

ARGENTINA

Argemira Florez



A New York native, Argemira Florez graduated from Franklin & Marshall College in 2013 with a major in government and a minor in international studies. The summer following her graduation she studied minority rights in democratic countries as a fellow with Humanity in Action in Amsterdam. At F&M, Argemira was involved with The Human Rights Initiative and The Worker's Rights Group, and served as a campus Bible study leader and as president of the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship chapter. Argemira studied abroad four times while in undergrad, and she considers her junior-year research project in Rwanda—on the role of the church in the genocide—to have been a watershed moment with respect to her career aspirations as a researcher. She is delighted to be joining Human Rights Watch and the Centro de Estudios en Libertad de Expresión y Acceso a la Información (CELE), as a research assistant in the Facultad de Derecho at the Universidad de Palermo, Buenos Aires. After her year in Argentina, Argemira plans to pursue a graduate degree in public policy.

Wade Prospere



A native of Dallas, Texas, Wade graduated from Cornell University in 2010 with a degree in economics. There he focused on economic development in Latin America, and was heavily involved with Cornell's investment community and microfinance organizations across campus. After graduating, Wade began working for Merrill Lynch as an analyst in their Private Banking and Investment Group. His primary role involved structuring equity and debt portfolios and trading for his team. While at Merrill Lynch, Wade became involved with Pro Mujer, a leading women's development, health, and microfinance social enterprise that provides women in Latin America with vital services that are essential to breaking the cycle of poverty. He currently serves on Pro Mujer's Junior Committee, and is a member of the Velasco & Patterson Society. Wade looks forward to working with and supporting local entrepreneurs while serving as a 2013–2014 PiLA fellow at Endeavor in Buenos Aires. Following his year in Argentina, he intends to pursue a dual MBA-MPP degree.

Deena Tumeh



Deena graduated from Yale University (2013) with a B.A. in American studies, focusing on criminal justice, immigration law, racial profiling, and national security in U.S. and Latin American contexts. As an undergraduate, she was involved with the Yale Refugee Project, Intercultural Affairs Council, Opera Theatre of Yale College, and the Yale Baroque Opera Project, among other organizations. She also interpreted for clients at the Worker and Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic at the Yale Law School. She has spent summers studying Portuguese, performing ethnographic and archival research on immigrant populations in São Paulo, and interning at criminal justice and immigration NGOs and firms. This year, Deena will be working at the Asociación por los Derechos Civiles (ADC) and Centro de Estudios Legales y Sociales (CELS) in Buenos Aires. Her work includes performing comparative research on prison systems

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and conditions in the United States and Argentina, working with clients in a refugee and immigrant clinic, and translating legal documents. Deena plans to pursue a degree in law.

BOLIVIA

Mai Nguyen



A native of Hanoi, Mai Nguyen graduated from Vassar College (2013) with degrees in international studies and economics. Her interest in development began as she grew up in a Vietnam undergoing rapid economic transition and was fostered in college through her involvement with the Vassar Haiti Project, a student-led nonprofit organization that supports education and sustainable development projects in a village in northwest Haiti. Mai completed a six-month internship at UNICEF New York, where she worked for a research project on the online digital citizenship and safety of Vietnamese youth. During her summer internship at the Global Policy Forum, she assisted advocacy efforts at the United Nations on issues of global food justice and hunger. Her love for Latin America grew through her study abroad in Buenos Aires with the Harvard Summer School and her travels to Mexico and Costa Rica. She is grateful to be able to her interest in Latin America and development via the PiLA fellowship. As External Relations Coordinator for the Unidad Académica Campesina-Carmen Pampa (UAC-CP), a college serving indigenous young people from rural Bolivia, she organizes visits of professional visitors, help manage social media, and assists with project management and fundraising. She is excited to grow as a development professional, to further her understanding of development through education, and to learn from each new person that she meets on this year-long journey. After PiLA, Mai plans to continue working on youth education issues and pursue a graduate degree focusing in these areas.

