

Stephanie Treadwell went to Plymouth State University in New Hampshire where she received a bachelor's degree in Anthropology. Her master's research will focus on the experiences of pregnant women with substance use disorder, and their access to prenatal care.



Dylan Atchley BrayProctor - Of all the places Dylan has lived and traveled the one he calls "home" is Laramie, Wyoming. Dylan's own constant migration fuels his research interests as he increasingly centers on how recent migrants use specific sites, such as a community garden, to negotiate their own identity and wellbeing in periods of transition. His previous undergraduate work in French language and African cultural studies adds another dimension to the research, and focuses the research on francophone migrants within the African diaspora. When not moored in front of a computer or mining a text, Dylan can be found tinkering in the kitchen or exploring New England's green spaces with his wily Brussels Griffon, Monkey.



Kellan McNally is a part time graduate student in the MACCP program. He was drawn to medical anthropology at BUSM because of the program's focus on building research competencies and enhancing clinical practice. He is currently conducting qualitative interviews at the site of a decomissioned state mental hospital in Massachusetts to understand how visitors perceive and make meaning of this space. He is also a teaching intern at the BU College of General Studies working with freshmen that are completing introductory coursework in historical sociology. From medical anthropology, theory and ethnographic way of relating have been central to strengthening his work as a licensed clinical social worker and family therapist in Massachusetts. His clinical interests include crisis intervention with families, psychosis, commitment and disability processes, homelessness, and addictions.



Carolina Major Diaz San Francisco was born and raised in Spain. She also has family in Equatorial Guinea, West Africa. Carolina is interested in African medicine and healing, in medicinal herbs from the West and Central African tropical forest, and also in projects that aim to protect indigenous knowledge and our precious biodiversity. In her first year of the program, she will intern with African Community Health Initiatives, to focus on the healing and health care practices, and health-seeking behaviour of Congolese communities in Boston. Carolina also loves swimming, playing with my three cats, and spending time with her family.



Sarah Candio is a first-year MACCP student whose research involves health and healing in the tradition of Haitian Vodou. She has worked within the same transnational Haitian Vodou house since 2008, while completing a previous degree in theological studies at Harvard Divinity School, and was initiated as a Manbo (a high priestess of Haitian Vodou) in the south of Haiti in 2011. Sarah also worked in Public Health in Haiti and Boston for the nonprofit organizations Partners In Health and Haiti Cardiac Alliance. Her current research interests include the role of belief and the experience of healing among those who seek treatment from Vodou practitioners, and conversely, their parallel experiences within Western Medicine that further complicate their appreciation of health and healing.



Staci Rosenthal is from Long Island, New York. She earned a bachelor's degree in Anthropology at Brandeis University. Staci's research focuses on abortion, birth, and other reproductive health care sought and obtained under duress. Her master's thesis research focuses on Jewish experiences with reproductive health care during the Holocaust, combining content analysis of video-recorded survivor testimonies with planned original interviews with Boston-area survivors who sought or provided reproductive health care during the Holocaust. Staci is also affiliated with the Elie Wiesel Center for Judaic Studies on the Charles River campus.



Nick Emard is from Connecticut and received a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Wheaton College (MA). Through an internship with the Boston Living Center, Nick's research will explore experiences of HIV stigma among individuals living with HIV in Boston.



Kirsten Resnick is originally from Washington, DC but has made Boston her adopted home. Over the past couple of years, she has volunteered and worked in various departments at BMC, including on the Integrative Medicine Group Visits, and as a doula. Kirsten is interested in studying medical-anthropological aspects of intrapartum maternal stress and birth outcomes.



Ashley Houston is a first-year MACCP student from Louisville, Kentucky where she got her BA in cultural anthropology and Middle East and Islamic studies. She is interested in disease prevalence among the Muslim Community in Boston, as well as how disease is conceptualized and treated within this community. Her research interests also include: disease disparities, inequality, power structures, gender, and Islam.



Second-year MACCP student **"Slavvy" K. Petrov**, originally from Russia and more recently from North Carolina, is the founder and president of PAN International - an International Preventive Healthcare Education Program for Belarusian and Ukrainian orphans suffering from primary and secondary immunodeficiency disorders as the result of the Chernobyl Nuclear Disaster of 1986. His research interests are in the areas of health care policy, health disparities, refugee and immigrant care, and equity and quality assurance.



Katie Lynch is originally from South Windsor, CT. She graduated from the University of Connecticut in 2013 with a Bachelor's degree in History and Anthropology. Her research interests include how youth in the Boston-area Native American community interpret and respond to health issues, how a "sense of place" impacts community health and well-being, and environmental health.



Erin Mellett is from Walpole, Massachusetts, but attended undergraduate school at Elon University in North Carolina where she got a B.A. in Anthropology. Her research interests include cochlear implants & deaf culture, American Indian culture, and museum studies.



Kanwal Haq is "just a small town girl, coming from a Missouri world. She took the midnight train going to Boston, MA. Working hard to understand mental health stigma and health disparities [among Muslims]."



Bianca Bracho-Perez received a B.A. in History of Science and Medicine at Yale University, followed by a master's in public health at UCLA, with a focus in Epidemiology. She spent three years working in Los Angeles as an obesity prevention health educator at the Cedars-Sinai's community benefit program Healthy Habits. Her current thesis work focuses on the ways women access health information through mobile devices. Bianca was recently named an affiliated researcher with the BU Center for Mobile Communication Studies.