

## Stanford University's MS in Human Genetics and Genetic Counseling Class of 2020



**Kathleen Barrus** is from Scottsdale, Arizona and graduated from Stanford University in 2018 with her bachelor's degree in Biology and also completed Honors in Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology, and a Notation in Science Communication with Distinction. She joined a genetics and cancer research lab in Stanford's Medical School for three years, and wrote her honors thesis based on independent research in this lab. In addition, Kathleen gained experience as a peer counselor, worked as a teaching assistant for a genetics class, volunteered with genetic counselors at Stanford's Cancer Genetics Clinic, and mentored children with disabilities through a campus organization called Kids with Dreams. In her free time, Kathleen enjoys cooking, playing pickleball, and exploring new restaurants in the area. Her research project focuses on somatic tumor testing implications for Lynch syndrome and she plans to work as a cancer genetic counselor after graduation.



**Allana Booth** is from Palo Alto, California and received her bachelor's degree in Biology from the University of California, Santa Barbara in 2015. After graduating, she worked as a biology and chemistry tutor for high school and college students and volunteered on a suicide and crisis hotline. To gain experience in genetic counseling, Allana volunteered at the Stanford Center for Inherited Cardiovascular Disease, where she performed a variety of tasks to help the genetic counselors. Allana's research project is on treatment decision-making in patients with sickle cell disease. In her free time, Allana likes playing tennis, painting, hiking, and martial arts.



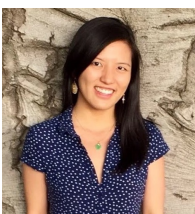
**Maia Borensztein** is from Boston, Massachusetts and graduated from the University of Massachusetts Amherst in 2016 with her bachelor's degree in Psychology and Neuroscience. She was a TA and tutor throughout college. After college Maia was a research assistant at Boston Children's Hospital on a genetics registry for congenital heart defects where she learned about genetic counseling. With interest in counseling and access to sexual and reproductive health information and services, she volunteered on a Planned Parenthood hotline. During graduate school, she has been able to counsel in Spanish. Her research project is about the components of informed consent for genetic testing. She has also expanded her interest in diversity, equity, and inclusion topics by exploring the literature in genetic counseling as an independent study. She has planted roots in the Bay Area and will be working in Medical Genetics after graduation. She loves cooking, teaching her dog new tricks, and visiting state and national parks.



**Cheyla Clark** is from Atlanta, GA and received bachelors of science in biology from Kennesaw State University in 2013. As an undergraduate, she interned at Emory's Metabolic Clinic where she had her first exposure to the field of genetic counseling. She then attended the University of Pittsburgh where she received her masters in public health in human genetics in 2015. After obtaining her MPH, Cheyla completed an AmeriCorps service term with Project Health Access, where she facilitated health education workshops for parents of preschool aged children. Prior to attending Stanford, she worked as a genetic counseling assistant at the Huntsman Cancer Institute in Salt Lake City, Utah. Cheyla is currently completing her research project on the use of genetic counseling in the inpatient setting. In her free time, Cheyla enjoys music, movies, and discovering new restaurants. She plans to work as a cancer genetic counselor after graduation.



**Kayla Muirhead** is from Baltimore, Maryland and received her bachelor's degree in Biology with honors from Dickinson College in 2015. As an undergraduate, she completed molecular genetics-based research as a student at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, MA, served as an REU summer fellow at the University of Chicago, and was an honors thesis candidate at Dickinson. Kayla was also involved in over nine service organizations as she aspired to meet the needs of underserved communities in Carlisle, PA. Upon graduation, Kayla moved to Bethesda, MD where she worked as an Intramural Research Training Awardee (IRTA) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) for two years. Most recently, she has been living in Philadelphia and working as a Genetic Counseling Assistant in the Cancer Risk Assessment and Genetics Program at Main Line Health.



**Tiffany Nguyen** is from Portland, Oregon and graduated from Yale University in 2016 with a bachelor's degree in Molecular, Cellular, and Developmental Biology. In college, she conducted cancer research at the Yale School of Medicine, volunteered as a genetic counseling intern at the Yale Cancer Center, and peer counseled first-generation college students through the Gates Millennium Scholarship Program. After graduation, Tiffany joined the Genomes2People Research Program of Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School where she helped lead a study on risk education for Alzheimer's disease and worked on clinical trials that examine uses of genomic sequencing in newborns and adults. She has also served as a Vietnamese translator and interpreter for a study at the Harvard School of Public Health and Stanford's Undiagnosed Disease Network. Tiffany is a proud first-generation immigrant from Vietnam, first-generation college graduate, and now first-generation graduate student!

