



## SOURCE Service Scholars Program 2013-2014 Scholars

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### **Kashif Abdullah**

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Kashif Abdullah is originally from Toronto Canada. His undergraduate degree in Microbiology was obtained at San Francisco State University and then subsequently went to Saint Louis University School of Medicine. He is currently in the Master's in Public Health Program at the School of Public Health and will be concentrating on Epidemiology and Biostatistics. His interest is in cancer prevention and policy development. Kashif works with the STEM Education student group, [Healthy Minds](#) for his Scholar Project to develop a sustainable after school math teaching partnership.



### **Bethany Allen**

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Since graduating from Duke University in 2007, Bethany Allen has focused her work on empowering communities. She spent two years in Madagascar serving as a Peace Corps Volunteer, using local leaders and culture to educate members of her rural village. She then directed a non-profit grassroots organizing office in Minneapolis, advocating for the public interest through campaigns like healthcare reform and consumer protection.

Returning to Madagascar as a Malaria Technical Officer, Bethany's work with community health workers in isolated villages led her to the Johns Hopkins School of Nursing. She is currently an accelerated post-baccalaureate student and will continue into the MSN-NP/MPH program. When she leaves Hopkins, Bethany plans to combine public health and primary care to support underserved populations. She is honored to be a SOURCE Service Scholar, and is eager to begin working with and learning from community leaders making a difference in Baltimore. Bethany works with the [Light of Truth Center](#) for her Scholar project working on training and restoration center workforce development.



### **Allison Brandt**

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Allison Brandt, a native of Baltimore, is a medical student at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, where she has been active in community service and advocacy through Health Leads, MERIT, and Physicians for Human Rights. She did her undergraduate work in Social Anthropology at Harvard University, before pursuing a Masters in International Development from the University of Oxford. Allison's academic interests have centered on the relationship between health and culture, how people's experiences of day-to-day life, their personal beliefs, and the social structures they live in shape their health and health care. She has non-profit and research experience in Malawi and Tanzania. In Baltimore, she hopes to use her studies to consider strategies to provide quality healthcare for low income populations. Allison is excited to be working with [Health Leads](#) as SOURCE Service Scholar this year!



## **Jared Bunde**

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Jared Bunde is a student at the Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing. He will complete an Accelerated Bachelors of Science in Nursing in December 2013. While at Hopkins, Jared is taking courses toward a certificate in Health Disparities and Health Inequalities at the Bloomberg School of Public Health. Prior to coming to Baltimore, Jared lived in New York City. He completed a Bachelors of Science in Community Health at the CUNY School of Public Health at Hunter College. Jared worked in youth education and development for ten years, working as Education Director at Recycle-a-Bicycle, as a coach for Star Track NYC, and as an Americorp VISTA with I Challenge Myself. Jared is an avid cyclist; he has raced competitively in ten countries. Athletics provided an example of goal setting for the youth with whom he worked. Jared is a member of student government at the SON where he holds the position of class curriculum committee representative. Jared helped organize a service learning alternative winter break program with SOURCE in January 2013. He is excited to build on this experience and the relationships that developed. He has academic interests in health and homelessness, social networks and STI transmission, and the cohesive power of faith based communities in urban environments. Jared is honored to have the opportunity to expand upon the amazing work of the inaugural SOURCE Service Scholars as part of the second SSS cohort working with [Amazing Grace Lutheran Church](#).



## **Nymisha Chilukuri**

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Nymisha Chilukuri is a second year medical student at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Nymisha graduated from the University of Toronto with a Bachelor of Science in Developmental Biology and a minor in Religion. Community service has been a significant part of her extracurricular involvement since high school, specifically in the field of the arts, mentorship and global health.

As a high school student, Nymisha received the opportunity to collaborate with students and staff of the Music Department to establish a successful music-tutoring program, an integral part of the department today. During her undergraduate education at the University of Toronto, she worked with a colleague and surrounding community to design the Post-Secondary Experience Program, a program designed to generate equal opportunity and access in the pursuit of higher education among youth from traditionally under-represented communities in the City of Toronto.

