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A few photos from the recent Fellows' Nairobi retreat – and Mount Kilimanjaro climb! Read more on page 5.

Message From the Executive Director

Dear Princeton in Africa Friends,

As the new PiAf Executive Director, I am excited to share such an interesting and inspiring annual newsletter with you! From articles written by current Fellows to an interview with one of our distinguished PiAf alums, you will enjoy this glimpse into our efforts to cultivate young leaders committed to Africa's advancement. And the updates from PiAf alumni reveal a vibrant, growing, global PiAf community.

Since joining PiAf in mid-March, I have been amazed at our Fellows' dedication, hard work, intelligence, and enthusiasm. I am also impressed by our partner organizations, and thrilled at the opportunity to connect recent college graduates to such important initiatives underway on the continent.



Greetings from the Princeton in Africa office from (left to right) Program Consultant Blair Blackwell, Program & External Relations Assistant Liz Thurber, Executive Director Katie Henneman, and Program Director Stephanie Hooper.

Additionally, I am inspired by the PiAf Princeton team. Did you know that Program Director Stephanie Hooper recently finished her master's degree in International Education from the SIT Graduate Institute, and now brings even more expertise to her role at PiAf? Her enthusiasm and dedication is readily

apparent in her update about her recent trip to Africa. The ever-helpful Liz Thurber is now working with us full-time as Program & External Relations Assistant.

In the early years, PiAf sent a few Fellows each year (all Princeton graduates) to work with our partners in Africa. This year, PiAf has 33 Fellows from 18 colleges and universities working in 14 countries with 23 partner organizations. We have more than 250 PiAf alumni worldwide, and Fellows have worked in 32 countries across the continent.

With a strong program team, an enthusiastic Board of Directors, wonderful supporters, and an incredible alumni network, where are we headed next? A few of our goals include:

- While maintaining quality programming, increase the number of Fellowships – we plan to place more than 40 Fellows in 2012-13, and expand up to 100 or so Fellows per year in the future.
- Work with more partner organizations – and continue to diversify the types of organizations we work with.
- Continue to improve our engagement with PiAf alumni.

It is an exciting time at Princeton in Africa! As always, we are incredibly grateful for your ongoing interest and support. Please keep in touch.

Kind regards,
Katie Henneman
Executive Director

Message From the President

Hello Princeton in Africa Friends,

Interviewing candidates for Princeton in Africa's 2012-13 Fellowship class, I was struck by the tremendous talent, drive and passion of so many young people eager to spend a year living and working on the continent of Africa. It was an inspirational start to my term as President of Princeton in Africa.

Princeton in Africa is growing and this year will place a record number of fellows, working with a variety of partners in diverse areas of the continent. Our Board is committed to continuing this growth and to making more opportunities possible for recent graduates with an even greater number of partner organizations. In our mission to develop young leaders committed to Africa, we also aim to strengthen the network amongst fellows and alumni and deepen our relationships with supporters and individuals active on the continent.

It takes a team, and PiAf is thrilled to now have three full-time staff members in place. I am pleased to announce the recent appointment of Katie Henneman, who joined us in March and will lead this team as PiAf's new Executive Director. Katie brings experience working on international relief & development programs with UMCOR; managing an African political instability research project for a small company; and leading the development efforts of a nonprofit in Philadelphia that helps immigrants find jobs. Her wealth of experience, vision



PiAf President Jim Robinson knows just how transformative a PiAf year can be—and not just for the Fellows. Here, he joins his daughter Hilary Robinson (PiAf Fellow 2007-08, Plan International, Uganda) on a gorilla trek in Rwanda.

and energy will help take Princeton in Africa to the next level.

As interest in Africa grows, and with more people waking up to what's happening on the continent, it has been a privilege to share my Africa optimism with my class at Princeton and to connect the class to Fellows on the ground – particularly through

their annual support of a Fellowship position with the African Leadership Academy in Johannesburg. We hope to expand these connections between alumni and Fellows to more Princeton classes and beyond the Princeton community, particularly as we get more and more Fellows from a variety of colleges across the country.

I look forward to the year ahead with much excitement and encourage you to join us on this journey.

