



Duke
MARGOLIS CENTER
for Health Policy



Margolis Summer Experience Program
May - July 2022

Program Overview

The mission of Duke University's Robert J. Margolis, MD, Center for Health Policy is to improve health, health equity, and the value of health care through practical, innovative, and evidence-based policy solutions. Duke-Margolis brings together capabilities that generate and analyze evidence across the spectrum of policy to practice, supporting the triple aim of health care – improving the experience of care, the health of populations and reducing the per capita cost. This requires broad multidisciplinary capabilities that few institutions can bring together, and is fueled by Duke University's entrepreneurial culture. The Center focuses on increasing opportunities to gain exposure to the field of health policy through collaborative curricular pathways and expanded mentored research opportunities for students interested in health policy.

Goals of the Internship Experience

- To learn through challenging and meaningful activities
- To link academic learning to policy and practice
- To gain professional experience within the field of health policy
- To build positive relationships with faculty and staff
- To identify, clarify, and/or confirm direction as it relates to your academic studies and future career path
- To develop strong networking/mentoring relationships
- To strengthen our Margolis student community
- To have fun in the process!

Summer 2022 Interns

Students are working closely with their mentors on research projects focusing on aspects of: Health Care Transformation, Biomedical Innovation, Global Health, and Education.

Through the remote internship program, interns are gaining experience in qualitative and quantitative research; receiving training and coaching on research skills/presentations/writing skills; participating in Margolis Seminars, Summer Research Symposium, Journal Club; and are building relationships with their peers through virtual socials and team projects.



Alexandra Wynn

Alexandra Wynn is a second year doctoral student in the health psychology program at Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU). Alexandra graduated from St. Bonaventure University in 2019 with her Bachelor of Science in health science and dual minors in sociology and psychology. Her research specializes around identifying psychological, social, and systemic factors within health disparities that impedes the utilization and engagement of preventive services among Black emerging adults. At VCU, Alexandra is a graduate research assistant in the Promoting Equitable Gender, Racial, and Ethnic Sexual Health Outcomes (PROGRESS) lab, where she works with other graduate and undergraduate research assistants to produce research to address and eliminate health disparities within marginalized populations. Furthermore, she is a member of the Professional Development Committee where the committee creates inclusive programming to provide a community for extra-curricular learning, service, and development. Alexandra is also a member of the Health Brigade Emerging Leaders Council in Richmond which supports Health Brigade's mission of delivering inclusive and welcoming services to the least serviced through community engagement, outreach, and advocacy. This summer, Alexandra will be working with North Carolina Integrated Care for Kids.



