

Princeton in Latin America Fellows, 2012-13

Josh Meuth Alldredge

Unidad Académica Campesina—Carmen Pampa, Bolivia



Josh is a recent graduate of Whitman College, where he received his B.A. in Politics and studied Spanish. He became fascinated by Latin American culture and politics while studying the intersections of revolutionary rhetoric, youth empowerment, and party politics in Nicaragua and El Salvador during his college career. As a graduate, he returned to Latin America to do ethnographic research in the Northern Brazilian Amazon in order to document the sustainable development initiatives proposed by indigenous villages. This work helped better represent local concerns in an ongoing development grant-writing process. Josh is thrilled and grateful to be returning to South America once again, this time with Princeton in Latin America. As an External Relations Liaison for the UAC-CP, a college in rural Bolivia, Josh will organize volunteers and visits, help manage publicity for the campus, network alumni, seek new grant donors at an international scale, and grow from a multitude of new experiences! Come visit or volunteer at Carmen Pampa!

Allegra Chen-Carrel

Yspaniola, Dominican Republic



Allegra Chen-Carrel is a recent graduate of the George Washington University. She has a B.A. in International Affairs with a concentration in International Development Studies and has spent time studying abroad in Argentina, Bolivia, and China. In Argentina, Allegra interned with Fundacion Pro-Vivienda Social where she worked to improve the housing conditions in slums bordering Buenos Aires. Allegra is interested in documentary film-making and spent much of her time in Bolivia working on a short film about the lives of women overcoming obstacles in rural Bolivia. While in Bolivia, she also had the chance to intern for Instituto de Desarrollo Humano where she helped create AIDS education videos. After college, Allegra became a certified yoga teacher and worked at a domestic violence crisis hotline to help women manage dangerous situations, find shelter, apply to jobs, and access other necessary resources. She is excited to work with Yspaniola in the Dominican Republic, and is hopeful she will be able to integrate some yoga into the batey.

Nora Christiani

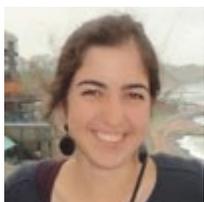
EIMLE, Mexico



Nora Christiani was born and raised in the city of Boston, where she lived until the adults in her life told her it was time to go to college. While at Wesleyan University, Nora interned at the Norwalk-Nagarote Sister City Project, a Nicaraguan NGO focused on youth development, and tutored a member of the Wesleyan janitorial staff as part of ESL program built around the principles of Freirian pedagogy. While at Wesleyan, Nora also developed a deep interest in women's health, and combined these two threads her senior year in a thesis she wrote on the training of indigenous Guatemalan midwives, based on oral histories she did in a maternity clinic outside Xela. Nora continues to be interested in the intersection of women's health and education -particularly in cross-cultural literacy, and the creation of programs that honor and respect multiple forms of knowledge. Since graduating in 2011 with a degree in Latin American Studies and Sociology, Nora has been living in New York City working on a public health study in the East Harlem community and a documentary film on reproductive rights in the Lakota community, as well as training to be a doula (labor assistant). She will join Redes de Tutoria (Convivencia Educativa) in Mexico City and is excited to grow as an educator.

Caitlin Dean

Luz Verde, Nicaragua



Caitlin Dean graduated from Columbia University in May of 2012 with a B.A. in Environmental Biology. As an undergraduate, she studied the interactions between product certification, small-holder management practices, and avian communities in shade coffee in Miraflores Reserve in Northern Nicaragua as an independent research project funded in part by the Earth Institute and the Audubon Society. Caitlin is thrilled by the opportunity to return to Nicaragua to work as project director for Luz Verde in Esteli, where she will work directly with rural communities to develop initiatives including an organic gardens program designed to empower women, a mobile library bus to improve access to information, socially-conscious community ecotourism development, and environmental education through the Smithsonian Institution's Bridging the Americas program among others.

