

2018-19 Global Health Student Advisory Committee

The committee is comprised of student representatives from across the university. The role of the committee is to communicate with the different schools and student groups to help generate awareness and interest in global health among students. The committee advises the Global Health Center and helps grow the global health community at Washington University St. Louis and beyond.

Committee Members and Roles

- Aishwarya Nagar, Brown School – *President*
- Wei Liu, Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts – *Vice President*
- Mackenzie Robinson, Brown School – *Director of Communications*
- Cathy Yu, School of Medicine – *Director of Operations & Logistics*
- Gwen Byrne, Olin Business School – *Associate Director of Communications*
- Anirudh Gururaj, Arts & Sciences – *Co-Associate Director of Operations & Logistics*
- Carmen Maria Von Unrug, Sam Fox School of Design & Visual Arts – *Co-Associate Director of Operations & Logistics*
- Kyle Nicholson, School of Engineering & Applied Sciences – *Consortium of Universities for Global Health Campus Representative*
- Morissa Schochet, Arts & Sciences – *Consortium of Universities for Global Health Campus Representative*
- Thomas van Horn, School of Medicine – *Medical School Representative*
- Sarah Yang, School of Medicine – *Honorary Member*

Bios



Gwen Byrne is a junior majoring in healthcare management and economics and strategy. She has passion for solving healthcare issues through business models. Her interest began by shadowing doctors in a community health clinic during high school and has only grown since. She eventually hopes to enter the field of public health and healthcare policy.



Anirudh Gururaj is a senior majoring in anthropology – global health and the environment track and minoring in chemistry. He hopes to become a physician working at the intersection of clinical medicine, global health delivery, and healthcare policy. He completed a summer internship at the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland working with the Partnership for Maternal, Newborn, and Child Health. He also worked with the non-governmental organization Partners in Health in Mirebalais, Haiti, helping to enhance monitoring and evaluation measures for noncommunicable diseases. Ani is passionate about creating a more connected and aware student body around global health and social medicine.



Wei Liu is a PHD student in the inaugural cohort for sustainable urbanism at the Sam Fox School of Design and Visual Arts. He received a Master of Urban Design from University of Miami, Coral Gables, and a Bachelor of urban planning in Tianjin, China. Wei's research interests lie in the field urban sustainability, metabolism, and morphology, built environment, aging in place, public health, and the science of science communication. Wei has a holistic methodological approach to transdisciplinary sustainability thinking, involving complex social, cultural, political, environmental, and economic systems. He would like to address the design of cities that are more environmentally integrated with natural systems, healthier, less dependent on scarce natural resources, and more socially just.



Aishwarya Nagar is an MPH student specializing in global health. She is originally from New Delhi, India, and came to WashU via Wake Forest University, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in biology and minors in religion and philosophy. She is passionate about global public health, gender equity, infectious diseases, and maternal and child health. She completed a public health

practicum in Cap-Haitien, Haiti, where she worked on formative air quality and maternal nutrition research.



Kyle Nicholson is a junior studying biomedical engineering. He became interested in global health through his work with Engineers Without Borders, where he manages three international projects and a local project in St. Louis. In prior years with Engineers Without Borders, Kyle served on the Ethiopia Project team, executive board for the Washington University Guatemala Initiative at Roosevelt Hospital, and led the creation of the Nicaragua Project. He is an avid downhill skier and volunteers for the Disabled Athlete Sports Association with the Gateway Disabled Ski Program during the winter.



Mackenzie Robinson is an MPH student specializing in epidemiology and biostatistics. Her main interests are in global reproductive, maternal, and newborn health epidemiology, especially program evaluation and implementation. Mackenzie has most recently worked as a research fellow with the Centre for Infectious Diseases Research in Zambia on evaluating new technologies for HIV testing and interventions to reduce adverse perinatal outcomes. After completing her MPH degree, she hopes to work towards improving surveillance efforts of reproductive and perinatal conditions on a global scale to ultimately improve health outcomes among girls, women, and newborns.



Morissa Schochet is a senior studying global health and the environment and healthcare management. Her interests in healthcare include combating structural problems within the healthcare system and increasing access to care. She is interested in global women's health issues. During a semester abroad in Denmark, Morissa researched breast density and breast cancer rates in European women. This past summer she worked for a health plan to decrease perinatal mortality and neonatal abstinence syndrome rates in Dallas, Texas.

Thomas van Horn is a recent graduate of the College of Arts and Sciences and a first-year student at the School of Medicine. His interest in Global Health began with learning about global infectious disease response and grew into a passion for finding novel solutions to “everyday,” chronic health problems like malnutrition, diabetes, and food-borne illness. The past two years, he has worked as healthcare staff for a summer camp for kids from inner-city Denver, which gave him an appreciation for the role social factors play in all levels of health and disease. He is particularly interested in examining the ways community-based programs can create sustainable results that last long after Global Health teams leave an area.

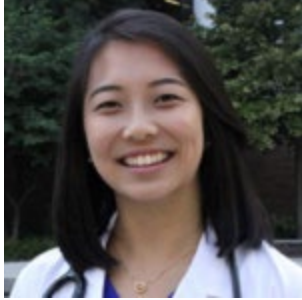


Carmen María von Unrug is a junior majoring in anthropology – global health and the environment track and communication design. Her interest in public health stems from a background in translating for non-native patients in St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky, as well as volunteering with marginalized populations with poor access to medical care. The past five years she has led diabetes education seminars at St. Joseph Hospital, holding a majority of sessions for Hispanic and Latino patients in their native Spanish. She is interested in educating the public on the important role diet plays on the body, implementing and innovating biomedical design, and researching how various governments provide marginalized communities with medications and healthcare services.



Sarah Yang is recently graduated with a major in biology and minor in anthropology. She currently works at the university as a research assistant working to identify biomarkers in patients with idiopathic neuropathy. In college, she was involved with Partners in East St. Louis, a student organization dedicated to combating the effects of

structural inequalities in the city. She plans to become a physician and help improve access to healthcare in underserved populations.



Cathy Yu is a medical student. She received a Bachelor's of Science in biological engineering from MIT. Her interest in global health developed during this time where her study abroad in Togo and South Africa highlighted for her the importance of social and cultural influences in shaping inequities of healthcare access. As a member of the advisory committee, she hopes to engage more students in thinking about global health, and in the process, learn more herself.