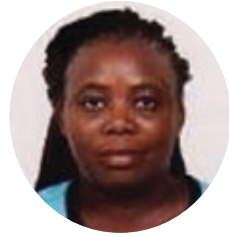


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INTERNATIONAL



Rhonda Williams

Dr. Rhonda Williams is a graduate of the Latin America School of Medicine in Havana, Cuba. Since 2016, she has worked at the National Tuberculosis Programme in Guyana as the Government Medical Officer responsible for their TB/HIV Programme. She is very passionate about Public Health and the role it plays in the development of Guyana.



Cleophas
D'Auvergne

Dr. Cleophas d'Auvergne is a graduate of St. George's University School of Medicine. He worked as Clinical Care Coordinator for the World Bank HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Project. In 2010 he won the PAHO TB Fellowship for the Region of the Americas and achieved a diploma in TB. He also served as Senior Medical Officer, TB/HIV Program Manager and Principal Investigator for the PEPFAR grant with the Government of St. Lucia. He is currently working with OECS Commission as Project Coordinator for the OECS TB/HIV multi-country Global Fund Grant.



Leidy Tamayo

Dr. Leidy Tamayo is a Colombian general practitioner from the Universidad Pontificia Bolivariana in Medellin since 2013. She worked for 2 years as physician and teacher of medicine at the Univesidad Pontificia Bolivariana's clinic.

Currently, she is a third year Internal Medicine resident at the same university.

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NORTH AMERICA



Cassidy Robinhold

In 2018, Cassidy graduated from the University of Oregon with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and minors in Chemistry and Political Science. She is now a first year graduate student in the Biological and Medical Informatics program at San Diego State University and works in the Laboratory for Pathogenesis of Clinical Drug Resistance and Persistence. Here, she investigates genetic and epigenetic features of the Mycobacterium tuberculosis genome.



Zoe Bleicher

Zoe Bleicher is an undergraduate at Brandeis University expected to graduate in May 2019 with a BS in Biochemistry and a minor in Mathematics. Her work in Dr. Lawrence Wanh's lab focuses on developing a diagnostic test for extensively drug-resistant tuberculosis using high-precision PCR techniques developed in the Wanh lab. She is particularly interested in the molecular mechanisms of human disease and in the future she hopes to pursue a PhD in molecular pharmacology.



Derek
Conkle-Gutierrez

Derek is a second year Graduate Student at San Diego State University, USA, pursuing a Master's degree in Bioinformatics. Previously he worked as a Production Technician for Apex Life Sciences in Sacramento. Now he volunteers at the Laboratory for Pathogenesis of Clinical Drug Resistance and Persistence under Prof. Faramarz Valafar. Derek is researching epigenetic patterns in *M. tuberculosis*, and searching for alternative mechanisms of resistance to second line injectable antibiotics.



Kristen Wendorf

Dr. Kristen Wendorf, obtained her medical degree at University of Michigan Medical School of Public Health, did her residency in pediatrics at the University of California, San Francisco followed by a fellowship with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Epidemic Intelligence Service Program). Currently, she works at the California Department of Public Health for the TB Control Branch where she helps create policies and guidelines for TB detection and management, support local TB programs through clinical and programmatic assistance. In her spare time, Kristen works on research projects to help better understand the landscape of pediatric TB in California.

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Steffen Foerster

Dr. Steffen Foerster is a senior research scientist and analyst in the office of Surveillance and Epidemiology at the Bureau of Tuberculosis Control of the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. His current work aims to inform effective TB control strategies through the analysis of local trends in TB incidence rates and their potential causes in a variety of subpopulations, including the elderly, and through the development of semi-automated surveillance pipelines.



John Cole

John Cole is a historian whose interests lie in the 19th century Canadian west. John is currently working with the Tuberculosis Program Evaluation and Research Unit at the University of Alberta. His project focuses on deconstructing the historical events that have contributed to persistent TB in the Clear Water River and Athabasca districts. The intention of this study is to facilitate a pathway to partnerships that make present-day clinical interventions more successful.



Amanda Quan

Amanda has research experience in infectious disease and clinical epidemiology. Her interest currently involve cost effective analyses and economic modelling to guide implementation of new health technologies. She works with researchers at uOttawa School of Epidemiology and Public Health as well as The Ottawa Hospital's mHealth (mobile health) Lab." "Amanda has research experience in infectious disease and clinical epidemiology, her interests currently involve cost effective analyses and economic modelling to guide implementation of new health technologies. She works with researchers at University of Ottawa School of Epidemiology and Public Health as well as The Ottawa Hospital's mHealth (mobile health) Lab."

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Laura Mummert

Laura Mummert is serving as a Public Health Associate for Public Health – Seattle & King County TB Control Program. Her work involves coordinating housing for homeless patients, managing TB genotyping data, assisting the TB Program's epidemiologists, and managing patient's using video directly observed therapy. This is her first year presenting at the conference for The Union – North America Region.



Griffin Sonaty

Griffin Sonaty is currently a medical student at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. He completed his MPH in global health at the Rollins School of Public Health of Emory University. His brief research experiences have included developing a pneumococcal serotyping assay, analyzing malaria outbreak epidemiology in a camp for refugees, and–most recently–evaluating a tuberculosis control program among a unique community in Arkansas.



Christopher Morrissey

Chris Morrissey is a first-year graduate student in the lab of Dr. Valafar at San Diego State University. His research focuses on computationally investigating the methylome of Mycobacterium tuberculosis and understanding how it's patterns can inform researchers about drug resistance. Chris is also a chemist at Illumina and has been working in industry since graduating with his bachelor's in 2014.



Yeonsoo Baik

Yeonsoo Baik is a PhD candidate in epidemiology at University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). She is presenting her research on transmission mechanisms of mixed strain Mycobacterium tuberculosis in Botswana. Her research uses molecular epidemiology, spatiotemporal analysis, and mathematical modeling, to address community-level determinants of tuberculosis transmission. After completing her PhD, Yeonsoo plans to continue researching tuberculosis in global settings to help reduce the suffering of millions of tuberculosis patients.