Auwal A.A. Abubakar joins the DrPH program from fall 2019. Prior to joining UC Berkeley, he worked for Bauchi State Government in Nigeria as the Incident Manager of the Polio Emergency Operations Center (EOC). At this coordinating center, he was responsible for oversight and manages the state’s Polio Eradication Initiatives (PEI) and Routine Immunization (RI) programs. He also participated in the coordination of the Primary Health Care Systems Strengthening program.

He received his undergraduate degree in Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) from University of Maiduguri in Nigeria, and postgraduate degree in M.Sc. Epidemiology and Biostatistics from SRM Institute of Science and Technology in India.

He began his career as a physician providing clinical care and management of HIV/AIDs clients in a tertiary health hospital in Bauchi State Nigeria. During the one year period on this program, he experienced first-hand the limitations and inadequacy of the Nigerian health sector, which often times left him feeling helpless. Most painful to him were the needless cases of children and women who lost their lives due to poor access to life-saving medical interventions and preventive medical services in their communities. He realized quickly that if impact was to be made at scale, he would need to venture into public health and contribute to resource mobilization, program management and health systems strengthening.

Auwal’s primary interest is in the area of HIV/AIDs, Maternal, Neonatal, and Child Health (MNCH). He loves music, travelling, reading, networking, and watching movies.

Andrea Jacobo is an incoming DrPH student at UC Berkeley. She received her Masters of Public Health from The University of Memphis and Bachelors of Science in Exercise Physiology from the University of Miami. Prior to her attending UC Berkeley, Andrea was a Community Health Extension Agent at the University of Tennessee Extension Service in Memphis. In her role, Andrea implemented various evidence-based nutrition and physical activity programs in community settings and serving youth to older adults. Along with program implementation, Andrea co-facilitated a community of practice called The Shelby County Health Equity Collective focused on addressing the roots causes of health disparities in Memphis through policy, systems, and environment. Andrea's areas of
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Interest are nutrition and physical activity behaviors through the Socio-Ecological Framework and Systems-Based Approach. She has a passion for community health, culture, and food. In her spare time, Andrea loves to work out and teach group fitness classes to help promote wellness in a fun way!

Alma Juarez-Armenta is a first year DrPH student at UC Berkeley. She received her MPP from The University of Chicago and her BA in Economics and Political Science from the Autonomous Technological Institute of Mexico (ITAM). Before attending UC Berkeley, Alma was awarded a Metcalf Fellowship at the Center for Global Health at UChicago, where she performed cost-benefit and cost-effectiveness analysis for different solutions to alleviate the arsenic poisoning problem in Bangladesh. For the last year, she worked as an advisor to the Health Minister in Mexico, studying the negative effects of conditional cash transfers on the population’s health. Her research interests include quantitative methods and evaluation of public health policies. During her DrPH, Alma hopes to further analyze and develop public policies regarding homelessness in Mexico.

Daryl Mangosing joins the DrPH program after working over three years at the Center for AIDS Prevention Studies and Prevention Research Center at UC San Francisco, where he drove communication efforts and disseminated HIV prevention and public health research. Born and raised on the island of Guam, he graduated with a health sciences degree from Berea College in Kentucky with a full-tuition scholarship in 2013. Prior to relocating to the Bay Area, he went to Tufts University and graduated in 2015 with an MPH in Health Communication. During his time at Tufts, he served as a Research Coordinator for the former Center for Global Public Health, Teaching Assistant in mobile health design, and Consultant at the Harvard School of Public Health. Daryl’s research interests lies within the intersection of LGBTQ health disparities, identity and intersectionality, community engagement, and public health discourse in the media landscape. Daryl is a returning gaymer on PlayStation, enjoys traveling to places near and far for sightseeing and food/drinks, likes listening to anything indie or electronic/orchestral, has a semi-unhealthy relationship with Boba milk tea, and never fails at entertaining his talkative black cat, Sienna.
Amia Nash is excited to start her first year of Berkeley’s DrPH program. She attended Santa Clara University for her undergraduate education where she was a public health major and triple minor in biology, sociology, and religious studies. Her diverse coursework challenged her to think critically about the intersections between public health and social justice. Amia earned her Master of Science in Community Health and Prevention Research from Stanford University School of Medicine. Her thesis focused on the ethical considerations for community-based research with homeless populations. Prior to attending UC Berkeley, Amia worked as a Health Science Specialist for the VA Palo Alto Health Care System. She coordinated research projects assessing the health behaviors and outcomes of Veterans with alcohol use disorders. Her past research was at the Stanford Center for Youth Mental Health and Well-being where she conducted qualitative research focused on the mental health needs and concerns of Asian-American adolescents and parents in Palo Alto. In 2019, Amia was nominated by the Santa Clara County Behavioral Health Department for a Community Hero Award for her policy and advocacy work focused on adolescent mental health. Amia’s primary academic interests are with marginalized youth populations and bringing youth voice to the development and implementation of health programs.

