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## Alumni Updates

CLASSES 1-7

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## 1ST CLASS

**Paul Brunswick** is a Mental Health and Substance Abuse Counselor at the Phoenix House in New York City.

**Lisa Daughtry-Weiss** is Director of Foundation Relations for Sojourners, a Christian social justice organization in D.C. She graduated from the Maxwell School at Syracuse University in 2003 with masters degrees in international relations and public administration with a concentration in nonprofit management. She lives just outside Washington, D.C. with her husband Daniel Daughtry-Weiss and their children, Matthew and Sophia.

**R.P. Eddy** is a Senior Fellow for Counterterrorism at the Manhattan Institute in New York City, and the CEO of Ergo, a global advisory firm.

**Cynthia (Hipona) Gray** lives in Boston and works as a Lean Six Sigma Consultant at Merck.

**Heidi Hattenbach** is a foreign service officer with the U.S. Department of State. She is currently serving a two year tour in Washington D.C. as the officer-in-charge of U.S. policy on UNICEF, UN Habitat and other smaller UN entities. Heidi is mom to Piper, eight years old and one year-old Finn.

**Mark Kennedy** lives just outside Washington D.C. with his wife Anne (Wallin) Kennedy (3rd class fellow) and their daughter Sylvie. He works as a lead software architect at The Motley Fool.

**Amy Lohman-Simon** graduated from the University of Michigan School of Social

Work. She serves as the Director of the Center for Leadership & Service at the University of North Texas where she is starting a community engagement center to develop leaders and volunteers.

**Lisa Moore** is a Clinical Visiting Assistant Professor at the School of Social Work at Boston University.

**Dionne Stanford** is a graduate of George Washington University Law School and is a full-time English language instructor.

**Jim Stipe** and his wife Christina Way live in Baltimore, Maryland, having returned from living in Pakistan a few years ago. Jim works at Catholic Relief Services as a photographer and photo editor.

**Will Stott** is living in Rochester, Minnesota. He works for the Mayo Clinic, managing the federal grants unit. He has two children, Abby and Daniel.

**Vanna Whitney** lives in California where she works as a Project Architect/Manager at LMS Architects.

**Joshua Yates** lives in Charlottesville, Virginia working as a Research Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Virginia and Director of the Program on Culture, Capitalism, and Global Change at the Institute of Advanced Studies in Culture.

**Melissa Zook** is a family physician and the medical director for the White House Clinics, a federally qualified community health center system in Eastern Kentucky. She works in the same town where she did her field placement in 1994. She has a four year old child.

## 2ND CLASS

**Ezell Battle** is a Ministerial Intern at the Shady Grove Adventist Hospital in Rockville, Maryland.

**June Casalmir** lives in Olathe, Kansas. She is an attorney and works for Sprint Nextel as Counsel for Consumer & Marketing Practices.

**Aileen Cham** is a family practice physician in Seattle, Washington.

**Julie Dennehy** is a Research Associate specializing in child and family services at the Wellesley Center for Women in the Boston area. She received a Masters of Management from the Heller School of Social Policy and Welfare at Brandeis University.

**Alexandra Dishun** graduated from Emory Law School and is a litigation associate at Morris, Manning and Martin, LLP. Alex is also the proud Big

Sister to a 15 year-old through Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Atlanta.

**Toby Douglas** lives in Davis, California where he works as Chief Deputy Director of Health Programs for the State of California. He is married to fellow Fellow Gretchen Schroeder and they have three young children.

**Sofia Ginzburg** lives in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where she works as a School Psychologist at Folk Arts-Cultural Treasures charter school.

**Dana (McCoy) Holzer** lives in Helena, Montana where she has served for 11 years as the chaplain of Intermountain, a treatment center for emotionally traumatized children. Currently she and her husband are investigating moving to Bolivia for anti-poverty work, and they have a young son and daughter.



Hunger Fellow Alumna Amy Matthews working on an urban agriculture project in Chicago, IL.

**Azad Oommen** recently co-founded a company called SevaYatra, which is a corporate social responsibility solutions provider to companies and universities in the India-U.S. space. Azad lives in New York City with his four year old son, Anav and his wife, Poorna Jagannathan, who is an actor.

