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From the Executive Director

Dear PiAf family & friends,

In years past Princeton in Africa has created an Annual Newsletter and an Annual Report. For the 2016-17 fellowship year we have combined the two in an effort to create a single document that brings together stories from our Fellows, alumni and host organizations, alongside PiAf's financial and statistical information. We hope that in looking through the 2016-17 Annual Report you will get



Jodi (left) with Vanessa Nyarko (center), 2016-17 Fellow with African Leadership Academy, and Joan Lairbi, 2015-16 Fellow with ALA.

the full picture of PiAf, an organization that is dedicated to serving the best interest of all of these stakeholders in order to offer lifechanging, career opportunities to young professionals, and offer exceptional organizations talented team members to support their missions.

2016-17 will always be a special fellowship group for me, as they were the first group that I was able to see the progression of from start to finish. It is so rewarding to see a fellowship group form – starting with reading through their applications (428 for the 2016-17 class), then meeting them for the first time during interviews, then meeting the group as a whole for the first time

during our 4 day orientation in Princeton and finally seeing how they have grown and changed at our midyear retreat.

In 2016-17 we held our midyear retreat in Moshi, Tanzania, and you can learn more about the value of this experience on page 6 and 7. Of our 2016-17 fellowship class, 33% stayed on the continent, 47% secured a full time job and 16% entered into a graduate program,

and many have already become active members of our alumni network.

In 2016-17, the PiAf staff worked to develop a series of new tools to track and evaluate the applications of our Fellows and our fellowship organizations, and we continue to find new ways to strengthen and improve our program.

Thank you to our Fellows, our host organizations, our alumni and our many supporters who help to shape and grow Princeton in Africa.

Sincerely,
Jodi

From the Board President

The 2016-17 year was another great one for PiAf! With the 16-17 class we have now placed over 450 Fellows with more than 90 diverse organizations in 36 countries across the African continent. We added two new fellowship organizations in 2016-17—HelpAge International, where our Fellow worked out of the Nairobi, Kenya office and Young love, based in Gaborone, Botswana.

The 2016-17 fellowship group was composed of 49 talented young professionals from 30 colleges and universities, 7 graduation years, 9 countries, and 16 U.S. states, who majored in 31 different subjects and speak 14 languages (from Swahili to French to Twi). I participated again in the Fellow selection process, reviewing applications for Princeton in Africa's 2016-17 fellowship class. We received 428 fellowship applications this past fall for 49 posts – a very competitive 11% acceptance rate. Once again, these applicants displayed tremendous talent, intelligence, drive, and passion for service on the African continent and elsewhere. I offer

my sincere thanks to all of you who assisted PiAf over the past year through your support, advocacy, and spreading the word about our program.

I encourage you to follow our progress via our website, Fellows Flyer e-newsletters, and social media, and I look forward to the year ahead with much excitement.

Best,
Jim Robinson



Jim (first on right) with Abigail Disney, Leymah Gbowee, the 2016 recipient of the Princeton in Africa Medal, and Gloria Steinem (left to right) at the 2016 Annual Gala.

Princeton in Africa Alumni Portal

Visit the PiAf Alumni website - www.piafalumni.org

Princeton in Africa is in continuous efforts to strengthen the Alumni Network. In 2015, PiAf launched several Alumni Network initiatives including the Alumni Working Group, Alumni Events, Alumni Fundraising Campaign, Alumni Survey and Alumni Professional Development Webinar. The Alumni Portal is in addition to these initiatives and is the easiest way to connect with alumni! Make the most of your Alumni Portal profile!

- Connect with alumni in your area
- Find alumni on the same career path
- Share events with alumni in your area
- Create a thread to share ideas, books, movies and more!

Nearly 500 Former Fellows make up the Alumni Network. Don't miss out on connecting with like-minded, passionate people!

Finding a Home Away From Home

By Sylvana Lewin, 2016-17 Fellow with
African Cashew Alliance in
Ghana

Throughout my year as a PiAf Fellow, I have been struck speechless over and over again by the experiences afforded to me. While living over 5,000 miles from home has its ups and downs, it certainly has taught me a lot. Last May, I had no idea what the future held other than work in Ghana. Today, I still can't predict what my future holds, but I feel confident that I'm on the right path.



This year has allowed me to explore a different side of myself and fall in love with a new lifestyle. My first year in Africa coincided with my first year out of university and I wouldn't have it any other way. Graduating from university and moving to a new continent are naturally big life changes. With both, you're forced out of your comfort zone and made to question your routine, maybe even your identity. My year in Ghana was full of new experiences, but I think the most impactful one was simply living as an expat. Finding a space for myself in a new place, learning a new culture, and surrounding myself with people from all over the world, these were all things I fell in love with.

Sylvana (third from left) helping facilitate a workshop on market information systems.

Right now with xenophobia on the rise around the world, it's beautiful to be a part of a truly global community. It's something I want to hang on to, which is why I'm choosing to stay on the continent for at least another year. In pushing myself out of my comfort zone, I've found a global community that I can call home.



