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SOURCE is proud to present the Student Members of our Governing Board. Students from the Johns Hopkins University Schools of Medicine, Nursing, and Public Health are encouraged to reach out to these student leaders in order to: share ideas, offer programming recommendations, ask questions about community engagement, and more. These student leaders meet with SOURCE staff regularly, and are up-to-date on a variety of campus and community issues. Additionally, these student leaders are exceptional role models who are involved both on and off campus. Read more about our wonderful student leaders from the Schools of Medicine, Nursing, and Public Health.

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School of Medicine

FERHINA ALI



A native of New York City, I attended college at the University of Rochester and am currently a third year medical student at Hopkins. Excited by the potential for community outreach in Baltimore, I joined the SOURCE InterAction Council four years ago and have since begun working with SOURCE on the Governing Board. I am especially interested in the public health and mentoring programs, in addition to more institutionally-based endeavors like service learning and faculty sponsored community health care.

Three summers ago, I worked with the Hopkins Center for Global Health studying charity based eye care in the urban and developing regions of India. During my college years, I founded the Rochester Unite for Sight and hope to continue to explore avenues for vision care for the under-served in the Baltimore community through Hopkins.

STEPHEN JURASCHEK



I grew up in Massachusetts and went to Boston College. Through a number of experiences – a nine-month service trip in South America, working with Blind youth, volunteering in an urban emergency department – service has become an integral part of my life. My decision to pursue a degree in medicine was largely due to my desire to live a life of service. When I came to Hopkins the first organization I encountered was SOURCE, who spoke to incoming medical students about Baltimore community dynamics and opportunities to get involved as part of the Baltimore Awareness and Service Experience (BASE). This talk and the following day of outreach in Baltimore created a tone for my entire medical school experience. I was excited to learn that not only is service an important part of Hopkins but also that there are a lot of students who want to get involved in helping the surrounding community. With a sense of enthusiasm I joined a number student organizations – Bienestar Baltimore (formerly Programa Salud), the Incentive Mentorship Program – and also sought ways to organize service opportunities for classmates by volunteering as the Nathans College Service Chair and organizing BASE for incoming medical students. Throughout these activities SOURCE has been an invaluable resource and support in accomplishing our objectives, and through my many encounters with SOURCE I have an increasing appreciation for the services provided to students through this Center. I am honored to be a part of SOURCE’s Student Governing Board, and I look forward to playing a more integral role in the accomplishment of SOURCE’s mission to provide students opportunities to outreach to Hopkins’ many surrounding communities.

MELISSA LIU
(med 14)



I am originally from Chicago, and after graduating from Stanford in 2009, I worked for one year in a research laboratory at the National Eye Institute. I am currently a second year medical student at Hopkins, and I am really looking forward to serving on the SOURCE Governing Board and InterAction Council. At Stanford, I had a variety of community-oriented service and service-learning experiences that nurtured my interests in campus-community partnership and the underserved. I worked on an interdisciplinary team of students and community partners to improve chronic disease management at a local clinic. I also co-led an Alternative Spring Break program on the health care of underserved communities in Central California. Service and service-learning are important to me, and I look forward to working with SOURCE to build mutually beneficial partnerships between Hopkins students and the Baltimore community.

KATHRYN MIELE

(med 15)



I am from Rochester, NY and completed New York University's Pre-health Post-Baccalaureate Certificate Program. I also hold a Master's degree in International Affairs from The New School, and was graduated from the College of William and Mary with High Honors in East Asian Studies. I have seven years of professional nonprofit experience, including working in the fields of international reproductive health with EngenderHealth; global diplomacy with One To World; environmental advocacy with Green Corps; and grassroots community organizing in Kenya and India with GROOTS International. My research is on *Trichomonas vaginalis*, HIV/AIDS, Japanese sociological development, and Emergency Department-based sepsis protocols. Volunteering has always been important to me; I mentored high school students with the Opportunity Network, served as an Emergency Room Volunteer at New York Downtown Hospital, and organized medical brigades to Ecuador with MEDLIFE. Currently, I work with IMP and HealthLeads. In my spare time, I enjoy being taken for runs by my Jack Russell Terrier, Zidane.