**Julie Rogers** earned a J.D. from the University of Nebraska College of Law. Julie then worked as a deputy public defender and then Legal Counsel to the Judiciary Committee at the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature. Currently, she works for the Juvenile Justice Institute at the University of Nebraska. Julie lives in Lincoln, Nebraska with her husband, Russell Bartholow and six month old son, Beckett.

**Gretchen Schroeder** received her masters in public health from UC Berkeley and is doing consulting in the healthcare field. She lives in Davis, California with her husband, fellow Fellow Toby Douglas, and their three young children.

**Michael Simmons** works as a Project Manager for the Initiative for Regional and Community Transformation at Rutgers University. Prior to joining IRCT, he served as director of the Augusta, Georgia, Weed and Seed Initiative, and later as a researcher for the University of New Orleans's Center for Law and Justice. He earned a Master of Urban Studies from Old Dominion University.

**Laura Strickler** works for CBS Evening News with Katie Couric as a producer for the News Investigative Unit. This year she won an Emmy award and the Gracie Award for Best Investigative Program, for a five month investigation into untested rape kits nationwide.

**Halley Torres Aldeen** lives in Chicago and works as a partner at CTC Harvest Solutions, a consulting group offering public policy advocacy, research, fundraising, strategic planning and management services to nonprofit organizations.

Prior to this, Halley worked at Feed the Children, and served as Director of Research and Analysis for Feeding America for many years.

### 3RD CLASS

**Christine Lee Buchholz** lives in Falls Church, Virginia with her husband, fellow Fellow Ryan Buchholz. Christine earned an MPP from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard and now works with Crossroads on poverty and justice issues, and serves as Vice President of the Restavek Freedom Foundation, addressing child slavery in Haiti. She lives in northern Virginia and has two children, Jonathan, five and Catherine, two.

**Ryan Buchholz** live in Falls Church, Virginia with his wife, fellow Fellow Christine Lee Buchholz and their two children. Ryan works as a Pediatrician and Internist for a community health clinic called Unity Health Care in Washington, D.C.

**Lad Dell** works as Executive Director and founder of College Is For U, Inc. a non-profit organization that focuses on college access for low-income students in Los Angeles, CA. After the fellowship Lad worked in admissions for Tufts University before returning for his masters in education administration from Harvard University.

**Alison Goldberg** works with the Wealth for Common Good Campaign and serves on the Food Research and Action Center Board of Directors. She is also the co-author of *“Creating Change through Family Philanthropy: The Next Generation.”*

**Anne (Wallin) Kennedy** is married to Mark Kennedy from the 1st class, making them the official oldest Hunger Fellow romantic pairing. They have a two year old daughter, Sylvie. Anne works as a yoga instructor and the Assistant Director at Circle Yoga in D.C. Before that she received a Masters

in sociology from UVA and worked as a grantwriter for the Center for Community Change for four years.

**Emily Patterson** moved from Chicago to Bloomington about three years ago, and has taken a job as an Associate General Counsel for Indiana University. Emily is married to Rob and has two children, Evelyn and Webster.

**Perry Payne** completed law school at GWU, medical school and public policy school at Duke, and is currently a professor with appointments in the School of Medicine and School of Public Health at GWU. Perry's work focuses on health care technologies, health disparities, and preventive health. Perry is married with one and a half year old child.

**William Pillsbury** lives in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where he is an Associate at Offit Kurman Attorneys at Law. He graduated from law school at Temple University.

**Hima Prabhakar** is a physician in private practice as a radiologist with the South Texas Radiology Group. Hima spends her days interpreting cat scans, MRIs, and ultrasounds, and performing image guided biopsies. She lives in San Antonio with her husband who is stationed with the Air Force at Wilford Hall Medical Center until 2011. She has two little boys (Rahul—age three and a half, Arjun age two). After the fellowship, Hima attended medical school at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in New Jersey. She then joined the Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School as part of the Abdominal Imaging and Interventional Radiology Fellowship.