Nymisha also worked to organize *The New Age of Pandemics: Zeroing in on Health Policies and Ethics* conference to critically analyze the ethical and socio-economic dilemmas defining each pandemic and understand how different countries around the world may approach the same unique problem of a pandemic. Working with individuals, colleagues and friends in the community with diverse backgrounds, incredible knowledge and proficiencies has always been a significant source of inspiration for her and has helped her learn many valuable lessons.

As a SOURCE Service Scholar, Nymisha looks forward to the opportunity to build on her previous experiences and work with fellow colleagues in the Baltimore community. Nymisha works with [Kennedy Krieger Southeast Early Head Start](#) for her Scholar project.



### **Nyadia Griffith**

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Nyadia Griffith is a BSN student in the JHU Summer Accelerated Class of 2014. She earned her first degree in Mass Communications in 2005 from *The* Ohio State University. She has over 10 years of healthcare experience and spent the last 7 as a Graduate Medical Education Coordinator at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, OH. Her experience in helping children at the hospital is what first spurred her passion to continue her education and take a more active role in the community.



As a native of Great Britain, the daughter of two Caribbean parents and a “military brat” who has lived on three continents, embracement of diversity has been key to Nyadia’s personal development. To her, diversity is more than a buzzword—it defines her life. She dreams of the possibility of becoming a Chief Medical Officer in a medical institution where she helps eliminate health disparities. So many of our diverse communities are mistrusting of the medical profession. She plans to help rebuild trust and show the community there is someone who looks like them fighting for their health and well-being. She is excited to serve as a SOURCE Service Scholar and to gain practical clinical and leadership development experience while simultaneously giving back to the various underserved communities in Baltimore. Nyadia works with [Soccer Without Borders](#) for her Scholar Project.

### **Ross Johnson**

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Ross Johnson is honored to serve as a SOURCE Service Scholar. Embodying the model of Collaborative Partnerships described in the framework by Emanuel et al 2004, he believes SOURCE serves as an avenue for productive and effective positive change in the city of Baltimore.



Ross was born and raised in the city of Philadelphia, PA. His father was a police officer and his mother is a nurse, so service is part of the air that he breathes. Currently, he is an MPH student in the Bloomberg School of Public Health focusing on developing interventions for HIV prevention. He first began his work in HIV prevention working on vaccine development as an immunology doctoral student in the lab of Dr. Yvonne Paterson at the University of Pennsylvania. At that time, he believed that science would control the spread of HIV through vaccine interventions. Since that has yet to happen, he has formally entered into the realm of public health to address the issue using education, prevention, and empowerment. Prior to matriculating in the MPH program at Johns Hopkins, he worked as an educator in the areas of biology, microbiology, and sexually transmitted infections. Additionally, he has worked in private industry doing research and development for biomedical products both domestically and abroad, including a visiting scholars position at the University of Groningen in the Netherlands. Precipitating from his research, work and life experiences, he has come to believe that Hope is a powerful gift that requires action; and Faith is an action verb. It is through this lens that he looks forward to serving the mission of SOURCE. Ross works with the [Baltimore Curriculum Project](#) for his Scholar project.

**Elizabeth Kelley**

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Elizabeth is pursuing her Master of Health Science in Social Factors in Health and is passionate about reducing health disparities. Her research interests include neighborhood and community effects on health and environmental justice. She graduated from Middlebury College with a degree in Environmental Studies. Most recently, she was a Senior Research Analyst at the Center for Effective Philanthropy in San Francisco, where she worked with philanthropic funders to assess and improve their effectiveness. Elizabeth works with [MERIT Baltimore](#) for her Scholar Project.



**Lindsey Leslie**

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Lindsey Leslie graduated from Johns Hopkins University in 2010 with a BA in Public Health Studies and Anthropology. This combination of majors stems from her interest in understanding and working with diverse populations to promote healthy choices that protect their health. After graduating, she returned home to New York and interned with an international organization that engages youth interested in promoting HIV/AIDS awareness.