Chris Edelman

Arias Foundation for Peace and Human Progress, Costa Rica



Originally from a suburb of Chicago, Christopher Edelman graduated from Duke University with a BA in Decision Science (Behavioral Economics) and Latin American Studies. Through the Robertson Scholars Program, he spent his first summer in college volunteering for a legal assistance office in New Orleans, LA. He also lived for two summers in South America, the first of which he spent working for Conciencia, an NGO in Buenos Aires that promotes civilian involvement in government and human development. The next summer, he returned to South America to conduct research on the causes of political violence in Colombia and Peru. He has also traveled to Uruguay, Chile, and Ecuador. After graduating, Chris received a master's degree in International Relations and a certificate of higher education in Spanish from the University of Cambridge in England. His research concerned how governments and terrorist groups can interact and negotiate more effectively, and his specific focus was the FARC in Colombia. Chris will now be working at the Arias Foundation in San José, Costa Rica, exploring the methods that groups like the FARC use to perpetrate violence. In particular, he will be researching the arms trade and demilitarization and promoting a comprehensive international Arms Trade Treaty to regulate the movement of weapons across borders. Following his PiLA Fellowship, Chris will attend Stanford Law School and hopes to pursue a career in international law.

Thomas Fagan

ProWorld Peru, Peru



Originally from Vermont, Tom graduated from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service in 2012. He majored in International Political Economy, with a particular interest in microeconomic development. An internship with a non-profit microfinance consultant helped to inspire his thesis titled "Person-to-Person Loans as a Tool for Financial Management among the Poor." Tom has traveled extensively in Latin America, including recent trips to Mexico and Central America. He spent a semester in Ecuador in 2010, studying at Universidad San Francisco de Quito, during which time he developed a deep love of the Andean region. Tom is excited to be returning to South America to work with ProWorld Peru. He hopes to eventually return to D.C. to further pursue a career in international development and build off of the experience he gains from his time as a PiLA fellow.

Rory Gerberg

Lawyers' Collective José Alvear Restrepo, Colombia
Center for Forensic Anthropology and Applied Sciences, Guatemala



Rory graduated from the George Washington University with a major in international affairs and a concentration in conflict and security. Her experiences working with accountability for the genocide in Guatemala and with sustainable development in Kenya led her to a passion for human rights, international law, and women's empowerment. Rory has interned with Amnesty International's Counter Terror With Justice Campaign and also headed GW's Amnesty International student group, where she led a campaign for improved services for victims of sexual assault on campus. She has interned for the International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ) in the U.S., Colombia, and Peru, and developed a particular interest in post-conflict accountability and reconciliation mechanisms. Through a GW fellowship, she conducted research with ICTJ Peru on the gender-sensitivity of reparations for human rights violations perpetrated during Peru's internal armed conflict. During her senior year she wrote a thesis on collective reparation in international human rights law, defining the content and bearers of the right to collective reparation in transitional justice contexts. Upon graduation she spent eight months with the U.S. State Department's Mission to the United Nations in New York. Rory looks forward to working on cases in the Inter-American human rights system with the Lawyers' Collective in Colombia, and to working with victims' issues in the investigation of mass crimes with CAFCA in Guatemala.

Violeta Hernandez-Espinosa

EIMLE, Mexico



A native of Michoacán, Mexico, Violeta graduated from Gustavus Adolphus College (St. Peter, MN) in 2007 with degrees in International Management and Spanish. Violeta's passion for economic development began at an early age, when her family was forced to leave their farm in Mexico due to a lack of government support for the agricultural sector. Years later, Violeta spent time in Mexico as an English teacher intern, later returning as an intern for Desarrollo Integral de la Familia (DIF), Mexico's central governmental organization working with disadvantaged families. These experiences, combined with the rising controversy over undocumented immigrants in the United States cemented her conviction to one day return to Mexico to work towards ensuring a more just economic

system. Violeta also worked for the largest private multinational corporation in the United States, Cargill Corporation. Her experiences working for this powerful grain export company in Kansas, Texas, and Mexico City opened her eyes to world grain trading and the implications of such big business on markets and people, especially small farmers in Latin America. After two years of work in corporate America, Violeta returned to her alma mater as Assistant Dean of Admission and Coordinator of Multicultural Recruitment, a position requiring extensive work with racially underrepresented, first generation, and recent immigrant students. This role in higher education intensified her belief in economic development through education; Violeta is excited to return to her beloved home country, to work with EIMLE, and to live out their mission of development through education.

