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# Former Public Health Fellows: Where are they now?

## Following the journey of our Fellows ...

Over a dozen Public Health Fellows have moved on from their roles at Cornell Health to pursue professional careers in public health, medicine, social work, and other related fields.



**Laura Santacrose, '11**  
*Public Health Fellow*  
(2011–12)

Laura majored in Human Development within the College of Human Ecology. She was a Resident Advisor on North Campus for three years and spent four years walking backwards as a Campus Tour Guide. Laura's passion for public health deepened when she worked in the Cornell Infant Studies Lab. After completing her term as Cornell Health's first Public Health Fellow, she attended the University at Albany School of Public Health, where she obtained an MPH with a concentration in Social Behavior and Community Health. In grad school, Laura conducted research at the Alden March Bioethics Institute and worked as a Community Health Educator at the Suffolk County Health Department. After graduate school, she returned to Cornell to work as a Health Initiatives Coordinator within the Skorton Center for Health Initiatives. She now serves as its Assistant Director. Laura recently developed, implemented, and evaluated a new bystander intervention program called *Intervene* for use at Cornell and by other universities.



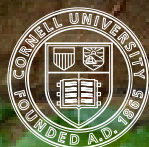
**Joe Bergen, '12**  
*Kahn-Millman Public*  
*Health Fellow*

Joe graduated from the College of Arts and Sciences with a major in Biological Sciences. While at Cornell, he was a Resident Advisor for first-year students and president of the service fraternity Alpha Phi Omega. Following graduation, Joe served a term as an AmeriCorps volunteer in Syracuse, NY before returning to campus to focus on student mental health and wellness as a Public Health Fellow. He then attended medical school at the University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine and is currently a resident physician in emergency medicine at the University of Chicago.



**Angela Falisi, '12**  
*Public Health Fellow*  
(2012–13)

Angela majored in Biology & Society in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. She worked as an RA for two years and spent three years connecting with alumni through the Cornell Annual Fund. Her interest in public health was sparked by her work in the Social Media Lab of the Department of Communication, which focused on the relationship between mobile technology and social support. After completing her term as a Public Health Fellow, Angela attended the University at Albany School of Public Health, where she obtained an MPH with a concentration in Social Behavior and Community Health in 2015. Angela is currently a Presidential Management Fellow and Program Specialist at the NIH – National Cancer Institute (NCI) in the Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences (DCCPS). Angela started at NCI as a trainee in the DCCPS Behavioral Research Program, Health Communication and Informatics Research Branch, and has been involved in a number of research and programmatic initiatives in the areas of social media for cancer surveillance and survivorship, team-based communication in cancer clinical trials, health literacy, and communication of genetic/genomic information.





**Leslie Carson, '13**  
*Lorette Simon Gross and  
 Dr. Keith Gross Public  
 Health Fellow (2013–15)*

Leslie majored in Biological Sciences in the College of Arts and Sciences with a concentration in Neurobiology and Behavior and a minor in French Studies. Leslie was pre-med, but became interested in public health because of the broad impact of the population approach. Leslie graduated from The Ohio State University with dual Master of Public Health (specialization in Health Behavior and Health Promotion) and Master of Social Work (specialization in Mental Health and Substance Abuse) in 2018. While at OSU, Leslie worked at the Center for Public Practice and the Higher Education Center for Alcohol and Drug Misuse Prevention and Recovery. Leslie served as a Student Fellow for the Maternal and Child Health Section of APHA from 2016-2018, through which she became involved in the Section's work to promote a public health approach to preventing gun violence. Leslie is currently an ASPPH National Highway Traffic Safety.



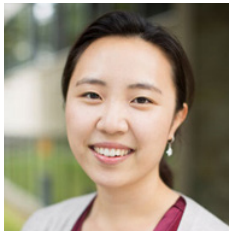
**Stephanie Ellman, '13**  
*Kahn-Millman  
 Public Health Fellow  
 (2013–15)*

Stephanie majored in Biological Sciences in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences with a concentration in Neurobiology and Behavior. As a house manager at a student-run co-op house, she cooked, cleaned, and lived with many international, LGBTQ, and nontraditional students. Her interest in public health grew from her experience working at the Northeastern Integrated Pest Management Center through the Cornell Cooperative Extension and Cornell's B.A.B.Y. Lab. She obtained an MPH, concentrating in maternal and child health, from Boston University School of Public Health.



**Andrew Eng, '15**  
*Susan H. Murphy Public  
 Health Fellow (2015–16)*

Andrew majored in Biological Sciences in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences with a minor in Business for the Life Sciences. As a student, he was a member of Cornell University Emergency Medical Services (CUEMS) and an undergraduate researcher under Dr. Leifer at Cornell University's College of Veterinary Medicine; he also served as a Biology Student Advisor and an Orientation Supervisor. Interested in the medical field, Andrew wants to understand the overlap between public health and preventative care. After the Public Health Fellowship, Andrew worked as a medical assistant in a cardiology clinic in Chinatown in New York City. Andrew is currently attending New York Medical College (Class of 2021).



**Nicolette Lee, '15**  
*Lorette Simon Gross and  
 Dr. Keith Gross Public  
 Health Fellow (2015–16)*

Nicolette majored in Biological Sciences in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences with a concentration in Nutrition and a minor in Applied Economics and Management. As a student, she was a Resident Advisor for first-year students for three years and she worked with a service-learning program, Alternative Breaks, for four years, which led to her interest in public health. Her work with several different U.S. communities helped develop her awareness of the important role community health plays. She has also conducted research in a Nutrition Lab analyzing how social media can be used as a form of health education. She is currently attending Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, PA (Class of 2020).



