeriCorps via the Illinois Public Health Association where he was responsible for Emergency Preparedness and Planning and Bioterrorism Response for McLean County, Illinois. During his time in AmeriCorps, Pavan further developed a strong interest in serving the underserved and pursuing a career in public health. In 2012, Pavan had the opportunity to do advocacy work for the United Nations Association of Greater Philadelphia, a chapter of the national United Nations Association of the United States America which is the advocacy front for the United Nations. In 2013, Pavan had the opportunity to do two medical mission trips to help the underserved in Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic. Pavan graduated Cum Laude from the University of Illinois at Springfield with a BA in Sociology/Anthropology and also holds a MPH degree from Thomas Jefferson University. Currently, Pavan is a 2nd year medical student at Touro College of Osteopathic Medicine in New York, New York.



VENESSA MADRIGAL

I have a Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology and a minor in Spanish from California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo. I worked as a physical therapy aide for five and a half years before starting the naturopathic medicine program at National College of Natural Medicine in September of 2011. [The naturopathic medicine program includes the basic and clinical sciences courses similar to MD programs and includes 5 physical medicine (like chiropractic medicine) courses, 4 nutrition courses, 4 homeopathy courses, and 3 botanical medicine courses.] My interests lie in providing holistic healthcare with a focus on energetic modalities like craniosacral therapy, visceral therapy, shamanism and homeopathy. As a Latina, I am passionate about working with the Latino community both locally and abroad. I'm the Global Health Chair for the Naturopathic Medical Student Association (NMSA) and over see the Global Health Representatives at the naturopathic medical schools in the USA and Canada. In my role as GH Chair, I've helped to update the NMSA Global Health website (www.nmsa.org) with information regarding naturopathic doctors abroad, upcoming global health trips, and global health news and opportunities to promote global health work within the ND community. Recently, I prompted the American Association of Naturopathic Physicians (AANP) to translate material about naturopathic medicine to Spanish and it is in the works! I will be organizing the 2nd Annual



Global Health Symposium at NCNM in April; last year, I was the Global Health Rep at my school and organized the 1st Symposium with 3 NDs and 1 PhD who teach at NCNM and shared their experiences of having worked abroad. Over the past year, I helped to create a survey that was part of a classmate's thesis that was sent to NDs who are currently practicing or have practiced abroad to assess the challenges and successes of doing so; the final data will be made available shortly to classmates and to the American Association of Naturopathic Physicians (AANP). I've also connected with the Global Health Center at Oregon Health Sciences Universities, which has a MD program, have attended a few events, and am trying to collaborate with them and also their Latino Medical Student Association chapter. This past summer, I interned at a naturopathic medical clinic on the island of Ometepe in Nicaragua for two months where I worked with naturopathic doctors in providing free healthcare and free supplements donated by nutraceutical and herbal medicine companies. From the experiences I had during that trip, I've become more passionate about working permanently in a Latin American country. I hope to spend one month this next summer in Latin America, ideally at a naturopathic-style clinic or one that utilizes holistic modalities of treatment. I am considering pursuing a MPH after graduation and then pursue global health work in Latin America on a permanent basis.

EUNA LHEE

Euna Lhee is a medical reporter based in Berlin, Germany, and a Fulbright Young Journalist. Also a Bloomberg scholar, Lhee attended Johns Hopkins University and Peabody Conservatory, where she studied history, music and pre-medicine. She has worked as a student researcher in a breast cancer vaccine lab at the Johns Hopkins Medical Institute in Baltimore, as an academic associate at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center in New York City, as a HIV research intern at the Botswana Harvard Partnership in Gaborone, and as a visiting researcher at the Robert Koch Institute in Berlin. During the summer of 2013, Lhee was an intern at the World Health Organization in Geneva, where she was a part of the African Partnerships for Patient Safety (APPS) team in the Patient Safety department. While pursuing medical research and public health experiences, she has also worked as an MCAT instructor for The Princeton Review and as a civil servant for the Ministry of Education in South Korea. Previously, Lhee was a reporter for Florida Public Broadcasting based at WMFE Public Radio (NPR affiliate) in Orlando and a HIV journalist for the Media Institute of Southern Africa in Gaborone, Botswana. She has also reported for NPR Berlin, *The Baltimore Sun*, Radio France Internationale and France 24 in Paris. She participated in the Columbia University and Sciences Po Paris double degree program in journalism and holds master's degrees from both institutions. A native of Chicago, Lhee speaks French, Korean and German, and also enjoys cooking, children's literature and travel.