Sophie Fuchs

Azuero Earth Project, Panama



A native of Central Massachusetts, Sophie became fascinated in Latin America through her studies in International Development and Economics at Brown University. She first explored the region during a summer community development project in the Dominican Republic. Later she had the opportunity to spend a summer in a rural town in Ecuador where she studied the spread of organic agriculture for her thesis and worked on a small organic farm growing tasty fruits and vegetables. Sophie will serve as a PiLA fellow for the Azuero Earth Project in Panama, where she will help to initiate an organic agriculture program with the local community. The PiLA fellowship is an opportunity to explore her interests in sustainable development and food systems, as well as a chance to learn more about Panamanian culture and the environment. Sophie can't wait to get her hands dirty!

Evan Gogel

Endeavor, Argentina



A native of Bronxville, New York, Evan graduated from Yale University with a degree in Ethics, Politics & Economics in 2010. As an undergraduate, Evan was a member of the Baker's Dozen and Whiffenpoof a cappella groups, and played on the club soccer team. While at Yale, Evan also worked at the Yale Investments Office, which manages the University's endowment. After graduating, Evan began working for McKinsey & Company in New York. His work has included projects in technology, media and entertainment, pharmaceutical, and private equity sectors. Evan looks

forward to working with and supporting local entrepreneurs while serving as a PiLA fellow at Endeavor in Buenos Aires. He plans to pursue a MBA/MPP joint degree beginning in the fall of 2013.

Jacinth Greywoode

Sequoia Foundation, Brazil



Jacinth Greywoode graduated from Princeton University in June of 2012 with a B.A. in music composition and a certificate in piano performance. In the summer of 2010, he spent two months in Shell-Mera, Ecuador working with the foundation Casa de Fe at a home for orphaned, abandoned, and disabled children. The summer afterwards was spent in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, where he taught piano and theory lessons and toured throughout Bolivia in concert with La Orquesta Juvenil Sinfónica through La Asociación pro Arte y Cultura. Despite a near death experience while performing in the high altitude of La Paz, Jacinth is excited to return to Latin America for the next year to work with the Sequoia Foundation in Quissamã, Rio de Janeiro State, Brazil where he will teach English and spearhead a music program. Following his PiLA experience, Jacinth plans to apply to a Masters program in music and pursue a career in international social and cultural exchange and development through music.

Casey Harrington

Centro Educativo Trilingüe Nuevo Amanecer, Parramos, Guatemala



Originally from Lawrence, Kansas, Casey graduated from Macalester College in 2011. She majored in Environmental Studies with a concentration in Community and Global Health and completed minors in Biology and Hispanic studies. At Macalester, Casey studied for a semester in Cusco, Peru, where she completed independent research on the health and environmental impacts of natural gas extraction on five indigenous communities in the Peruvian Amazon. Throughout her years at Mac, Casey enjoyed working with both adult and youth Latino communities tutoring ESL. After graduation, Casey worked for a year at a women's health clinic in Minneapolis as a Spanish interpreter, counselor, and family planning educator. Casey is thrilled to be headed to Parramos, Guatemala where she will work as an English and math teacher at Valle de los Pinos school. After her PiLA fellowship, Casey plans to return to school to study women's health in either nursing or medical school.

Rahul Kulkarni

UN World Food Program, Quito, Ecuador



Rahul Kulkarni first decided to get involved in public health while working within a hospital in Pune, India. Dissatisfied by the level of basic healthcare access of the surrounding destitute population, Rahul decided to pursue a concentration in community health as an undergraduate at Tufts University. During his undergraduate education, Rahul acted as a Public Health Fellow at the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. He worked on the Healthy People 2020 initiative, a thorough document outlining the national healthcare objectives for the following decade. As a junior, Rahul enrolled in a graduate program at Tufts University School of Medicine, and graduated in 2010 with a MPH and a concentration in Health Services Management and Policy. For his final project, he evaluated a harm reduction pilot hosted by the Office of HIV/AIDS within the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Since graduation, Rahul has been pursuing a career in the music industry while acting as a healthcare consultant/field recruiter for Hispanic Healthcare Study at the Albert Einstein School of Medicine. Most recently, he finished a 6 month position at GBCHealth, a global health non-profit focused on mobilizing the private sector to create sustainable private-public partnerships. Rahul will be working for the UN World Food Program in Quito, Ecuador. When not wearing a tie, he will most likely be indulging in the local cuisine, practicing yoga, playing guitar, or attempting to learn how to salsa.