As a first-year medical school student and member of the SOURCE Governing Board and the InterAction Council, I am looking forward to bridging the public health, nursing, and medical schools to benefit all members of our community.

AMIR MOHAREB

(med 12)



I am Amir Mohareb and I am in my fourth year of the Hopkins medical program. After growing up in Chicago, I lived across Canada and attended college in Toronto. Throughout this time I was involved in a number of community service projects. In Nova Scotia, I was fortunate enough to stumble onto l'Arche, a string of community homes for individuals with varying levels of disabilities. l'Arche opened the doors to new friendships, experiences, and insight on how community based organizations can make a difference. Since moving to Baltimore in August 2008, I have gotten to know and love community service in East Baltimore, particularly through the Public Justice Center and the Wolfe Street Academy.

MAX ROMANO

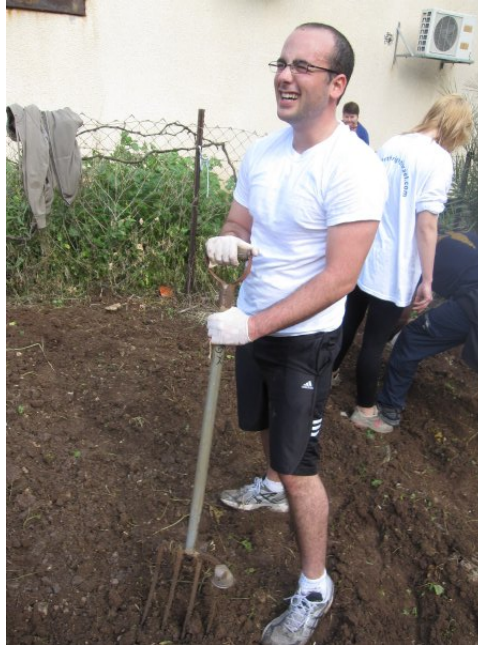
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My name is Max Romano and I consider myself honored to be able to participate in the student governing board for SOURCE. My background in public service is diverse, but in all its twists and turns it has led me here to Hopkins with a singular commitment to learning how to help people improve their health. I grew up in St. Louis, MO as a member of the Ethical Society of St. Louis, a non-theistic religious community devoted to promoting ethical action. After high school I deferred college for one year to do public service work with the AmeriCorps National Civilian Community Corps. My jobs in AmeriCorps ranged from after-school tutoring in a Boys and Girls Club to repairing roofs in central Florida after a major hurricane season, and that work opened my eyes to the great diversity among "public service" organizations. I studied Human Biology with a focus in Public Health at Stanford University, and I spent my junior year of college working public service internships with the R oatán Volunteer Pediatric Clinic in Honduras, the National Hispanic Medical Association in Washington, DC, and the Arlington Free Clinic in Virginia.

Here at Hopkins, I feel that one of the strongest links between the school and its surrounding community exists via students' actions, so I joined the SOURCE governing board to be a part of the action. The unique dimension that I hope to bring to the governing board is my focus on helping others by improving relationships within the board and between Hopkins and the community around it. I look forward to working with SOURCE to make this world we live in a little more just.

SAM SCHARFF
(med 15)



My name is Sam Scharff, and I am a first year student at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. I grew up in Oklahoma City and studied Zoology at the University of Oklahoma. As an undergraduate I had many opportunities to give back to my hometown. I volunteered for three years in the free clinics of Oklahoma City and co-founded an organization that trains college students to be strategic consultants for nonprofits in Central Oklahoma. I also have worked in the Office of the Surgeon General as a federal liaison to state, local, and nongovernmental organizations to train public health disaster responders. As part of this experience, I helped to launch a warehouse-sized clinic with Remote Area Medical to address some of the needs of the under-served in Oklahoma City.

Throughout these experiences I bore witness to the tremendous impact local nonprofits can have on their communities. By working with SOURCE, I hope to tap into the passion of community organizations around Baltimore and empower them to support my new hometown. I am beyond excited to work with community leaders, Hopkins experts, and students alike toward a better Baltimore.

