



California Department of Public Health Cal EIS Fellows 10-11



Elizabeth Rodgers, MA, MSPH

Elizabeth Rodgers received her Master of Science degree in Society, Human Development and Health at the Harvard School of Public Health. Her interests are in the social determinants of health, particularly obesity and chronic diseases. Prior to her public health graduate program, Elizabeth served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Uzbekistan where she developed and implemented nutrition-education and anemia-prevention programs for young pregnant women. She has also worked as a Peace Corps trainer in Washington, DC and as an administrator for a USAID maternal health program based in Afghanistan. She received an MA in philosophy at the University of Texas in 2008. Elizabeth is now settled in California, where she plans to pursue a career with the state in program planning and evaluation for chronic disease prevention.

Stipend provided by the Public Health & Health Services Block Grant. Preceptors - Pam Ford-Keach and Dr. Jillian Martin



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Paul Adamson, MPH

Paul completed his MPH in Epidemiology and Biostatistics at UC Berkeley. He served as a Public Health Research Institute (PHRI) Intern in India, in which he performed data collection and conducted hospital-based chart reviews in the field. Paul has a strong interest in infectious disease epidemiology and his long-term goal is to work as a medical epidemiologist. [Start date 7-1-09](#)

Stipend provided by the San Francisco Dept of Public Health. Preceptor - Dr. Jeffrey D. Klausner



Leah Carlon, MPH

Leah recently completed her MPH in Epidemiology and Biostatistics at USC, Los Angeles. During her time as a student she analyzed SEER data of Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma for her research project. Leah plans to obtain a PhD and enter the CDC Epidemic Intelligence Service. [Start date 10-19-09](#)

Stipend provided by the Solano County Dept of Public Health. Preceptors - Jill Cook, Dr. Michael Stacey



Catherine Gilmore Zarate, MPH

Catherine has a MPH from UC Berkeley, with a concentration in Maternal and Child Health. She worked for eight years with the Sacramento County Public Health Department in which she conducted epidemiologic surveys, program planning, community outreach and intervention evaluation and worked on various health issues. Catherine plans to work as an epidemiologist at a state or local health department. [Start date 10-1-09](#)

Stipend provided by the CDPH MCAH Division. Preceptors - Dr. Michael Curtis, Dr. Chris Krawczyk



Kate Kelsey, MPH

Kate recently completed her master's degree in Epidemiology and Biostatistics at UC Berkeley. During her time as a student she served as a Graduate Student Researcher with UC Berkeley's Institute for Research on Labor and Employment, where she analyzed complex survey designs. Kate's goals focus on becoming a biostatistician/epidemiologist at a local or state health department. [Start date 11-1-09](#)

Stipend provided by the CDPH Environmental Health Investigations Branch. Preceptor - Dr. Daniel Smith



Darryl Kong, MPH

Darryl completed his MPH with an emphasis on Infectious Disease at UC Berkeley. His past experience includes work as a Research Assistant with the California Emerging Infections Program where he gained first-hand experience with disease surveillance systems. Darryl also served as an intern with Thailand's Field Epidemiology Training Program where he engaged in outbreak investigations and fieldwork. Darryl plans to focus on a career in disease surveillance, either at the local, federal or international level. [Start date 7-1-09](#)

Stipend provided by the CDPH Tuberculosis Branch. Preceptors - Dr. James Watt



Sanaa Shabbir, MPH

Sanaa completed her master's degree in Epidemiology at UCLA. She has worked as a volunteer Diabetes Health Educator with the UC Davis Medical Center student-run Shifa Clinic. Sanaa served as an Intern with the Los Angeles County DPH where she conducted research and analysis on childhood obesity among Asian and Pacific Islander Students in Los Angeles County. Sanaa's goals include being an epidemiologist leader at the federal or international level. [Start date 10-1-09](#)

Stipend provided by the Office of Statewide Health Planning & Development (OSHDP). Preceptors - Dr. Merry Holliday-Hanson, Dr. Joseph Parker



Allison Stone, MPH

Allison completed her master's degree in Epidemiology at UC Davis and has a strong interest in infectious disease control and prevention and obesity. She has worked as a Staff Research Associate with the California Animal Health & Food Safety Laboratory (UC Davis) where she developed and validated a PCR assay for blue tongue virus in sheep. Alison desires a career in epidemiology at CDPH. [Start date 10-1-09](#)

Stipend provided by the CDPH Center for Infectious Disease. Preceptor - Dr. Gil Chavez