Jim Robinson
President, PiAf Board of Directors

Two dozen teenagers are huddled in small groups as deafening rain pounds the tin roof and lashes at the windows. They aren't scared of the weather, quite the contrary; they hardly notice the torrential downpour that has finally arrived to quench the thirst of their arid homeland, Ethiopia. They are entirely absorbed in another world; a world much more difficult to see, the microscopic world.



Ciarra reviewing the Periodic Table of Elements with her students

I arrived, in rural Ytebon, in July of 2011 as the first Johnson & Johnson Fellow for Project Mercy. Working for a holistic development organization has given me the opportunity to play a role in a variety of projects. As the months march on, my role here has expanded, diversified, and evolved – but my primary focus has been secondary education. A few months ago, I received an email from a premed Project Mercy student in the US – he begged me to teach the students here how to use a microscope; lacking laboratory knowledge, he is struggling considerably.

Aided by the enthusiasm of my fellow teachers, and a few generous donations, including two new microscopes from Johnson & Johnson, I think we have accomplished much more than that. Logic, reasoning, organization, and creativity, all essential factors to a young inquisitive mind, are growing as my students are learning the benefits of being active participants in their education. They are beginning a journey that not only will improve their chances in life, but may give them the passion to improve their macroscopic world. I have no doubts that with a new school year and a new PiAf Fellow, the learning curve will continue to be steep. I hope that in a few short years I will be unable to recognize the science program that started with a class full of 17-year-olds looking through a microscope for the first time.



Ciarra teaching her students in the classroom

“When you feel disagreeable it is better for you to sit.”
Shunryu Suzuki, Zen Mind, Beginner’s Mind

I said this, over and over, to myself as I sat in the back of the vehicle in the blazing sun, thirty kids screaming ‘MZUNGU!’ and clambering to shake my outstretched, dusty hand. I was 20 days into a 24-day trip to northern Kenya, visiting 100 businesses my organization, The BOMA Project, helped to start. The BOMA Project provides business training and seed capital grants for people in rural communities in northern Kenya to start small, locally rooted enterprises. As the first Princeton in Africa Fellow with BOMA, I was told my most important work would be the Impact Assessments I would design and implement: visiting businesses and assessing the improvements they have made possible in the lives of our participants.



Emma visiting with a group of women

“I found her!,” my translator, Uncle Sam shouted, waving me over to a large stick hut where a group of women were standing. I climbed out of the vehicle and the kids scattered, laughing and screaming. I shook the hand of the woman we had been searching for since morning and followed her to her house, where two small wooden stools were placed carefully in the shade. I pulled out my survey sheet, sun blaring off the paper, when suddenly a mug of steaming tea appeared, handed by a small, shyly smiling girl. I looked at Uncle Sam, who was being handed a massive tin cup by another small boy. “Whoa! Look at the size of this cup,” he said, in Samburu, a language spoken in most of the communities



Emma Impink helping in preparation

in northern Kenya. “This is how we are able to treat our visitors now,” our interviewee answered, laughing as Uncle Sam slurped. The heat of the sun slipped away. The frustration I had felt as we kept searching for this woman faded. Here I was, laughing and drinking camel-milk tea miles

away from anything familiar. The profoundly meaningful was right here, if I could just sit through the flies, the bumpy roads and the uncertainty.

“The awareness that you are here, right now, is the ultimate fact.”

PIAF 2011-2012 PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

African Cashew Alliance (Ghana)
African Impact (Zambia)
African Leadership Academy (South Africa)
Baylor Bristol-Myers Squibb Children’s Centers (Botswana, Lesotho)
The BOMA Project (Kenya)
eleQtra (Uganda)
Equal Education (South Africa)
Generation Rwanda (Rwanda)
International Rescue Committee (Ethiopia, Kenya, Liberia)
Invisible Children (Uganda)
Kucetekela Foundation (Zambia)

Lutheran World Federation (Burundi, Uganda)
mothers2mothers (South Africa)
Mpala Research Centre (Kenya)
NeXii (South Africa)
Nyumbani Village (Kenya)
Olam International (Ghana)
Plan International (Uganda)
Project Mercy (Ethiopia)
Save the Children (Ethiopia, Mali)
Student Sponsorship Program (South Africa)
Ubuntu Africa (South Africa)
UN World Food Program (Benin, Ethiopia, Senegal)

WHERE DOES YOUR CHOCOLATE BAR COME FROM?

