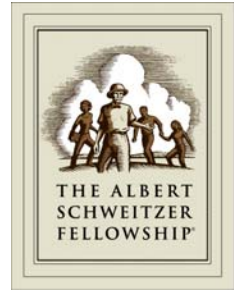


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The Albert Schweitzer Fellowship Announces 2011-12 Schweitzer Fellows

[*Boston, MA – April 27, 2011*] The Albert Schweitzer Fellowship (ASF) is thrilled to announce the selection of its 2011-12 Schweitzer Fellows—265 multidisciplinary graduate students who will spend the next year addressing health disparities and developing lifelong leadership skills at 13 program sites [throughout the U.S.](#) and at Dr. Albert Schweitzer’s hospital in [Lambaréné, Africa](#).

“Due to the passage of the Affordable Care Act, an estimated 32 million previously uninsured people will soon be entering our country’s health care system for the first time,” says ASF Executive Director Sylvia Stevens-Edouard, MS. “Now more than ever, it is essential that we focus on developing a multidisciplinary pipeline of health professionals who have the dedication, skills, and cultural competency to effectively meet the health needs of these and other underserved people.”

Over the next year, the 2011-12 U.S. Schweitzer Fellows will partner with community-based organizations to develop and implement yearlong, mentored service projects that sustainably address the social determinants of health. The 2011-12 Lambaréné Schweitzer Fellows will partner with Schweitzer hospital staff to help provide skilled care for patients from all parts of Gabon, Africa. Upon completion of their initial year, these 2011-12 Fellows will become [Schweitzer Fellows for Life](#)—and join a vibrant network of over 2,000 Schweitzer alumni who are skilled in, and committed to, addressing the health needs of underserved people throughout their careers as professionals. 99 percent of Fellows for Life say that ASF is integral to sustaining their commitment to serve the underserved.

“From developing programs that train *promotoras* (lay community health promoters), to building the capacity of health and social service community agencies, this year’s Schweitzer Fellows will be creating and implementing yearlong service projects that are in line with the focus areas of the government’s recently-launched National Partnership for Action to End Health Disparities,” Stevens-Edouard says. “By carrying out these projects—and also participating in the Schweitzer Fellowship’s rigorous leadership development programming—on top of their regular graduate school responsibilities, they will emerge from their Fellowship year with sharpened skills and a hard-earned blueprint for making service a central part of their lives and careers.”

*A full listing of this year’s Schweitzer Fellows and their schools, organized by location, follows.
Detailed information on each Fellow and his/her Schweitzer project is available at
www.schweitzerfellowship.org.*

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2011-12 Schweitzer Fellows By Location

Baltimore

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Elizabeth Allan, *University of Maryland Baltimore School of Medicine*
Raquel Bracho, *University of Maryland Baltimore School of Law*
Patrick Bringardner, *Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing*
Nicole Cimino, *University of Maryland Baltimore School of Medicine*
Alan Dunklow, *University of Maryland Baltimore School of Law*
Mark Evans, *Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health*
Mark Fisher, *Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine*
Yao Yao Guan, *Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine*
Jessica Humphrey, *University of Maryland Baltimore School of Dentistry*
Chelsea Jones, *University of Maryland Baltimore School of Law*
Brett Kingma, *University of Maryland Baltimore School of Dentistry*
Meghan Laird, *Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing*
Heain Lee, *University of Maryland Baltimore School of Law*
Jessica Lee, *University of Maryland Baltimore School of Dentistry*
Worawan Limpitikul, *Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine*
Desiree Madah-Amiri, *Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing*
Jessica Maizel, *University of Maryland Baltimore School of Nursing*
Maria Maunz, *University of Maryland Baltimore School of Pharmacy*
Kirsten Meyer, *Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine*
Marko Mircetic, *University of Maryland Baltimore School of Medicine*
Khadijah Mitchell, *Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine*
Michael Morris, *University of Maryland Baltimore School of Medicine*
Roosevelt Offoha, *Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine*
Neha Patel, *University of Maryland Baltimore School of Pharmacy*
James Richman, *Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine*
Natanya Robinowitz, *Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health*
Eugene Semenov, *Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine*
Julie Taylor, *University of Maryland Baltimore School of Medicine*
JaVon Townsend, *University of Maryland Baltimore School of Social Work*
Hsiao-Ting Wang, *University of Maryland Baltimore School of Pharmacy*
Jesse Yang, *Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine*

