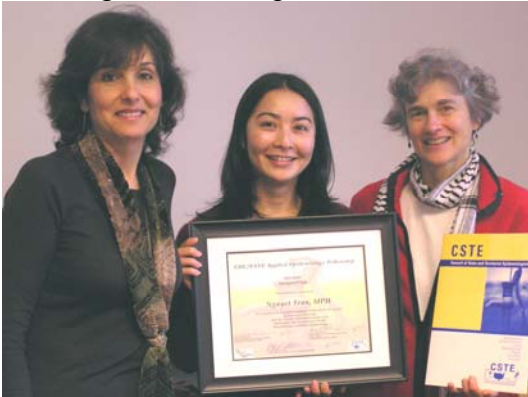


CDC/CSTE Applied Epidemiology Fellowship

CSTE congratulates Class I graduates and Welcomes Class III to the Fellowship

Nguyet Tran, MPH

Washington State Department of Health



Mentors: Juliet Van Eenwyk, PhD and Amira El-Bastawissi

Nguyet was a Chronic Disease Fellow in the Washington State Department of Health. Her fellowship projects included a cancer cluster investigation and report involving firefighters, a population-based linkage study examining socioeconomic and demographic factors in the treatment for colorectal cancer, and designing a surveillance system for assessing healthcare quality for treating chronic illnesses. Nguyet is currently working at the Washington State Department of Health as a full time Epidemiologist 2 with the Tobacco Prevention and Control Program.

Robbie Madera, MPH

Michigan Department of Community Health



Mentor: Mary Grace Stobierski, DVM, MPH

Robbie was an Infectious Disease Fellow in the Michigan Department of Community Health. During her fellowship, Robbie was responsible for routine surveillance of foodborne diseases and participated in numerous outbreak investigations. She also evaluated the Shigella spp. surveillance system and conducted active surveillance of Shiga Toxin E. coli (STEC) in Michigan from 2001-2004. Robbie is currently working at the Philadelphia Department of Health as a full time Epidemiologist with the Division of Disease Control.

TaTisha McCainey, MPH

Michigan Department of Community Health



Mentor: Corinne Miller, PhD, DDS

TaTisha was a Chronic Disease Fellow at the Michigan Department of Community Health.

Tatisha's fellowship included projects that fostered collaboration between various units for the health department. For example, TaTisha explored the rate of mortality and birth defects among infants born to women in a diabetes management program using data from the Michigan Diabetes Outreach Network. She also evaluated the feasibility of adding family history to the cancer registry as an effort to incorporate genomics into existing state level surveillance systems. TaTisha is currently employed by the Michigan Department of Community Health as a full time Project Manager working with the state's Sickle Cell Program.

Michelle Payne, MPH

North Carolina Department of Health



Mentors: Douglas Campbell, MD, MPH and Rick Langley (degrees?)

Michelle was an Environmental Health Fellow at the North Carolina Department of Community Health. Her fellowship included a variety of projects at the health department, including a possible cluster investigation involving Mixed Connective Tissues Disease and a descriptive health study on children removed from clandestine methamphetamine labs. In addition, Michelle worked on the creation of a temporary Caron Monoxide Surveillance Aide which increased surveillance capabilities and helped with the introduction of ABLES. Michelle also had unique and memorable experience as an epidemiologist for a mobile hospital in Waveland, Mississippi during Hurricane Katrina response activities. Michelle will be continuing her work public health work as an Epidemiologist at the Metro County Health Department in Nashville, TN.

Barbara Frohnert, MPH

Minnesota Department of Health



Mentors: John Oswald, PhD, MPH and Myron Falken, PhD, MPH

Barbara was a Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities Fellow working at the Minnesota Department of Health. During her fellowship, Barbara worked on a variety of important projects that contributed greatly to the health department. She designed the Birth Defects Information System for the CDC Grant proposal, and evaluated the Birth Defects Surveillance pilot study, and the Newborn Hearing Screening program. Barbara presented her findings at many local and national meetings over the two years of her fellowship. Barbara is currently working at the Minnesota Department of Health as a contract employee.

Tanya Bobo, MPH

Virginia Department of Health



Mentors: Suzanne Jenkins, DVM

Susan Fischer-Davis, MD

Tanya was an Infectious Disease Fellow at the Virginia Department of Health. Her primary responsibilities included surveillance for and investigation of human illnesses caused by arbovirus and water-borne pathogens. She was also involved in a number of activities including an evaluation of Virginia's non-tuberculosis mycobacteria surveillance system and an investigation of West Nile Virus (WNV) infection in wildlife rehabilitators. Tanya also described the long-term health effects and functional outcomes of reported cases of WNV in Virginia and enhanced the surveillance systems for arboviruses and non-cholera Vibrio cases. Tanya is currently working at the Virginia Department of Health as a contract employee until she continues her education this fall to pursue a DrPH, or a PhD in Epidemiology.

Jamie Snow, DVM, MPH
Wyoming Department of Health



Mentor: Tracy Murphy, MD

Jamie was an Infectious Disease Fellow at the Wyoming Department of Health. Her major projects included the design of the Rabies post exposure prophylaxis surveillance system and the evaluation for Chronic Wasting Disease surveillance system. Jamie's projects and contributions to the health department centered on the area of fish consumption and infection control practices of Wyoming Vets. Jamie's work on the Infections Control Practices of Veterinarians in Wyoming will be published in the Northwestern Journal of Public Health. Jamie is currently working at the Wyoming Department of Health as a contract employee.

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Kristen Moore, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Christina Felsen, Miami Quarantine Station/Miami Dade Health Department, Rachel Jervis, San Francisco Quarantine Station/California Department of Health, Laurin Kasehagen, Oregon State Department of Health, Caroline Stampfel, Virginia Department of Health, Marina Counter, CDC Seattle Quarantine Station/Seattle & King County Public Health, Margaret Blabey, Alaska Department of Health, Jackie McClain (CSTE), Kathryn Hughes, Washington State Department of Health, Adrienne Gil (CSTE), Erica Cofield, Colorado State Department of Health, David Goodman, Florida State Department of Health, Jeff Pollet, Michigan Department of Community Health, Ashley Chin, Louisiana Department of Health, Catherine Brown, New York State Department of Health, Jeffrey Bethel, CDC San Diego Quarantine/San Diego County Health Department, Pat McConnon (CSTE)
Not Shown: Lydia Sharp, Georgia Department of Health