JEAN SUH
(med 15)



Born and raised in northern Virginia, I graduated college here at Johns Hopkins University in 2010 and am back for my first year of medical school. My passion for community service was instilled by my volunteer experiences in Baltimore throughout my undergraduate studies. As a freshman in college, I began volunteering at National Student Partnerships - Baltimore, a resource center for low-income community members. There I worked directly with clients and listened to their struggles as I helped them apply for jobs, search for housing, and seek government and community assistance. I also had the opportunity to volunteer at Baltimore Rescue Mission Clinic, which provides free medical care to the homeless.

My experiences in Baltimore inspired me to take a year between college and medical school to serve as an AmeriCorps VISTA Site Coordinator at Communities In Schools of the Nation's Capital, a non-profit organization that aims to help at-risk youth stay in school and succeed in life. I learned through this experience about the needs of the students and the surrounding community at the elementary school I was stationed in, as I was responsible for bringing in resources and programs to help fulfill those needs.

Community service has been integral in shaping my outlook on life, which is why I am excited to serve on the SOURCE Governing Board. There are so many great organizations in Baltimore and so many great students at Hopkins, thus so much potential to make magic come alive in Charm City. I hope that through my involvement with SOURCE in the coming years, I can be a catalyst for change.

KATIE WASHINGTON

(med 14)



My name is Katie Washington, and I am a second year student at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. I grew up in Gary, IN, and I graduated from the University of Notre Dame in May 2010. During my time at Notre Dame, I was involved in various community service and service learning activities. I participated in five semester-long immersion seminars (two in Indianapolis, two in South Bend and one in Chicago) through the Center for Social Concerns, acting as a student coordinator for two of them. Through these experiences, I spent time working with a variety of community organizations exploring issues including youth violence, domestic violence and the effects of poverty and wealth on the relationship between Notre Dame and the City of South Bend.

My previous service-learning experiences underscored the importance of pairing volunteerism with critical reflection in our attempts to affect social change. I'm very excited to explore social justice issues in East Baltimore. Most importantly, I'm looking forward to spending time with community leaders, my classmates and other Hopkins affiliates to figure out how we can use our combined gifts, talents and resources to address some of the challenges facing our community.

MICHELLE WILSON
(med 13)



My name is Michelle Wilson and I am a third year medical student at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. I was born and raised in Northeastern Ohio where my interest in education and advocacy led me to create an after-school tutoring program for elementary students with learning disabilities. I attended college at Stanford University where I became involved with a number of community service organizations serving the East Palo Alto community. For over five years I worked with Upward Bound, a federal TRIO program that provides academic support for low-income high school students aspiring toward higher education. After graduating from Stanford, I worked for the Mural Music and Arts Project, a nonprofit youth-empowerment agency that strives to educate, inspire, and empower youth through involvement in the arts. I am interested in the unique challenges facing urban communities and chose to attend medical school at Hopkins in part because of the many opportunities to learn from and contribute to the surrounding community.

It is a tremendous honor to serve on the SOURCE Governing Board and InterAction Council. I look forward to connecting medical students and student groups with community based organizations that are doing meaningful work in the East Baltimore Community. I hope to help SOURCE inspire a lasting commitment to community service that will shape the way that Hopkins students engage with their communities throughout their careers.

JESSE YANG
(med 13)



I am very excited to begin work as part of SOURCE's Governing Board!
I am a third year medical student and a native of the DMV (DC, Maryland, Virginia) area. I attended Northwestern University in Chicago, Illinois. My community involvement started in High School when I trained and became a volunteer EMT at a local Fire Dept. At Northwestern, I shifted my focus to not just community service but activism. In Chicago, I worked as a volunteer YMCA basketball coach and as a volunteer in various homeless shelters. As an activist, I founded the NU Coalition to Free the Jena Six and later became Vice President of the politically charged Black Student Alliance. Despite being Asian, I was also later asked to join and did join Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Inc., a historically Black Fraternity dedicated to service.

