



Student Leaders in Public Health (2020-21)

COLORADO

Amy Blom, MPH/RD Student

Colorado School of Public Health

Preceptor: Dr. Susan Baker, EdD Professor/Extension Specialist Colorado EFNEP

Host Site: Colorado State University EFNEP

Topic: Social Marketing Campaign to increase the reach and enrollment of Colorado EFNEP

Elizabeth Boland, MPH Student

Colorado School of Public Health

Preceptor: Erin Bertoli, BA, Program Director

Host Site: Center for Public Health Practice

Topic: "Possession, Use, and Purchasing" (PUP laws) and the health equity lens

Sarah Boland, DrPH Student

Colorado School of Public Health

Preceptor: Audra Bishop, MA, MCH Workforce Development Section Manager

Host Site: Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment

Topic: Colorado Local Public Health Training Needs Assessment Related to Racial Equity in Maternal and Child Health

Jovanna Brunner, MPH Student

Colorado School of Public Health

Preceptor: Teresa Sharp, MEd, PhD

Host Site: North Range Behavioral Health

Topic: Needs assessment for a rural fire department (Windsor Severance Fire Rescue) using surveys for firefighters and firefighter families

Natalie Collins, MPH Student

Colorado School of Public Health - CSU Campus

Preceptor: Mary Davis, DrPH, MSPH, Principal & Evaluation Consultant

Host Site: Rocky Mountain Public Health Training Center

Topic: COVID-19 Prevention & Immunization: Identifying Communication Strategies for Colorado Local Public Health Agencies

Audrey Dickinson, MPH Student

Colorado School of Public Health

Preceptor: David Rojas-Rueda, MPH, PhD, MD, Assistant Professor - Epidemiology

Host Site: ColoradoSPH – CSU Campus

Topic: How e-scooters may negatively affect morbidity and mortality

Maha Khalid, MPH Student

Colorado School of Public Health

Preceptor: Angela Lee-Winn, PhD, MA, Assistant Professor

Host Site: Colorado School of Public Health

Topic: COVID-19's Impact on Harm Reduction Programs and People Who Use Drugs (PWUD)

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Madelyn Lensing, MPH Student

Colorado School of Public Health

Preceptor: Elizabeth Austin, MPH, Influenza & RSV
Surveillance Lead Epidemiologist

Host Site: Colorado Department of Public Health &
Environment

Topic: Exploration of disease severity as modulated by
seasonal influenza vaccination in influenza-
hospitalized pediatric patients

Erin Liedtke, Undergraduate in Public Health

University of Colorado Denver

Preceptor: Hyeyoung Nelson, PhD, CTT Assistant
Professor

Host Site: CU Denver

Topic: Investigation of risk factors associated with
maternal mortality in Black women

India Luxton, PhD student, Sociology

Colorado State University

Preceptor: Stephanie Malin, PhD

Host Site: Colorado State University

Topic: A Public Health Crisis: An Investigation on
COVID-19 and Meat Processing Facilities

Lauren Phillips, MPH Student

Colorado School of Public Health

Preceptor: Charlotte Farewell, PhD, MPH, Research
Faculty, Community & Behavioral Health Concentration
Director, Population Mental Health and Wellbeing
Program Rocky Mountain Prevention Research Center

Host Site: Rocky Mountain Prevention Research
Center

Topic: Evaluation/Quality Improvement for Fostering
Resiliency in Early Education

Terra Rosten, MPH/MSW Student

Colorado School of Public Health

Preceptor: Jenn Leiferman, PhD, Chair of Community
& Behavioral Health Dept., Dir of the Rocky Mtn Prev
Research Center and Founder of Population Mental
Health & Wellbeing Dept.