**Rich Stolz** is living in D.C. and directing the Reform Immigration FOR America Campaign out of the National Immigration Forum, though he's still employed by the Center for Community Change (his original policy placement). He's looking forward to moving

to Seattle, Washington by the end of the year.

**Remy Trupin** is the executive director of the Washington State Budget & Policy Center, a progressive think-tank that works on state fiscal matters with a particular focus on improving the lives of low and moderate income Washingtonians. Remy has a masters of public administration and lives in Seattle with his wife, cat and dog. .

**Zac Willette** is a Graphic Designer for the Center for Human Rights and International Justice at Boston College.

### 4TH CLASS

**Andrea Barbarin** graduated from George Washington University Law School, practiced international telecommunications law, and lived in Germany working for the German Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (i.e., Germany's FCC) on EU/Commission matters. Andrea now resides in Ann Arbor, Michigan and plans to attend UMichigan's School of Information for a degree focused on user experience/interface design.

**Amanda Harrod** is currently living in St. Louis, Missouri. She earned an MPH from St. Louis University's School of Public Health in 2005 and is currently a doctoral student there in Public Health Studies. She is the Project Director of the National Children's Study Gateway Study Center at Saint Louis University and manages the Study in four locations in Missouri and Southern Illinois. The National Children's Study is the largest, long-term study of environmental and genetic influences on children's health ever conducted in the United States.

**Susan Kao** is an oncologist in California. After the fellowship, Susan attended medical school at the University of California, San Francisco.





Hunger Fellow Alumna Jenny Egan Grayum with Hunger Fellow Alumna and current Co-director of the Emerson Program Shana McDavis-Conway.

**Shannon Maynard** is a new mother to Matilda, born in December 2009, and is now the director of Bankers without Borders at the Grameen Foundation in Washington, D.C. She has an MBA from the Johns Hopkins University Carey School of Business.

**Amy Park** is a pelvic reconstructive surgeon at the National Center for Advanced Pelvic Surgery at Washington Hospital Center. She attended medical school at the University of Rochester and lives in Washington D.C. with her husband, fellow Fellow Ivan Moore and their son Maximilian.

**Kavita Pillay** is the Managing Editor of Research and Development for the World Channel at WGBH Boston. She earned a MPH from Johns Hopkins University and attended the Prague Film School.

**Jane Schmitz** is now a Clinical Assistant Professor teaching global health at the University of Southern California (USC). She is also the Research and Curriculum Advisor at USC Institute for Global Health. She graduated from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health with a PhD in International Health in May 2009. Jane recently

married Adam Richards. CHC Hunger Fellow alums based in LA, please be in touch!

**Shea Shackelford** lives in Quebec, Canada where he works as an Audio Documentary Producer for Bed Shed Audio.

**Chad Struck** works as a Broker Agent Service Analyst for UnitedHealth Group in the Minneapolis, Minnesota area.

**Amy Turnbull Khare** lives in Chicago, IL with her husband and child.

#### 5TH CLASS

**Sara Beaber-Fujioka** lives in Sitka, Alaska. She graduated with masters degrees from Cornell and the University of Alaska Southeast. She's working in Alaskan tribal healthcare, while she and her husband are also starting a commercial fishing business and parenting their two-year old.

**Carrie Donovan** lives in California's Bay Area and works as a K-12 Programs Manager for the Cal Corps Public Service Center on the campus of UC-Berkeley. Prior to this, Carrie worked as a Youth Director for The Center for Information & Research on Civic Learning & Engagement.

**Shane Goldsmith** lives in Los Angeles, where she works as Director of Programs for the Liberty Hill Foundation.

**Jenny Egan Grayum** graduated from the University of Washington with an MSW. She now works in Olympia, Washington as a policy analyst and legislative coordinator for the Department of Social and Health Services focusing on the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). She is a new mother to Katherine Evelyn, born in October 2009.

**Christian Gunter** is the Vice President, Responsible Property Investing at Kennedy Associates, a real estate firm in Seattle, Washington. Christian is a member of the Urban Land Institute, serves on the Seattle Workforce Housing Task Force, and is a mayoral appointee to the City of Seattle Green Building Task Force.

