Elizabeth Ambriz received her MPH in Health Systems and Policy from the University of Washington and her BA in Public Health from UC Berkeley. Her interests include Equity and Social Justice, farmworker health, and addressing structural level trauma. She has extensive experience working with and engaging communities to improve community conditions. Her experience includes working as Program Coordinator with the California Endowment’s Building Healthy Communities Initiative, Program Manager with the Seattle King County’s Office of Equity and Social Justice, and most recently, Mental Health Services Act Prevention and Early Intervention Coordinator at the Monterey County Health Department. She is looking forward to connecting and building relationships with her DrPH cohort.

Kira Jeter worked as a project director at UCLA’s Integrated Substance Abuse Programs. At UCLA, she was responsible for the implementation and evaluation of multiple addiction health services and mental health treatment programs for homeless and justice involved individuals. Additionally, she provided technical assistance on a variety of topics such as data collection, evidence-based practices, project management, and building collaborative partnerships with community-based organizations. Kira received an MPH from The George Washington University School and a BA in Psychology from Holy Names University. Her research interests include gender responsive/trauma informed treatment for women offenders, program evaluation, and mixed methods research.

Stephanie Machado is a first-year DrPH student. She received her BA in Sociology and Anthropology from Middlebury College in 2013 and her MPH in Health Behavior/Health Promotion from the University of Arizona in 2015. She spent the past two years as an instructor and research coordinator for an undergraduate Population Health program at Oregon Tech. At Oregon Tech, she taught applied public health courses, including grant writing, program planning, and qualitative research methods, developed an undergraduate externship program, and collaborated with local organizations in the design and implementation of child nutrition interventions. Stephanie is interested in school-based health interventions in rural, low-income areas. She plans to study how to implement and evaluate school-based interventions that improve health behaviors and social-emotional wellbeing. Stephanie loves the outdoors and is an avid whitewater rafter and cross country skier.
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**Julianne Miller** is thrilled to return to the UC Berkeley School of Public Health as a first year in the DrPH program. Julie’s interest in public health began as a high school student when she became inspired by the potential for nutrition to reduce, reverse, and prevent diseases. She studied the relationship between diet and disease as an undergraduate student and graduated with her BA in Public Health from UC Berkeley. After graduation, she moved to New York City to continue to pursue her interest in nutrition at the population level and received her MPH in Public Health Nutrition from NYU. Determined to strengthen her knowledge of nutrition practice, she returned to California after graduation and completed her training and credentialing as a registered dietitian at UCSF. Her work experience as a pediatric dietitian at UCSF introduced her to the field of neonatal nutrition and ignited a passion within her for neonatal nutrition and health. Pursuing her passion, Julie completed a Neonatal Nutrition Clinical Fellowship at Texas Children’s Hospital through the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, TX. Prior to starting the DrPH program, Julie worked as a neonatal and pediatric dietitian at UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital where she assessed nutritional status and planned, implemented, and evaluated specialized nutrition care for premature infants and infants with congenital heart disease. She is interested in neonatal nutrition research and hopes to investigate and develop nutrition strategies focused on disease prevention and health promotion among infants.

**Kalee Singh** is a first-year DrPH student. She received her MPH in Global Health from George Washington University and BS in Microbiology from UC Berkeley. She spent the past six years working in development and emergency responses with sex workers in India, cyclone affected families in Bangladesh, post-Earthquake recovery in Haiti, and the Ebola response in Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Senegal. She is passionate about implementation science, using community-based participatory research to address factors affecting program design and implementation, and testing innovative approaches to programming and evaluating intervention impact in the context of global health.
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Rachel Berkowitz is a second-year DrPH student with more than seven years of public health work experience. She received her BA in Cultural Anthropology with a minor in Global Health Studies from Northwestern University in 2009 and her MPH in Global Health, Community Health and Development, from Emory University's Rollins School of Public Health in 2013. Rachel's interests center around understanding and addressing social determinants of health and health inequities across the life course through the use of qualitative and quantitative methods, place-based and holistic community development strategies, and 2016 community-based participatory research and programmatic efforts. She most recently has spent the past three years in Oakland supporting patient-centered primary care efforts at Highland Hospital and collaborative community transformation work through the Alameda County Public Health Department’s Best Babies Zone project in the Castlemont neighborhood.

Brigid Cakouros is a second-year DrPH student hailing from Pennsylvania. Over the past five years she has worked in the fields of vaccine supply chain logistics, sustainable health financing, and mixed methods research. Brigid would like to tie together these experiences to develop her skills in program implementation and evaluation, especially as this pertains to sustainable health access, collaborative interventions, and the role of technological advancements in the delivery of health care. She enjoys working in an interdisciplinary team environment and would like to work as a consultant following graduation. Brigid obtained both her BA (Writing) in 2009 and her MPH (Behavioral and Community Health Sciences) in 2012 from the University of Pittsburgh. As an east coast transplant, she is very excited to explore the west coast for the next few years.
Joseph Griffin joined the DrPH program after seven years of working in a variety of Public Health arenas, most recently serving as the Training Officer for the Healing Justice Alliance. His interests include violence as a Public Health issue, particularly gang and gun violence, and he plans to explore vicarious trauma in communities impacted by violence. A Golden Bear through and through, Joseph also earned his BA and MPH from UC Berkeley (Go Bears!). He is a native of Richmond, CA and currently lives with his wife and pup in Vallejo.