(Left to right) Alex Cheston, 2016-17 Fellow with eleQtra in Uganda at eleQtra's solar field on Kalangala Island; Will Edman, 2016-17 Fellow with Lwala Community Alliance in Kenya facilitating a training on Lwala's Community Health Worker mobile app; Anchal Padukone, 2016-17 Fellow with Mpala Research Centre & Wildlife Foundation helping co-workers with the Laikipia Rabies Vaccination Campaign.

Uber in Uganda

By Alex Cheston, 2016-17 Fellow with eleQtra in Uganda

Uber has generated opprobrium recently for its impact on the livelihoods of drivers, its corporate culture and its various controversial business practices. What I haven't read about is its rocky rollout in developing cities like Kampala, Uganda. Indeed, many of the problems Uber is creating in the U.S. seem to be amplified and compounded here.

It may be that the Ugandan political economy is less capable of accommodating this kind of disruption. In Uganda, unemployment is higher, government support for the unemployed is lesser and the people lack the civic clout to dispute these changes. Americans have a particular zeal for technological innovation, but can this simply be propagated around the world?

Even more consequential for Uber is the internet gap: that is, the number of internet hosts per capita in Uganda is one seventieth of the world average. Mobile data, which is crucial to Uber's functioning, is both expensive and inadequate, so few drivers use their GPS and it often takes upwards of 30 minutes for Uber Kampala to reach customers. In America, we typically support disruption because the upside for the consumer is so great, but what if it's not?

Another issue with Uber's rollout in Kampala is the lack of competition. Lyft is clearly too woke to romp around in developing markets and any incipient ride-sharing service in Africa is up against a \$68 billion opponent, unable to compete with its venture-backed subsidies. This leaves Uber at the helm of a poorly performing monopoly in Uganda – a little like the British in 1900.

Plenty of international tech startups are doing a fine job catalyzing exponential growth in African markets (many of them in energy). But on the whole, it seems that the developed world is racing ahead while sub-Saharan Africa is still buffering. The region lacks the infrastructure and political climate to transmute many new technologies into exponential economic growth, and the power imbalance is growing between these increasingly different worlds. Once an Uber driver even asked me, "Is there Uber in America?"

Community and Collaboration at Mpala Research Centre

By Anchal Padukone, 2016-17 Fellow with Mpala Research Centre & Wildlife Foundation in Kenya

For a remote field station, situated amidst thousands of acres of acacia bushland, Mpala Research Centre (MRC) stays vibrantly busy.

MRC hosts students and researchers from Kenya and around the world – in the past three months, I have met scientists from Taiwan, Japan, India, Greece, Mexico and the US. You would be impressed by the diversity of fields that they represent – from ecology, veterinary medicine, and geography, to anthropology, engineering and even wildlife photography! A “day at the office” means different things to different project teams. The carnivore ecologists radio-track mongooses on nightly (caffeine-powered) forays into Mpala’s drier north. The rangeland management student follows camels and reticulated giraffes, binoculars in hand, to understand what influences their diets. The health professionals conduct household surveys in neighboring community ranches to evaluate the effectiveness of a recent rabies vaccination campaign. Our dinner table is where we come together to share our stories, and our enthusiasm. We plan “sundowners” by scenic viewpoints and movie nights in our lecture hall. We volunteer on each other’s projects, and collaborate on research and outreach.

The work our scientists do has implications for conservation, development, environmental policy and public health – complex issues best tackled through interdisciplinary collaborations, which a place like MRC can facilitate.

Mpala’s incredible community has been a hallmark of my PiAf experience. Through the people who surround me here, I’m always encountering new ideas and information from different fields. From Kenyan peers and colleagues, I have gained deeper insights into the sociocultural issues surrounding natural resource management and the biases and inequalities that impede progress on this front. I have become more aware of the challenges and opportunities facing scientists and development professionals in developing countries – an awareness that will help me navigate my own career, in my home country (India) and beyond.

too often implement programs designed as one-size-fits-all fixes. However, without careful attention to local contexts—a few of which we saw on our short drive—such programs are doomed to fail. Just as a hoagie shop would find more success in New Jersey than in Texas or as a Denver Broncos meet-and-greet would be more popular in Colorado Springs than in Oakland, the local context suggests that an agricultural input assistance program would benefit the farmers of Lwala more than the herders of the Masai Mara or the shopowners of Nairobi (*Continued on next page*).

The Importance of Bottom-Up Development

By Will Edman, 2016-17 Fellow with Lwala Community Alliance in Kenya

Let’s take a bus ride. We’ll start in Nairobi, East Africa’s economic hub. Heading west, we escape the clutches of Nairobi traffic, and the land drops away into the Great Rift Valley. After descending into the Rift on a steep stretch of road, we ride along the contours of the valley, passing the homelands of traditional Masai cattle-herders. As we reach the western end of the Rift, we start to regain elevation, and to the right we pass the ancient Mau Forest complex and the massive tea plantations of Kericho. We are now in the Kisii highlands, where small subsistence farms dot the hillsides. After following a dirt road past many smallholder maize and sugar cane farms, we finally reach the end of our 7-hour journey and our destination: Lwala Community Alliance, a small health organization serving the villages of this agrarian area.

