

# Meet Our Graduate Assistants



Nicole Neequaye came to the United States from Ghana with her mother and two siblings. She is

in the last semester of the Master of Public Health program at East Carolina University, with a concentration in Epidemiology. After graduation Nicole hopes to continue in the Biomedical Sciences program at the Brody School of Medicine. She also hopes to pursue a career in the Public Health Service as a public health provider. During her time at the Institute, Nicole has been working on a Migrant Seasonal Farm Worker (MSFW) Project. The objectives of the project are to identify the number if any, of MSFW children and youth working in the fields in 16 counties in Eastern NC; to conduct a comprehensive assessment through interviews and focus groups to determine the needs of the children and youth as it pertains to alternatives to working in the fields; and to develop to recommendations as to the best way to meet the identified needs of MSFW children and youth.



Alexandra Patton is originally from Davidson, NC. In May 2016, she received her Bachelor of Science in

Public Health Studies from the University of North Carolina Wilmington. She is currently a first year Master of Public Health student at East Carolina University, with a concentration in health behavior. Alexandra is assisting the Institute with the development of agricultural health education modules for use by staff and community partners. She is passionate about the environment and nutrition and hopes to pursue a career in health education and promotion.



Ramatu Samura is a native of Sierra Leone. She is completing a Master of Public Health degree with a concentra-

tion in Epidemiology from East Carolina University. She is currently analyzing labels of pesticides used in crop production for respiratory and eye protection. This information will be used to assist farmers in complying with the US Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) new revisions to the Worker Protection Standard. Ramatu plans to pursue a doctorate in epidemiology and to work for either the EPA or US Department of Health and Human Services.



Kristin Rouse is a graduate student in the Integrated Animal Health Systems Program in

the Department of Animal Sciences at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University (NCAT). She earned her Bachelors in Animal Science and a Certificate in Equine Management at NCAT in May 2015 and anticipates completion of her master's degree in summer, 2017. Kristin's thesis explores the safety concerns and practices of owners of agri-tourism and traditional farms under the direction of Dr. Mulumebet Worku. She is attending the Institute's Agricultural Medicine course and currently serves as a Teaching Assistant in the Department of Animal Sciences. After spending 27 years in the area of health care and being raised on a small family farm, Kristin plans to pursue teaching upon graduation and hopes to assist the Institute with development of its academic curriculum. Kristin is a resident of Madison, NC, where she lives on a small farm with her husband and two girls.



Leigh Saner grew up on the Eastern Shore of Maryland in a small town called Chertertown. She graduated in

May of 2014 from Gettysburg College with a Bachelor's degree in Social & Behavioral Influences on Health. Leigh is in her final semester of the Master of Public Health program at East Carolina University with a dual concentration in Health Behavior and Health Administration. During her time at the Institute, she has conducted an evaluation of the First on Scene program and assisted in outreach programs with youth relative to public health and agromedicine. Leigh hopes to obtain a position in the public health arena that encompasses both policy and outreach as she is very passionate about the health and wellness of our population.



A native of Greensboro, North Carolina, Logan Dunn recently graduated from the Master of Public Health

(MPH) program at East Carolina University. During his time at the Institute, Logan primarily assisted with data collection, entry and analysis for the Fit to Farm program which teaches individuals how they can make small changes in food and beverage intake as well as in activity level amidst the demands of day-to-day farm operations. He also updated the provider directory for respirator medical clearance and fit testing. Logan is currently engaged in a 9-month, Administrator-In Training program at a long-term care facility in New Bern, which will prepare him for a future career as a nursing home administrator.

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