Jasmine Santoyo-Olsson is a first-year DrPH student. Jasmine has been a Project Director at the University of California San Francisco for over 10 years. Jasmine’s primary interests include conducting health disparities research among underserved U.S. ethnic minority groups, specializing in Latinos, cancer, psychosocial distress, and developing interventions that provide self-management, social support, and build community engagement. She has experience on testing community interventions to improve cancer outcomes among Latinos (urban and rural dwelling), testing online interventions to improve the quality of life of rural dementia caregivers, cultural and language factors related to health outcomes of ethnically diverse patients, translating evidence-based interventions into mobile applications (mHealth), developing conceptual and psychometric adequacy of health measures for use with ethnically diverse patients, and evolving effective recruitment and retention methods in ethnically diverse groups. She is skilled in both quantitative and qualitative research methods. Jasmine graduated from UC Berkeley with a BA in Applied Mathematics and MSc in Epidemiology from Brown University. Jasmine is a mom to twin girls, a teenager, and two dogs. She is very grateful for her supportive husband.
Ariana Bennett is a second year DrPH student, focusing on sexual and reproductive health and justice. She joined the DrPH program after working with the Fellowship in Family Planning in Family Medicine, where she worked with a group of family doctors to integrate abortion and contraception into primary care. In the fellowship, she helped physicians develop clinically- and socially-relevant research projects to improve patient-centered sexual and reproductive health care. Ariana's primary interests are sexual well-being and reproductive justice as they relate to health care. She received her MPH from the Mailman School of Public Health with a concentration in Sexuality and Health in 2010, and before that, worked as a sexuality and health educator in high schools. She loves to cook and ride her bicycle, and is happy to be back at Berkeley, where she was an undergrad!

Jennifer Jarin received a BSN from the University of Maryland School of Nursing (UMSON) and a MS in Community/Public and Environmental Health Nursing from the University of Maryland, Baltimore. She is concluding her MA in Geography at the University of California, Davis (UCD). She began her career as a pediatric intensive care unit nurse where she recognized the need for an “upstream” approach to resolving health disparities. She worked for Baltimore City’s Reducing Asthma Disparities program, and she later became a nursing instructor for UMSON and UCD BIMSON. She has facilitated University partnerships with Head Start programs by teaching nursing students at multiple locations throughout Baltimore City and Sacramento County. Jennifer utilizes social justice-oriented critical theory and socio-spatial methods to examine how structural and institutional racism impact health. She is looking forward to bringing her diverse skill set to Berkeley SPH.
Tracy Lam-Hine is a second-year DrPH student. Born and raised in the East Bay, Tracy graduated from UC Berkeley with a degree in economics and public policy and from the University of Washington with an MBA. He has previously worked as a strategy consultant in the healthcare industry, as a research assistant for a global health foundation, and as a program officer in workforce development philanthropy. Tracy’s research interests include the health of low-income workers in California, mixed-race and multi-ethnic Americans, disparities in substance use morbidity and mortality, social epidemiology, and health disparities research broadly.