Why the road trip? Well, over the course of a few hundred kilometers, we witnessed an incredibly diverse range of lifestyles, ecosystems, and cultures. From the skyscrapers of Nairobi to the mud houses near Kisii, we saw glimpses of just a few Kenyan realities, all too distinct to distill the word “Kenyan” to a short description.

In the development sphere, outsiders

PiAf 2016-17 Fellowship Organizations

Thank you to our fellowship organizations for their generous support of our 2016-17 Fellows!

African Cashew Alliance (Ghana)
African Leadership Academy (South Africa)
African School of Economics (Benin)
Baylor International Pediatric AIDS Initiative (Botswana, Lesotho, Tanzania)
Clinton Health Access Initiative (South Africa, Swaziland)
Comprehensive Community Based Rehabilitation in Tanzania (Tanzania)
eleQtra (Uganda)
Equal Education (South Africa)
Gardens for Health International (Rwanda)
Global Shea Alliance (Ghana)
HelpAge International (Kenya)
Hope Through Health (Togo)
Imani Development (Malawi)
Indigenous Education Foundation of Tanzania (Tanzania)
International Rescue Committee (Kenya, Sierra Leone, Uganda)
Kucetekela Foundation (Zambia)
Lutheran World Federation (Uganda)
Lwala Community Alliance (Kenya)
Maru-a-Pula (Botswana)
mothers2mothers (South Africa)
Mpala Research Centre & Wildlife Foundation (Kenya)
Nyumbani Village (Kenya)
Olam International (Tanzania, Uganda)
Population Services International (Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania)
Soko (Kenya)
The BOMA Project (Kenya)
The Kasiisi Project (Uganda)
The Rwanda School Project (Rwanda)
Village Enterprise (Uganda)
World Agroforestry Centre (Kenya)
Young 1ove (Botswana)

(Continued) For this reason, organizations like Lwala are so important. Founded by two local brothers and community-led in its programming, Lwala ensures that all its work resonates closely with the local context. This focus on community buy-in allows Lwala to succeed even in a difficult health environment; in 2016, Lwala cut its child mortality rate to less than half of the regional average. Lwala's model proves that a focus on community-led innovation can lead to significant, sustainable outcomes. In the words of my colleague Mercy Owuor, "Our philosophy is that the most effective way to achieve [positive] outcomes is through catalyzing communities to drive bottom-up transformation in health and education systems." This emphasis on bottom-up—as opposed to top-down—development is a trend I am proud to support, and one that I hope to see spread.

Retreat Reflections

Reflections from the 2017 Leadership Retreat

"The Princeton in Africa Fellow's Retreat was ... held in Moshi this year. I truly cannot express how wonderful it was to spend a few days with my fellow Fellows reflecting on the challenges, highlights, and learning at our various posts. As I heard their stories and shared my own, the importance and gift of this fellowship came into sharp focus. I cannot imagine being anywhere else in the world doing any other work. I am so grateful."

"It is not every day that you get to find a group of 40 people all able to teach you something with each interaction; where you can communally (and constructively) voice those moments when cultural barriers feel insurmountable, or laugh in the face of absurdity. Princeton in Africa introduced me to a group of fiercely intelligent, extraordinarily warm

souls. The Leadership Retreat allowed me to reconnect with these people, "my people," and in turn, revisit myself. Weeks leading up to the retreat, complacency was rearing its ugly head in all aspects of my fellowship. Meeting up with such a thoughtful cohort reinvigorated me, and I left with a renewed sense of purpose. The retreat made space for much-needed introspection, allowing me to challenge the moral quandaries (entirely of my own creation) that had been festering for months while simultaneously fostering authentic relationships with my PiAf family."



Fellows participating in a reflection activity during the 2017 Leadership Retreat.

“The Princeton in Africa Leadership Retreat entirely changed my experience on the continent. Before the retreat, I was feeling a bit overwhelmed with work, but mostly because I didn’t feel like I had a solid support network I could reach out to when needed. When you’re in your host organization it’s easy to lose touch with the PiAf community and organization as a whole, and you identify more with your fellowship post. Also, the other Fellows in Nairobi were great, but we fell into our own routines and were often busy with work or other commitments. The Leadership Retreat changed all of that because right away we were entirely open with each other about the stress and lack of relationships that each of us felt. The Fellows weren’t complaining by any means, we were just finally with 47 other people who we trusted and who understood exactly what we were going through. We discussed work, personal relationships, food, traffic, and everything else, both incredibly amazing experiences and some of our hardest moments. We always knew the other Fellows were there, and we were very tight knit during orientation, but physically getting everyone together was one big therapeutic life experience. We joked, ate great food, talked about what we would do next and realized we were all in the same boat. After the retreat, I came away with a sense of renewed connection with the other Fellows and the program in general, and I now know what I want out of the second half of my fellowship: to connect more with the people around me. I’ve been more open with friends in Nairobi about what’s going on in my life, and they with me, and I’ve grown closer to the people here. I also know more about what I want to do after the fellowship, and have a lot of great connections to PiAf board members, staff, and alumni who can help. Basically, the retreat gave me the energy and confidence to return to Nairobi in full force, and I can’t thank the staff and the other Fellows enough for their support.”

