

STUDENT INTERNSHIPS



Each summer, our students seek internships and field practica that take them to communities across North Carolina. They provide public health services, conduct research and educate people about public health issues. In return, they receive training, practical experience and a wider appreciation for the people, places and public health challenges in North Carolina.

Enjoy these snapshots! They describe only a few of our students' North Carolina projects.

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Left to right are Krista Perreira, PhD, professor of public policy and adjunct professor in the Gillings School, de Rosset and Arandia.



GABRIELA ARANDIA
HEALTH BEHAVIOR DOCTORAL STUDENT

LESLIE DEROSSET
MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH
DOCTORAL STUDENT

Arandia and deRosset studied the effectiveness of educational outreach to immigrants about the Affordable Care Act. Team members conducted interviews with government officials, health and human service providers, community leaders and immigrants. They learned what worried people about the law and examined strategies that might make enrolling for coverage easier. A report on their findings will be available in 2014 on the Carolina Population Center's website (www.unc.edu/cpc).



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PHIL HANSEN
HEALTH BEHAVIOR MASTER'S STUDENT

Hansen did research and disseminated health information in beauty and barber shops, introducing underserved communities to information about cancer screening and other health issues. He and others traveled to numerous beauty shops in the state, including Donna's Hair Salon, in Sanford, N.C., to conduct fall-prevention workshops. He interviewed women about lifestyle habits, checking blood pressure and testing strength and balance, "I learned a lot today," one of Donna's customers said. "I appreciate that you came and gave us this free health information."



Hansen (above, left) worked with beauty salon customers to prevent falls.



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Abel (left) and Bellamy conducted a food preparation workshop in Garner, N.C.

KATE ABEL
NUTRITION MASTER'S STUDENT



KELLY BELLAMY
NUTRITION MASTER'S STUDENT

Abel and Bellamy conducted a program in Garner, N.C., that taught low-income residents how to grow their own food and cook it. These "Garden to Table" programs have been extremely popular and successful statewide.

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A report on Arandia's and de Rosset's research on immigration and health care will be posted in early 2014 at:
unc.edu/cpc.

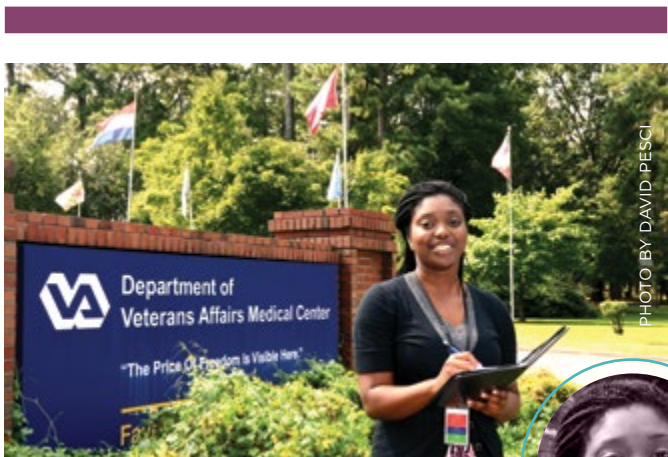


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AMA ACHAMPONG
HEALTH POLICY AND MANAGEMENT
MASTER'S STUDENT

Achampong spent her summer at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Fayetteville, N.C. She developed a comprehensive tool to track nursing performance measures, such as patient falls, pressure ulcers and restraint utilization; assessed quality and process improvement projects for inpatient mental health services; and worked with the hospital's associate director to analyze the staffing model of a specialty service.



ROBERT COBLE
HEALTH POLICY AND MANAGEMENT
MASTER'S STUDENT

Coble focused on the expansion of the Women's Services department at Novant Health Medical Center in Matthews, N.C. Two of his tasks were to identify optimal operational design for patient flow and room assignment in the medical center and coordinate a parking plan for increased volume due to expanded women's services and an additional floor being added to the center.



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Coble (left) reviews blueprints with Chris Hutter, Novant Health's senior director of operations.



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ANTHONY NWOSU
HEALTH POLICY AND MANAGEMENT
MASTER'S STUDENT

Nwosu worked with the Carolina Population Center's MEASURE Evaluation program to update health indices information for about 40 countries. He learned the importance of monitoring, evaluation and use of data and examined what governments are doing to curtail the spread of HIV/AIDS, reduce stigmatization and institute preventive measures, preparation that will serve him well in a global health career. This information could be used in N.C.

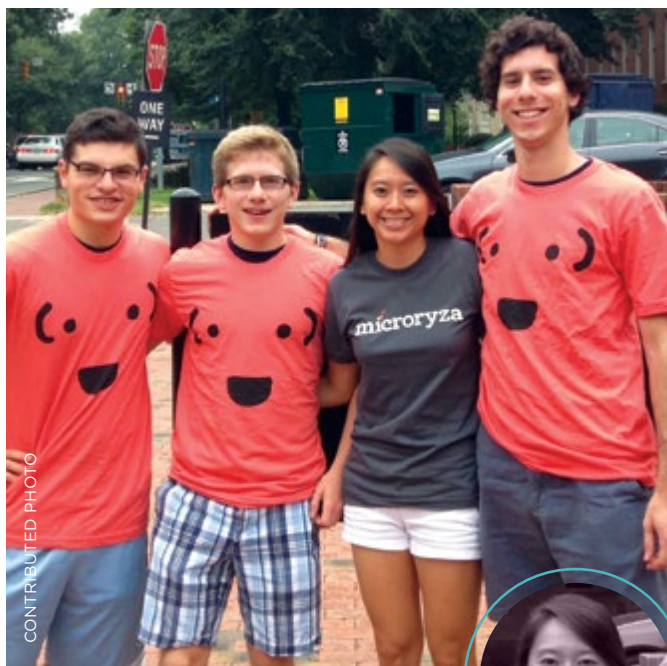


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MEGAN SQUIRES
MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH
MASTER'S STUDENT

Squires interned at the Planned Parenthood Action Fund of Central North Carolina in Raleigh, but her efforts benefited all of North Carolina. She used Stata, a software program, to analyze patient satisfaction surveys, coordinating with program partners, including Blueprint and America Votes, to raise awareness about various women's health issues. She also worked on a program to include more men in maternal and child health efforts statewide.



Liz Chen (second from right) with UNC seniors (l-r) Joey Weissburg, TJ Tkacik and John Haskell.

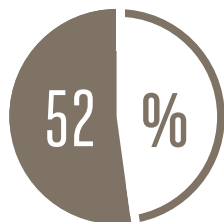


ELIZABETH CHEN
HEALTH BEHAVIOR MASTER'S STUDENT

Chen (in black) partnered with a colleague at another school to develop "MyHealthEd," an online, tailored sex education curriculum that increases sexual health knowledge and decreases risky sexual behaviors among middle- and high-school students in rural North Carolina. She also will introduce the program as a pilot during spring 2014 at Teach For America's partner high schools in eastern North Carolina.



Megan Squires raised awareness about women's health issues this summer.



**52% OF GRADUATING
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who originally came as non-resident students remain in North Carolina.

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Interested in learning more about MyHealthEd (featured above) and how it could impact your city?

microryza.com/PROJECTS/MYHEALTHED