She is excited to begin her career as a research genetic counselor, helping patients and families with rare and undiagnosed diseases.



**Kathryn Reyes** is from the Bay Area and graduated from the University of California, Irvine in 2017 with a bachelor's degree in Biological Sciences. As an undergraduate, Kathryn was a member of her school's Genetic Counseling Special Interest Group, a Peer Academic Advisor for UCI's Campuswide Honors Program, a resident advisor, and conducted research on the cognitive effects of exercise in children with neurodevelopmental disorders. Before attending Stanford, Kathryn served as a Genetic Counseling intern at St. Joseph Hospital in Orange while working at Hoag Hospital in Newport Beach as an assistant to two cancer genetic counselors. Her research project focuses on exploring the uncertainty experienced by patients with pathogenic variants in moderate-risk breast cancer genes. In her free time, Kathryn enjoys finding new brunch spots and recreating art projects from Pinterest. She has plans to return to Southern California and work as a cancer genetic counselor after graduation.



**Jenna Stoltzfus** is from Los Angeles, California and graduated *Magna Cum Laude* from Boston University's Questrom School of Business in 2013 with a degree in Business Administration and Management. As an undergraduate, Jenna served as a teaching assistant and tutor in the school of business, worked as an emergency medical technician, and studied abroad on a research sailing vessel. For the past five years, Jenna has worked in management consulting and financial software. She gained experience in the genetic counseling field through an internship at UCLA's cancer genetics department. As a volunteer, Jenna has experience working with developmentally disabled children, and most recently, with a local hospice organization. Jenna has fallen in love with the Bay Area during her time at Stanford and plans to remain in San Francisco after graduating.



**Marina Sumarroca** is from Barcelona, Spain, and received her bachelor's degree in Human Biology from Pompeu Fabra University in 2016 and her master's degree in Assisted Reproduction from Dexeus University Hospital in 2017. As an undergraduate, she gained laboratory experience and shadowed reproductive, prenatal, pediatric, and cancer genetic counselors. She also volunteered at a children's shelter, providing support to children at risk of social exclusion. Most recently, Marina was a Medical Science Liaison at the medical diagnostics provider SYNLAB and led the launching campaign of an extended carrier screening test. She is currently working on her research project focused on prenatal testing decisions after in vitro fertilization with preimplantation genetic testing. Marina plans to move back to Barcelona after graduation and is passionate about contributing to the growth and expansion of the genetic counseling field in her country.



**Eric Tricou** is originally from Illinois and graduated from Penn State in 2014 with a bachelor's degree in Biobehavioral Health. After graduating, Eric spent time as a research technician in a molecular genetics lab focused on understanding the genetics of substance use. After hanging up the lab coat, he worked as a genomic medicine assistant at Geisinger, where he supported GCs in the cancer clinic and contributed to research on the impact genetic counseling assistants have on GC time utilization. Eric has completed clinical rotations in prenatal, pediatric, cancer, and cardio genetics. Further, he has had rotations in variant interpretation and in an industry setting, returning genetic results via phone counseling. Eric's research project has focused on understanding how private insurers address genetic counseling services in their policy and how this relates to genetic counselor billing. Eric plans to return to Pennsylvania after graduation, to work in a split clinical/research role.



**Lisa Wilson** is from the San Francisco Bay Area and received her bachelor's degree in Psychology from UC Berkeley in 2015. As an undergraduate, she served as a psychology department peer advisor, developed a student-led course on human behavioral genetics, and volunteered with Bright Pink, an organization that educates young people about the basics of breast and ovarian cancer. Before coming to Stanford, Lisa worked as a clinical research coordinator in the maternal-fetal medicine division at UCSF, and volunteered as a talkline counselor with Exhale Provoice. She has completed her clinical rotations in prenatal, cancer, pediatric, infertility, and cardiovascular genetics, in addition to a rotation in variant interpretation. Her research project focuses on clinical outcomes for prenatally-diagnosed absent ductus venosus. Lisa enjoys playing tennis, volleyball, and powerlifting in her free time.