I have an obsession with rectifying inequality and social justice. I am excited to be on SOURCE's governing board because I have seen the need in East Baltimore for service. My other involvements at Hopkins include being one of SOURCE's HIV counselors, a member of SNMA and one of the coordinators of CASE, SNMA's adolescent sexual education program.

PHYLLIS YANG
(med 12)



A fourth year medical student at Hopkins, I tutor with the Incentive Mentoring Program and serve on the student board of Taussig College. I hail from a suburb in Kansas and went to school at the University of Pennsylvania, where I was involved in numerous tutoring organizations and taught asthma education and summer classes in the West Philadelphia community. Working with the APAMSA chapter at Penn, I helped organize a free Hepatitis B screening program for Chinatown residents with little health insurance. Now being situated in Baltimore, I want to increase student outreach within our immediate community and facilitate mutually beneficial relationships between Hopkins members and our East Baltimore neighbors.

I am associated with Incentive Mentoring Program, Taussig College, Asian Pacific American Medical Student Association, and a variety of interest groups

I hope more medical students will utilize SOURCE to become involved in the community and expand community service programs for their organizations. I feel that SOURCE can be a bigger presence within the medical school, and it has the potential to be a tremendous resource, even as a career building tool.

School of Nursing:

ALISON BOURKE



I am originally from Massachusetts and graduated from the Pennsylvania State University (Go Lions!) with a BA in International Politics and Russian Studies. I taught American History for 7 years in Massachusetts and New York and coached high school women's soccer, indoor track, and outdoor track and field for 6 years. I have always possessed a strong commitment to social justice and equality and try to dedicate my talents and energies to improving the lives of others. Most recently, I worked as operations manager for MassEquality, a nonprofit organization in Boston, which successfully defended same-sex marriage in Massachusetts and continues to fight for equality for the LGBT community.

While living in New York and through working with the LGBT community, I learned of many health disparities, particularly with injection drug users, queer youth, and members of the transgender community. I felt a moral imperative to get on the front line and help improve quality of life for so many needy people. I am currently enrolled in the Accelerated BSN program and will graduate in July 2012. I am excited to serve on the SOURCE governing board and work with the amazing organizations here in my new hometown of Baltimore.

MAIRE CASEY



I am Maire, a BSN student in the Accelerated Class of 2012. Originally from Cape Cod, MA, I have gravitated towards cities since high school for the opportunity to see innovation, resiliency and resourcefulness at their best. My soft spot for Baltimore grows as I become involved in programs such as Bienestar, the Geriatric Interest Group and my own neighborhood association, Patterson Place. I am thrilled to be a member of the SOURCE Student Governing Board!

I received my first BA in Literary Translation from Brown University, translating North African women's French literature into English. In Providence, RI, I was easily able to combine my interest in languages with education and public service, by tutoring refugees, teaching in an inner-city after-school language arts program, and volunteering for Project HEALTH (now Health Leads), my first taste of public health. I continued working in education after college, teaching ESL to adult professionals in Quito, Ecuador as part of WorldTeach.

Coming back to the US, I worked for Peer Health Exchange, a national non-profit that trains college student volunteers to teach a comprehensive health curriculum to urban 9th graders lacking this education. My "behind the scenes" role in Finance and Operations allowed me to see how change is brought to communities on a greater scale as I helped the organization plan and execute program growth to more cities. I made the career shift to nursing after several wonderful shadowing experiences in order to combine my love of problem solving and teaching to tackle our society's most essential challenges. I am looking forward to a long future of doing my part to foster the paired progress of healthcare and community investment towards better standards of care and quality of life.

LINDSEY ELLIS



I recently completed the Bachelors of Nursing program and am now pursuing a joint Masters of Public Health and Nursing (with a Family Nurse Practitioner specialty). I love being a student at Johns Hopkins because of the many opportunities to “get dirty” in my community. Over the past year, I have been a Birth Companion, done research on intimate partner violence in a community clinic, and volunteered at a transition home for women and their children. Perhaps my favorite experience was reaching out to homeless immigrant communities with the organization People Encouraging People. Johns Hopkins is committed to the community and SOURCE is instrumental to making that commitment a reality.