“The PiAf Leadership Retreat came at just the right time. It offered a step away from my post which was becoming exhausting, a chance to step back and evaluate my experience so far, and my hopes for the future. I was also able to rekindle connections with other Fellows going through experiences similar to my own. Although the long weekend was packed with its own agenda, I returned to my post with a refreshed sense of excitement, agency, spirit and voice. The group activities helped me reconnect with other PiAf Fellows who offered endless advice and support. Self-reflection activities offered a time to recognize my failures thus far and goals I have for the remaining five months of my fellowship. Connecting with previous Princeton in Africa Fellows helped to calm my nerves around the future and realize there is support within the Alumni network of what comes next.”

The Value of Perspective

By Stuart Russell, 2016-17 Fellow with Population Services International in Senegal

Though I worked for an international development organization in the United States before my PiAf fellowship, I felt isolated from what I perceived to be “real” international development work. I started my PiAf year with the hope of better understanding the human experiences I felt I was missing.

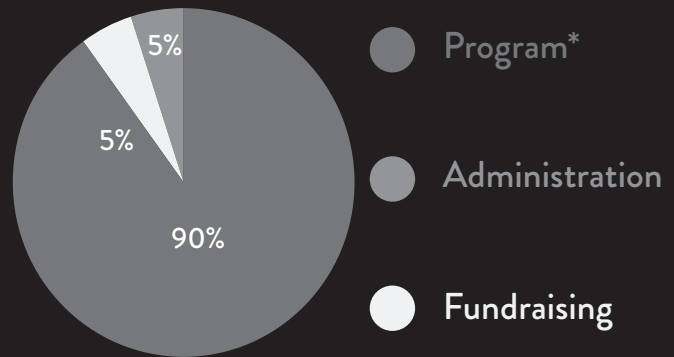
While a PiAf Fellow with Population Services International (PSI) in Dakar, Senegal, I accomplished that objective. As part of PSI’s regional evidence team, I helped establish data collection systems for public health projects in West Africa. I even traveled to Senegalese villages where PSI’s projects are implemented and to other African capitals where PSI’s country teams work.

Most importantly, I gained a perspective I would not have experienced had I stayed in my office in the United States. My monitoring and evaluation position at PSI revealed the human processes behind the data I analyzed in my previous position. Accurately capturing data in developing countries is a challenge. It is the product of many small decisions taken by individuals in the “field,” often made in the face of serious logistical barriers. How, for instance, can one collect sales data from truck drivers in Côte d’Ivoire when most drivers are illiterate and have little incentive to record transactions? How can one track the number of women in rural Senegal who give birth at home when internet connectivity is low and births are rarely officially registered?

Patience, creativity, and perseverance are key to solving such questions – and these very human aspects are too often forgotten when the resulting data are only seen through Microsoft Excel in a distant Washington, DC office. Following my PiAf experience, I now have a first-hand understanding of the hard work needed for data collection. In the future, I hope to return to Senegal and continue to contribute to that effort.

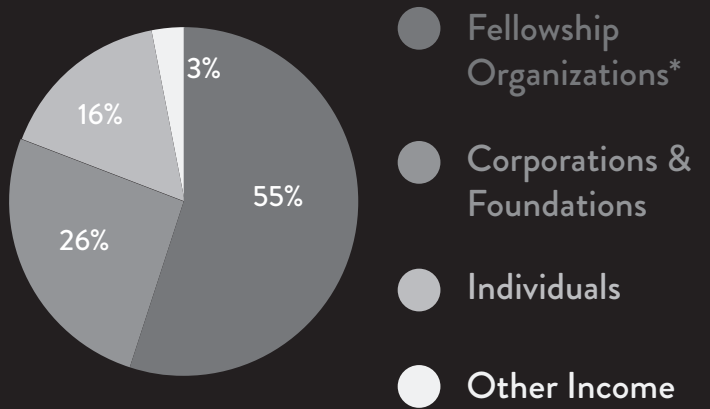
Princeton in Africa Annual Budget

2016-17 Expense Allocation: \$1,189,082



*Includes approx. \$564,656 in program support provided by organizations directly to Fellows

2016-17 Revenue & Support: \$1,189,384



*Includes approx. \$564,656 in program support provided by organizations directly to Fellows

From Fellows to Leaders

How Princeton in Africa has shaped Fellows into leaders.

My PiAf fellowship taught me not only to function, but to excel, amid ambiguity and chaos—an asset in my current role, where I balance an ever-changing slate of publications and events.

