

EMERSON NATIONAL
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Alumni Updates

CLASSES 8-15

JULY 2010

Here is a quick snapshot of where alumni from the last 8 classes are and what they've been up to in the last couple of years. Note to alumni from Hunger Fellow classes 1-7: we'll include your updates in the next issue of Sustenance. Please email Aileen at acarr@hungercenter.org with any updates you'd like to share, including location, job, education, family, and other news. Thanks!

8TH CLASS

Liz Aloi graduated from Columbia's law school, worked on anti-trust issues at the Department of Justice, and now works with Senator Leahy on the Judiciary Committee in D.C.

Kate Bolz is now Research and Policy Coordinator on the Low-Income Economic Opportunity Program at Nebraska Appleseed Center for Law in the Public Interest in Lincoln.

Matt Newell Ching is a new father to Abraham, and is a regional organizer at Bread for the World based in Portland, OR.

Brooke Evans has an MSW and is living in her home state of Hawaii doing crisis social work.

Sarah Farmer gave birth to healthy twins last year. She lives in Colorado, works as a project coordinator at a local nonprofit.

Catherine Giles recently moved to Boston at Harvard University's Prevention Research Center where she is managing a study on after-school programs and coordinating a cost effectiveness analysis of obesity prevention programs.

Alma Gonzalez lives in Long Beach, CA and just completed a MSW from the California State University, Long Beach. She's teaching nutrition to low income families and is

planning to do school counseling with at risk youth.

Mayuri Guntupalli is now living and working in Dubai.

Brit Holmberg is studying social work and theology in Chicago.

Alison Leff got an MBA from University of Michigan and now works on education issues for a consulting firm in New York City.

Mary Elizabeth May Evans is the Director of Community and Economic Development at Midtown Partners, a community development corporation in Jackson, Mississippi that will serve as a field placement for a 17th class Emerson Hunger Fellow!

Darcy O'Brien is a high school English teacher in Long Beach, California.

Shephali Patel is a physician working at a Chicago hospital, and recently returned from Haiti where she was helping with earthquake relief. She is expecting a baby boy in November 2010.

Stacey Roen got an MPA last year and is living in New York City.

William Rosales is an attorney and recently moved to Los Angeles to work with the National Hispanic Institute.

Laura Russ is a PhD candidate at UCLA in Urban Planning and is doing research abroad.

Kate Sablosky Elengold is living in D.C. and working as an attorney in the civil rights division of the U.S. Department of Justice.

Danielle Witherspoon Kranjec is married and is a mom to a baby boy.

Jennifer Woodworth Blackwell is farming in rural Vermont with her husband and two children, Ida and Angus.

Shireen Zaman is living in the D.C. area and gave birth to a son, Zayn, last winter. She recently started as Executive Director at Institute For Social Policy And Understanding.

9TH CLASS

Matthew Achhammer is living in Baltimore and working as a photographer.

Sarah Borron has an MS in nutrition from Tufts University. She recently moved back to the D.C. area and is working at Food and Water Watch.

Robert Campbell completed his MPP from UC Berkeley, worked for USDA in CA, and moved back to D.C. with his wife Liz and son Lucas. He is now working as an analyst at the Government Accountability Office.

Jenna Churchman is Director of Prosperity Partners, a collaborative economic development project with Community Action Marin in northern California.

Katelin Isaacs finished her PhD in Sociology from Duke University and returned to D.C. for a new job with the Congressional Research Service.

Carrie Johnson graduated from NYU law school and is a

housing rights attorney in New York City. She is engaged to be married and planning to move to D.C. soon.

Peter Kim completed his law degree from University of Pennsylvania and is living in New York City working as an attorney.

Anna Krieger got a JD from U.C. Berkeley and works as an attorney in San Francisco.

Amy Matthews has worked on urban farming and youth development in Chicago and Cleveland and is now farming in Denali, Alaska.