I am originally from Tucson, Arizona and earned my first degree in development studies with a focus on the Middle East and Arabic. After taking an elective course in women’s studies, I knew I had discovered a passion. I studied in Morocco and Egypt, where I volunteered to teach English and helped design a program to support orphaned children. I moved to Washington, DC about four years ago, and worked for Women’s Learning Partnership, an NGO that partners with grassroots organizations in Muslim-majority countries to advance women’s leadership. Looking forward, I will be working as a post-partum nurse while pursuing my Masters. Once finished with school, I hope to work to promote sexual and reproductive health among vulnerable women populations.

I continue to be inspired by the dedication and wide range of knowledge and skills that my colleagues at Johns Hopkins possess, and I look forward to another year working together and “getting dirty” with East Baltimore!

KARI HATFIELD



"Global citizen, jokester and professional hugger; that's me, Kari. Born and raised in Michigan, I received my B.S. in Education in 2005 from Central Michigan University. I spent much of my time in the CMU Volunteer Center as a participant and board member of the Alternative Breaks Program, a service-learning program. I traveled around the US working on social justice issues from poverty to animal endangerment. After graduation, I joined the Peace Corps, where I served in China from 2006-2008. Living and working abroad helped me realize that I wanted a global career and that I wanted a more hands-on approach to service. Nursing was a natural choice, and I'm still pleased as punch to be a Hopkins student.

Serving has always been a huge part of who I am, and it's with pleasure that I serve on the SOURCE Governing Board. In addition to SOURCE, I'm a member of numerous organizations at the School of Nursing, including the Peace Corps Fellows and Birth Companions, and I also work with the IRC as a family mentor and with the Refugee Youth Project. I'm a part of the Tri-School Global Health Interest Group and am also a part of an HIV Outreach program at JHSPH. I'm also a board member of the Maryland Association of Nursing Students, serving as the Break Through to Nursing Director. I'm looking forward to an exciting year with SOURCE!"

School of Public Health

KELLY BAKER



Hello my name is Kelly Baker and I am an MPH student focusing in Policy from San Antonio, Texas. Though I grew up doing service with my family it was during my time at Baylor University in Texas pursuing degrees in International Studies and Social Work that I discovered the importance of service learning. Nine years (filled with meaningful experiences both domestically and abroad) later I found myself working as an AmeriCorps VISTA member in the Service Learning Office at Baylor. Being able to help better connect students, faculty and staff and the community in a meaningful way through service was life-giving. Knowing I would greatly miss the community that molded and shaped me for so long, I was eager to get involved in the community through service here in Baltimore. Naturally, SOURCE was one of the first things that caught my eye and I am so glad it did. I cannot wait to better get to know and learn from our community this year and what an honor it is to be able to do so by serving on the SOURCE Governing Board.

FARRELL BOWEN



I am a student in the Masters of Public Health and Masters of Business Administration dual degree program. Most recently, I was a management consultant for the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and specifically for the Clinical and Translational Science Awards program. At the NIH, I learned the importance of engaging complementary efforts of community members, organizations, health practitioners, and researchers in all stages of research. My desire to serve vulnerable populations began while working with Sudanese refugees in Cairo, Egypt, and observing how the high pollution levels and poor sanitation were having a detrimental effect on the health of the refugees living in the slum communities. My commitment to working in the community also grew while volunteering in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina and learning about the difficulties people faced in the aftermath of the natural disaster. While completing my undergraduate work at the University of Maryland, College Park, I was involved with various service and leadership organizations. I have lived in Maryland most of my life, and I am excited to continue learning and serving in Baltimore with SOURCE.

CHANDRA JACKSON



I am Chandra L. Jackson, a fifth year PhD student in Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology, from Atlanta, Georgia. While in Baltimore, I have participated in and helped promote the Annual Bea Gaddy Thanksgiving Dinner and Baltimore's Annual Freedom Trail Walk, which symbolized the communities' "release" from unhealthy lifestyles. I have also voluntarily organized and cleaned a shelter for abused women, "The Family Tree", and served food to the homeless at 'My Sister's Place'. As an inaugural Brown Community Health Scholar, I have participated in lunchtime seminars with a number of prominent Baltimore community leaders (e.g. Congressman Elijah Cummings, Health Commissioner Josh Sharfstein, and many more). Through these opportunities, I have learned how to more effectively serve the Baltimore community in hopes of eliminating chronic disease health disparities and contributing to the richness of *Charm City*. With regard to future volunteer activities, I intend to become a long-term mentor/tutor for Dunbar High School students through the Incentive Mentoring Program. I will also spend at least 1 weekend a month volunteering for various community agencies affiliated with SOURCE; YOU should join me!