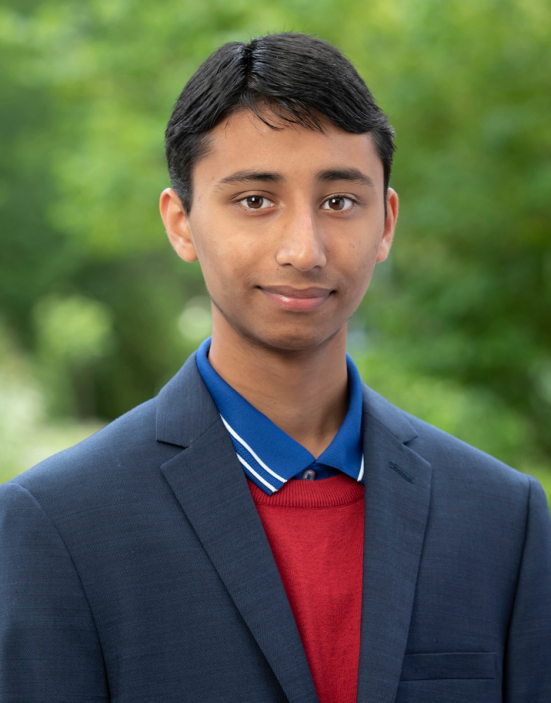
Amanda He

Amanda is a rising junior at Duke University majoring in Biology with minors in Economics and Global Health. She is interested in the intersections of business, healthcare, and policy, especially relating to optimizing payment models for patient-centered care delivery. On campus, Amanda consults for a healthcare startup through Duke Impact Investing Group, edit for Duke's undergraduate scientific research journal, tutor grade-school students in Durham, and produce Duke's annual Me Too Monologues showcase. Through Margolis, Amanda hopes to develop a deeper understanding of the implications of public health policies and their downstream impacts on physician practices. This summer, Amanda will be working with Dr. Bundorf from Sanford School of Public Policy. .



Amy Labrador

Amy Labrador is a rising junior at Duke University from Miami, FL who is majoring in Global Health and Biology. At Duke, she is involved in the Student Collaborative on Health Policy (SCOHP), where she works to increase campus-wide opportunities in health policy. She also engages with patients from Durham's Lincoln Community Health Center through her role as a community resource navigator at Help Desk. This past school year, she was involved in a Bass Connections team centered around bridging the health equity gap and addressing vaccine hesitancy in Durham. Amy is interested in addressing social drivers of health for young children and families in the clinical setting and aims to work on healthcare transformation in racial and ethnic minorities. In the past, she has delved into the uptake of disadvantage indices during the COVID-19 pandemic and analyzed their values in predicting place-based social risk. This upcoming summer, Amy will continue to engage with community-based organizations and healthcare stakeholders to propose a community-driven mobile outreach intervention that addresses health and social needs for families with young children.



Aneesh Karuppur

Aneesh is a rising sophomore pursuing a BSE in biomedical engineering, with a secondary focus in economics and the innovation and entrepreneurship certificate. He is interested in how new innovations, specifically in the medical technology space, interact with societal structures like product markets, healthcare systems, regulatory bodies, and governments. He is excited about topics related to intellectual property and medical device manufacturer strategy. He is excited to meet notable scholars, attorneys, and practitioners in those fields through the program, and hope their perspectives will add nuance to my own specific interests in medical technology. At Duke, Aneesh performs research in the ECE department, play for the Marching/Pep Band and Symphony Orchestra, am on the Moot Court team, and am part of E-Nable (3D printed prosthetics). This summer, through the Huang Fellows program, Aneesh will be researching Self-referral and anti-kickback statutes exist at both the federal and the state level and serve to prohibit certain types of financial arrangements among parties in the health care system.



Anika Vemulapalli

Anika is a rising sophomore from San Antonio, Texas. Anika plans to major in Global Health and Biology with a minor in political science. Anika realizes how impactful historical institutions work in tandem with modern-day policy to deprive marginalized identities of a right to equal opportunity and outcome in our society. Over her four years, Anika seeks to understand how healthcare is impacted by social determinants and affects one's societal well-being to eventually make tangible health policy changes empowering underprivileged groups. Moreover, Anika wishes to take a more individualized approach to my passion for healthcare by becoming a doctor caring for medically underserved communities. This summer, Anika will be focusing on social drivers of health with Dr. Silberberg.



Anna Zolotor

Anna Zolotor is a rising senior from Carrboro, NC studying statistics, biology and global health. On campus, she is involved in student journalism, public health and health economics research, and the project BUILD pre-orientation program. After college, Anna hopes to attend graduate school for epidemiology and pursue a career in research. As a Margolis intern this summer, Anna will be working on a quantitative comparison of various disadvantage indices, such as the Center for Disease Control's Social Vulnerability Index (SVI). Following up on prior work, she will also be conducting a cost-effectiveness analysis of neonatal hearing screening strategies in Nigeria.