**Marc Jacobson** lives in Plano, Texas where he is a Public Policy Associate for the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Dallas.

**Eric Manke** works as the Public Policy and Communications Manager at the California Association of Food Banks, a field site placement for current fellows.

**Jon McConnell** has been at the Haas Center for Public Service at Stanford University since leaving CHC in 2001, and lives in Los Altos Hills, California. He is an Associate Director overseeing many of the Center's staff and programs (and he encourages his best students to apply for the Hunger Fellows Program!).

**Trisha Miller** lives in Washington, D.C. where she works as the Director for Enterprise Green Communities.

**Patricia Myung** is a Family Practitioner in California. After the fellowship, she attended medical school at Brown University.

**Lynnise Pantin** stayed in D.C. for a year after the fellowship working as a substitute teacher for D.C. Public Schools. She then moved to New York in 2000 to attend Columbia Law School. She is now an attorney living in Brooklyn, NY with her husband and their five month old son.

**Amanda Pezalla** is an attorney at Arnold and Porter, LLP in Washington, D.C. Before that, she served as a Senior Legislative Assistant for Congressman Bill Luther. She earned her JD from the University of Minnesota.

**Scott Strobridge** lives in Basking Ridge, New Jersey where he serves as Investment Counsel for the Chubb Corporation.

**Andrew Toebben** lives in San Francisco, California where he is an Attorney at Virtual Law Partners.

**Jen Yost** lives in York, Pennsylvania and works as a Certified Business and Personal Coach.

#### 6TH CLASS

**Shonul Agarwal** graduated from medical school at Stanford and now works as an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at UCSF at San Francisco General Hospital. She works exclusively with low-income populations who have difficulty accessing care, doing research in health care disparities and medical education. She had a daughter (Kavya) in June 2009.

**Karolina Arias** is living in D.C. and working for Senator Herb Kohl on banking and housing issues. She earned an MPP from the University of Chicago and worked for the U.S. Department of the Treasury before going back to work on the Hill.

**Kathleen Bulger Gray** is earning a PhD in Sociology at the University of Pittsburgh.

**Ingrid Drake** left her job as federal government fraud, waste, and abuse investigator

at the Project On Government Oversight after a happy three years to serve as an Analyst for the D.C. Auditor's Office (local version of the GAO), where she measures the performance of D.C. services and programs for the legislative branch. She and her partner Brittany also recently took advantage of D.C.'s new marriage equality law to make their partnership legal. She served as an alumna mentor to recent fellow Sarah Lyons last year.

**Peter Genuardi** lives in Boulder, Colorado where he is the Director for Database Solutions at Merkle, Inc.

**Jessica Humphrey** lives in Nashville, Tennessee where she works at Vanderbilt University as a Standardized Patient Educator.

**Rachel Idowu** earned her medical degree at the University of California in San Francisco. She now serves as a Vanderbilt Critical Care Anesthesia Fellow at Vanderbilt University in Nashville.

**Britt Jacobson** lives in Park River, North Dakota and serves as Grant Writer for Farms and as the Vice Chair for the North Dakota Organic Advisory Board.

**Carrie Kilman** is a writer and editor in Madison, Wisconsin. Her website is [www.rageisgood.com](http://www.rageisgood.com). After the fellowship, she attended the SALT Institute for Documentary Studies.

**Tara Kumar** is the Program Capacity Coordinator for Metro Meals on Wheels in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She earned a Masters of Urban Planning from MIT.

**Steve Lee** is an assistant federal prosecutor for the Southern District of New York. He received his law degree from Harvard University. He is recently married.

**Andrea Maresca** has held several senior health policy positions since completing the Mickey Leland Hunger Fellowship in addition to earning her MPH from GWU and

becoming a certified personal trainer. She is now the Director of Policy for the Association for Community Affiliated Plans (ACAP) where she works to advance federal policies on behalf of nonprofit Medicaid managed care organizations and the vulnerable populations they serve. Married in 2008, Andrea and her husband Todd live in Arlington, VA.