Bridget Murphy is living in Chicago and working with Emerson Program field site Logan Square Neighborhood Association. She recently married and completed a degree in Urban Planning and Policy from University of Illinois at Chicago.

Molly Neck completed law school at St. Mary's in 2008 and is working as an attorney at Oppenheimer, Blend, Harrison, & Tate, Inc. in San Antonio.

Maryn Olson completed her MS in London and now works for the Postville Response Coalition in Iowa on immigrant rights issues and economic justice.

Saleem Hue Penny is getting an MSW at the University of Chicago and is interning in Office of the Inspector General at IL Department of Children and Family Services this summer. He is engaged to marry Katie Gunter.

Hun Quach married Joel Curtin and lives in D.C. She works for the U.S. Senate Finance Committee on international trade.

Jennifer Rottmann is living in Portland, ME working at a new job with the Environmental Health Strategy Center and is getting married this summer.

Eric Steiner completed his law degree from George Mason University and is working for the U.S. Election Assistance Commission. He is engaged to marry Jennifer Walker.

LaFleur Stephens is nearly done with her PhD in Political Science from the University of Michigan.

Ebony Walden got a Masters in Urban and Environmental Planning from the University of Virginia and has worked on community development projects in Virginia and New York. She lives in Charlottesville.

Justin Weinstein-Tull completed a dual degree in law and public policy from Yale and Harvard, clerked for a federal judge and is now an attorney in the civil rights division of the U.S. Department of Justice in D.C.

10TH CLASS

Heather Axford graduated from the University of Virginia law school and is now an immigration attorney at Central American Legal Assistance in Brooklyn, New York.

Patience Butler is living in D.C. and just started a new job at the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids.

Roxy Caines is an EITC expert at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities in D.C. She has completed a nutrition study program at the Institute for Integrative Nutrition, and is the Director of Aziza Wholistic Wellness.

Allegra Cira graduated from DePaul University Law School and is now an attorney at a child welfare/civil rights legal services organization in Chicago called the Family Defense Center. She is marrying Justin Fischer in September.

Rachel Clay is living in the D.C. area working at Microsoft.

Sean Coffey earned an MPP from University of North Carolina, married Liz Victoreen, and moved to Oakland, California to do community based economic development.

Yesenia Garcia earned a Masters from Tufts University in International Law and Diplomacy and is living in D.C. She recently married Hans Friedhoff.

Sarah Garrett got an MBA from Stanford and is working in San Francisco at Low Income Investment Fund, which provides lending for affordable housing, charter schools and community facilities.

Katherine Gigliotti graduated from UCLA law school and returned to D.C. to work as an attorney at Latham & Watkins.

Kim Jones Bailey is a Senior Health Policy Analyst at Families USA (where she did her Emerson Fellow policy placement). She gave birth to Katherine Joy Bailey on June 2.

Lori Leibowitz recently graduated from Georgetown University Law School and received a Women's Law and Public Policy Fellowship. She will spend the next year working at The Women's Collective in D.C. doing policy and advocacy work with HIV positive women.

Rachel Lopez graduated from the University of Texas with a law degree.

Shana McDavis-Conway is Co-Director of the Emerson Program at CHC. She married Eva Townsend first on St. Croix 2 years ago, and again in D.C. in March 2010.

Rajiv Magge completed his M.D. at University of Pittsburgh and just moved to Boston to start his residency at Harvard University hospitals.

Amaliya Morgan-Brown is living in Oregon.

Bridget Purdue graduated from law school at Ohio State

and is living in Columbus, Ohio.

Wick Ruehling completed his law degree from the University of Kentucky.

Jeanine Valles is an attorney at U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Elizabeth Whelan recently left CHC to start a Masters in Applied Nutrition at Tufts University in Boston (where her new housemate will be fellow fellow Rajiv Magge).

Bob Zager is a Senior Project Manager at the Center for Social Development in St. Louis.