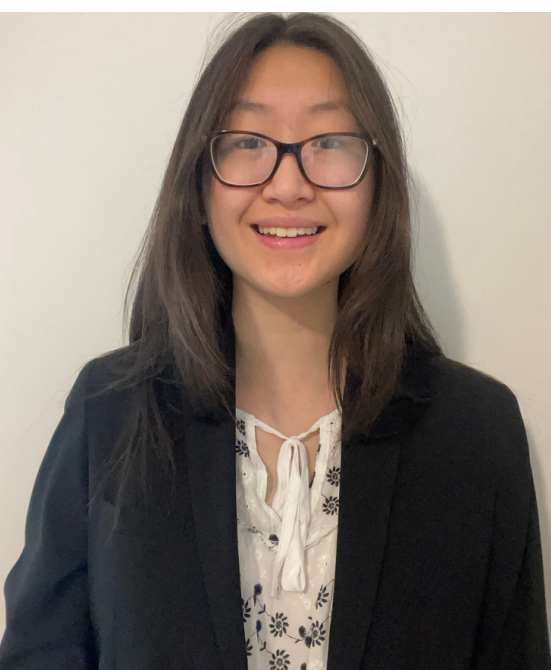
Breanna Barrett

Breanna Barrett is a rising sophomore at Duke University majoring in Psychology and Global Health. At Duke, she is a SPIRE fellow, Social and Publicity Chair of the Students of the Caribbean Association, and the underclassman liaison of Duke bioSTEMS. In addition to her active involvement in different clubs, Breanna also plays many percussion instruments, including the African drums and participates in fencing games. Breanna is interested in particularly how these policies negatively affect people of color and people in low- and middle income countries, and the interaction between business, law, and healthcare. This summer, Breanna will be working with the Medical Legal Partnership project and is looking forward to understand how public health professionals strategize, identify, and target laws and policy changes to advance health justice. She is very excited to learn make new connection in the Margolis Center community.



Catherine Serianni

Catherine is a graduate student pursuing her MPH in epidemiology at the Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health. A recent graduate of Columbia University, Catherine is passionate about applying her interdisciplinary background in psychology, statistics, and human rights toward translational research and community health programming innovations. As part of her interest in applied research, Catherine is a member of the ASPIRE policy research team at Columbia University, investigating mental and sexual health outcomes of Syrian refugee women living in Jordan and identifying social determinants of mental health disparities among populations living in precarious situations. Catherine also has utilized her interest in applying newly-established healthcare and psychological frameworks toward the construction of effective healthcare transformation programming among sexual violence survivors and co-survivors, developing grant-funded and research-based programs to support this population. This summer, Catherine will merge Catherine's interests in healthcare transformation, psychology, and statistics by investigating osteoporosis patient care navigation and healthcare access disparities.



Catherine Xiang

Catherine Xiang is a rising sophomore student from Plainsboro, New Jersey hoping to major in Biology and Global Health. Through nonprofit work and volunteering within her local community, Catherine developed an interest in exploring reproductive health and maternal/child health disparities through a holistic approach that addresses policy, cultural differences, and social/structural determinants. As an aspiring physician, Catherine hopes to further explore gender health disparities at the intersection of medicine and health policy, researching diseases that disproportionately impact young girls and women in low-resource communities. Outside of the classroom, Catherine enjoys playing tennis, writing for Duke's science journal Vertices, and getting involved in menstrual equity through Progress Period. This summer, through the Huang Fellows program, Catherine will explore health policy research in global health.



Charles Drucker

Charles B. Drucker is a J. Wayne Reitz Scholar pursuing a B.A. in Economics at the University of Florida. Apart from his involvement in both health disparities and physiological research at the university, Charles actively invested in both the local and state community, having served as a Research and Policy Fellow within the Florida House of Representatives and a mentor to Gainesville students through The Education Foundation of Alachua County. In the future, Charles seeks to play a leading role in the delivery of healthcare, with professional aspirations centering at the intersection of economics, public policy, and medicine. This summer, Charles will conduct research in caregiving and long-term services support and policies.