**Jessie Bonney-  
 Burrill, '14**  
*Public Health  
 Fellow (2015–18)*

Jessie majored in Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies in the College of Arts and Sciences. As a student, she was a member of the Cornell Women's Resource Center Executive Board, president of VOX: Voices for Planned Parenthood at Cornell, a facilitator for FemSex, a sexuality education workshop, and a Campus Tour Guide. After graduating, Jessie worked as a Harm Reduction Specialist at The Southern Tier AIDS Program. Jessie's interest in public health sprang from her experiences as a peer sexuality educator throughout her teenage years and deepened during her studies at Cornell. Jessie is pursuing a Master of Social Work degree at Boston University (Class of 2020).



**Elsie Ikpot, '15**  
Susan H. Murphy Public  
Health Fellow (2016–17)

Elsie graduated from Cornell University in 2015 with a Bachelor of Arts in Biology & Society and double minors in Global Health and Nutrition. Elsie's interest in global and public health was sparked when she participated in the Fulbright-Hays Group Projects Abroad. After graduation, she completed a Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Program in Health Studies under Cornell University's Division of Nutritional Sciences in 2016. She is interested in the intersection of medicine, public health, and social justice in Communities of Color. Elsie is currently attending Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine (Class of 2022).



**Grace Robbins, '16**  
*Public Health Fellow*  
(2016-2018)

Grace majored in Feminist, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and minored in Global Health, Inequality Studies, and South Asian Studies. Her love of public health was sparked through a variety of experiences that involved partnering with communities to explore and address health topics, including commercial sexual exploitation in New York City, health education in Chicago neighborhoods, menstruation and associated exclusionary practices in western Nepal, and sexual violence on Cornell's campus. This fellowship solidified Grace's passion for public health, equipping her with some of the critical skills necessary to do sustainable, positive work in collaboration with communities. Following the fellowship, Grace joined the Boston University School of Public Health to pursue an MPH with a focus on health equity and international health (Class of 2020).



**Garrett Heller, '17**  
*Public Health Fellow*  
(2017-2018)

Garrett majored in Human Development in Cornell's College of Human Ecology. One of his most formative experiences as a student was working for Cornell's Intergroup Dialogue Project (IDP), a social justice education program dedicated to helping Cornellians develop a framework for understanding social identities and inequalities while instilling valuable communication and facilitation skills. This sparked a passion for social justice and diversity/inclusion work, reinforced his love for using education as a platform for change, and offered an opportunity for Garrett to give back to Cornell, particularly as an IDP staff member in the Spring of 2017. Garrett is currently attending law school at New York University (Class of 2021).



**Allyson LaRosa, '17**  
*Sigma Delta Tau*  
*Alpha Centennial*  
*Public Health Fellow*

Allyson (Ally) majored in Human Biology, Health, & Society with a minor in Global Health. In order to complete the minor, Ally worked abroad for an NGO in Tanzania focused on limiting the impact of HIV/AIDS in rural communities. This hands-on community work is where her interest in public health began. While at Cornell she was a research assistant, a tutor for Friends of Farmworkers, and a member of both Greek life and a professional medical fraternity. She is currently attending Boston University School of Medicine (Class of 2022).



**Babapelumi  
Adejuyigbe, '18**  
*Public Health*  
*Fellow*

Baba majored in Human Biology, Health and Society in the College of Human Ecology with minors in Business and Inequality studies. Baba was a member of the Varsity Football Team at Cornell. He founded the Athletic Pre-Health Society, served as a facilitator for the Intergroup Dialogue Project (IDP) and conducted research within The Erickson Lab. Baba's passion for medicine and public health stems from his upbringing in Johannesburg, South Africa, seeing and experiencing health inequities and a dire need for resources. Since then, his experiences developing medical diagnostic devices for limited resource settings and work volunteering in clinics and shadowing physicians have cemented his interest in a career in medicine and public health. Baba will be working with IDP during the 2019-2020 academic year before pursuing medical school.



**Jane Hinkle, '18**  
*Public Health  
Fellow*

Jane majored in Global and Public Health Sciences in the College of Human Ecology. Beyond her coursework, her love for public health was cemented through community engagement experiences such as her work promoting food safety and restaurant sanitation in New York City and her engaged learning opportunity in Moshi, Tanzania, where she helped to plan an intervention to promote rates of exclusive breastfeeding at a maternal and child health clinic. As a student at Cornell she was involved in research, Cayuga's Watchers, Peer Review Board, and Greek life. She is currently attending Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine (Class of 2023).



**Tamsin Smith, '18**  
*Public Health  
Fellow*

Tamsin majored in Biology and Society in Cornell's College of Agriculture and Life Sciences with minors in Infectious Disease Biology and Community Food Systems. While at Cornell, she was a Resident Advisor, an Orientation Supervisor, a member of a service fraternity and several dance groups. She was drawn to public health after a summer of research in a medical entomology lab, where she conducted mosquito field research, citizen science projects, and community outreach. For her practicum research project in food systems, she worked in rural communities in Malawi to combine her interests in microbiology, nutrition, and healthcare. She hopes to work in infectious disease investigation, and to further the health of communities by building a more equitable food system. She is currently attending the Rollins School of Public Health at Emory University, in the department of Epidemiology (Class of 2021).