**KELSEY LILLEY, Associate Director, Africa Center, Atlantic Council
2012-13 Fellow with International Rescue Committee, Ethiopia**

My PiAf experience was life-changing and I realized that I wanted to stay involved in the Zambian communities with whom I spent my fellowship. I formed a team of colleagues and together we founded Kucetekela Foundation, a non-profit organization that provides support to promising young disadvantaged Zambians, with secondary school scholarships at the core of our operations. In 2017, we are celebrating our tenth year in full operation and proud to have more than 40 alumni of our program working and studying across the globe!

**DR. OLIVER BARRY, Co-Founder & President, Kucetekela Foundation
2005-06 Fellow with Africare, Zambia**

Tumaini Tanzania grew out of conversations that occurred at the end of my fellowship with friends on both sides of the Atlantic about how to continue to support the flourishing of students and schools in the hope-filled village that had graciously welcomed me.

**LIDE PATERNO,
Founder of Tumaini Tanzania
2006-07 Fellow with Tanganyika Christian Refugee Service, Tanzania**



Kelsey Lilley, 2012-13 Fellow with International Rescue Committee, Ethiopia

As a fellow with Olam in Gabon, I managed several projects that helped build my confidence in a professional setting. Since leaving, I have had to figure out how my interests in music of Africa and the diaspora, education and nonprofits fit together and I found myself at Afropop Worldwide as Director of New Media and Operations leading a small team whose mission is to share the stories and music from the African planet.

**AKORNEFA AKYEA,
Director of New Media and Operations at Afropop Worldwide
2012-13 Fellow with Olam International, Gabon**



Akornefa Akyea, 2012-13 Fellow with Olam International, Ghana

My Princeton in Africa fellowship, at CARE in Rwanda in 2003/2004, was the realization of years of ambition to launch a career in international development in Africa. Immediately after my fellowship, I completed an MBA at Harvard Business School and later joined an emerging markets consulting firm focused on advising countries and firms on the growth of export-oriented sectors. I had the opportunity to again work in Rwanda, and also completed engagements in Guyana, Trinidad and the Dominican Republic. In 2008, I moved back to the continent to join Africa Finance Corporation - a newly established investment vehicle to develop and fund infrastructure assets across Africa. I was privileged to be part of AFC's early team, and made investments in Nigeria, Ghana, Côte D'Ivoire and Kenya. More recently, in 2013, I joined Kagiso Tiso Holdings in Johannesburg, to lead their investments outside of South Africa, primarily in West and East Africa. I have been incredibly fortunate to work with outstanding and passionate individuals across each of the entities at which I have worked; equally importantly, my path and success were enhanced by the comfort with risk and uncertainty I learned in my PiAf fellowship early in my career.

**ALIYA FARAH SHARIFF, Director of Investments of Kagiso Tiso Holdings
2003-04 Fellow with CARE, Rwanda**

PiAf 2016-17 Fellows

Bailey Adams (American '16)
Gardens for Health International, Rwanda

Camille Allamel (Columbia '15)
International Rescue Committee, Kenya

Caitlin Allmaier (American '14)
Olam International, Tanzania

Christina Amutah (Howard '16)
Baylor International Pediatric AIDS Initiative, Botswana

Caroline Andridge (UMich '14)
Clinton Health Access Initiative, South Africa

Regine Ankoma-Bempong (Mount Holyoke '16)
Imani Development, Malawi

Meghan Bodo (Tufts '15)
Village Enterprise, Uganda

Alexander Cheston (Bowdoin '16)
eleQtra, Uganda

Jessica Clarkson (UC-Berkeley '12)
Kucetekela Foundation, Zambia

Ryan Collins (George Washington '14)
International Rescue Committee, Kenya

Jantsankhorol Damdinsuren (UC-Berkeley '14)
Maru-a-Pula, Botswana

Elizabeth DeFreest (American '16)
Soko, Kenya

Corey Dickinson (Clark '15)
The Kasiisi Project, Uganda

Alex Dobyan (Tufts '15)
African School of Economics, Benin

William Edman (Georgetown '16)
Lwala Community Alliance, Kenya

Katharine Eger (Claremont McKenna '16)
The BOMA Project, Kenya

Faith Fugar (George Washington '16)
HelpAge International, Kenya

Diego Gomez (Brown '09)
Clinton Health Access Initiative, Swaziland

Benjamin Grazda (American '13)
International Rescue Committee - Somalia, Kenya

Emily Hansman (Harvard '16)
Hope Through Health, Togo

Shaquilla Harrigan (Harvard '16)
World Agroforestry Centre, Kenya

Helena Hengelbrok (Princeton '16)
Baylor International Pediatric AIDS Initiative, Lesotho

Rohita Javangula (George Washington '15)
Global Shea Alliance, Ghana

Liselot Koenen (Georgetown '16)
mothers2mothers, South Africa

Victoria Leonard (Brown '15)
Comprehensive Community Based Rehabilitation in Tanzania, Tanzania