Chinmay Amin

Chinmay Amin is a rising junior at Duke University. His plan is to double major in public policy and computer science. Chinmay is most drawn to learning about the various payment models present in the U.S. healthcare system and how they can be improved. On-campus, I'm involved in the Public Policy Majors Union and the Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Society. In his free time, Chinmay loves to run, swim, and hike! This summer, Chinmay will be working with Dr. Bundorf from Sanford School of Public Policy.



Dana Guggenheim

Dana is a rising senior and Margolis Scholar at Duke University studying Public Policy and Neuroscience. She is devoted to pursuing a career that helps advance health equity while improving the way healthcare is delivered as a physician-leader. Dana was a previous intern at the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation (CMMI), and will be simultaneously working on the policy team at Unite Us (a healthcare and social services technology company) this summer. This summer, Dana will conduct policy research for the Duke-Carolinas Cord Blood Bank.



Devan Desai

Devan Desai is a rising senior at Duke University from Durham, North Carolina. He is majoring in Public Policy and minoring in Biology and Chemistry. At Duke, Devan serves as Executive Vice President in the Duke Student Government, Chair of the Duke Honor Council, and an undergraduate teaching assistant. As a Margolis Scholar, Devan hopes to expand his health policy experience through engagement with the Margolis Center and his position as a Co-Chair of Health Policy Education with the Student Collaborative on Health Policy. Devan is also involved on a variety of research teams ranging from spine care at DUHS, contact tracing policies in North Carolina, HIPAA and privacy regulations, and hypertension with the Durham community. Ultimately, Devan hopes to earn an MD/MPH and work at the intersection of healthcare and policy to improve patient care and treatment outcomes with a specific interest in pediatrics and orthopedics. This summer, Devan will be researching guideline congruent care for spine disorders.



Elizabeth Kayzman

Elizabeth Kayzman is a rising senior at Duke University double majoring in Neuroscience and Global Health with a minor in Chemistry on the pre-med track. At Duke, she works with the "Evaluating Strategies to Reduce the Global Burden of Hearing Loss" Bass Connections Team. Elizabeth also leads mental health awareness organization on campus called NeuroCare for which she plans education and wellness events for the student body. At the Margolis Center, Elizabeth is working with the Lancet Commission Team for Reducing the Global Burden of Hearing Loss with a focus on evaluation of barriers, strategies, and models associated with promoting hearing healthcare around the world. Her goal is to contribute to evidence-based policy interventions and improved hearing health in international communities through the research of the project. This summer, Elizabeth will continue her work on the Lancet Bass Project.



Francisco Banda

Francisco Banda is a rising senior from McAllen, Texas, is double majoring in Psychology and Philosophy with a minor in Creative Writing. He comes from a low-income, first generation, single parent household. Francisco has aspirations of attending graduate school to become a therapist or counselor and then practicing in his hometown to help combat mental health stigma and disparities within the Latinx population of South Texas. Some of my other interests include, creative writing, music, politics, and graphic design. This summer, Francisco will be working on building cross-sector early childhood research to address the scarcity of child-focused developmental and behavioral health services and the complexities in navigating service bureaucracies.



Haley Cionfolo

Haley Cionfolo is a rising senior from Knoxville, Tennessee and is studying Biology and Global Health at Duke University. After interning for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation last summer, Haley joined the Global Hearing Loss Bass Connections team under Osondu Ogbuoji and Gillian Sanders Schmidler and has grown to love health policy research. Haley is continuing with this team for the summer as they continue the project for the Lancet Commission Series on Global Hearing Loss. She will be working on the Barriers team and will be helping with systematic reviews for barriers, facilitators, and scale-up of hearing healthcare. In addition to participating in research at Duke, Haley is the incoming president for Hoof'n'Horn, an incoming Penny Pilgram George Women's Leadership Initiative Cohort member, and the Publicity Chair of the Global Health Majors Union. In the fall, Haley plans to apply to Masters in Public Health programs to pursue epidemiology.



