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GENERATION OF DIVERSE LEADERS

CLASS OF 2013 HEALTH EQUITY FELLOWS



Left to Right: George Chacon, Sadad Ali, Jamilah Bradshaw, Kristine Lee,
Adriana Diaz-Ordaz, Jessica Dunn



Sadad Ali

Building Healthy Communities Fellow, San Diego-City Heights

Sadad Ali moved to San Diego, CA in 1994 as a refugee with his mother and his five siblings. He graduated from San Diego State University in 2008 with a Bachelor of Science in Public Administration. Committed to creating economic opportunities for City Heights residents, he founded the African Coalition Workforce, an organization dedicated to fostering economic growth and self-sufficiency for African refugees and immigrants. Sadad has been an active leader with the City Heights Building Healthy Communities initiative as a co-chair for the Peace Promotion Momentum team and as a member of the Mid City Community Advocacy Network. In this role, he has coordinated local campaigns for restorative justice in the juvenile justice system. As a Health Equity Fellow, Sadad hopes to advocate for economic and community reinvestment to create new opportunities for young people in the emerging health and green workforce career sector.



Jamilah Bradshaw

Neighborhood Health Fellow, Oakland

Jamilah Bradshaw is from East Oakland, California. She graduated from Mills College in 2007 with a BA in Black Diaspora Studies, with a focus on the legacy of resiliency throughout the African Diaspora in the Americas. She is currently pursuing a Masters in Counseling Psychology at California Institute of Integral Studies, with an emphasis on Community Mental Health. She has worked in the fields of youth development, green jobs workforce development, and food and environmental justice. As an Integral Health Fellow with Niroga Yoga Center and a member of the Bay Area Transformative Justice Collaborative, she is committed to addressing trauma and health equity within communities of color and low-income communities. She most recently served as an environmental educator for middle and high-school aged youth. As a Health Equity Fellow, Jamilah hopes to help cultivate local conditions for wellness and empowerment.



George Chacon

Boys & Men of Color Fellow, Los Angeles Region

George Chacon is from Los Angeles and graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles with a BA in International Development Studies and a minor in Education Studies. He is a major proponent for affordable and accessible healthcare for youth. He lobbied California state representatives to pass a bill that would create a program office for school based health centers. He also provided technical assistance to healthcare staff in youth engagement, and coordinated a postcard campaign for the Affordable Care Act with the California School Health Centers Association. George recently completed his tenure with Public Allies Los Angeles, an Americorps program. He was placed at the LA Conservation Corps where he coordinated a workforce development program that aided participants in college readiness and provided job placement assistance. As a Health Equity Fellow, George is committed to effectively address the many issues that underserved communities face.



Adriana Diaz-Ordaz

Building Healthy Communities Fellow, Los Angeles Region

Adriana Diaz-Ordaz is from Pasadena, California and graduated from the University of California, Riverside with a major in Sociology and a minor in Labor Studies. Since graduating, Adriana worked as the Program Assistant and Field Organizer for the Council of Mexican Federations (COFEM) where she directed a program aimed at developing the leadership capacity of parents in Southeast Los Angeles County areas of Huntington Park and South Gate. She continued her passion for advocacy as a member of Planned Parenthood of Los Angeles Public Policy Activist Council and as a mentor through the Youth Mentoring Connection. Most recently, she has worked on LGBTQ advocacy with the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center. As a Health Equity Fellow, Adriana wants to further develop her professional leadership and advocate for sexual and mental health resources for women and youth in the LGTBQ community.



Jessica Dunn

School Health Fellow, Oakland

Jessica Dunn is originally from Fresno, California. She moved to the Bay Area to attend the University of California, Berkeley where she received her BA in Interdisciplinary Studies Field with an emphasis in Cross Cultural Perspectives of Health and Illness. For the past six years, Jessica has been dedicated to encouraging academic success and self-reliance for students in Oakland schools. Through the Mentoring in Medicine and Science, Inc. she coordinated high school internships that prepared youth for applying to college and choosing a career in medicine. She was a recent Pre-Clinical Exposure Intern at James A. Watson Wellness Center in North Oakland where she educated patients on health management and disease prevention. As a Health Equity Fellow, Jessica hopes to implement projects that benefit both student and family health by advancing the access adolescents have to health education, career choice opportunities, academic support, and health services.



Kristine Lee

Prevention Health Fellow, Sacramento

Kristine Lee is from Sacramento, California and received her degree in psychology from University of California, Davis. As a student leader, she worked towards bettering the school campus and promoting diversity awareness. She was recently a Youth Mentor at the South Sacramento Building Healthy Communities through AmeriCorps. In partnership with the Kern County School District, The California Endowment, and community organizations - Kristine supported student access to higher education, promoted academic achievement and retention, and volunteered towards effective philanthropy. As a Health Equity Fellow, Kristine hopes to contribute to health equity efforts in the Sacramento region and statewide.