Jordan Levine (UC-Berkeley '10)
Population Services International, Tanzania

Sylvana Lewin (Vanderbilt '16)
African Cashew Alliance, Ghana

Claire McGillem (Carleton '13)
International Rescue Committee, Sierra Leone

Julia Metzger (Princeton '16)
Maru-a-Pula, Botswana

Meyris Montalvo (Brown '16)
Comprehensive Community Based Rehabilitation in Tanzania, Tanzania

Shan Nagar (Bowdoin '16)
Nyumbani Village, Kenya

Kevin Nigarura (Northwestern '16)
Maru-a-Pula, Botswana

Vanessa Nyarko (University of Minnesota '16)
African Leadership Academy, South Africa

Anchal Padukone (Princeton '16)
Mpala Research Centre & Wildlife Foundation, Kenya

Faith Jiyeong Park (Dickinson '16)
Population Services International, South Africa

Alyson Passanante (Swarthmore '14)
The Kasiisi Project, Uganda

Emma Patterson (Bowdoin '16)
Indigenous Education Foundation of Tanzania, Tanzania

Jacob Poepping (UW-Madison '16)
Baylor International Pediatric AIDS Initiative, Tanzania

Shayla Reid (Princeton '15)
Young love, Botswana

Gracie Rosenbach (University of Virginia '15)
Olam International; Uganda

Stuart Russell (Swarthmore '14)
Population Services International, Senegal

Joseph Schmidt (UW-Madison '13)
Maru-a-Pula, Botswana

Lauren Schmidt (Colorado College '15)
International Rescue Committee, Uganda

Philile Shongwe (Yale '16)
African School of Economics, Benin

Nika Soon-Shiong (Stanford '15)
Equal Education, South Africa

Mary Kate Speth (Ursinus '15)
The Rwanda School Project, Rwanda

Staci Sutermeister (Penn State '15)
Lwala Community Alliance, Kenya

Carla Sung Ah Yoon (Dartmouth '15)
Lutheran World Federation, Uganda

Alumni Updates

Sheila Agiti

2011-12, African Leadership Academy, South Africa

I am back at African Leadership Academy but this time as a Graduate Program Manager. I provide psychosocial support to 129 ALA alumni.

Jessica Annis

2011-12, Ubuntu Africa, South Africa

This is my final year at Berkeley Law. I spent the first half of this school year at the Legal Resources Centre in Cape Town, focusing on refugee and asylum clients. I will begin work in the San Francisco office of Gibson Dunn & Crutcher.

Audrey Atencio

2014-15, UN World Food Programme, Uganda

I work as the Field Operations Systems Lead for One Acre Fund's Rwanda program, helping to connect our front-end field team to our backend teams.

Devan Darby Bartels

2006-07, Harvard University AIDS Institute, Botswana

I am almost done with residency in the department of Anesthesia, Critical Care, and Pain Medicine at Massachusetts General Hospital. I recently spent a month in Botswana with my husband and co-resident, David Bartels, at the University of Botswana School of Medicine and Princess Marina Hospital. My husband and I are expecting our first child in July.

David Bartels

2006-07, BIPAI, Lesotho

I am a senior resident in anesthesiology and critical care at Massachusetts General Hospital and will be starting a pediatric anesthesiology fellowship at Boston Children's Hospital in Fall 2017.

Emily Bensen

2014-15, Hope Through Health, Togo

I'm continuing my work with Hope Through Health, now as the Deputy Director based out of Boston with frequent trips to Togo.

Christine Bohne

2011-12, Lutheran World Federation, Burundi

After working for One Acre Fund in Rwanda for three years, I moved back to the U.S. to enroll in the Doctor of Public Health program at Harvard. I will be moving to India soon with the Gates Foundation.

Allie Bream

2010-11, UN World Food Programme, Ethiopia

I'm continuing to work as a People Innovations Director at One Acre Fund. My work focuses on building the organization's long-term HR strategy. I split my time between New York and East Africa.

Hannah Brown

2014-15, International Rescue Committee, Tanzania

I am working as a Refugee Officer in the Refugee Affairs Division of the Department of Homeland Security. My work focuses on the humanitarian protection within the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program.

Erin Buchholtz

2011-12, African Impact, Zambia

I am currently a PhD Student Fellow with Ecoexist, an NGO based in Botswana working to foster coexistence between people and elephants. I spend a considerable amount of time in the field in northern Botswana. Stateside, I am based at Texas A&M University.



Bailey Adams, 2016-17 Fellow with Gardens for Health International in Rwanda, with GHI partner mother, Nyirarukundo Datvia after an interview in Busogo, Northern Rwanda

Reflections from a Current Fellowship Organization

Anne Wanlund, Country Director at Gardens for Health International in Rwanda

Our PiAf Fellows have consistently made a lasting impact on our organization and work. They integrate well with our team and have left GHI stronger at the end of their terms. The two I have worked with are also exceptional professionals in their own rights, with really bright future careers. We are lucky to have had them!