**Jana Rumminger** graduated from Northeastern University School of Law. She currently lives in Singapore with partner Jason and 6-month-old son Ian and works with several organizations in South and Southeast Asia on issues of women's rights, primarily implementation of the UN CEDAW Convention and reform of Muslim family laws from within a framework of equality and justice.

**Javier Silva** lives in New York City where he serves as Community Affairs Analyst for the Reserve Bank of New York. Javier has served the Emerson Program as a policy site supervisor, trainer, and mentor for many years. He was the recipient of CHC's first ever **Alumni Leadership Award in 2010** for his work in poverty alleviation and social justice with CFED and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, where he promotes financial products focused on low and moderate income communities.

**Andrew Stelzer** lives in Oakland, California where he is a Producer for the National Radio Project.

**Sabina Taj** is an Advisor to The Braitmayer Foundation, which supports K-12 education efforts across the country. She is married to Anshu Saksena and mother of two girls (Ayla, age four and Alina, age one).

**Benjamin Turner** is the father of two girls, Lilia, age four and Grace, age two. He lives with his wife Lyric in Denver, CO and does commercial and contract management work for Accenture.

## 7TH CLASS

**Liz Clasen-Kelly** is the Associate Director of the Urban Ministry Center, a service center for homeless people in Charlotte, NC. She directs the Homeless Helping Homeless advocacy program, which engages those experiencing homelessness to advocate for an end to all homelessness. She received an MPP from Duke University, married Fred Kelly in August, 2008, and has the gift of helping raise his 11 year-old son Iman.

**Suzanne Kinsky** earned an MPH from Johns Hopkins and currently works in D.C. as a Program Officer for the National AIDS Fund, where she manages U.S. grant initiatives that focus on HIV prevention and care.

**Craig Langford** lives in Washington D.C., and works for the AARP as a Senior Advisor for the Social Impact Group. He also serves as Vice President to Metro TeenAIDS.

**Tina Lloren** lives in Maputo, Mozambique and is a regional food security and nutrition advisor for Save the Children. She provides technical assistance to their programs around Africa. Tina and her husband, Brad, who she met during her policy placement in Washington, D.C., welcomed their first baby in December. She earned her MPH with an emphasis on nutrition and food security at Tulane University in 2005.

**Alejandra Lopez-Fernandini** lives in Washington, D.C. She recently left her position in the Assets Program at the New America Foundation is now working as a Research Analyst for the U.S. Department of the Treasury on Consumer Financial Protection Bureau Implementation. She has served as a policy placement supervisor for two recent fellows and serves on the Board Member of the Congressional Hunger Center. She holds an MPP from Duke University.

## Connie (Lynch) Mabli

is an Instructor of Law at Charter Oak State College in Connecticut. She earned her JD at Catholic University.

## Marika McCauley Sine

lives in Atlanta, Georgia where she serves as International Government Relations Manager at The Coca-Cola Company. After the fellowship, Marika earned an MPP from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. She is also an Aspen Institute First Movers Fellow.

## Elan Nisseboim

lives in the Washington, D.C. metro area and works at the Chief Operating Officer of Excursionist, LLC, an online luxury travel company.

**Eileen O'Connor** graduated from New York University School of Law in 2004, married Justin Giovannelli in 2006, and is currently working at a small litigation firm in New York City. They live in Brooklyn, NY and are expecting our first child in January of 2011.

**Emily Price** graduated from the University of Kansas MSW program in 2001 and returned to Washington, D.C. She now works as the Director for the Center of Employment Training at SOME, Inc. She is married and had a son, Nolan, this year.

**Marc Ratkovic** is attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison, earning a Ph.D in Political Science.

**Eric Silva** lives in Washington, D.C. where he practices law at Winston & Strawn.

**Julie Venci** lives in Denver, Colorado where she works as a Physician for the Denver Health Hospital. She earned her medical degree at Loyola University.

**Liz Wroe** is the Health Policy Director and Counsel for the U.S. Senate Committee on the Budget. She attended law school at Catholic University.