Bay Area

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Leanne Almario, *Stanford University School of Medicine*
Atoosa Firouzian, *University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine*
Monica Grova, *University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine*
Brittany Grove, *University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine*
Sherry Kwon, *University of California, San Francisco School of Pharmacy*
Erin Lutes, *University of California, San Francisco School of Nursing*
Shawna Mitchell-Sisler, *University of California, San Francisco School of Nursing*
Shibani Rajadhyksha, *University of California, San Francisco School of Dentistry*
Kenneth Russell, *Samuel Merritt University School of Nursing*
Jennifer Tran, *Touro University, California School of Osteopathic Medicine*
Wendy Tseng, *University of California, San Francisco School of Medicine*
Kanizeh Fatema Visram, *University of California, San Francisco School of Pharmacy*

Boston

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Julia Bantimba, *Boston University, Sargent College of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences*
Evan Barnathan, *Tufts University School of Medicine*
Bianca Belcher, *Northeastern University Physician Assistant Program*
Abhiram Bhashyam, *Harvard Medical School*
Talya Brettler, *University of Massachusetts Medical School*
Patrick Coleman, *Boston University School of Medicine-MA/MPH Program*
Charles Daniels, *Simmons School of Social Work*
Raymond Deng, *Harvard School of Public Health*
Sophie Forte, *MGH Institute of Health Professions, School of Nursing*
Ted Henson, *Harvard School of Public Health*
Alan Hsu, *Tufts Medical School, MD/MPH Program*
Inga Keithly, *Tufts University School of Dental Medicine*
Shannon Kelly, *New England Conservatory*
Jonathan Lee, *Harvard Medical School*
Alister Martin, *Harvard Medical School*
Nang H. Maung, *University of Massachusetts Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences*
Patricia McClory, *Harvard School of Dental Medicine*
Maria Nunez, *Boston College Law School*
Bethany Patterson, *Boston University, Sargent College of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences*
Mariah Rich, *Harvard School of Public Health*
Katie Seamon, *MGH Institute of Health Professions*
Ricardo Sedan, *MGH Institute of Health Professions*
Alexis Smith, *MGH Institute of Health Professions*
Oni Tongo, *Tufts University Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy*
Esther Yang, *New England College of Optometry*

Chicago

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Akua Agyeman, *University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration*
Angela Aifah, *University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration*
Ndang Azang-Njaah, *University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine*
Maimoona Batul, *Chicago State University College of Pharmacy*
Jordan Becerril, *Rush University Medical College*
Tara Berkson, *University of Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy*
Amy Cavazos, *School of the Art Institute Chicago Masters in Art Therapy Program*
Lacie Durand, *Rush University College of Nursing*
Dana Elborno, *Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine*
Mary (Alex) Friedman, *Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine*
Ryan Heath, *University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration*
Kisha Hope, *Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, PA Program*
Ayesha Khan, *Midwestern University Chicago College of Pharmacy*
Elizabeth Martin, *Rush University College of Nursing*
Erica Martinez, *University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health*
Ashley McDonald, *University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health*
Amy McNew, *Chicago School of Professional Psychology*
Regine Michel, *Rush University College of Nursing*
Natalie Morgan, *University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry*
Rachel Newhouse, *University of Illinois at Chicago College of Nursing*
Chiagozie Ononye, *Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine*
Tatiana Ormazza, *University of Illinois at Chicago Jane Addams College of Social Work*
Elisa Pleasant, *Loyola University Chicago School of Law*