Adrienne Clermont

2009-10, UN World Food Programme, Benin

After two years as a researcher at Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, I am starting a post-baccalaureate pre-medical program at Johns Hopkins, with the intention of entering medical school in fall 2018. I look forward to launching a new phase in my international health career!

Erin Collins

2015-16, UN World Food Programme, Malawi

In April, I finished working with WFP Malawi. I have since moved back to the US and will begin graduate school at Georgetown University School of Foreign Service where I will receive a MA in Global Human Development.

Laura Courbois

2014-15, Imani Development, Malawi

I am currently working for the SEEP Network in Washington DC coordinating activities for a donor-funded program promoting responsible finance and consumer protection within the microfinance sector in Rwanda.

Margaret Derby

2014-15, African Impact, Zambia

I am based in Atlanta, GA continuing my work with CARE USA as the Program Manager for Nutrilite Little Bits - a 15-country nutrition program in partnership with Amway that works to address malnutrition and stunting in children under the age of 5.

Cydnee DeToy

2011-12, mothers2mothers, South Africa

I am a consultant for PwC Strategy&. I work with clients in the health insurance, consumer goods and industrial products industries and focus mainly on organization strategy. I provide pro bono consulting to social impact organizations.

Monica Dey

2015-16, Hope Through Health, Togo

I am working at the Firelight Foundation as the Strategic Partnerships Associate. I work on fundraising, development, learning and evaluation, board relations, and communications. I live and work in San Francisco.

Michael Elhardt

2015-16, eleQtra, Ghana

I work as a Program Assistant with the President's Malaria Initiative at USAID. My work focuses on supporting the procurement and distribution of malaria commodities (medications, diagnostic tests, etc.) for our 19 focus countries in sub-Saharan Africa. I am based in Washington, DC.



Will Edman (left) and Staci Sutermeister (right), 2016-17 Fellows with Lwala Community Alliance in Kenya, making dinner together at Lwala in their PiAf shirts.

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Liz Chamberlain, Impact Manager at Lwala Community Alliance in Kenya

Our Princeton in Africa Fellows are remarkable individuals. In addition to their invaluable skills, creativity and dedication, they have a real passion for the work and the people. They have truly become part of the Lwala family.

Maya Gainer

2013-14, International Rescue Committee, Kenya

I am wrapping up three years at the Innovations for Successful Societies research program at Princeton University. I will be starting an MA in International Development at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies in fall 2017.

Kwame Gayle

2013-14, Maru-a-Pula, Botswana

This May, I will graduate with a Master of Arts in International Training and Education from American University. I intend to advise university and/or college bound students (especially from underrepresented and disadvantaged backgrounds) on study abroad and international exchange opportunities.

Yashodhan Gharat

2013-14, Olam International, Zambia

I work as Program Manager at One Acre Fund in Malawi, focusing on Innovations. My work involves identifying, trialing and rolling out new impactful products and services for our farmers. I am based in Zomba, Malawi.

Morgan Goheen

2009-10, mothers2mothers, South Africa

I have recently returned to UNC Chapel Hill to complete my medical degree after finishing my PhD research which was based in The Gambia investigating the relationship between iron deficiency, iron supplementation, and malaria susceptibility.

Caleigh Hernandez

2015-16, International Rescue Committee, Kenya

I'm working on Best Foot Forward, a social business that imports African sandals. My work focuses on sales and the project's giving model in coastal Kenya.

Grace Hoerner

2011-12, African Cashew Alliance, Ghana

I'm currently an Innovation Advisor at USAID's U.S. Global Development Lab. I'm based in Washington but travel frequently, including to Africa.

Julie Kornfeld

2011-12, Lutheran World Federation, Uganda

I am a refugee lawyer working at the International Refugee Assistance Project. I provide legal representation to persecuted individuals to get them to safety and am actively fighting the administrations travel and refugee bans.

Thomas Launer

2012-13, Project Mercy, Ethiopia

I'm officially enrolled as a Master of Forestry candidate ('19) at Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. I'm looking forward to studying community-based tropical forest landscape restoration efforts in Africa and elsewhere.

Brianna Losoya-Evora

2014-15, UN World Food Programme, Senegal

I joined ANDE as an Impact Assessment Analyst in 2016. I am part of the Research and Impact team and support ANDE members in measuring the social, economic, and environmental impact of small and growing businesses.

Lauren Manning

2013-14, Invisible Children, Uganda

I am currently working at Girl Rising as the Senior Manager of Communications and Community Engagement. I focus on building both on- and offline communities in support of girls' education and empowerment.

Case Martin

2010-11, International Rescue Committee, Sudan

After graduating from UT Southwestern Medical Center,

my wife and I moved to San Antonio, Texas where we are doing our residencies in obstetrics and gynecology and orthopaedic surgery, respectively.

Rebecca Merrifield

2014-15, The Rwanda School Project, Rwanda

I recently started as a Continuous Improvement Associate with the Student Success Network in New York City, where I work to help a network of 50 education non-profits improve their programs for students across all five boroughs.