Celine Lim

Amazon Conservation Association, Peru



Celine discovered her love for Latin America shortly after moving from her home in Singapore to Middlebury College, where she delved into affairs of geography and natural resource management in the region. During those years, she spent time in various Latin American countries interning, exploring, and researching issues of forest governance and indigenous rights. Since graduating, Celine has been in Washington D.C., interning at the Bank Information Center, Forest Trends and the World Resources Institute— and working on her salsa moves in anticipation of Peru. Celine is thrilled to be going back to the beautiful forests of the Andes and the Amazon to witness how international climate finance works in practice, and to support community forest management projects with the Amazon Conservation Association.

Molly McGowan

Endeavor, Colombia



Originally from Virginia, Molly McGowan graduated from Columbia University in 2012. Having grown up both in Portugal and just outside D.C., she followed her somewhat predictable interests and majored in Political Science and Hispanic Studies - studying both Spanish and Portuguese. Molly's avid interest in international relations and development has grown over the years through academics and several different work experiences. In addition to studying abroad both in Argentina and France, Molly has gained valuable experience by interning at ONE and NTN24 (an international, Colombia-based, Spanish news network), as well as on the Hill. Most recently, she interned at the Clinton Global Initiative for the Market-based Approaches and Technology teams. Molly looks forward to spending a year in Bogotá, Colombia, working for Endeavor and moonlighting as a midfielder in pickup soccer games.

Leo Mena

Azuero Earth Project, Panama



Leo Mena graduated from Princeton University in 2012 where he majored in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology and received a certificate in the Program of Latin American Studies. Throughout his undergraduate career Leo developed a wonder for the beauty of the natural landscapes of Latin America. He spent the summer after his sophomore year on the island of Margarita, Venezuela as an intern with the NGO, Provita. As an intern, Leo helped reduce the poaching pressure of *Amazona barbadensis*, the endangered parrot species that is found on the island. The experience opened his eyes to the intricacies of the various social factors that affect the natural landscapes of Latin America. And because of this Leo decided to conduct his research in Panama, to explore the way in which farmers can positively affect the biodiversity of the natural landscape. His thesis focused on how the structure of live fences – linear strips of trees – that are planted by farmers affects the diversity of bird species that use those structures. Leo is excited to return to Panama to work with The Azuero Earth Project, where he will be able to use the knowledge he has learned in Latin America to help rehabilitate the degraded, dry forest environment.

Caroline Merin

Endeavor, Buenos Aires, Argentina



Caroline graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 2009 with a double major in Philosophy, Politics & Economics and Hispanic Studies, as well as a minor in Modern Middle Eastern studies. As an undergraduate, Caroline spent a semester abroad in Buenos Aires and wrote her Hispanic Studies honors thesis on the economic crisis in Argentina in 2001. She also served as a Belmont Charter school fellow, teaching Spanish to 5th graders at a West Philadelphia Charter school. For the past three years, Caroline has worked at Credit Suisse in New York doing International Equity Sales. She has also spent time while in NY working with Grameen America and a start-up non-profit focused on education called Project Empower. Caroline has always had an entrepreneurial spirit, having started a small jewelry company while in high school. Caroline looks forward to returning to Buenos Aires to work with, and support, local entrepreneurs on the Search and Selection team at Endeavor. After her year in Argentina, she hopes to pursue a dual MBA/MPP degree beginning in the fall of 2013.

Abra Metz-Dworkin

Human Rights Watch, Argentina



A native of Vermont, Abra graduated from Yale University in 2010 with a double major in Political Science and International Studies. For the past two years, she has worked in New York City as an analyst in the Investment Banking Compliance Division at Goldman, Sachs & Co., where she has had the opportunity to explore the intersection of the current regulatory, legal, and financial environments. At Yale, Abra was heavily involved in journalism, serving as an editor for the on-campus Yale Herald newspaper, and working at the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette through a reporting fellowship. Abra studied Spanish and Arabic at Yale, and spent the summer of 2009 as a cultural affairs intern at the Department of State in Rome, Italy. She is thrilled to join Human Rights Watch and the Center for Studies on Freedom of Expression and Access to Information at the Universidad de Palermo in Buenos Aires when she moves to Argentina for her PiLA fellowship. After her year in Argentina, Abra plans to pursue a degree in law.