11TH CLASS

P.J. Andrews recently graduated from Harvard University with a masters of education and is planning to move to D.C. this summer.

Estera Barbarasa recently graduated with an MPP from Harvard and moved back to D.C. for a new position as an Economic Growth Specialist with RTI International.

Dennis Barrett graduated from law school at the University of Virginia.

Alexis Bylander graduated with a master's in public policy and management from Carnegie Mellon University and is now living in Minnesota working with the Statewide Health Improvement Program on chronic disease prevention.

Shireen Cama completed her M.D. from Harvard University and after working on rural access to health care in Guatemala, she recently began her residency in San Francisco.

Alexandra Cawthorne is working on women's health and poverty issues at the Center for American Progress.

Phil Colvin is working at the Universal Services Administrative Company and is a student in an MBA program at Loyola University.

Will Connors is a freelance journalist working in Nigeria.

He was recently published in the *Wall Street Journal*.

Barrett Ebright is married and works for a community development corporation in Portland, OR.

Mariestella Fischer-Vélez lives in D.C. and works as a political appointee in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Erin Hoekstra is in Manchester, England working at Peace Maker UK, where she developed a new leadership development program.

Chandra Kring Villanueva recently accepted a fellowship on state policy from the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities; she is working in Austin, Texas.

Katy Mastman graduated from NYU law school and is working as an attorney at the U.S. Department of Labor.

Andrea Matsuoka is attending UCLA law school.

Lucinda Megill Legendre is married and working as an elementary school teacher in Philadelphia.

Dan Murphy is getting a PhD in Economics and Public Policy at University of Michigan.

Faith Nyirenda is living in Seattle and pursuing and MBA at the University of Washington.

Sarah Osmer is leaving an Executive Director position at Just Economics, an economic development nonprofit organization in Asheville, NC to attend graduate school in public policy at UNC Chapel Hill.

David Pedulla is studying Sociology in a PhD program at Princeton University. He recently returned from a summer research project in Norway and published an article in *The Nation* on workforce challenges in the Great Recession.

Shawn Powers completed a master's in international development from the University of Cambridge and an MPA from Princeton and hopes to work in Africa on food security and poverty alleviation.



Alumni living in Los Angeles from the 2nd, 4th, 12th, and 13th classes volunteer at the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank. Together, they packed weekend take-home food for 780 school kids. Special thanks to Azad Oommen for coordinating the field trip! This past year there have been several alumni gatherings in cities all over the country, typically coordinated by CHC staff during field site visits to current fellows. Please don't wait for us to arrive! If you are interested in connecting with other alumni in your area, email Aileen at acarr@hungercenter.org.

Micah Schwartz got a JD from George Washington University and is an attorney in Washington, D.C. at Latham & Watkins.

Judith Stermer is working as communications and public affairs director at the Vermont Food Bank (her Emerson Fellowship field placement).

Laura Tatum is living in D.C. and working as a political appointee at the U.S. Department of Labor

Deanna Wilson graduated from Yale medical school, spent a year in Honduras on a child malnutrition project, and just started her residency in Baltimore at Johns Hopkins, where she is focusing on urban health.

12TH CLASS

Brigit Adamus Hatch is living in Portland, OR with her husband Josh. She is in her 4th year of medical school at the University of Oregon.

Madina Agénor is studying public health in a PhD program at Harvard and is interning

with Center for American Progress this summer.

Kevin Anderson lives in the D.C. area and works with Friends of the World Food Programme.

Larisa Bowman completed her law degree from Stanford University and is clerking for a judge in Massachusetts; she married Chris last summer.

Cecilia Cárdenas-Navia is a PhD candidate at Yale University in medical anthropology.

Dana Conroy completed her MPP at the University of Michigan and just began a new job with the City of Boston in the Mayor's office.

Indi Dutta-Gupta married Shally Venugopal last summer in Bali and India and works on the U.S. House Ways and Means Committee.

Lauren Forbes is in law school at American University.