Ishaan Brar

Ishaan Brar is a rising sophomore at Duke University from Bakersfield, California. He is majoring in Global Health and Biology on the pre-med track. Outside of his classes, he is Senator on Duke Student Government, part of the organizing team for the TedxDuke Conference, a Community Partnerships Officer for Duke Remote Area Medical, and works as a researcher at the Jones Lab. This summer, he looks forward to conducting research on methods to reduce barriers to medical access and make more equitable healthcare solutions a reality.



Joan Navarro

Joan (Jo-ann) Navarro is a graduate student at the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy where she also attended for undergraduate. Joan majored in anthropology and minored in social and economic justice. Joan is passionate about improving the quality and access to healthcare, especially for marginalized populations. She is most motivated by helping others and having a kind and sincere heart. For fun, Joan enjoys spending quality time with my friends and visiting the beach or mountains. In the future, although Joan loves learning about therapeutics, patient care, and the clinical side to pharmacy, she hopes to use her PharmD to advocate for patients and improve the healthcare system. This summer, Joan will be researching telemedicine and oncology care with a focus on health disparities and health/environment.



Jonathan Barber

Jonathan is a rising senior from North Carolina State University. He is a Communications Major and has experience in working with in documentaries, pre, post, and live video production, script and article writing, and high energy work conditions. Jonathan is excited to work for the Center and serve as a valuable member of the group. This summer, Jonathan will serve as the Communications Intern and will manage social media/communications efforts for the Education team.



Juliana Shank

Juliana Shank is a rising junior at Duke University majoring in Public Policy on the pre-med track. At Duke, she co-teaches the Drug Development for Essential Medicines House Course, works with the "Evaluating Strategies to Reduce the Global Burden of Hearing Loss" Bass Connections Team, and is the Finance Chair for the Duke Honor Council. She is particularly interested in healthcare system reform, regulatory incentives for developing drugs, and women's health. In her free time, she enjoys hiking, rock-climbing, dance, and cooking. This summer, Juliana will be working with the Biomedical Innovation work stream.



Karina Vasudeva

Karina Vasudeva is a rising junior at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She is a Morehead-Cain and Coca-Cola Scholar. She is pursuing a BA in English and Comparative Literature, as well as a BSPH degree in Health Policy and Management at the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health. She is interested in health policy, and is very passionate about topics related to health equity, disability justice, social determinants of health, and global health. Karina has worked as a research intern for the North Carolina Integrated Care of Kids Model (NC InCK) to support integration of housing services. She is also a member of the Bass Connections team working to fulfill the goals of the North Carolina Early Childhood Action Plan (NC ECAP). Upon graduation, Karina plans to pursue graduate studies in public health. This summer, Karina will be studying social determinants of health through various projects with the Health Care Transformation work stream.



Kunmi Ojo

Kunmi is a rising sophomore potentially majoring in Economics and plan to be on the pre-medicine track. Her interests encompass the intersection of health economics and policy to address health inequities facing people of color. Despite the current cultural reckoning of the faults within American institutions, the vast health disparities (including health outcomes and access to affordable healthcare) within marginalized communities remain largely ignored. Therefore, Kunmi dedicated to acquiring knowledge about the current healthcare system and the means of improving it. As a future physician with expertise in health economics, she hopes to contribute to the conversation and implementation of value-based healthcare: a reformed healthcare model that prioritizes patient health outcomes over existing financial incentives within the current system. This summer, through the Huang Fellows program, Kunmi will working with Dr. Bundorf from Sanford School of Public Policy.