BRAZIL

Diana Choi



Diana Choi recently graduated from Wesleyan University, majoring in Latin American studies with a concentration in history. She first became interested in the region during her freshman year on a spring-break service trip in Guatemala. She stayed with an elderly woman who had grown up in a family of rubber-tappers, survived the civil war, and despite a life of hardship, was able to put her daughter through college, where she focused on human rights. Diana developed a strong appreciation for the cultural and historical significance of the stories of survival and empowerment she would encounter throughout Latin America. This insight culminated during her junior year spring semester studying abroad and working with Las Madres de la Plaza de Mayo-Línea Fundadora in Buenos Aires. She helped to organize the archives and collected material to foster greater awareness of the organization and its mission. She established close relationships with several of the Madres, who were never short of inspiring stories and words of wisdom and encouragement. Diana also has traveled in Peru, Bolivia, Brazil, and Costa Rica. In the latter she indulged her childhood love of marine life, spending several weeks volunteering with a conservation project at Ostional Beach, collecting field data on the nesting habits of Olive Ridley sea turtles. Having fallen in love with Brazil while on vacation, she returned

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to work with The Sequoia Foundation as a PiLA Fellow and public elementary school English teacher in Quissamã, Rio de Janeiro state.

Isabel Silver Nogueira



Born in Rio de Janeiro and raised in Brazil, Sweden and New York City, Isabel Nogueira graduated from Hampshire College (2013), where she studied education and Latin American history. As an undergraduate she spent two semesters in Brazil studying and practicing educational methods, including those of Paulo Freire and Rudolf Steiner (Waldorf pedagogy). In 2011, Isabel spent a semester traveling from Chile to

Ecuador. Isabel received the Hampshire College Global Migrations grant to return to Chile and research methods used to teach about the Pinochet dictatorship. For her senior thesis she developed tools to teach U.S. high school students about the Cold War era in Latin America, with an emphasis on arts integration. Isabel's work at Saúde Criança takes her back to her birthplace, where she is serving families of seriously ill children, implementing child education programs, and developing her fundraising and communications skills. She is thrilled to be working with Saúde Criança's team and the families it serves.

Laila Parada-Worby



A Washington, D.C. native, Laila Parada-Worby graduated from Harvard College, concentrating in history and literature with a focus in Latin America, a secondary field in government, and a Portuguese language citation. In summer 2009, Laila took part in the Harvard Summer School in Rio de Janeiro, catalyzing her interest in the Portuguese language and Brazilian studies. In 2010, she returned to Brazil to work with a São Paulo nonprofit through the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American

Studies to conduct independent honors thesis research with a grant from the Harvard College Research Program. Laila's thesis on funk carioca, urban popular electronic music, won the Rockefeller Center prize for a thesis of distinction in history and literature. While at Harvard, Laila also served as a peer counselor with Eating Concerns Hotline and Outreach (ECHO), participated in and co-directed an alternative spring break trip rebuilding burned churches in the American South, and sang gospel choral music with the Kuumba Singers. An interest in education, inequality, and issues of race, gender, and identity defined Laila's studies at Harvard and solidified her commitment to social justice and nonprofit work. She is thrilled to work with Instituto de Liderança do Rio's (ILRIO) Fundação Estudar Prep Program, recruiting Brazilian high school students to apply to U.S. universities and colleges, and mentoring them through the process.

Caio Setubal



From Brazil, Caio Setubal graduated from the University of Virginia (2013) with a double major in mathematics and anthropology. While studying abroad he carried out ethnographic research during summer 2012 in a rural village in Guyana, assessing the implications and influence of an indigenous enumerating system on sociality among the Makushi people, which informed his decision to return to Latin America after graduating. This took Caio back to Brazil to live in São Paulo and work with Worldfund as the Program

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Assistant for STEM Brasil. The NGO focuses on training and supporting science and math teachers currently serving in the public high schools in the state of São Paulo. STEM Brasil offers an intensive course with an emphasis on project-based learning. Caio coordinates the program already in place, and works to expand it to other states, and perhaps to other countries.

CHILE

Matthew Doup



From Western Massachusetts, Matt graduated from Brown (2011) with a dual degree in international relations and Latin American studies. While at Brown, he cultivated his passion for economic development through a sustainable community development project in the Dominican Republic, and by serving as business manager and associate editor for *The Brown Journal of World Affairs*. After internships in campaign finance, political consulting, and marketing, Matt worked in financial sales for Standard and Poor's in New York for two years, helping to manage relationships with the firm's Bulge Bracket clientele. Matt is excited to join Endeavor in the search for and selection of high-impact entrepreneurs in Chile. An avid tennis player, Matt also plans to do battle on the South American red clay in his spare time, and hopes to emerge from his time in Chile with a Nadal-like topspin forehand.