Douglas Posey, *Northwestern University Law School*
Anand Sandesara, *University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine*
Amrita Seehra, *Rush University Rush University Medical College*
Jessica Sittig, *Columbia College Dance Movement Therapy and Counseling Program*
Rebecca Smith, *University of Illinois at Chicago College of Nursing*
Elizabeth Springston, *Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine*
Katie Tomarelli, *Rush University College of Nursing*
Katie Zabinski, *Loyola University Chicago School of Social Work*

Columbus

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Samantha Boch, *The Ohio State University College of Nursing*
Bernard Cason, *Trinity Lutheran Seminary*
Michelle Caster, *The Ohio State University College of Medicine*
Elizabeth Coppelman, *The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine*
Heather Datsko, *Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine*
Tamara Durr, *The Ohio State University College of Social Work*
Allison Gibson, *The Ohio State University College of Social Work*
John Heffernan, *The Ohio State University College of Dentistry*
Kimberly Herrmann, *Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine*
Anne Marie Kessler, *The Ohio State University College of Medicine*
Kacie Kreifels, *The Ohio State University College of Optometry*
Brittany Lipinsky, *The Ohio State University College of Dentistry*
Joan Randle, *The Ohio State University College of Nursing*
Diana Tsai, *The Ohio State University College of Pharmacy*
Tessa Yoder, *The Ohio State University School of Allied Medical Professions*

Houston-Galveston

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David Darrow, *University of Texas Medical Branch*
Adaugo Glenda Duru, *University of Houston Graduate College of Social Work*
John Lin, *Baylor College of Medicine*
Shirali Patel, *Baylor College of Medicine*
Andrea Penedo, *University of Houston School of Law*
Elizabeth Rossmann Beel, *Baylor College of Medicine*
Minal Shah, *Baylor College of Medicine*
Dennis Shung, *Baylor College of Medicine*
Faisal Siddiqi, *University of Texas School of Public Health*
Ron Sung, *University of Houston School of Law*
Achala Talati, *University of North Texas Health Science Center*
Sarah Tran, *University of North Texas Health Science Center*
Matthew White, *University of Texas School of Biomedical Sciences*

Indiana

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Tori Campbell, *Indiana University School of Social Work*
Darby Chodakowski, *University of Indianapolis School of Psychological Sciences*
Sarah Dilley, *Indiana University School of Medicine*
Sashana Gordon, *Indiana University School of Medicine*
Todd Hassee, *Indiana University School of Law*
Chelsea Kane, *University of Indianapolis School of Psychological Sciences*
M. Tyler King, *Indiana University School of Medicine*

Anne Nelson, *Butler University College of Pharmacy & Health Sciences*
Manisha Patel, *Indiana University School of Medicine*
Casey Robertson, *Indiana University School of Medicine*
Sangeeta Sakaria, *Indiana University School of Medicine*
Amanda Shea, *Indiana University School of Nursing*
Jennifer Sitjar, *Indiana University School of Dentistry*
Stephanie So, *Indiana University School of Dentistry*
Meredith Upchurch, *Indiana University School of Social Work*
Miriam Viernes, *Indiana University School of Dentistry*

Los Angeles

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Maria Aleshin, *University of California, Los Angeles David Geffen School of Medicine*
Cherie Blair, *University of California, Los Angeles David Geffen School of Medicine*
Angelina Cazares, *University of Southern California School of Social Work*
Erica Davenport, *University of California, Los Angeles David Geffen School of Medicine*
Sadiya Iqbal, *University of California, Los Angeles David Geffen School of Medicine*
Crystal Ives, *University of Southern California Keck School of Medicine*
Ashlee Klevens, *University of Southern California School of Pharmacy*
Aresha Martinez, *University of California, Los Angeles School of Public Health*
Charlotte Oduro, *University of California, Los Angeles School of Public Health*
Jennifer Phung, *University of California, Los Angeles David Geffen School of Medicine*
Sabah R'id, *University of California, Los Angeles David Geffen School of Medicine*
Kavita Renduchintala, *University of Southern California Keck School of Medicine*
Stephen Speicher, *University of California, Los Angeles David Geffen School of Medicine*
David Tran, *University of California, Los Angeles School of Public Health*
Victor Yee, *University of California, Los Angeles School of Public Health*