Lauren Caton

Lauren is a current doctoral student in Maternal and Child Health at UNC, minoring in Public Policy and Survey Science methods. Her research interests are state-level policies related to carceral care and rehabilitative treatment for pregnant and parenting persons with substance use disorders. As a Center of Excellence Fellow, she works on the Improving Community Outcomes for Maternal and Child Health (ICO4MCH) initiative, which aims to expand evidence-based practice adoption to improve county-level birth outcomes and reduce maternal mortality. She additionally serves on the evaluation team for the department's Maternal Health Learning & Innovation Center (MHLIC). She holds a BS in Nutritional Sciences & Toxicology from the University of Texas at Austin and a MPH in Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health from the University of California, Berkeley. Lauren is an avid reader, runner, and drummer! She also enjoys attending indie-folk/rock concerts and line dancing with friends. This summer, Lauren will be researching a formal way to guide health systems in planning and evaluating machine-learning enabled clinical decision support (CDS) implementation.



Maya Thieme

Maya Thieme is a rising senior at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she studies Health Policy and Management in the Gillings School of Global Public Health, as well as Economics. Maya is especially interested in the overlap of economics and health policy, specifically topics involving payment and delivery reform and health care transformation. After college, Maya hopes to continue working in the health policy sphere and potentially pursue a graduate degree in public health. This summer, Maya will be working on various projects with the Health Care Transformation work stream.



Meera Patel

Meera Patel is a rising sophomore from Charlotte, NC planning to pursue a Program II major exploring the Application of Ethics and Ethical Principles to the Biomedical field. Meera is active in Duke RAM, the SAGE program, and Duke Club Taekwondo, and in the future, she hopes to be a practicing pediatric oncologist looking at ways to make healthcare more equitable. Meera is excited to continue thinking about critical issues spanning the morality of current medical and healthcare issues as a Huang Fellow this summer and will be exploring how we can devise solutions to some of our most pressing health problems in society as a Margolis student intern.



Meyra Çoban

Meyra Çoban is a master's student and Fulbright Scholar in Bioethics and Science policy at Duke University. She uses her background in philosophy to examine issues in health care ethics, particularly from the perspective of minority groups. Meyra is a Race and the Professions Fellow at the Kenan Institute for Ethics at Duke University and a graduate member of the Revaluing Care in the Global Economy project with Duke Bass Connections. This summer, Meyra will conduct research in caregiving and long-term services support and policies.



Mohini Johri

Mohini Johri is a rising senior at Duke University pursuing a double major in Economics and Global Health and a minor in Chemistry on the pre-med track. At Duke, Mohini is a member of Business Oriented Women (BOW) on the Communications Committee, a tutor with GANO at Duke for individuals who speak English as their second language, and is a writer for "The Coop," an online publication by women for women. At the Margolis Center, Mohini is a current Bass Connections student, working on the Lancet Commission Global Burden of Hearing Loss team. Eventually, she hopes to pursue health policy in medicine as a career path. This summer, Mohini will continue her work on the Global Burden of Hearing Loss Lancet project, using decision modeling and cost-effectiveness analysis.



Nisha Kumar

Nisha Kumar is a Master in Public Policy student at the Harvard Kennedy School and has three years of experience working as a data analytic contractor for CMS and the Department of Justice, supporting their provider fraud, waste and abuse initiatives. She hopes to transition to working on broader policy questions on healthcare innovation, starting with value-based care and alternative payment models. She is a California native and enjoys the outdoors, live music, and all things art-related. This summer, Nisha will be working on the safety-net project, developing alternative payment models for the health care safety net for the Health Care Transformation work stream.



Noah Evenson

Noah Evenson is a rising senior at UNC Chapel Hill pursuing a B.S. in Biology, a B.A. in Public Policy, and a minor in Chemistry. He is deeply committed to bettering healthcare outcomes on both an individual and national scale, and seeks to build his career around those ideals. He has a strong passion for the life sciences, healthcare, business, and policy, and the connection these fields have with promoting societal advancement and overall health. Science, policy, and business are becoming increasingly intertwined in today's world, and he aspires to leverage his knowledge of those fields to enact real, tangible change in those spaces. On campus, he is involved in several organizations and currently serves as the Vice President of Public Relations for Delta Sigma Pi, a professional business fraternity, and is a co-chair of the Public Relations Committee for UNC Semillas de Unidad, an organization that connects local LatinX youth with peer tutoring and wellness services. He is also a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Alpha Epsilon Delta, a professional pre-health honors society. After graduation, he hopes to pursue a Master of Public Policy before applying to medical school. This summer, Noah will be working on the Biomedical Innovation work stream.