Kaya Ten-Pow



Kaya is a recent graduate from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public & International Affairs (2013). As the daughter of two immigrants who left their native Guyana in search for better economic opportunities, Kaya has always been drawn to international development studies, especially in the Caribbean. In order to better arm herself for a career in the field, Kaya spent a summer in Spain to solidify her Spanish, worked abroad in the Dominican Republic for an NGO dedicated to protecting workers' rights, and spent the spring semester of her junior year in Havana, where she conducted independent research on fertility rate trends in Cuba. With international experience under her belt and minors in Spanish and Latin American and Caribbean studies, Kaya was determined to find a job abroad, and accepted an offer to work with Endeavor Chile as a PiLA fellow. As a member of Endeavor Patagonia's Search and Selection Team, Kaya is excited to learn more about the intersection between private market forces and international development processes; and as a PiLANista living in Chile, she is ready to jump headfirst into another culture, learn *Chileno* and experience life on another side of the world.

COLOMBIA

Danny Freeman



Raised in Long Island, Daniel E. Freeman is a New Yorker at heart, with a strong loyalty to New Hampshire as a Dartmouth College graduate (2013), having also studied international relations at the London School of Economics. As a government major and a theater minor, his academic focus has been telling stories grounded in public policy as it plays out in local Latino communities. Daniel worked on Capitol Hill for New York Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, focusing on Hispanic issues and immigration policy. He also immersed himself

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in a New York Latino immigrant community, working in Corona, Queens in an eye-opening internship with McDonald's. Daniel's post-graduation dream was to live and work in Colombia. As a Colombian adoptee, he had never been able to visit the country of his roots, where via PiLA he serves as a political journalist for Latin America's largest English-language news website, *Colombia Reports*. Daniel is pursuing a career in journalism, and hopes that his work in Colombia will help foreigners better understand this beautiful and complex country.

Nick Noel



Born in New York City and raised in Brockton, Massachusetts, Nick graduated from Boston College (2007) with a B.A. in history. His passion for social justice was sparked as an undergraduate while leading a pair of service-immersion trips to Haiti and the Dominican Republic. After working for two years in fixed-income sales at Bank of America Merrill Lynch, Nick found himself back in Latin America, traveling through El Salvador and Guatemala, as a portfolio analyst for Developing World Markets, an impact investing firm focused on microfinance. Nick's work performing macroeconomic analysis, market research and monitoring the firm's investments in both Africa and Latin America solidified his interest in pursuing a career in international development and the capital markets. He is ecstatic about the opportunity to work with entrepreneurs as a PiLA Fellow at Endeavor Colombia. After his year in Bogotá, Nick plans to pursue a dual MBA-MPP degree in fall 2014.

Robert "Bo" Schlagel



Born and raised in rural Colorado, Bo Schlagel graduated from Brown University with honors in development studies and a regional focus in Latin America. His first overseas experience was as a high school volunteer in a small Nicaraguan village with a Habitat for Humanity-sponsored program, which inspired him to focus his studies on Latin America and international development. During his summers in college, Bo instructed math and health classes in one of the poorest neighborhoods of Providence, aided community development in an Amazonian indigenous community, and interned at the Colorado Nonprofit Development Center in Denver. He also studied abroad in Brazil, South Africa, and Vietnam, where he undertook research on vulnerable groups such as migrants and slum dwellers. The capstone of his education was his thesis and supplementary documentary that explored the relationship between farmers and undocumented farmhands in northeastern Colorado, made possible by the AT&T New Media Fellowship. Building on these experiences, Bo looks forward to developing his expertise as a PiLA fellow with the Developing Minds Foundation in Medellín on the social and educational rehabilitation of former child soldiers.

COSTA RICA

Lindsey Doyle

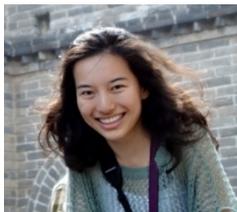


As a 2013–2014 PiLA Fellow Lindsey Doyle is working in Costa Rica with the Arias Foundation for Peace and Human Progress. With its mission of creating a culture of peace and promoting democracy, gender equality, disarmament, and demilitarization, the Arias

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Foundation has asked Lindsey to help design, fundraise for, and develop an interactive center for peace that will serve as a resource and museum where the public can learn about diplomacy and conflict resolution. Lindsey is a recent graduate of the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service as an international culture and politics major, with a focus on conflict and its peaceful resolution. Beyond the classroom, she worked for two years on stabilization and nonviolent conflict intervention policy with both the Federal government and non-governmental organizations. Originally from Los Angeles, Lindsey spent time in Nicaragua, Argentina, and Ecuador for academic study and travel. Lindsey is a dancer, fluent in Spanish, and committed to working as a community partner and equal to counteract the effects of poverty and social conflict, and to improving community livelihood.