Natalie Halbach Valpiani is working on her thesis for a PhD program in Nutrition from Tufts University. She and her

husband James live in North Carolina.

Aiyeshia Hudson is a high school teacher with Teach for America in Miami and getting a Masters in Education and Social Change from the University of Miami.

Shijuade Kadree recently completed a combined law and public health degree from Emory University.

Matt King is married and living in Portland, OR. He works at a past field site as the Statewide Services Director at Oregon Food Bank.

Joseph Lee completed an MPH from UNC and is now a Social Research Specialist at University of North Carolina.

Matthew Lewis is in a Masters in Urban Planning program at UC Berkeley.

Roshin Mathew got a Masters in Library Science from UMD and moved out to Los Angeles last year, where she is working as a librarian and writing a screenplay.

Beth McCarthy Wikler is studying health policy in a PhD program at Harvard University.

Rebekah Miller is working with the Center for Social Development in St. Louis.

Brett Murphy is studying law at Harvard University.

Miles Patrie lives in D.C. and works as a political appointee at the U.S. Department of Agriculture working on farm policy.

David Pope lives in D.C. and works with the White House Domestic Policy Council.

Samuel Raskin is an educator at Mobile Minds in Los Angeles, CA.

Almas Sayeed just completed her first year at UCLA law school.

Amanda Wagner is working with the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission on regional food system planning and studying Urban Planning at University of Pennsylvania.

Karen Wong is a Research Associate in the Food Assistance Division at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

13TH CLASS

Eric Ares lives in downtown Los Angeles and works as a housing rights organizer.

Nikita Barai lives in Indianapolis and just started her third year of medical school at Indiana University.

David Coffman is living in New Orleans working with the Second Harvest Food Bank (his field placement as a Fellow).

Anyu Fang received a master's degree from the London School of Economic and is now studying law at Stanford University.

Kaitlin Gravitt is living in California and working for the Center for Community Change (her former policy site).

Toni Holness is in her final year at the University of Pennsylvania where she is working toward a dual degree in law and economics.

J.P. Howard graduated from Georgetown Law School in 2010 and is clerking for a Federal District Court Judge in D.C. He and Brandi are engaged to be married.

Eliberty Jimenez is getting married in August and starts law school at Rutgers University this fall.

Jamillah Jordan completed her masters in urban planning at UCLA last year and has been living in Japan teaching English.

Amelia Kaye is working on social entrepreneurship at Ashoka, and is planning to apply to business school.

Takhani Kromah completed a master's at the London School of Economics and is working in London with the British Red Cross in the Africa department.

Megan Lent is living in New York City working with Cornell University's Cooperative Extension office supporting

nutrition education programs for low-income families.

Nick Maryns completed his MPP from Harvard University last year and is working with the State of Minnesota on education and job training with the Governor's Workforce Development Council.

Sindri McDonald completed an MPA at Columbia and recently began work as a policy analyst at SEIU's Local 32BJ in New York City.

Amrit Mehra lives in D.C. and works as a political appointee at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Kate Mitchell-Tombras recently graduated from Georgetown University Law School and is working with the Senate Judiciary Committee. She is married and lives in Alexandria, VA.

Jimmy Purvis is studying law at UC Berkeley.

Sarah Sibley is living in D.C. and working with the White House Office of Correspondence.

Shanique Streeet is pursuing a graduate degree in African Studies at UCLA.

Srinidhi Vijaykumar is pursuing an MPP at the University of Chicago and interning in D.C. for the summer at GAO.

Kathleen Wood completed her Fulbright program in Honduras and is living and farming in Colorado.

14TH CLASS

Adrienne Alexander graduated from University of Minnesota with an MPP and recently started a job in Chicago organizing with AFSCME.

Lindsey Baker lives in D.C. and works with Feeding America on a new national child hunger fellowship program.

Fatima Carson recently graduated from University of Indiana Bloomington with an MPP and just accepted a

position with an economic development consulting firm in Bloomington.