Pauline Nalikka

Saúde Criança, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil



Originally from Maryland, Pauline pursued a Portuguese major with certificates in African American, French, and Latin American Studies at Princeton. Before starting college, she took a gap year and studied abroad in Paris and London, sparking her insatiable thirst for international travel. During her time at Princeton she worked for a tourism website in Paris, served as an au-pair in Aix-en-Provence, studied abroad in Rio de Janeiro, worked for a hedge fund in São Paulo, and received university funding to research rap music in Brazil for her senior thesis. Since July 2011 Pauline has worked for a corporate immigration law firm, FosterQuan, LLP, in Houston, Texas. She is excited to return to the Cidade Maravilhosa to work with Saúde Criança. Pauline hopes to further pursue her interest in health disparities and inequality through a PhD program in Sociology.

Katherine Narvaez

World Food Programme, Lima Peru



Originally from Narberth, Pennsylvania, Katherine graduated from Tufts University in 2008 with a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, Spanish, Communications and Media Studies. Since graduating from Tufts, she has worked in the United States, Europe and Latin America. Most recently, she earned a Masters in Economic Development and International Cooperation at the Universidad de Murcia (Spain). Katherine is looking forward to working on nutrition and health issues with the World Food Programme in Lima, Peru. She interned previously in Cusco with Innovations for Poverty Action and is excited about her return to Latin America and living in a different Peruvian city. While in Cusco, she also became a certified Ashtanga Anusara Yoga Instructor and Reiki II Practitioner. Katherine is excited about this next chapter in her life, and she hopes to work towards a career that combines her passions for health, youth empowerment and sport.

Laila Parada-Worby

Instituto de Liderança do Rio, Brazil



A Washington D.C. native, Laila Parada-Worby is a recent graduate of Harvard College, concentrating in History and Literature with a focus in Latin America, a secondary field in Government, and a Portuguese Language Citation. In the summer of 2009, Laila participated 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 non-profit in Sao Paulo through the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American studies and 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 from Rio de Janeiro, received the David Rockefeller Center's 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 have defined Laila's studies at Harvard and solidified her commitment to social justice and non-profit work. She is therefore incredibly excited to be working with Instituto de Liderança do Rio's (ILRIO) Prep Program for a year beginning in June, recruiting Brazilian high school students to apply to college in the US and mentoring them through the process.

Chethan Ramprasad

Saude Crianca, Brazil



Chethan, a Cincinnati native, graduated from Rice University in May 2012 with a major in Psychology and a minor in Global Health Technologies. As an undergraduate he was a new student orientation week coordinator and Hanszen College student government leader as well as an avid participant in the Alternative Spring Break program. In the summer of 2009, he taught public health education and art in Salvador-Bahia, Brazil as a teaching assistant at the CEIFAR school for disadvantaged children and the following summer worked on reforestation projects as well as construction of a road and women's shelter in the town of San Lucas - Toliman Guatemala. This past summer he was awarded the Loewenstern Fellowship to serve with Orphanage Outreach (now Outreach 360), an organization that empowers orphanages of the Dominican Republic and their

surrounding communities through public health, literacy, and physical education. As an intern, he organized seven public health education summer camps for over 600 children and taught lessons on body systems, hygiene, nutrition, and sanitation. He is also a co-inventor of the SAPHE Pad, a patent-pending, absorbent pad that measures blood loss to diagnose and alarm post-partum hemorrhaging, a condition that accounts for the loss of over 140,000 mothers' lives in the developing world each year. Chethan continually finds passion for international healthcare from his service abroad and aspires to be a pediatrician who fights to decrease health disparities. He is excited about his time with Saude Crianca before attending medical school in Fall 2012.

