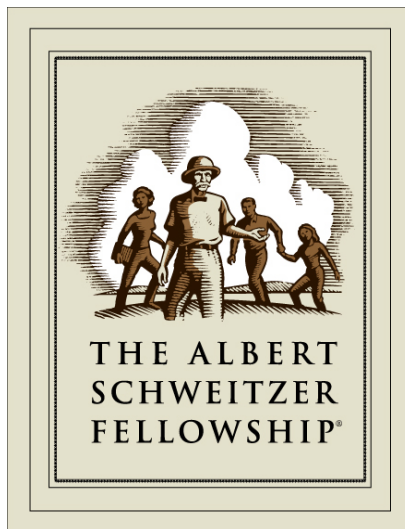


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IDEALISM INTO ACTION:

Local Students Accepted to Prestigious Schweitzer Fellowship Program for 2009-2010 Take Aim at Pittsburgh's Most Pressing Health-Related Issues

Every year, more than 200 Albert Schweitzer Fellows across the U.S. follow in the footsteps of the Nobel Peace Prize-winning physician and humanitarian by developing and implementing direct service projects with a lasting impact on the health of underserved communities.

Established in 1997, the Pittsburgh Schweitzer Fellows Program supports area graduate students in making just such an impact on their communities. This year, 22 new Fellows have been selected to join the program's ranks, each partnering with a local agency and devoting more than 200 hours of service.

The 2009-10 Pittsburgh Fellows' projects directly and creatively address some of the area's most pressing health-related issues, including:

- Setting up permanent TB and Hepatitis B screening programs for homeless and jobless adults (**Chinyere Ogbonna**, *University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine*);
- Educating parents and caregivers of special needs children on oral health and related preventative measures (**William Hull and Aditi Jindal**, *University of Pittsburgh School of Dental Medicine*);
- Establishing an OB/GYN clinic that provides both preventative and acute reproductive care services and educates underserved women re. health and child development (**Swati Shroff**, *University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine*);
- Training a network of community health liasons for Pittsburgh's Burmese refugee population (**Wazo Myint and Mamie Thant**, *University of Pittsburgh School of Biochemistry and Physics*);
- Providing legal counsel and referrals to the Hispanic community, with a focus on overcoming language and cultural barriers to access services (**Ximena Marinero**, *University of Pittsburgh School of Law*);
- Coordinating care (including after-incarceration care) for inmates with mental health and substance abuse issues (**Brodie Parent and Megan Quimper**, *University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine*)

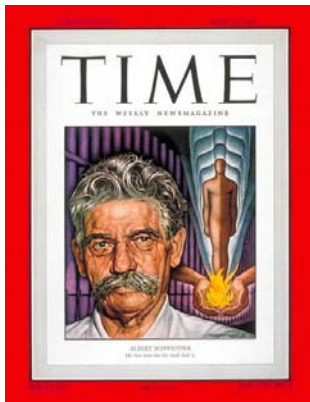
Descriptions of all of the 2009-2010 Pittsburgh Fellows' newly announced projects are available on www.schweitzerfellowship.org. For headshots of the Fellows, or to arrange interviews, please contact Patrice Taddonio at ptaddonio@bidmc.harvard.edu or 617.667.5628.

ABOUT THE ALBERT SCHWEITZER FELLOWSHIP

Since its inception in 1991, the Schweitzer Fellowship has provided more than 400,000 hours of service to the communities it serves. Carrying on Schweitzer's legacy of translating idealism into action—and of restoring the moral compass of the health-related fields—Schweitzer Fellows are chosen through a competitive selection process from the nation's top health and human service schools. They serve for one year, working with local community agencies in Baltimore, Bay Area, Boston, Chicago, Greater Philadelphia, Houston/Galveston, Los Angeles, New Hampshire/Vermont, New Orleans, North Carolina, and Pittsburgh to implement sustainable projects that make a lasting, on-the-ground difference in the health of local communities.

Once Fellows have completed their year of service, they join a network of over 2,000 Schweitzer "Fellows for Life" across the United States and abroad. Virtually all continue their commitment to lives of service in cities and towns around the country and around the world. Because the work of the Fellows is donated without charge to the communities served, each city's program is supported entirely through charitable gifts. For more information or to receive a copy of our informational DVD featuring Dr. Timothy Johnson and Yo-Yo Ma, visit www.schweitzerfellowship.org or contact Patrice Taddonio at ptaddonio@bidmc.harvard.edu or 617.667.5628.

ABOUT ALBERT SCHWEITZER



Albert Schweitzer was born on January 14, 1875 in a small village in Germany. As a young man, Schweitzer was a renowned philosopher, theologian, Bach scholar, organist, author, and pastor. At the age of 30, however, he decided to become a medical doctor, translating his idealism into action by dedicating his life to the direct service of people in Africa.

In 1913, Schweitzer and his wife founded the Schweitzer Hospital at Lambaréné, Gabon, then a province of French Equatorial Africa. It was there that he developed his credo of Reverence for Life, the idea that all life is as worthy of reverence as our own. In 1953, at the age of 78, Schweitzer was honored for his humanitarian work with the Nobel Peace Prize.

In September 1965, having powerfully advocated against nuclear proliferation, Schweitzer died at the age of 90 in Lambaréné. His legacy lives on through The Albert Schweitzer Fellowship.