Host Site: Rocky Mountain Prevention Research
Center

Topic: STANCE Project – (Linking Systems To address
ACEs iN Childhood Early on): Addressing and
preventing the intergenerational transmission of trauma
among young families

Marissa Silverberg, MPH Student

Johns Hopkins University

Preceptor: Marion Kalb, MA, Institutional Food
Program Administrator

Host Site: Jefferson County Public Health

Topic: Sustaining a Local Food Policy Council as
Backbone for the Development of an Equitable,
Community-Centered Food System in Jefferson
County, Colorado

Syd Staggs, MPH Student

Colorado School of Public Health

Preceptor: Dr. Natalie J. Nokoff, MD, MSCS, Assistant
Professor and Pediatric Endocrinologist

Host Site: Children's Hospital Colorado

Topic: Raise awareness and visibility of Spanish
speaking Hispanic/Latinx and gender diverse team and
patients (Inclusivity Project)

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MONTANA

Julie Cahoon, MPH Student

The University of Montana

Preceptor: Blakely Brown, RD, PhD

Host Site: All Nations Health Center

Topic: Rates of participation in ceremony and other traditional practices and substance use

Mattea Grant, MPH Student

University of Montana

Preceptor: Maja Pedersen, MS, PhD Candidate -

School of Public Health

Host Site: Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes
Flathead Indian Reservation

Topic: Cultural connectedness influence on physical activity

NORTH DAKOTA

Mara Yborra, MPH Student

University of North Dakota

Preceptor: A-dae Briones, Food and Ag Law, Director
of Programs - Native Agriculture and Food Systems

Host Site: First Nations Development Institute

Topic: Online Food Sovereignty Assessment Tool

SOUTH DAKOTA

Sandra Melstad, PhD Student – Health Sciences

University of South Dakota

Preceptor: DenYelle Kenyon, PhD, Associate Dean -
SSOM Div & Inc

Host Site: University of South Dakota School of Health
Sciences

Topic: Mixed-methods study of the public health
practitioner's role to improve health equity

Heidi Schultz, MPH Student

South Dakota State University

Preceptor: Sharrel Pinto, BS Pharm, DMM, MS, PhD,
Dept. Head/Hoch Family Endowed Professor for
Community Pharmacy Practice

Host Site: South Dakota State University

Topic: Improved Diabetes Management with
Pharmacists and other non-physician practitioners-
Capstone

UTAH

Jenessa Folsom, MSPH Student

University of Utah

Preceptor: Lisa Gren, PhD, MSPH,

Host Site: University of Utah Center for Research on
Migrant and Refugee Integration

Topic: Face and Construct Validation of a Tool for
Measuring Immigrant & Refugee Integration: A Mixed-
Methods Approach

Andrew Langi, MPH Student

University of Utah

Preceptor: Sharon Talboys, PhD, MPH

Host Site: University of Utah

Topic: An Historical Assessment of the Corporatization
of Rural Healthcare Facilities in Utah – 2000 - 2015

Alfonso Lopez, MPH Student

University of Utah

Preceptor: Rachel Hess, MS, MD, Chief - Health
System Innovation and Research Division

Host Site: Salt Lake County and Wasatch Front

Topic: Recruitment of minority patients and creation of
diverse training materials for COVID-19 study

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Sara Mann, MPH Student

University of Utah School of Medicine
Preceptor: Deanna Kepka, PhD, MPH, Associate Professor, College of Nursing | Investigator, Huntsman Cancer Institute; Founder & Director, Intermountain West HPV Vaccination Coalition; Director, Global and International Health, College of Nursing
Host Site: Huntsman Cancer Institute
Topic: Rural Cancer Prevention

Dawn Young, MPH Student

University of Utah
Preceptor: Robin Marcus, PhD, Board-Certified Clinical Specialist in Orthopaedic Physical Therapy Professor and Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs, College of Health
Host Site: Palmer Court (Permanent Supportive Housing Development)
Topic: Palmer Court Collaborative – Improve health outcomes through nutrition and physical activity

Arthur Melvin, MSSW Student

University of Wyoming
Preceptor: Dr. Eleanor Downey, PhD, Director/Assoc Professor Social Work
Host Site: Wind River Health Cares
Topic: Digital Storytelling for Health Organizations of the Wind River Indian Reservation

Fraisher Morales, PharmD Student

University of Wyoming
Preceptor: Thanh-Nga Thi Nguyen, PharmD, MBA, BCACP
Host Site: University of Wyoming Family Medicine
Topic: Survey development and data collection regarding Naloxone (Narcan) Prescribing Practices and Utilization in a Primary Care Setting

WYOMING

Melissa Hoang, PharmD Student

University of Wyoming
Preceptor: Thanh-Nga Thi Nguyen, PharmD, MBA, BCACP
Host Site: University of Wyoming Family Medicine
Topic: Optimizing Naloxone Use and Prescribing Practices in an Ambulatory Care Setting