Natalie Shoup

Developing Minds, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil



Natalie was born and raised in San Antonio, TX and graduated in 2012 from Princeton. She studied Operations Research and Financial Engineering as well as Latin American Studies. While at school she has traveled to Brazil for a summer internship as well as Guatemala for thesis research. She is looking forward to spending time in Brazil and Colombia working with Developing Minds Foundation and their local projects as well as integrating into the cultures of both countries. Natalie is excited to experience these two places while improving her Portuguese and Spanish and working with the children of the communities. After her fellowship with PiLA, she plans to return to New York to work in consulting and hopefully to pursue a master's degree in international development and policy.

Jade Smith

Endeavor Patagonia



Though originally from Maryland, Jade considers herself a New Yorker at heart after 7 years in Manhattan. Jade attended Barnard College in New York City where she majored in Africana Studies and Human Rights. She has always been interested in the intersection of social, political and economic issues at home and in developing nations, particularly in Latin America. During her study abroad experience in Northeastern Brazil, she had the opportunity to spend time with families of the Movement of Workers Without Land (MST), visit an indigenous community and work at a youth arts organization in Salvador. Although business development and entrepreneurship also piqued her curiosity, Jade was challenged by the conflicting interests of the corporate world and marginalized

communities while in Brazil. After graduating in 2009, Jade ventured into business and worked in Fixed Income Sales at Bank of America Merrill Lynch where she gained an understanding of macroeconomics and the capital markets. At this stage in her life, she is looking to merge her interests and transition into the field of social enterprise and international development. Jade is thrilled to get in-depth experience promoting entrepreneurship as a tool for economic development while at Endeavor Patagonia. She is also looking forward to exploring the Patagonia and traveling throughout Chile and the rest of South America. Following PiLA, Jade plans to attend business school in Fall 2013.

Julia Smith

Building Dignity



Originally from South Burlington, Vermont, Julia Smith is a 2011 graduate of Macalester College, where she studied Latin American Studies and Education. She is passionate about combining human rights and education as well as issues of economic justice. While at Macalester she coordinated numerous projects that focused on utilizing human rights and education as tools of empowerment. Since graduating she has been conducting research about microfinance in Mexico, supported by the Fulbright scholarship. She is excited to work with all of the inspiring people at Building Dignity.

Maureen Stimola

Fundación Runa, Tena, Ecuador



Born in raised in rural Vermont, Maureen has had a lifelong love for being outdoors, organic agriculture, and learning about the environment. Recently graduated from Columbia University with a B.A. in Environmental Biology, she put her passion into practice engaging in laboratory and field research with a strong emphasis in microbiology, conservation ecology, forest ecology, and animal physiology projects. In her junior year, Maureen travelled around Ecuador with EIL's Comparative Ecology and Conservation program, giving her the chance to explore most of the country and become familiar with its diverse landscape. After completing the program, she jumped to the Dominican Republic for the summer. There she conducted her thesis on the thermophysiology of Anolis lizards, observing genetic history, population migrations, and physical acclimation to climate. Between her graduation and her move to Ecuador with Princeton in Latin America, she spent the summer working as

a field hand on an organic farm in her hometown. Maureen's interests have culminated in her work through PiLA as the Research Coordinator for Fundación Runa, where she is exploring the Amazon, collaborating with indigenous communities, and studying how soil health and environmental conditions affect the growth of native guayusa tea trees.

Laura Vélez Villa

Endeavor, Chile



After five years in the Boston area, Laura is excited to return to Latin America. Having lived in Colombia and Honduras for most of her life, she is excited about spending a year in Chile working at Endeavor. Motivated by the socioeconomic issues in the region, she majored in Economics and International Studies (with minors in Politics and French) at Brandeis University. During that time, she worked for foreign relations and international law divisions of the Colombian government as well as a French internationalization consulting firm. Those experiences sparked her interest in activating the private sector as a contributor to socioeconomic development, which then led her to join research efforts at Harvard Business School upon graduation. She is incredibly grateful for the opportunity to learn from an organization that is, in her opinion, applying one of the most exciting theories of change in the field of economic development. She is also eager to continue to learn from Chile, a country that has already taught her about ways to balance economic growth and human development.