By Niklas Peters, PiAf Fellow 2011-12
Olam International, Ghana

Every new decision carries some level of uncertainty. Despite the ability to research and rely on past experience, to truly embark on something new, risk is unavoidable. Like most freshly-minted college grads, I expected my first job to be exhilarating and unnerving, but it is rare when all involved parties venture into uncharted territory. That is precisely what happened when PiAf created their first private partnership with Olam, an international agriculture company, and sent me to work in Ghana.

During my year with Olam, I've been managing a project to improve the livelihood of cocoa farmers. With Olam's Traceable Cocoa Project we have interviewed more than 9,000 farmers and are currently mapping each farm using GPS technology. Armed with the knowledge gained from this project, Olam can more effectively improve community infrastructure



Niklas with the current team that is conducting GPS mapping of the farms

(water sources, school improvements, etc.) and farmer livelihoods (by providing inputs and training programs on proper agricultural practices).

In addition to improving farmer yield and income (which, of course, also benefits the company—it is a private business after all), another goal of the project is to produce a

website that consumers can use to find out where their chocolate comes from. We aim to put a code on each bar of Olam-supplied chocolate so consumers can go online and learn about the farmer who produced the cocoa and see on an interactive map where it was grown.

This website will be one of the first of its kind. Socially-conscious chocolate lovers will be more connected to their food and can take comfort in the fact that paying a little more for chocolate is a small, but significant way to make a difference. Not only do farmers receive higher prices for cocoa used in specialty products, but their community benefits as well—all of which will be documented on the site.

Like all new things, the website (and all the work required to make it a reality) is a risk: it's a lot of time, money, and effort for a service that could fail to live up to its goals. However, if the project turns out anything like PiAf's new partnerships with Olam and other private companies doing business in Africa, it will be praised by all parties as a ground-breaking success.

A PHYSICIAN-POLICYMAKER IN TRAINING

By Michael Traynor, PiAf 2011-12
Bristol-Myers Squibb Fellow,
Baylor/Bristol-Myers Squibb International
Pediatric AIDS Initiative, Lesotho

When I landed in Maseru, I was told that I was in Lesotho, a country inside of a country, with Basotho (its people) who speak Sesotho. There was much to learn. During my time at Baylor/Bristol-Myers Squibb's International Pediatric AIDS Initiative (BIPAI) in Lesotho, I have grappled with a bilingual world of acronyms, disease, ethical dilemmas, grief, and unfamiliar perspectives. This opportunity in Lesotho has been one of the most edifying experiences of my career (and life).

Through my placement, I have assisted in HIV education, designed and implemented public health projects, and shadowed in clinics and

hospitals. In order to reach more adolescents, a Peace Corps Volunteer and I wrote a proposal for a testing and education event that targets herd boys. From as early as age five, young boys throughout Lesotho assist their families by tending livestock in rural areas of the country, leaving home for long periods of time. These young people often miss out on activities and educational opportunities related to health. The event attracted over two hundred herd boys, and the project has received



Michael with the Baylor team from Qacha's Nek

funding to continue throughout the country's remote districts.

This Fellowship has given me important insights regarding healthcare, health policy, and international aid. In the aid community, people often look to indicators of inequality to measure or estimate well-being, but illness, like poverty, is so much deeper and more complex than these numbers. Class, geography, and inequality play a large role in the health and well-being of Basotho. In conversations with patients, nurses, and doctors, I have learned much more about HIV, health, and development than I could have hoped to from books. My work here has confirmed that medicine cannot afford to only ask, what is wrong? But should question, why is it wrong? Public policy directly affects the health of populations, and its unintended consequences are not always seen or broadcast. This Fellowship has encouraged me to combine the study of medicine with the study of policy—to be a physician-policymaker.