From January 2011 until March 2013, Lindsey worked as a Maternal and Child Health volunteer in Nicaragua with the US Peace Corps Service. The focus of her project was to teach community members, in Spanish, information related to a variety of topics, including: sexual and reproductive health, family planning, pre-natal health, the birthing process, nutrition, and hygiene. As a secondary project, Lindsey worked with a local academy of music teaching the violin to new musicians. After a wonderful and rewarding time abroad, Lindsey is excited to return to Hopkins to pursue her MSPH in the Department of Health, Behavior & Society. Lindsey is looking forward to working with Baltimore's refugees and immigrants in her partnership with [ERICA!](#)



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Melissa Liu is originally from Chicago. After graduating from Stanford in 2009, she worked for one year in a research laboratory at the National Eye Institute. Currently a third year MD-PhD student at Hopkins, Melissa performs ophthalmology research in the laboratory of Don Zack. She enjoys social dance, good food, and shenanigans with her dog Milo. Melissa looks forward to working with the [Student Sight Savers Program](#) as a part of the SOURCE Service Scholars program.

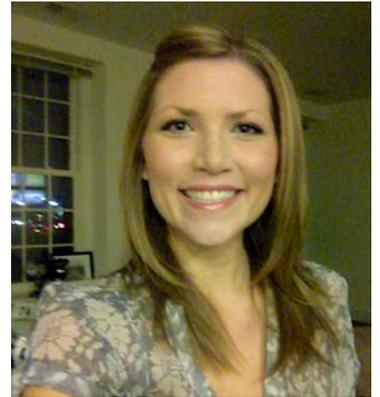


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Nicole Putnam is a first year ScM student in the Molecular Microbiology and Immunology Department at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Prior to this program, she completed a B.S. in Biochemistry and Psychology at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. Her academic interests are broad, leading her to also pursue a certificate for Public Health Preparedness at Bloomberg, while her research focuses specifically on immune mechanisms in measles infection. She is interested in getting more involved with community organizations and having a positive impact on the East Baltimore community, and is very much looking forward to the experiences while working with SOURCE and [Baltimore Medical Systems](#) through the B'more Fit for Healthy Babies program!



**Josh Trebach**

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Originally from Alexandria, Virginia, Joshua Trebach graduated from Virginia Tech in 2012 with a Bachelor of Science in Biological Sciences. While at VT, Joshua served as a student teaching assistant, was a panel member on the school's honor system, and held leadership positions in various organizations. Additionally, Joshua wrote biweekly columns for his school's newspaper and performed research in the realm of vaccinations. During his sophomore year at VT, Joshua began volunteering at the RAFT Crisis Hotline where he would handle a variety of situations with callers, ranging from suicide intervention to homeless shelter referrals. In the summer of 2011, Joshua studied at Exeter College at the University of Oxford with a focus on both the contemporary Middle East and the philosophical basis for human rights. Josh is currently a first year medical student at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, and he is eager to work with the surrounding community that has now become his new home. Josh works with [NAMI \(the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill\) Baltimore](#) for his Scholar project.



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Originally from Aurora, Colorado, Drew White graduated from the University of Denver in 2011 with degrees in Molecular Biology and International Studies. He began community outreach during his collegiate years working on projects in health access while in Denver, studying abroad in Spain, and for the non-profit Primeros Pasos, in Xela, Guatemala during the summer. Concurrently, he was involved in research in developmental biology, intracellular signaling, and childhood malnutrition. After marrying his high school sweet heart in July 2011, the pair moved to Cumbayá, Ecuador to continue community development work, teach English, and develop health curricula for a rural education center. While there, Drew also worked with Timmy Global Health as an interim translator for medical brigades. In 2012 he moved to Baltimore to study at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and prepare for a career in primary health care. His desire to continue service has transformed into work with the Esperanza Center, Bienestar, TB outreach with the Baltimore City Health Department and a range of other activities targeted to improving the health and lives of under-served populations. Drew works with the [Esperanza Center](#) for his Scholar project.