Kelsey Weinstein

World Food Program, Ecuador



Kelsey graduated from Columbia University in 2011 with an M.A. in Latin America and the Caribbean Regional Studies and from the University of Puget Sound in 2008 with a B.A. in Foreign Languages and International Affairs. She spent a formative year in Chile studying social justice issues, researching the effectiveness of fair trade as a tool for Mapuche textile artisans and interning at Women's World Banking, a microfinance institution. Kelsey expanded her experience in the nonprofit sector with the Latin America Solidarity Committee and Vital Voices Global Partnership, where she helped implement human rights and leadership programs. She has since focused on gender inequality and human rights issues, along with their respective policy solutions in the region. Kelsey is thrilled to have the opportunity to return to Latin America and contribute to the UN World Food Programme's

efforts in Ecuador.

Philip Winter

Endeavor, Mexico



Philip is a dual U.S./Spanish citizen, born and raised in the greater New York City area. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 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 the summer after his sophomore year, Philip discovered a passion for understanding the key elements that unlock a country's potential. Upon graduating from UPenn he spent several months travelling across Southeast Asia and the Middle East. In addition, he spent 2 months interning in Athens, Greece at the Stavros Niarchos Foundation where he led an initiative to create an entrepreneurial agro-food business program at a top Greek university and supported a wide range of NGOs. Philip also has experience at the global microfinance bank, Opportunity International, on the creation of an impact investments fund. Currently, on the side he also works for a start-up social enterprise, called Toilets for People, which manufactures and sells affordable and safe composting toilets to poverty-stricken areas in developing countries. Philip is thrilled about the opportunity to join Endeavor in Mexico City as a PiLA fellow.

Pui Shen Yoong

Endeavor, Brazil



Hailing from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, Shen will be serving as a Search and Selection Analyst for Endeavor Brazil. She recently graduated from Middlebury College with a degree in International Politics and Economics. Shen's interest in Latin America first stemmed from excursions and friendships at the United World College in New Mexico, an international high school. At Middlebury, she picked up Portuguese on a whim and has not looked back ever since. During her semester abroad in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, Shen interned at a social business and conducted fieldwork research on the voting preferences of welfare recipients. She subsequently returned to Brazil to develop her senior thesis on the decentralized implementation of the Bolsa Familia program, aimed at ending poverty and inequality through cash transfers. Through her PiLA fellowship, Shen hopes to explore the intersections of business and economic development, especially in the context of Brazil's explosive

growth. She can't wait to start the days speaking Portuguese again and looks forward to exploring the music, art and food of urban São Paulo!

Irem Yoruk

Endeavor, Uruguay



Born and raised in Turkey, Irem graduated from Wellesley College in 2012 with a major in economics. Her interest in international development began in middle school in Turkey. She worked with International Rotary and served as founder and president for International Rotary clubs in Istanbul and Wellesley. After founding the Wellesley Rotaract Club, she facilitated many social service projects for her group like fundraisers for eradicating polio and a project collecting educational materials for schools in Nicaragua. As an undergraduate, she worked for the World Bank Private Sector Development Group as a research assistant to David McKenzie. Through her experience, she developed a great interest in creating economic growth through private sector development. Taking classes on entrepreneurship in developing countries at MIT during her last year in college solidified her interest in this area. She is looking forward for spending the year in Montevideo, Uruguay working with Endeavor and learning on the ground about business development in Latin America.

Alice Zients

Hospitalito Atitlan, Guatemala



Alice is a recent graduate of Franklin and Marshall College with a major in Public Health and a minor in Latin American Studies. As an undergraduate, Alice found a love of health and public service through numerous trips to Latin America, including Guatemala and Honduras. During her junior year she was lucky to spend a semester in Buenos Aires, Argentina studying the rich culture and history. The following summer, she worked directly with the refugee and Latino population of Lancaster, PA to help them develop better lifestyles after being diagnosed with diabetes. For her placement, Alice is going to be the Development Coordinator for Hospitalito Atitlan in Santiago Atitlan, Guatemala utilizing her organizational skills as well as public health programming knowledge. Upon her return, Alice plans to pursue a Masters of Public Health to hopefully join the Global Health and Health Policy ranks specific to Latin America. Alice can't wait to begin her placement as a PiLA Fellow!