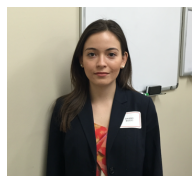


Stanford University's MS in Human Genetics and Genetic Counseling Class of 2018 – Second Year Updates



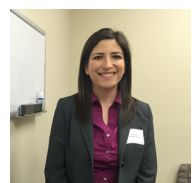
Stephanie Boone is from northern California and completed her bachelor's degree in Microbiology, Immunology, and Molecular Genetics from UCLA in June 2016. As an undergraduate, she was a volunteer activities coordinator for a nursing/rehabilitation center, an active listener intern, and a Physics learning assistant. Stephanie has done a genetic counseling internship at the UCLA Cancer and created GC internship resources as a member of UCLA's Genetic Counseling Student Interest Group. She completed her summer rotation at LPCH's Prenatal Center and is currently working on her research project investigating genetic counselors' attitudes toward and practice related to psychiatric genetic counseling.



Daiana Bucio is from northern California and completed her bachelor's degree in Genetics & Genomics at UC Davis in June 2016. As an undergraduate, she was a crisis hotline counselor, an academic peer advisor at UC Davis, an autism therapy intern, and worked with an on-site psychologist at an orphanage in Mexico. Daiana, who is a bilingual Spanish speaker, also served as a research assistant at the UCDMC Alzheimer's Disease Center, was a genetic counseling intern at UC Davis MIND Institute, and a clinic volunteer in Nicaragua and at a low-income clinic in Napa. She has completed clinical rotations at Stanford, Illumina, CPMC, Kaiser, and is currently rotating at UCSF. Her research project focuses on genetic counseling services in Mexico.



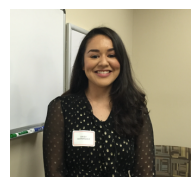
Abby D'Angelo is from Massachusetts and graduated from Wesleyan in 2014 with her bachelor's degree in Psychology. She served as a parental stress line counselor, a Planned Parenthood volunteer, a patient visitor and women's clinic volunteer. Abby was also a tutor and research lab assistant at Wesleyan and Boston College. She has enjoyed all of her rotations here at Stanford and is currently researching genetic counselors' understanding and experiences with Physician Aid-In-Dying for her graduate thesis.



Athena Ganetsos is from the Bay Area and completed her bachelor's degree in Biology from the University of San Francisco in 2014. She was a crisis hotline volunteer, an emergency room scribe, and a volunteer for a recreation/rehabilitation center for individuals with mental and physical disabilities. Prior to joining the genetic counseling program, Athena was a cancer genetics intern at UCSF and a customer care specialist at Natera. Athena completed her summer rotation at the UC Davis MIND Institute in Sacramento, and is currently working on her research project investigating the impact of family conferences on stress and coping for caregivers of individuals with RASopathies.



Madeline Graf is originally from the Bay Area and received her bachelor's degree in Human Biology and Society from UCLA in 2014. As an undergraduate, she was a crisis text line volunteer and a volunteer surfing aid for children with CF. Madeline served as a research intern for both UCLA's Deaf Genetics and Peer Relations projects. She shadowed cancer and prenatal genetic counselors and was a member of UCLA's Genetic Counseling Student Interest Group. Between her undergraduate and graduate training, she worked as the lead clinical genomics assistant for a clinical diagnostic laboratory. Madeline has completed her pediatric, cancer, and variant assessment rotations at Stanford. She also completed a rotation with the Undiagnosed Disease Network at Stanford. Over the summer, she did her prenatal rotation in Honolulu, Hawaii.



Daisy Hernandez is from southern California and earned her bachelor's in Biology from CSU Northridge in 2014. She is bilingual in Spanish and was a sexual assault advocate and a peer health eating disorder counselor, providing counseling in English and Spanish. Daisy also served as a patient care volunteer, an instructor for a psychology course / eating disorder program coordinator, and a volunteer assistant for individuals with cognitive/physical disabilities. Daisy shadowed pediatrics and non-clinical genetic counselors and was an administrative assistant at PacGenomics. Over the summer she did a cancer genetics rotation at USC + LA county where she was able to counsel patients in Spanish. She is currently working on her research project which focuses on the communication of genetic information when interpreters are required for Spanish speaking patients.



Lily Hoffman-Andrews is from Massachusetts and graduated from Clark University in 2010 with her bachelor's degree in Biology. Lily gained exposure to genetic counseling by shadowing and attending genetics case conferences in the Boston area. She also volunteered for the Samaritans Crisis Hotline and worked as a senior research assistant for the Genomes2People translational genomics research group at Brigham & Women's Hospital. Lily has rotated with the pediatric, cancer, and prenatal clinics at Stanford, and spent her summer at Hawai'i Community Genetics in Honolulu. For her research project, she is interviewing people with inherited retinal conditions about their attitudes toward gene editing technology.



Michelle Pacione is from Newbury Park, California and completed her bachelor's degree in Psychology from UC Berkeley in 2013 and her Master's degree in Education from Boston University in 2015. As an undergraduate she was a peer counselor, a hospital volunteer, and the student health services director at UC Berkeley. Upon graduation Michelle became a Teach for America corps member and taught high school science for three years in Chelsea, Massachusetts. She spent her summer rotation at Columbia University in NYC working in a cardiogenetics and research genomics clinic. Currently she is doing a qualitative research study assessing perspectives on Spinraza treatment from individuals and parents of children diagnosed with Spinal Muscular Atrophy.



Jessica Park is from New Jersey and received her bachelor's degree in Human Development at Cornell University in 2016. As an undergraduate, she researched health and medical decision making, served as a community health advocate, shadowed doctors in oncology and drug addiction rehabilitation, and interned as a medical assistant in Honduras and Haiti. Jessica completed her summer rotation with Seattle Children's Hospital in laboratory and pediatric genetic counseling. She is currently working on her research project investigating genetic counselors' perspectives of pretest counseling for whole exome and genomes sequencing.



Kim Zayhowski is from Massachusetts and completed her bachelor's degree in Neuroscience, Biology, and Psychology from Brandeis University in May 2016. As an undergraduate, she was a peer counselor, a memory and cognition research assistant, an academic tutor, and a social justice in disability scholars fellow. Kim also served as a curriculum/behavioral programming intern for children with special needs, worked as a neuropsych consultant assistant, volunteered in clinics in Honduras. Kim completed her summer rotation in Portland, Oregon, where she worked in both cancer genetics and adult genetics clinics at Oregon Health and Science University. For her research project, she is interviewing cancer genetic counselors in order gain insight into unique questions and concerns transgender patients may have in a cancer genetic counseling session. Her goal is to improve the practices and education of genetic counselors in regard to these patients.