Payton Little

Payton Little is a rising senior at Duke University double majoring in global health and public policy with a minor in Gender, Sexuality & Feminist Studies. On campus, she participates in Varsity Track and Field as well as Embark with the Sanford School of Public Policy. She also participated in a semester research assistantship with the Duke Center for Health Policy and Inequalities Research (CHPIR) to highlight the roles that gender minorities play in research at Duke University. Payton is currently involved in a year-long Bass Connections project mapping the relationship between contraceptive use and conflict using quantitative analysis. This summer, utilizing qualitative data analysis, Payton will be performing research on health policy within ICU decision-making trends.



Pranav Tadikonda

Pranav Tadikonda is a rising junior at the University of Pennsylvania studying Biology and Health & Societies with a concentration in Health Care, Markets and Finance. Coming into college, Pranav's goal was to engage in advocacy and policy research, both inside and outside of the classroom. His goal is to ultimately serve his community by working on advancing health equity and greater access to medical care for all people in the United States, regardless of socioeconomic background. Outside of taking classes, Pranav serves as the Internal Vice President for an HIV/AIDS advocacy group, a Cabinet Member and Committee Director on the Penn Undergraduate Assembly, and Analyst for the Wharton Undergraduate Healthcare club. In his free time, Pranav also enjoys dancing and is a dancer for Penn Dhamaka, a nationally ranked all-male fusion dance team. This summer, Pranav will be working on the Biomedical Innovation work stream.



Preeyanka Rao

Preeyanka Rao is a Master of Public Health student in Health Policy at the Gillings School of Global Public Health at the University of North Carolina. As a double Tarheel, she attended UNC as an undergraduate, where she received a B.A. in Public Policy and Biology with a minor in statistics and analytics. She is passionate about reducing health disparities, improving minority health, and ensuring equitable healthcare through federal health policy reform. At UNC, Preeyanka volunteers as a Social Needs Navigator with the Student Health Action Coalition (SHAC), and works as a Graduate Teaching Assistant for the Department of Public Policy and Gillings School of Global Public Health. Prior to her MPH, Preeyanka pursued research with the North Carolina Cancer Hospital evaluating the impact of remote lay navigation on reducing barriers to care for oncology populations, as well as with the UNC Department of Sociology looking at elevated rates of maternal mortality and adverse birth outcomes among Asian Indian women in the United States. As an aspiring primary care physician, she hopes to work at the intersections of health policy and clinical medicine to improve patient care and population health outcomes. This summer, Preeyanka will be assisting with a project researching topics on Medicare in relation to payer and patient decision-making pertaining to pharmacy benefits.



Riya Mohan

Riya Mohan is a member of the Class of 2024 in the Trinity School at Duke University. She is pursuing a self-designed Program II major titled "Ethical and Regulatory Issues of Human Genome Editing". Her research interests lie in the realm of health policy with a focus on the genetic/genomic sciences and she hopes to use interdisciplinary education and tools to analyze various issues within the field, such as through wet-lab research, policy development, and community engagement. She is currently an undergraduate researcher at the Heitman Lab in the Duke School of Medicine and has been named a Margolis Health Policy Scholar as well as a Visualizing Cities Lab Fellow. At the University, she is also the president of Duke Ethical Tech, a university-based tech think tank, and Duke Cyber, the university's premier cyber technology and security organization. This summer, Riya will be continuing her work on the Medical Legal Partnership project.