Shengxiao Yu



Shengxiao Yu is a 2012 graduate of the University of Chicago, where she studied comparative human development and human rights. In the summer of 2009, Shengxiao worked in the Dominican Republic with children with Type I diabetes, as a team member conducting family outreach in rural areas to connect with diabetic children, and working as a counselor at a child diabetes camp. It was her first on-the-ground exposure to NGO work in Latin America, and she absolutely fell in love with the region, the language, and more than anything, the spirit of the people. Shengxiao returned to Latin America in the following two summers, where she worked and lived in Lima and Cuzco, Peru. She took Quechua language classes and worked for an anti-human trafficking NGO. Shengxiao wrote her senior thesis on Peruvian female business owners who received microloans, and the relationship between family life and the demands of business management. During her college years, Shengxiao was the Chicago District Director of the Millennium Campus Network, a Boston-based NGO that helps student organizations become more effective and sustainable in their efforts to reduce extreme poverty and advance the UN's Millennium Development Goals. Since graduating, she has worked at David Axelrod's new Institute of Politics, where she was part of the programming and marketing team and managed two immigration-related projects. The combination of her nonprofit administration and on-the-ground experiences defined and strengthened her interest in international development and human rights in Latin America. Shengxiao is excited to be working in the programs department of Fundación CRUSA in San José, Costa Rica, helping to design sustainable development projects.

GUATEMALA

Jenna Berger



Jenna Berger is a recent dual-degree graduate from Tulane University with a BS in cell and molecular biology and a BA in Spanish. Her professional aspiration is to become a physician, but she has an abiding interest in Latin American culture. In college, she spent consecutive semesters abroad in Chile and Uruguay studying economics, sociology, and Latin American literature. Before applying to medical school, she has taken the opportunity to spend an entire year living immersed in the indigenous Mayan culture of Santiago Atitlán, combining her passions of medicine and Latin American culture. Jenna

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works full time at Hospitalito Atitlán in the Office of Development. She manages the Hospitalito's online publicity, fundraising and donor communication and also acts as the international volunteer liaison. A typical day will include conversations with obstetricians, electricians, and many of the impoverished patients that frequent the hospital. The project closest to her heart is the Maternal-Infant Program, a support initiative funded by private subscription for poor rural mothers. Her interaction with both these clients and their foreign sponsors bridges a cultural gulf previously unknown to her.

Audrey Rose Hall



A 2013 graduate of Princeton University, Audrey is thrilled to be the first PiLA fellow at Antigua International School (AIS) in Antigua Guatemala, where she is a language arts and ESL teacher. She earned the B.A. in comparative literature, with proficiency in both Spanish and Russian. She has traveled across Europe, South America, and Russia in pursuit of greater cultural understanding and unforgettable friendships. An experienced ESL teacher, she will provide English-language support for 6–10th graders at AIS. She will also bring her love of a cappella music to rural Guatemala.

Jacob Weisenthal



Jake Weisenthal is a 2013 graduate of Haverford College, with a double major in political science and Spanish. At age 16 he attended high school in northern Chile for a year, an experience that triggered his interest in Latin America. He later volunteered in Mexico with Amigos de Las Americas, was a medical interpreter in Honduras with a caravan of surgeons, and assisted a Haverford professor studying transitional justice in Guatemala. Between his junior and senior years at Haverford he interned in Washington, D.C. at the Inter-American Dialogue, where his supervisor suggested that he apply for a PiLA fellowship. At Haverford he wrote two senior theses, the first on the relationship between development and justice in post-conflict societies, the second on testimonies he collected while traveling during fall break through rural Guatemala. Listening to and reflecting upon those testimonies led him to his PiLA placement as the Resource Development Coordinator at Pueblo a Pueblo, a nonprofit, at its field office in Santiago Atitlán, Guatemala. There Jake is helping to build a domestic fundraising base for health, education, and food security initiatives in the region. In his spare time, Jake plans to play *fútbol*, climb the volcanoes around Lake Atitlán, and learn the basics of carpentry from his landlord.