New Hampshire-Vermont

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Christine Dehnert, *Dartmouth Medical School*
Jyothi Ravindra, *Dartmouth Medical School*
Kevin Mc Nerney, *Dartmouth Medical School*
Kirsten Orloff, *Dartmouth Medical School*
Whitney Hitchcock, *Dartmouth Medical School*
Brenda Ratemo, *Dartmouth Medical School*
Cindy Tsai, *Dartmouth Medical School*
Edmund Tsui, *Dartmouth Medical School*
Sandolsam Cha, *Dartmouth Medical School*
Ida Nininger, *Vermont Law School*
Sarah Mooney, *Vermont Law School*
M. Kate Thomas, *Vermont Law School*
Vikram Patel, *Vermont Law School*
Theo Fetter, *Vermont Law School*
William Tucker, *Vermont Law School*
Christie Gallagher, *University of New Hampshire School of Law*
Kimberly Reeve, *University of New Hampshire School of Law*
Alex Samuels, *University of New Hampshire School of Law*
Ashley Miller, *University of Vermont College of Medicine*
Alyson Guillet, *University of Vermont College of Medicine*
Katherine Anderson, *University of Vermont College of Medicine*
Elizabeth Blasberg, *University of Vermont College of Medicine*
Mairin Jerome, *University of Vermont College of Medicine*

Peter Cooch, *University of Vermont College of Medicine*
Anastasia Coutinho, *University of Vermont College of Medicine*
Hannah Foote, *University of Vermont College of Medicine*
George "Bud" Vana, *University of Vermont College of Medicine*

New Orleans

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Tasnim Beg, *Tulane University School of Medicine/School of Public Health*
Derrick Bradley, *Xavier University School of Pharmacy*
Samuel Bradley, *Loyola University New Orleans College of Music and Fine Arts*
Brittany Demas, *Louisiana State University School of Public Health*
Jennifer Farrell, *Tulane University School of Medicine*
Symielle Gaston, *Louisiana State University School of Public Health*
Dominique Jodry, *Tulane University School of Medicine*
Gabriela Magda, *Tulane University School of Medicine*
Devika Nair, *Tulane University School of Medicine*
Gina Sequeira, *Tulane University School Medicine*
Nicholas Somerville, *Tulane University School of Medicine/School of Public Health*
Carl Woodward, *Tulane University Public Health*

North Carolina

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Jonet Artis, *North Carolina Central University School of Education*
Taylor Bazemore, *University of North Carolina School of Medicine*
Holly Bullock, *East Carolina University Brody School of Medicine*
Katie Cheng, *University of North Carolina School of Medicine*
Bryan Choi, *Duke School of Medicine*
Tiffany Covas, *Wake Forest School of Medicine*
Alexandra Ford, *Wake Forest School of Law*
Michael Grippaldi, *Wake Forest School of Law and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences*
Sara Hopson, *North Carolina Central University School of Education*
Aldric Jones, *Wake Forest School of Medicine*
Aseem Kaul, *East Carolina University Brody School of Medicine*
Linda King, *North Carolina Central University College of Behavioral and Social Sciences*
Laura Larion, *East Carolina University Thomas Harriott College of Arts and Sciences*
John Meyer, *University of North Carolina School of Medicine*
Justin Morse, *University of North Carolina School of Medicine*
Uniwanaobong Nseyo, *Duke School of Medicine*
Eziamaka Okafor, *Duke School of Medicine*
Craig Principe, *Wake Forest School of Law*
Kelly Raney, *Duke School of Physical Therapy*
Emily Ross, *East Carolina University Brody School of Medicine*
Vontrelle Roundtree, *East Carolina University Brody School of Medicine*
Clinton Serafino, *Winston-Salem State University School of Physical Therapy*
Timothy Serrano, *Winston-Salem State University School of Physical Therapy*
Erin Slater, *East Carolina University Brody School of Medicine*
Jonathan Stem, *Wake Forest School of Medicine*