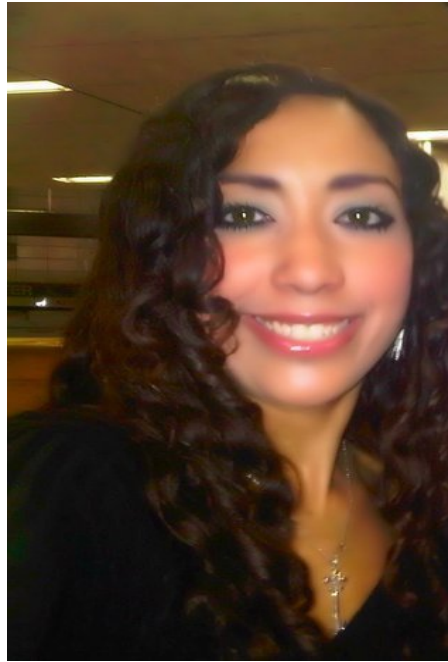
JACKLINE LASOLA



I am a proud native of the San Francisco Bay Area and spent my undergraduate years at the University of California Berkeley. I am currently a master's student at the Bloomberg School of Public Health in the Department of Biochemistry and Molecular Biology. Community service has been important to me from a young age. During middle school and high school I volunteered at a local care home while also serving as one of the representatives for the American Red Cross Bay Area Youth Coalition where I was involved with disaster response and outreach. This desire to give back continued into college and thereafter. Following high school, I spent the next seven years involved with the Berkeley Free Clinic (BFC), a local clinic that provides acute care and referral services to those in the Bay Area. In addition, we also served as a clearinghouse for local organizing in the realms of LGBT rights, homelessness advocacy, healthcare accessibility, and food justice, among other causes. While with the BFC, I served as the coordinator for the clinic where I helped to double our volunteer staff as well as solidify our position locally by establishing partnerships with other local organizations. In addition to my commitment to ensuring access to care, I also spent time working in the realm of women's reproductive rights. I collaborated with a group in sociology at Berkeley to determine demographic differences in access to care and its correlation to pregnancy expectations and outcomes. I also conducted independent research in the Philippines where I collaborated with organizations involved in sex work and human trafficking to investigate the intersections of military prostitution and nationalism during the Marcos era. In addition, on the clinical side I have worked as an assistant manager and reproductive rights advocate at a women's health clinic in San Francisco before returning to school.

Since arriving to Baltimore in August of 2011, I have jumped at the opportunity to get involved in all of the exciting service groups and organizing going on throughout the city. Currently, I can be found working with Health Leads at the Bayview Medical Center ED or serving with SOURCE's HIV Testing and Counseling Program at the Hopkins Hospital ED. If I'm not there, I am probably either at Charm City Clinic, writing occupational health charlas for Bienestar or working as an outreach worker through the School of Medicine's Division of Infectious Diseases. If any of these interest you at all, come talk to me! I would love to gush about all the awesome things students can do to have a positive impact during their time in Charm City.

COLLI MCKIERNAN



I am Colli M. McKiernan, a first year MSPH candidate in the department of Health Policy and Management, originally from the suburbs of Boston, Massachusetts. I completed my undergrad at UMASS, majoring in Psychology and in Public Health. After graduation, I worked as a behavioral research assistant and project coordinator for the Department of Infectious Diseases at Boston Medical Center, focusing on research in HIV and STI interventions. Prior to moving to Baltimore, I was active in volunteering for the American Red Cross of Eastern Massachusetts and the Make-a-wish Foundation. While completing my undergrad at UMASS, I was also involved in student government, various health groups and other organizations, my sorority (Chi Omega), and served on the steering committee for our school's Relay for Life. At JHSPH, I am a member of the Student Assembly and volunteer at Bayview Medical Center through HealthLeads. After graduation, I hope to work on oncology policy that affects disadvantaged populations.