Nairobi Retreat 2012

On February 27th, sixteen 2011-12 Princeton in Africa Fellows converged on Nairobi from across the continent, coming from as far away as South Africa and Zambia. The '11-'12 Fellows were joined by two PiAf alumnae and PiAf Program Director Stephanie Hooper for a few days of community, reflection and downright fun. Fellows had a chance to share with the group about the work they are doing through their fellowships and discuss personal challenges and goals. Erin Buchholtz, '11-'12 Fellow at African Impact in Zambia, felt "the retreat was a structured yet 'outside' time not only to reflect on my experience, but to share, learn and converse about it with the other Fellows. We had a chance to share about the atmosphere in the city/town/middle-of-nowhere placements we have, the differences between countries and companies, how we handle the working environment, and most importantly the personal journeys we've made." Mark Adams, the PiAf Fellow at Kucetekela Foundation, also in Zambia, says of the retreat, "Spending those days together discussing the highs and lows

of our individual experiences, and identifying what exactly we're taking away from them, quickly created strong bonds."

Fellows attending the Nairobi retreat also got a chance to experience some of the attractions and activities the city has to offer. They smooched giraffes and observed baby orphaned elephants being bottle fed. They shopped at the Maasai market, tasted a bit of the Nairobi nightlife, visited the waterpark, went bowling and spent quality time at one of Nairobi's nicest shopping centers, the Village Market.

Some '11-'12 Fellows who had not seen each other since orientation in May 2011 became reacquainted with one another and were reminded of the meaning of the term "fellowship." Anne Stotler of Save the Children in Ethiopia said, "getting to know the other Fellows at the retreat made me realize that I am in the company of an incredible group of people—people that will be my friends, and possibly my colleagues, for a lifetime."

PIAF 2011-2012 FELLOWS

Mark Adams (Tufts '10)
Kucetekela Foundation, Zambia

Sheila Agiti (Princeton '11)
The Class of '72 Fellow at African Leadership Academy, South Africa

Jessica Annis (Emory '09)
Ubuntu Africa, South Africa

Desiree Bailey (Georgetown '11)
EGG Foundation Fellow at Equal Education, South Africa

Ciarra Barreras (University of Montana '11)
Johnson & Johnson Fellow at Project Mercy, Ethiopia

Christine Bohne (Rice '11)
Lutheran World Federation, Burundi

Avery Brown (Stanford '11)
World Food Program, Benin

Erin Buchholtz (Princeton '11)
African Impact, Zambia

Laura Budd (Middlebury '11)
Keller Family Foundation Fellow at Mpala, Kenya

Cydnee DeToy (George Washington '09)
EGG Foundation Fellow at mothers2mothers, South Africa

Flannery Gallagher (Columbia '11)
Invisible Children, Uganda

Leah Haynesworth (Princeton '11)
Plan International, Uganda

Grace Hoerner (Princeton '11)
African Cashew Alliance, Ghana

Emma Impink (Barnard '10)
The BOMA Project, Kenya

Alec Jahncke (Tufts '10)
Segal Family Foundation Fellow at Generation Rwanda, Rwanda

Julie Kornfeld (Northwestern '11)
Lutheran World Federation, Uganda

Emily Kossow (Wesleyan '11)
Baylor/Bristol-Myers Squibb's International Pediatric AIDS Initiative, Botswana

Alicia LeClair (Whitman '11)
EGG Foundation Fellow at mothers2mothers, South Africa

Janeen Madan (Vassar '10)
UN World Food Program, Senegal

Janelle Morris (Princeton '11)
NeXii, South Africa

Kim Ostrum (Princeton '10)
International Rescue Committee, Liberia

Niklas Peters (Princeton '11)
Olam International, Ghana

Isabel Pike (Princeton '11)
UN World Food Program, Senegal

Rachel Quint (Stanford '10)
International Rescue Committee, Ethiopia

Elly Sukup (Princeton '08)
UN World Food Program, Ethiopia

Stephanie Rademeyer (Middlebury '11)
Save the Children, Mali

Amanda Ramcharan (Princeton '11)
Johnson & Johnson Fellow at Nyumbani Village, Kenya

Molly Schmalzbach (UVA '10)
EGG Foundation Fellow at mothers2mothers, South Africa

Anne Stotler (UVA '11)
Save the Children, Ethiopia

Yassi Tamdji (Georgetown '11)
Student Sponsorship Program, South Africa

Emily Trautner (Princeton '11)
Plan International, Uganda

Michael Traynor (Princeton '11)
Baylor/Bristol-Myers Squibb's International Pediatric AIDS Initiative, Lesotho