Monique Hosein completed her MPH (Community Health Education) at San Francisco State in May 2015 with a culminating paper on Institutional Racism and Police Killings of Black Adults, Youth and Children, All Unarmed. Her interests include community-based participatory research and cultural humility as well as the study of institutional racism as a social determinant of health. Her studies as a Doctor of Public Health student continue to focus on police violence as a public health issue and on police militarization in particular.

Before attending UC Berkeley, Monique worked in the San Francisco’s Mission District managing the Teen Clinic and youth program at a community health center primarily serving Latin@ communities. Her public health experience ranges from street outreach with a harm reduction/needle exchange program to grant writing and program management. Other pursuits include a book group, Pilates, and remedial gardening. This summer she attended her second jazz vocal performance class at the California Jazz Conservatory. Like Hillary Clinton, Dolores Huerta, and Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Monique is also a mother. She co-parents a joyful, inquisitive and fearless little girl with her endlessly supportive husband.
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**Ashley Kissinger** is a second-year DrPH student. Concurrently, she works for the California Department of Public Health's Environmental Health Investigations Branch working with communities to address the burden of asthma in California. Before coming to UC Berkeley, Ashley worked for Esperanza Community Housing Corporation directing a bilingual pediatric asthma program, conducting outreach and education on asthma management and healthy housing for children and their families in South Central Los Angeles. Ashley earned an MPH in Environmental Health Sciences from the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health. A Sacramento, CA native, Ashley served in the Peace Corps after obtaining her undergraduate degree at UCSB, spending two years coordinating a community-wide “Healthy Homes” program to train families in sanitary infrastructure and preventive health in Guatemala. Ashley’s research interests include the intersection of environmental justice, cultural humility, community health workers, and chronic disease management.

**Madelena Ng** joined the UC Berkeley DrPH program after two years at UCSF working on the Health eHeart Study, a longitudinal cohort study that harnesses the power of online and mobile technologies to help understand how real-life health patterns are linked to heart health. More recently, she’s been an integral leader in the development of the Eureka Mobile Health Research Platform, an NIH-funded national resource that enables investigators to conduct mobile- and web-based studies across all domains of public health. Madelena’s current research is focused on understanding how mobile health technologies and internet-based studies can affect representation in clinical research and subsequently, health outcomes in minority populations. She received her undergraduate degree in Neuroscience and an MPH with a concentration in Epidemiology at UCLA.
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**Erica Browne** received her MPH in Community Health Sciences from UCLA and a BA in Development Studies from the International Area Studies program at UC Berkeley. Erica’s interest in public health emerged from her curiosity about the cultural, economic, and social factors that circumscribe personal choice. She began her public health career as an HIV/STI test counselor in South Los Angeles and has spent over 15 years managing health promotion programs in the areas of sexual health, cancer prevention, HIV/AIDS, and obesity prevention. She most recently served as a Community Benefit Manager for Kaiser Permanente, where she supported community-based obesity prevention, health care access, violence prevention, and asthma prevention management programs in Northern Alameda and West Contra Costa counties. Erica is an avid music lover (and children’s storybook collector), who finds great joy in leisurely strolls through the aisles of Amoeba Records and Pegasus Books.

**Anoop Jain** is a third-year DrPH candidate. He spent the five years before coming to Berkeley working in India. His interests are in determining structural-level barriers that prevent rural Indians from gaining access to toilets. When he isn’t thinking about global public health, he is riding his bike, rock climbing, cooking, or spending time with friends and family.
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**David Moore**, a third year in the DrPH program, simultaneously works as an Industrial Hygienist at UC Davis’ Office of Environmental Health & Safety. His research examines the interconnectedness of Catastrophic Risk Management, Organizational Psychology, and Safety Culture in Bay Area refineries. Additionally, he works with LOHP as an instructor for Oakland’s Cypress Mandela Training Institute, which provides hands-on chemical safety awareness training to participants in a pre-apprenticeship program and prepares Bay Area men and women for jobs in the construction industry. David hopes to become a Board Certified Industrial Hygienist during his third year, and he continues to seek out skills that will prepare him to branch out as an independent consultant in the Occupational Health field.