Casey Tsui, MPH

Casey completed his master's degree in Epidemiology & Biostatistics at UC Berkeley. He previously served as a Public Health Preparedness Intern with the City of Berkeley Public Health Division. Some of his duties included analyzing datasets for influenza and pneumonia emergency room cases to develop a baseline rate of hospitalization for pandemic influenza preparedness. Casey plans to eventually obtain his PhD in epidemiology and work in the public sector. [Start date 10-1-09](#)

Stipend provided by the Marin County Dept of Health & Human Services. Preceptor - Rochelle Ereman



Megan Wall, MPH

Megan completed her master's degree at Emory Rollins School of Public Health in Atlanta, GA. Her previous experience includes a summer practicum with CARE Sierra Leone (SL) Child Survival Project (CSP) in Kabala, in which she planned and conducted training; performed fieldwork and analysis for program evaluation. She has recently completed an internship with the CDC Physical Activity and Health Department. Megan has a strong interest in nutrition and physical activity. Megan's goals include obtaining a PhD in nutrition epidemiology and working for CDPH. [Start date 10-1-09](#)

Stipend provided by the CDPH Physical Activity and Nutrition Branch. Preceptor - Dr. Katie Tharp



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Catheryn Salibay, MPH

Catheryn's major project is the coordination of a statewide hospital medical records audit of prenatal records to evaluate screening and prevention for vaccine-preventable disease. Catheryn is in the second year of the Fellowship, having started in 2007.

Stipend provided by the CDPH DCDC Immunization Branch. Preceptors - Kathleen Winter, Dr. Howard Backer



Olympia Anderson, MPH

Olympia completed her master's degree in Epidemiology at Florida A&M University, and has a strong interest and prior public health experience in birth defects.

Stipend provided by the CDPH MCAH Division, Birth Defects Monitoring Program. Preceptors - Kate Cordell, Dr. Marcia Ehinger



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Jenny Brodsky, MPH

Jenny's major project at the CDPH MCAH was an analysis of hospitalization for asthma prior to pregnancy and perinatal outcomes. Jenny has obtained a job as an epidemiologist working for CDPH STD Branch.

Stipend provided by CDPH MCAH. Preceptor - Dr. Mike Curtis

Kathreen Khavari, MPH

Kathreen's major project within the CDPH VBDS was a survey of mosquito control and water treatment agencies for Cal Trans. Kathreen has obtained a job working as an epidemiologist for California Emerging Infections Program in the Bay Area.

Stipend provided by CDPH DCDC VBDS. Preceptor - Dr. Curtis Fritz



Christine Lee, MPH

Christine's major project is the updating and refining of the CDPH Food Drug and Radiation Branch Outbreak Database, including a GIS mapping component. Christine is investigating job opportunities in California and Boston.

Stipend provided by the CDPH EH FDRB.

Preceptor - Dr. Jeff Farrar, Benson Yee

Brian Malig, MPH

Brian's major project is a study of the health effects of exposure to air pollution at OEHHA; in particular, the impact of particulates on mortality. Brian would like to continue to work in this area.

Stipend provided by OEHHA. Preceptor - Dr. Bart Ostro

Sharon Minnick, PhD

Sharon's major project in the CDPH VBDS was field surveillance for nymphal ticks and creation of a spatial database of nymphal tick locations. Sharon has obtained a job as an epidemiologist working for Sutter County DPH.

Stipend provided by CDPH DCDC VBDS. Preceptor - Dr. Curtis Fritz



Catheryn Salibay, MPH

Catheryn's major project is the coordination of a statewide hospital medical records audit of prenatal records to evaluate screening and prevention for vaccine-preventable disease. Catheryn is pursuing fellowship opportunities for next year.

Stipend provided by the CDPH DCDC IZB. Preceptor - Dr. Kathleen Winter, Dr. Howard Backer



Nana Tufuoh, MD, MPH

Nana's major project in the CDPH Every Woman Counts Program was an analysis of breast cancer detection patterns and costs. Nana has obtained a job as a research scientist within the Every Woman Counts program.

Stipend provided by the CDPH CDIC CDS. Preceptor - Dr. Farzaneh Tabnak



Jackie Valle-Palominos, MPH

Jackie's major project in the CDPH Statistics and Surveillance Section is coordination of efforts between California and Mexico on food-borne diseases and the creation of a database of binational cases. Jackie is actively looking for employment in the Bay Area.

Stipend provided by CDPH DCDC SSS. Preceptor - Dr. Mark Starr, Dr. Ben Sun