Anthony Orlando

2015-16, Imani Development, Malawi

I work as a consultant with the WARC Group in Sierra Leone. I implement major donor and private sector projects and assist our small company to grow and expand operations in other Africa countries. I am also an Africa Fellow with Young Professionals in Foreign Policy (YFPF).

Nastasia Pual Gera

2012-13, Save the Children, Ethiopia

I am the Coordinator of Sangat - a feminist network in Delhi, India. My work consists primarily of capacity building and campaigning on feminist issues.

Ettie Philitas

2009-10, African Leadership Academy, South Africa

I work with the credit investing arm of KKR, a global investment management firm.

Stephanie Rademeyer

2011-12, Save the Children, Mali

I am currently a second year at the University of Arizona College of Medicine. I am strongly considering going into child psychiatry, with a specific focus on refugee youth.

India Richter

2014-15, Baylor International Pediatric AIDS Initiative, Botswana

I will graduate from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in May, and in the meantime have been working for Save the Children's HIV/AIDS and TB team. After graduating, I will start working on the Innovations team at Jhpiego--focusing on engaging the private sector through innovation.

Molly Slotznick

2010-11, UN World Food Programme, Senegal

I'm still working at Deloitte, in public sector strategy consulting. I primarily work with state governments to help them improve the way they provide services to residents.

Meghan Smith

2013-14 Fellow with Project Mercy, Ethiopia

I am entering my final year of medical school in Vancouver, BC.

Michelle Spada

2012-13, International Rescue Committee, Liberia

I recently joined the Princeton in Africa staff as the Program Manager!

Keir Soderberg

2001-02, University of Cape Town Quantitative Literacy Project, South Africa

I am working as an environmental consultant in Bethesda, Maryland. Although this work is somewhat removed from my PiAf activities of 15 years ago, I maintain active research ties (ecosystem hydrology/geochemistry) with groups in South Africa, Namibia and Kenya that all started with my fellowship!

Monique St. Jarre

2015-16, African Cashew Alliance, Ghana

I am working as a Program Assistant for Power Africa, a public-private partnership within the US Government that aims to increase electricity generation and access in Sub-Saharan Africa. My work focuses mainly on policy reform and creating an enabling environment for private sector investment in the energy sector.

Allie Stauss

2014-15, African Cashew Alliance, Ghana

I serve as a Program Manager for TechnoServe's portfolio of coffee projects in East Africa. We connect smallholder coffee farmers with international specialty roasters. I split my time between Washington, DC and East Africa.

Anne Stotler

2011-12, Save the Children, Ethiopia

I'm in the second year of my Presidential Management Fellowship at the State Department. I now work in the Office of International Labor Affairs in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor.

Chris Suzdak

2012-13, Olam Interational, Gabon

I continue to work for One Acre Fund. I now serve as the Malawi Country Director, based in Zambia.

Susan Tuberville

2015-16, Maru-a-Pula, Botswana

I'm currently teaching K-8 Art at Daegu International School in South Korea. This fall, I began graduate studies as I pursue a Master of Fine Art at MICA in Baltimore.



Vanessa Nyarko (right), 2016-17 Fellows with African Leadership Academy in South Africa, with one of her ALA students.

Reflections from a Current Fellowship Organization

Amel Yimer, External Communications Consultant at African Leadership Academy in South Africa

PiAf is a valuable experience for both fellow and organization; the technical and cultural exchange that takes place between the two offers inestimable professional benefits encased in a lifetime of friendship.

Frances Walters

2002-03, University of Cape Town Quantitative Literacy Project, South Africa

I have continued as an attorney at the Mid-Atlantic Innocence Project investigating claims of innocence from inmates in MD, DC, and VA.

Elizabeth Wojnar

2015-16, International Rescue Committee, Uganda

I'm finishing my first year at the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. My studies focus on development economics, human security, and M&E.

Jane Young

2011-12, International Rescue Committee, Kenya

I am a Strategy & Research Manager at One Acre Fund. My job is to help the organization make critical decisions in an informed, structured, and compassionate way.

Alyson Zureick

2007-08, International Rescue Committee, Sierra Leone

I am currently the Supervising Attorney and Clinical Teaching Fellow at NYU Law School's Reproductive Justice Clinic.

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Reflections from a Former Fellow

Helena Hengelbrok, 2016-17 Fellow with Baylor Pediatric AIDS Initiative in Lesotho

Princeton in Africa has been a wonderful opportunity in so many ways, and I will forever be grateful for this experience. One unique facet of the program that I didn't fully appreciate before starting my fellowship year was the fact that the PiAf team not only selects you as a Fellow, they play the role of professional matchmaker, placing you in the position they feel best suits both you and the organization. I couldn't imagine a post better suited to my skillset, professional interests, and passions; as a result, I have been able to grow as a professional and as a person, and have had an incredibly fulfilling experience. I have been able to accomplish far more than I would have expected, and truly believe that the impact of my work on my placement organization and the youth I work with will last far beyond my time in Lesotho. That is far from the case for many recent graduates, especially in development, and I have the PiAf team to thank for placing me here and making this possible.