HAITI

Elizabeth Scarinci



Elizabeth Scarinci recently completed her B.A. in Latin American studies and anthropology at Middlebury College. Fluent in Spanish and Portuguese, she has studied in Bolivia, Brazil, and Chile. She was awarded a Mellon Grant in 2011 to conduct two months of original field research in Peru. Her senior thesis, which earned highest honors, focused on indigenous children who migrate from the Andes to become urban domestic workers. While at Middlebury, Elizabeth also

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helped develop Juntos, an organization that supports Latino migrant farm workers in Vermont. Juntos has since grown into the second-largest student service organization at the College. Elizabeth also wrote the business plan to launch Cusi Travel, a tour operator that offers sustainable tours in Cusco, Peru and Machu Picchu. Through her involvement in all aspects of the agency's operations, including customer service, website design and general management, Elizabeth helped Cusi Travel establish itself as a reputable tour agency in its first year of business. As a 2013–2014 PiLA Fellow, Elizabeth will work as Project Coordinator for AMURTEL Haiti, an international organization whose mission is to provide immediate and long-term relief for Haiti's most vulnerable women and children. She will be responsible for managing regional priorities, fundraising, and program development.

MEXICO

Chinekwu Anunwa



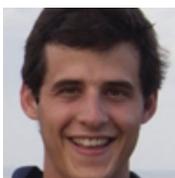
A New Jersey native, Chi graduated from Princeton University (2011) with a B.A. from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs and a certificate in Latin American studies. She first became enchanted with Latin America after spending a summer in Brazil as part of the Princeton Global Seminars program. While in college, Chi studied abroad for a semester in Havana, Cuba, and interned with a legal research organization in Cochabamba, Bolivia. Her time in Bolivia inspired her to write her senior thesis on the politics of coca farming in Bolivia and Peru. After graduating, she interned with the Innocence Project and the Drug Policy Alliance, two organizations dedicated to criminal justice reform. She then taught English for over a year at the Escuela Politécnica Nacional in Quito, Ecuador. Given her interests in education and social justice, she is very excited about her fellowship with Redes de Tutoría S.C. in Mexico. She is also grateful for the opportunity to start another adventure in Latin America!

Edith Sanguenza



A North Carolina native, Edith graduated from Yale University in 2010, where she studied art history and ethnicity, race and migration, with a focus on Latin American art. She earned the M.Sc. in Latin American studies from Oxford University and previously wrote a weekly column on Bolivia for Pulsamérica.co.uk, a Latin America weekly news site. Before heading to Mexico as a PiLA Fellow, she worked for two years as a Teach for America corps member in the San Francisco Bay Area. She taught second-grade math for Rocketship Education, a high-performing elementary charter network in San José, California, and spent summers teaching art at a free summer arts camp in east San José. Edith is very excited to be learning more about education in Mexico as a fellow with Redes de Tutoría, working to implement the *relación tutora* in rural schools. She has been enjoying exploring Mexico City and looks forward to working in Guanajuato.

Philip Winter



A PiLA fellow at Endeavor in Mexico City, Philip is a dual US-Spanish citizen, born and raised in the greater New York City area. He graduated from the University of

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Pennsylvania (2012) with a B.A. in international relations, where he was a member of the varsity golf team and co-president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. After studying international development at the London School of Economics between sophomore and junior year, Philip discovered a passion for understanding the key elements that unlock a country's potential. Upon graduating he spent several months travelling across Southeast Asia and the Middle East. He also interned in Athens at the Stavros Niarchos Foundation, where he led an initiative to create an entrepreneurial agro-food business program at a Greek university and supported a range of NGOs. Philip also has experience at the global microfinance bank, Opportunity International, on the creation of an impact investments fund. On the side he also works for a start-up social enterprise, Toilets for People, which produces safe and affordable composting toilets in developing countries.