Katherine Chen is living in San Francisco and working with the Association of Asian Pacific Community Health Organizations. She starts an MPP program at the University of Michigan this fall.

Cody Fischer is living in D.C. and working at the Alliance to End Hunger. He is engaged to marry Kate Byrne.

Gagan Gupta lives in D.C. and was recently promoted to Senior Legislative Liaison at the Corporation for National and Community Service.

Amber Herman recently left the U.S. Department of Agriculture and is now working at Year Up, a northern Virginia job training program.

Brad Johnson recently completed a masters in international relations from Princeton and is living in NC consulting on a project with National Council of La Raza (his former policy site).

David Kane is Executive Director of Collective Roots, a food systems change organization in Palo Alto, CA. He'll be starting law school at UCLA in the fall.

Katherine Moos recently moved to Denver to work as Program Manager at the new statewide anti-hunger organization, Hunger Free Colorado.

Elizabeth Oquendo is pursuing a law degree at Temple University and working at Philadelphia Legal Assistance's food stamp clinic. She is interning at FRAC (her former policy placement) for the summer.

JoEllen Pederson is living in Tallahassee, FL and pursuing a PhD in sociology at Florida State University.

Will Perreault is married and living in D.C. He works as a consultant on international development projects with DAI.

Isha Plynton just completed her first year of law school at American University.

Bianca Pullen is living in Boston working with Boston Medical Center on children's health issues as she prepares for medical school.

David Tian just completed his second year of medical school at Harvard University.

Alexander Villaverde recently left CFED and moved back to his hometown of New York City.

Rachel Winch is living in Arizona and working with Border Links.

Corey Yarbrough is living in Boston and working as a Program Manager at Let's Get Ready, a college readiness program for low-income youth. He is also the co-Founder of Hispanic Black Gay Coalition.

15TH CLASS

Benjamin Bowman is working on an organic farm near St. Louis.

Veronica Conti is finishing her VISTA placement in Seattle and beginning an MPH at the University of North Carolina in the fall.

Sarah Custer is living in New Haven, CT finishing up her year as a VISTA volunteer. She is hoping to move back to D.C. later this summer.

Eric Hoffman is managing a policy campaign on genetic engineering for Friends of the Earth in D.C.

Mickey Hubbard is staying on in Jordan after completing his Rotary Scholarship program.

Eileen Hyde is living in D.C. working as a program specialist at Feeding America, focusing on senior hunger and child nutrition programs.

Sofya Leonova is living in D.C. and working as a staff assistant for U.S. Congressman Dan Lipinski.

Kelly Meredith got married in Hawaii, moved to Austin, TX, and is working as the SNAP Education and Outreach Coordinator for the Capital Area Food Bank of Austin.

Nikki Mosuro lives in the D.C. area and works as Program Associate for Jubilee Housing's Youth Services.

Raquel Oriol is working in her field site city of Tucson, AZ as a Nutrition and Physical Educator at the United Way.

Nico Quintana is the Fellowship Advisor for the Emerson Program at CHC and recently published a report on federal response to gay and transgender homeless youth.

Michael Richardson is supporting Bonner scholars around the country with the Bonner Foundation in New Jersey.

Cristina Sepe lives in Seattle where she is a research coordinator with the Center on Reinventing Public Education.

Collin Siu recently left his job with U.S. Rep. Al Green to begin his graduate studies in public policy at Carnegie Mellon University's Heinz School.

Mark Stovell moved to New York City to work as a research assistant at the Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University.

Christine Tran is starting her second year as an Illinois Early Childhood Fellow at the Latino Policy Forum in Chicago.

Stephany Whitaker recently began graduate studies in public health at Eastern Kentucky University and works with at-risk youth from Appalachia in an Upward Bound program.

Ayanna Williams is living in Morocco working as a Peace Corps Volunteer.

Renita Woolford recently completed her first year in medical school at the University of Ohio.