Though I have only been in Baltimore for a little while, I am excited to get to experience the city through volunteering, learning, and working with SOURCE!

ADAM MILAM



I am Adam J. Milam, a third year doctoral student in the Mental Health Department. I completed my Masters in Mental Health and undergraduate degree in Public Health Studies at Johns Hopkins. I was born and raised in Baltimore and have been actively involved in the Baltimore community through SOURCE and the Center for Social Concern at the Homewood Campus. During undergraduate I worked with Project HEALTH, a national non-profit with the mission *to break the link between poverty and poor health* by stationing college students at medical clinics to provide resource referrals to families. During my graduate studies I volunteered with SOURCE's HIV Testing and Counseling program at People's Community Health Center, and served as the Vice President for Community Affairs in Student Assembly during 2009-2010. I am very interested in using legislation to improve health outcomes—for the past three years I have interned with Maryland State Delegate Shawn Tarrant to prepare public health legislation that directly impacts Baltimore City residents. I look forward to continuing to work with SOURCE to improve Baltimore City!

ALICIA RILEY



I am pursuing an MPH at the Bloomberg School of Public Health with a concentration in Epidemiology/Biostatistics and I am particularly interested in social epidemiology. As a student here, the potential to learn from the surrounding community about public health challenges and interventions is tremendous; lessons that are likely to impact me as much, or more than what I learn in the classroom. My past experiences volunteering in Mexico, Tanzania, Nicaragua, East Palo Alto, CA, and San Diego, CA taught me that, too often, good-intentioned outsiders end up making contributions that are unsustainable. Thus, upon graduating from Stanford University with a BA Human Biology and MA in Latin American Studies, I decided to apply myself by working on health issues locally. Most recently, I worked as the Latino Program Manager at the Women's Cancer Resource Center in Oakland, CA providing education, patient navigation, and support services to women with cancer and managing a team of 17 Community Health Advocates. My decision to serve as a representative on the SOURCE Student Governing Board is based in both a passion I feel to be proactive in my role as a member of the Baltimore community, and in my desire to lead my fellow students to engage in the community in ways that honor the history, vision, and specific needs of our community partners.

SIMRAN SABHERWAL



I am a third year PhD student at the School of Public Health in the Department of Population, Family, and Reproductive Health. After growing up in the Northern California Bay Area, I attended college in Berkeley and completed my MHS at JHSPH. For the past couple years, I returned to the Bay Area where I worked at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) Philip R. Lee Institute for Health Policy Studies as a researcher on issues pertaining to child and adolescent health. Community outreach and service have been a pivotal and formative part of my life. Throughout college, I was actively involved in a student-run organization known as the Health and Medical Apprenticeship Program (HMAP) that was dedicated, among other things, to placing students in health related community organizations throughout the Bay Area and supplementing this experience with student-led discussion sections focused on various public health topics and current events. In Baltimore, I have volunteered with Planned Parenthood of Maryland as a member of their Speakers Bureau and also as a Research Assistant through the SOURCE Phase Practicum. More recently, I was a Girls Action Team Co-Coach for Girls For a Change (GFC) in the San Francisco Bay Area. In this role, I was able to work with a team of urban, middle school girls to support them in creating and implementing a social change project to improve their communities. Through all my experiences, I've recognized the unique and powerful assets that many communities possess and that can be harnessed for improving their health and wellbeing but that are often unfortunately ignored in the pursuit to address needs and problems from the outside. I know SOURCE shares these values and is committed to making sure that JHMI students, faculty and staff have opportunities to engage with and contribute to the greater Baltimore community, and I'm honored to be joining the SOURCE Student Governing Board. I look forward to increasing awareness and utilization of the wonderful services SOURCE provides and to ensuring that the JHMI campus continues to be a vibrant component of its surrounding community.

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