Philadelphia

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Jules Chyten-Brennan, *University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey School of Medicine*
Gordon Crabtree, *Jefferson College of Medicine*

Victor Cueto, *Drexel University College of Medicine*
Emily Day, *University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey School of Nursing*
Tiffany Fu, *Jefferson School of Population Health*
Maria Geyman, *University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey School of Medicine*
Franklin Jeng, *Jefferson School of Pharmacy*
Sarah Nguyen, *Jefferson College of Medicine*
So "Lawrence" Onishi, *Temple University School of Medicine*
Isata Sesay, *University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey School of Medicine*
Quidest Sheriff, *University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey School of Medicine*
Sara Shuman, *Temple University College of Health Professions and Social Work*
Nicholas Kenji Taylor, *University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine*
Charles Tyson, *University of Pennsylvania School of Social Policy and Practice*
Akhila Vasthare, *Temple University School of Medicine*

Pittsburgh

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Craig Bieltz, *Duquesne University School of Pharmacy*
Victoria Chang-Mishra, *Chatham University, Physician Assistant Program*
Benjamin Cobb, *University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine*
Stephanie Dalness, *Chatham University, Counseling Psychology*
Michele Doan, *University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy*
Ifeanyi Egwuatu, *University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine*
Cristina Elgin, *University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy*
Patrick Emelife, *University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine*
Christy Gamble, *Duquesne University School of Law*
Cynthia Grady, *University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine*
Ashley Hill, *University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health*
Veronica Jarido, *University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine*
Ted Lee, *University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine*
Evelyn Little, *University of Pittsburgh, Dietetics and Nutrition*
Steven Phillips, *Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine*
Ruth Plasterer, *University of Pittsburgh, Occupational/Physical Therapy*
Dahlia Raymond, *University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine*
Jennifer Saint-Preux, *University of Pittsburgh School of Law*
Emily Sandfort, *Chatham University, Physician Assistant Program*
Sebastian Shterental, *University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine*
Samantha Teixeira, *University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work*
Laura Thomas, *University of Pittsburgh, Dietetics and Nutrition*

Lambaréné, Africa

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Medical Fellows

Laura Blinkhorn, *University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine*
Stanley Dunn, *The University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry*
Denise McCulloch, *Emory University School of Medicine*
Sandy Mudge, *Tulane University School of Medicine*

Public Health Fellows

Brandis Belt, *Yale School of Public Health*
Mascha (Maria) Davis, *University of California, Los Angeles School of Public Health*
Aviva Goldstein, *Boston University School of Public Health*

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About The Albert Schweitzer Fellowship

Originally founded in 1940 to support Dr. Albert Schweitzer's medical work in Africa, ASF is a national nonprofit organization whose [mission](#) is to develop Leaders in Service: individuals who are dedicated and skilled in meeting the health needs of underserved communities, and whose example influences and inspires others.

These Fellows — primarily university graduate students — partner with community-based organizations to identify an unmet health need, design a yearlong 200-hour service project with a demonstrable impact on that need, and bring that project from idea to implementation and impact. Rooted in a holistic understanding of health, Schweitzer projects address not only clinical issues, but also the social determinants of health. Annually, approximately 250 Schweitzer Fellows deliver more than 40,000 hours of health-related community service at [thirteen locations across the U.S.](#) A number of Schweitzer Fellows also work at the Schweitzer Hospital in Lambaréné, Africa, collaborating with hospital staff to help provide skilled care through over 35,000 outpatient visits and more than 6,000 hospitalizations annually for patients from all parts of Gabon.

When Fellows' initial year ends, they carry their commitment to meeting the health needs of underserved people forward as members of the [Schweitzer Fellows for Life](#) alumni network, a pipeline of Leaders in Service now more than 2,000 strong.

ASF's national office is located in Boston, MA and hosted by [Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center](#).

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