PANAMA

Katherine Buckley



Katherine is a proud West Coast girl, splitting her allegiance between California (where she grew up) and Washington State (where she lived for the past 6 years). She attended the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, graduating in 2011 with a B.A. in international political economy, an emphasis in global development studies, a minor in Spanish, and an inability to write short sentences. While at Puget Sound, she also had the opportunity to study abroad in Buenos Aires, where she researched the economic and social integration of the MERCOSUR region, and where to find the city's most delicious *medialunas*. After graduating, Katherine accepted an AmeriCorps position with United Way of King County in Seattle and spent the next two years working on United Way's anti-hunger and anti-poverty initiatives—including SNAP outreach, expanding participation in federal child nutrition programs, free income tax preparation, and financial education for low-income refugee and immigrant populations. Although she's convinced the humidity might cause her hair to mold, Katherine is nevertheless honored to be working for the United Nations World Food Programme Regional Bureau in Panama City. As a member of the Disaster Management Unit, she looks forward to researching funds, writing reports, and becoming obsessed with early warning systems. After a spending a year with a PiLA fellowship, Katherine's major life goals include a career in law and social justice, learning how to barbecue, and finding Hogwarts.

Katherine Meola



A New Jersey native, Katie Meola is a graduate of Washington University in St. Louis, where she majored in anthropology. She has studied in Bolivia and Costa Rica, focusing on education reform and narratives of cultural identity. Katie has worked as a Community Producer at St. Louis Public Television and as the Program Coordinator at the town of Princeton's Human Services Department. Though Katie's interests change as often as her shoes, she always seeks to combine them with her love for video production ([youtube.com/watch?v=a4D6cZkP7dk&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a4D6cZkP7dk&feature=youtu.be)). She is working in communications with the Disaster Management Unit at the Regional Bureau of the United Nations World Food Programme in Panama, increasing her fluency in Panamanian *modismos*, and finding the best places to dance Bachata.

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Other favorites include moderately paced runs along the coast, over-analyzing advertisements, and maracuya. Katie can make a cappuccino with her eyes closed.

Mark Waterman



Born and raised in St. Louis, Mark earned his B.A. in regional studies of Latin America from Georgetown University, where he focused on human rights and issues of land distribution in the region. Outside of the classroom, Mark worked closely with a variety of student activist groups, fighting for workers' rights and divestment from fossil fuels. He also oversaw the renovation and expansion of the school's organic garden. Mark has previously studied in Brazil, where he also taught English and worked with local activist groups. Mark is excited to further pursue his passion for environmental work as a PiLA fellow at the Azuero Earth Project in Panama, where he works to develop a series of guides to encourage local landowners to adopt sustainable practices.

Renee Zale



Renee Zale, a Boston-area native, graduated from Elon University (2011) with a double major in political science and international studies, concentrating on Latin America. Renee studied abroad for two semesters in Chile, where she conducted research for her thesis on the influence of memory on the experiences of returned Chilean political exiles. Renee returned to Boston to intern at nonprofits focusing on early childhood literacy programs and refugee resettlement in the New England area. In January 2012 Renee moved to Colombia for a year to teach English and coordinate a language program through Fundación Juventas, an NGO that works with internally displaced and otherwise at-risk youth. During her time in Colombia Renee helped to expand the language school and created a local volunteer program for Colombian university students. Combining her interests in program coordination and volunteer management, Renee served as Participant Coordinator at ProWorld Peru's Cusco office, and from there moved to Panama to join ThinkImpact as an inaugural TIY Associate, working to set up and manage programs for students, young professionals, and rural community members, focusing on operations, curriculum, partnerships, community relations, and measurement and evaluation.

PERU

Brooke Bachelor



Brooke Bachelor, a Chicago native, realized her deep passion for health care and the Spanish language at a young age while doing volunteer work in the Dominican Republic. She earned the B.A. in Spanish and B.S. in Nursing from the University of Illinois, and took an extra year to study abroad in Barcelona. Later, working as a critical-care nurse for four years in Chicago, she enjoyed volunteer opportunities in Peru, the Dominican Republic, and most recently in Bolivia, conducting diabetes research. These experiences helped her clarify her goal of opening a clinic in South America, and to do this, Brooke is applying to medical school, having completed a post-baccalaureate pre-medicine certificate at Northwestern University. She is honored to work in Ollantaytambo, Peru with Sacred

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Valley Health (Ayni Wasi), an NGO dedicated to disease prevention through education. Brooke works as a community coordinator, focusing on topics such as first aid, illness recognition, nutrition, hygiene and water safety with local health promoters. In her free time, Brooke enjoys photography, *kombucha* brewing, and singing jazz; she also is a Reiki Level II Practitioner. From Peru, Brooke will move on to a 2014–2015 fellowship in Kampala, Uganda with Global Health Corps (GHC), working as a nurse in the Joint Clinical Research Centre, an HIV clinic and research facility.