Kevin Lee is a second-year DrPH student whose recent experience includes working with the Urban Institute in Washington, DC where he conducted policy research on immigrant and refugee workforce development. Prior to joining the program, he spent three years at the Marin County health department where he developed and evaluated strategies to improve the health of communities living and at risk for HIV. His previous work focused on working class immigrant families and includes research and evaluation related to sex and labor trafficking, financial savings and economic mobility, and health care systems. As a proud Golden Bear, Kevin received both his BA in Ethnic Studies and Psychology and MPH in Health & Social Behavior from UC Berkeley. Kevin’s research interests include conceptualizing and operationalizing the effects of structural discrimination on immigrant health, and during his time as a doctoral student, hopes to explore how immigration and labor policies impact immigrant worker health.
Angela Nguyen is a born and bred Seattle native. She received her BS in Public Health from the University of Washington in 2009 and her MPH in Community and International Health from New York University in 2013. Prior to joining the DrPH program, Angela served as a research scientist at the World Trade Center Health Registry examining the physical and mental health outcomes among 9/11 survivors. Her research interests include disaster epidemiology, emergency preparedness, and trauma response. Angela hopes to investigate the protective factors against psychological impairment among vulnerable populations who have faced mass trauma. She is currently a research assistant at the California Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment examining the relationship between air pollutants and mental health-related emergency room visits.
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 is a third-year DrPH student. She received an MPH from The George Washington University School and a BS in Psychology from Holy Names University. Prior to entering the DrPH program, Kira served as a supervising project director at UCLA’s Integrated Substance Abuse Program and 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. Her research interests include gender responsive/trauma informed treatment for criminal justice system-involved women, program evaluation, and mixed methods research.
Stephanie Machado is a third-year DrPH student. Before coming to Cal she was an instructor of Population Health at Oregon Tech where she taught applied public health courses, including grant writing, program planning, and qualitative research methods, developed an undergraduate externship program, and collaborated with rural organizations in the design and implementation of child nutrition and physical activity interventions. She studies the intersection between the education system and health. Her dissertation work focuses on understanding the impact of a school cafeteria environment intervention to increase participation in school meals among middle and high school students. She received her BA in Sociology and Anthropology from Middlebury College and her MPH in Health Behavior/Health Promotion from the University of Arizona. Stephanie loves the outdoors and is an avid whitewater rafter and hiker.

Julie Miller is a third-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. 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. Prior to starting the DrPH program, Julie worked as a neonatal and pediatric dietitian at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital. 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 third-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, the Ebola response in Liberia, Sierra Leone, and Senegal and adolescent sexual and reproductive health in Rwanda. 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.
Brigid Cakouros is a fourth-year DrPH candidate with a focus on applying a systems thinking approach to global health practice, specifically on the use of technology for program planning, design, and implementation in limited resource settings. Over the past five years she has worked in the fields of vaccine supply chain logistics, sustainable health financing, and mixed methods research. Brigid enjoys working in an interdisciplinary team environment and would like to work as a consultant following graduation. She obtained both her BA (Writing) in 2009 and her MPH (Behavioral and Community Health Sciences) in 2012 from the University of Pittsburgh. Originally an east coast transplant, Brigid is very happy to be calling California home.

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, in particular, policing and the health of Black women.

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 Latinx communities. Her public health experience ranges from street outreach with a harm reduction/needle exchange program to grant writing and program management. Like Hillary Clinton, Dolores Huerta, and Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Monique is also a mother. She co-parents a joyful, inquisitive and fearless girl with her endlessly supportive husband. Monique is also a jazz vocalist and aspiring runner.

**Ashley Kissinger** is a fourth year DrPH student. Concurrently, she works for the California Department of Public Health's Environmental Health Investigations Branch, Community Education and Exposure Prevention section, 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** is a third year DrPH student. Her research focuses on understanding how emerging technologies can be leveraged to address participation challenges in clinical research. Her work also explores the ethical implications of patient/research participant privacy and data rights in the information age. Prior to attending UC Berkeley, she worked at UCSF on the Health eHeart Study and 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. She holds a BS in Neuroscience and an MPH in Epidemiology, both from UCLA.
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 and health behaviors. She has previously worked with Charles Drew University of Medicine & Science, Kaiser Permanente Community Benefit, and PolicyLink on various community health and health equity programs. Erica is a Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health Policy Research Scholar and graduate fellow with the California Initiative for Health Equity and Action and the UC Berkeley Institute for the Study of Societal Issues. Her research interests focus on social inequities in health, hospital community investments, and cross-sector collaborations to promote economic development and equity.

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.

David Moore, a fifth year DrPH candidate, works as an Industrial Hygienist at UC Davis’ Office of Environmental Health & Safety. His research examines the Workplace Organizational Factors, and Process Safety Management practices that mitigate catastrophic risk in California’s petroleum refineries. Additionally, he works with UC Berkeley’s Labor Occupational Health Program as an instructor for Oakland’s Cypress Mandela Training Institute, which provides hands-on chemical safety awareness training to participants in pre-apprenticeship construction programs. May 2018 David passed the CIH Exam to become a Board Certified Industrial Hygienist. In 2017, David and his wife Stephanie, an Environmental Planning student in UCB’s College of Environmental Design, founded EntrinZic Global Solutions LLC to build a consulting practice in the Environmental Occupational Health field.