Angela (Ro) Huang

Angela (Ro) Huang is a rising junior at Duke University studying a self-made Program II major entitled "Ethical Psychiatric Healthcare & Policy). They are active in Duke's mental health advocacy scene where they volunteer frequently with Threshold Clubhouse and lead on the executive board for the National Alliance on Mental Health@Duke. Eventually, they hope to enter an MD-MPH program to incorporate disability studies research and policy into a psychiatric setting to improve patient well-being and provider efficacy. This summer, Angela will be exploring health systems and policy in global health.



Samantha Murrell

Sammy is a graduate student at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health studying Health Policy. In 2021, she graduated from Harvard University with a BA in Neuroscience and a minor in Global Health and Health Policy. As an undergraduate, she was a student athlete (soccer) and peer counselor. Her work as a graduate research assistant at Johns Hopkins has focused on the potential of global budget payment models to improve health equity and reduce health disparities. This summer, Sammy will be working on payment reform projects on the Health Care Transformation work stream.



Sarah Barnes

Sarah is a rising senior at UNC-Chapel Hill from Pinehurst, North Carolina. She is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Psychology with a minor in Neuroscience. At UNC she works as a research assistant and phlebotomist under Dr. Muscatell in the Social Neuroscience and Health Lab. This experience has helped develop her interest in using psychology to reduce negative health outcomes in underrepresented populations. This summer, Sarah is working with Dr. Steven Patierno and his team to examine the potential impact of Medicaid expansion on cancer care and cancer disparities in North Carolina. She hopes to learn more about how research informs health care policy and walk away with the tools to integrate this knowledge in a graduate school program following graduation. This summer, Sarah will be conducting research on cancer healthcare policy,



Shamar Wilson

Shamar Wilson is a Chancellor's Carolina scholar at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill pursuing a BSPH degree in health policy and management at the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health. Shaped by his clinical experiences in long-term care facilities, home health agencies, and state hospitals, he is passionate about optimizing and standardizing healthcare delivery. Upon graduation, Shamar aspires to work as a consultant with a specialized emphasis in healthcare and eventually return back to school to pursue a Master's degree in Business Administration. This summer, he hopes to expand his knowledge on how health policy can enhance healthcare delivery and hopes to increase his professional network by immersing himself in the Duke-Margolis community. Shamar will be working on the NC Health Care Transformation project.



Duke-Margolis Summer Experience Program Team



Dr. Dev Sangvai
Faculty Director

Dr. Sangvai is executive director for Duke Connected Care, associate chief medical officer (ACMO) for Duke University Health System and medical director for DukeWELL (a physician-run population health program for Duke employees and dependents). He is assistant professor of family medicine, pediatrics & psychiatry for Duke University Medical Center and vice chair for quality, safety and clinical for Duke's Department of Community & Family Medicine. Dr. Sangvai also serves as the associate program director for the Management and Leadership Pathway for Residents (MLPR)—an innovative residency training program at Duke designed to develop future physician executives. Originally from Ohio, Dr. Sangvai has been at Duke since 2003 and has previously served as Duke's chief of family medicine.



Tiffany Chan
Program Coordinator

Tiffany Chan, MA, is the Program Coordinator for the Education Team, where she works to support and advance the educational experience across the Center and for undergraduate students, in particular. Tiffany oversees day-to-day operations of the Margolis Summer Experience Program and administrative functions for Duke Bass Connections teams sponsored by Duke-Margolis. For the majority of her professional career, Tiffany has worked in Student Affairs with traditional undergraduate students. She comes to Duke-Margolis from NC State University where she was the primary lead for all programmatic efforts and moving parts of two Living Learning Communities, and gained experience in student advisement, program management and evaluation.

Summer 2022 Mentors

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Mentors, thank you for taking the time this summer to support the 2022 Margolis Interns. With your support and mentorship, students will have the opportunity to gain foundational knowledge of the field of health policy, network with professionals and peers, gain hands-on research and presentation experience, and much more. Thank you for building positive relationships with our students, further strengthening the Margolis community.