Hannah Gelbort



Hannah Gelbort graduated from Yale College (2013) with a B.A. in history and Latin American studies. As an undergraduate, she spent a formative summer interning with the Immigrant Legal Defense Project at the National Immigrant Justice Center in her native Chicago. That inspired her to engage with New Haven’s Latino immigrant communities, volunteering as a medical interpreter for Spanish-speaking patients at the HAVEN Free Clinic. She also worked as a bilingual small business consultant in the Spanish Department of the Elmseed Enterprise Fund, a campus nonprofit microfinance organization, where she offered individualized consulting services and taught entrepreneurship development workshops. Hannah has sought to contextualize her understanding of hemispheric social justice issues by researching and traveling widely in Latin America. She spent a semester studying in Valparaíso, Chile, where she did ethnographic research on the 2011 student movement for free college education. During summer 2012 she lived in Managua, Nicaragua, where she did oral history and archival research for her senior thesis, which followed the Nicaraguan Liberation Theology movement throughout Sandinista Revolution. Hannah is excited to merge her love of Latin America and her commitment to social justice by working with ProPeru, where she has designed and managed community development projects, and coordinated service-learning experiences for international volunteers and interns.

Hannah Lewis



Born and raised in Austin, Texas, Hannah Lewis fell in love with Latin America at the age of sixteen after a summer in Nicaragua. A recent Wesleyan University graduate, she majored in Latin American studies and focused her senior research project on Ecuador’s development and social progress in the context of structural inequality and oil dependency, with a critical examination of sustainable development and poverty alleviation strategies in Latin America. During her free time in college, Hannah tutored a janitorial staff member in English, helped plan Wesleyan’s Forum for International Development, attended social entrepreneurship workshops, and did translation work for a local nonprofit offering legal services to domestic violence victims. She was also a Women Effect Investments intern for Criterion Institute, where she worked on their gender lens investing initiative. During her junior year Hannah studied abroad in Quito, where she interned at Fundación Pachamama and did research on their sustainable fish farming initiative for Ecuadorian Amazon indigenous communities. She has also spent the past three summers coordinating community development and youth leadership programs with Amigos de las Americas in the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, and Panama. Hannah is excited to bring her passion, energy, and skills to Building Dignity as their Program Director in Lima, Peru. She plans to spend

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her free time baking challah, teaching yoga to children, and dancing to the latest *reggaeton* and salsa hits.

Ayodele Oti



As a 2013–2014 PiLA Fellow, Ayodele Oti works as the Monitoring & Evaluation Coordinator at Sacred Valley Health (Ayni Wasi) in Ollantaytambo, Peru. She is helping to evaluate the organization’s community health worker program, which seeks to expand into seven additional communities this year. Previously, Ayodele served as an NYC Service Fellow at NYC Service: Office of the Mayor, working with

volunteers and AmeriCorps members to build capacity and evaluate impact at nonprofit organizations and city agencies in the health, education, environment, and community development sectors. Ayo is a 2011 Truman Scholar and a 2012 graduate from the Macaulay Honors College at The City College of New York, where she studied international environmental public health and human ecology. She received the Capstone Award in Social Science at the Macaulay Honors College for her thesis, “Reaching the Poor: Creating Affordability within Sanitation Markets through Subsidies.” Ayo wants to improve the environmental health infrastructure and identify entrepreneurial solutions addressing that challenge.

Luis Roca



From Barranquilla, Colombia, Luis Roca graduated from the University of Florida with a double major in economics and political science, and minors in international development and Portuguese. Luis studied abroad in Rio de Janeiro and at Sciences Po in Paris, sparking an interest for global affairs and development studies. This led him to take on a leading role as trip director of Recurso Humanitarian Organization, an NGO that launches educational and health projects around Latin America. He

worked for two summers in Puerto Cabezas, Nicaragua, promoting health and education for youth in various communities. Luis has also worked in the human rights field in Geneva, Switzerland, monitoring and doing research about various topics discussed during the United Nations Human Rights Council. Currently, Luis is a PiLA Fellow with the consulting firm Metis Gaia in Lima. He is delighted to be able to travel throughout Peru doing field research for various consultancies in the public policy sector, witnessing the institutional and economic progress of the country and enjoying the rich culture that Peru has to offer.