**Sharon O’Hara** was previously the Associate Director of Community Support for the Marin Institute, where she led the Institute’s training and technical assistance efforts to support communities and grassroots groups in developing strategies to reduce alcohol-related community problems. She has extensive experience as a community organizer and was the founding executive director of Community Action Resource Exchange of Ventura County (CARE-VC), a community-based organization specializing in environmental and policy approaches to alcohol, tobacco, and other drug prevention. She has led advocacy efforts for changes in state and local policies, conducted training at the local, state, and national levels, and provided technical assistance to a wide variety of health organizations. Currently, she provides expert consulting to assist training and research institutions in translating research findings into tools for communities, thus bridging the gap from science to practical application in order to improve public health and safety.

**Annie (Lionberger) Reed** is a third-year DrPH candidate. Originally from Chicago, Annie has worked at the intersection of health and education for over a decade, including leading the Department of Student Wellness at the Chicago Public Schools. Her research interests are in financing school-based public health initiatives. Annie received her BA from Middlebury College and her Master’s Degree in Public Policy from the University of Chicago.
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Chris Chau hails from the City of Angels and graduated from UCLA with a degree in biology and education. After graduation, he joined the New York City chapter of Teach For America and completed his MS in adolescent education. Chris, determined to strengthen his foundation in nutrition and public health, returned to school to earn his post-baccalaureate in nutritional science, MPH from UCLA, and credential as a registered dietitian. Prior to attending Cal, Chris worked as a project coordinator for UCLA’s Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH) program, a $20 million grant funded by CDC to combat the obesity epidemic across the U.S.

Lisa DeMaria’s research interests include quality of care, health systems, and implementation science approaches to implementation and evaluation. She served as Director of Programs at QURE Healthcare, where she designed and led quality measurement and feedback projects in the US and abroad. Prior to QURE, she was a researcher and associate professor at Mexico’s National Institute of Public Health focusing on quality of care for non-communicable diseases, maternal and infectious disease care. Other experience includes working for USAID’s population and reproductive health program in Mexico and Morocco. She has a master’s degree in International Development with a Public Health concentration from The American University.

Kelly Johnson is a fourth-year DrPH student. Her dissertation research uses visual qualitative methods to explore minority stressors and psychosocial resources among trans, genderqueer, and non-binary adolescents who live in the Bay Area and New York City. Prior to joining this program, Kelly worked at the Global Health Science research group at the University of California, San Francisco, where she managed HIV behavioral surveillance surveys among Haitian populations in the Dominican Republic and led qualitative formative assessments of at-risk populations in Namibia, Mozambique, and Antigua and Barbuda. She currently works with Project AFFRIM, a transgender identity development study based in New York, San Francisco, and Atlanta. Kelly holds an MPH from Johns Hopkins School of Public Health and a BA in Anthropology from Macalester College. Her research interests include adolescent health, HIV prevention, qualitative methods, LGBT health, stigma, and resilience.
Melody Tulier is a DrPH candidate in the School of Public Health. Her training has concentrated on theory and research design using mixed methods approaches in the fields of social epidemiology - the social distribution and social determinants of states of health in populations - and urban health inequities. Her interdisciplinary dissertation research will use both quantitative and qualitative methods to understand the relationship between gentrification and health in Oakland, California. Melody has more than ten years of hands-on experience in evaluation planning and implementation, mixed methods research and analysis, training, and capacity building across sectors such as housing, HIV/AIDS, community health policy, community development, and economic security. Melody holds a BA from Bryn Mawr College, an MPH from UC Berkeley, and a Master in City Planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Brinda Venkatesh previously worked for the US Department of Veteran Affairs and the RAND corporation. Brinda has a BS from UCLA in Physiological Sciences, an MS from Georgetown in Physiology & Biophysics, and an MPH from USC in Biostatistics and Epidemiology.
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Katie Woodruff came to the DrPH program from a long and productive career in strategic communications, working on a range of public health issues. She is passionate about reproductive health and justice in the U.S., believing that all people should have the access and support they need to build the families they desire, if and when they wish to. She is pursuing her DrPH to support her long-term career goal of understanding and improving the ways that public discourse around sexuality and abortion in the United States impacts reproductive health policy. Her dissertation research will explore the role of scientific evidence in shaping state-level policy on two contested reproductive health issues in the U.S.: abortion and the use of alcohol during pregnancy. Katie has a BA in English Literature and Creative Writing from Brown University and an MPH in Community Health Education from UC Berkeley. She is a choral singer, a native Northwesterner who has grudgingly adapted to life as a drought-stricken Californian, and the parent of two school-aged children.

2013-2014 cohort

Vicky Gomez is a fifth-year DrPH candidate. She was born and raised in San Francisco’s Mission District and received her MPH in Community Health Education from San Francisco State University in 2009. For the last decade, Vicky has worked as a project coordinator and researcher on various cancer-related studies. Her commitment to addressing cancer disparities in the Latino community served as the driving force to return to UC Berkeley for her doctorate degree. Her current research interests include exploring methods to reduce barriers to screening and the community-based development of culturally sensitive cancer interventions. The overall goal of her dissertation research is to determine if digital storytelling is a feasible intervention for increasing colorectal cancer screening intention among Latinos who attend church in Alameda County.