Frankie Warren (Boston College '07)
eleQtra, Uganda

Jane Yang (Princeton '11)
International Rescue Committee, Kenya

Kilimanjaro Climb 2012

A group of the '11-'12 Fellows who came together in Nairobi continued the Princeton in Africa bonding experience by heading off to Tanzania to climb Mt. Kilimanjaro together. Eight '11-'12 Fellows, PiAf Program Director Stephanie Hooper and two friends of PiAf spent 7 days climbing to the summit and back down via the Machame Route. The group of 11 climbers was joined by 5 guides, 2 cooks and 30 porters who ensured the group's success in reaching Uhuru Peak—even though the group encountered an unexpected snowstorm that left them ascending in the middle of the night through icy wind and knee-high snow drifts. The PiAf Kili climb was a display of the tenacity, grit and dedication that Princeton in Africa Fellows consistently embody in their fellowship year and in their future careers.

PIAF WELCOMES NEW PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS!

Princeton in Africa is excited to welcome new partner organizations for the 2012-13 Fellowship year:

access:energy — access:energy is piloting low-cost electricity services for rural Kenya with products and services designed, manufactured and distributed locally.

Blue Ventures — An award-winning social enterprise in Madagascar that works with local communities to conserve threatened marine and coastal environments, both protecting biodiversity and alleviating poverty.

Imani — A private economic and development consultancy firm rooted in the developing world that facilitates the process of economic growth and poverty reduction. Our Fellow will work in their office in Malawi.

Indego Africa — An innovative social enterprise that partners with women artisans in Rwanda on a fair trade basis to drive forward a sustainable, long-term solution to systemic poverty in Africa.

Maru-A-Pula — A coed, independent day and boarding secondary school in Botswana that has gained a reputation as one of Africa's premier academic institutions.

Sanergy — Sanergy permanently reduces sanitation-related diseases in Kenya's slums by making hygienic sanitation affordable, accessible, and sustainable.

Search for Common Ground — An international conflict transformation and peacebuilding NGO seeking to transform adversarial conflict into cooperative action. Our Fellow will work with SFCG in the DRC.

Village Enterprise — Village Enterprise works to equip people living in extreme poverty with the resources to create sustainable businesses. The PiAf Fellow will work in Uganda and Kenya.

Special thanks to alumni Stuart Campo, Joe Falit, and Sarah Manion, and to current Fellows Emily Kossow, Amanda Ramcharan and Jane Yang, who played key roles in helping us to establish these partnerships.

REFLECTIONS ON RWANDA FROM A DISTINGUISHED PIAF ALUM

Interview by Isabel Pike, PiAf Fellow 2011-12
World Food Program, Senegal

With Steve Feldstein, PiAf Fellow 2000-01
International Rescue Committee, Rwanda

Last year, Steve Feldstein, one of Princeton in Africa's first Fellows, returned to Rwanda on a whirlwind work visit.

Steve serves as the Director of the Office of Policy in the Bureau for Policy, Planning and Learning at the U.S. Agency for International Development. As such, the office is responsible for leading the Agency in advancing evidence-based policies and strategies to shape strategic planning and operations, providing specific policy direction on emerging issues and priority areas for USAID bureaus, missions and implementing partners, and reinvigorating USAID's leadership within the development community.

Steve was back to look at USAID's Feed the Future projects in Rwanda, where he had worked with the IRC in 2000. Though he didn't have the time to visit his old haunts, there was some nostalgia.

"In the run-up, I was focused on the work involved in the trip but when I actually touched down, the memories came back," said Steve. Despite the fact, he adds, that Kigali is almost unrecognizable to the city he knew.

As a Fellow with the IRC, Steve wrote donor reports and grant proposals, focusing on everything from the unaccompanied minors program to water/sanitation activities in support of Rwandans who had fled during the genocide and had recently returned to Rwanda.

Unlike most Fellows today, Steve's work involved virtually no email. "There was one phone line for the whole office so email happened after work, if at all," said Steve. "If I needed information, I called someone up or just got out there in the field."

At the time, one of IRC's projects was reuniting children who had been separated from their parents during the genocide. He remembers, near the beginning of his Fellowship, accompanying a child who had not seen his parents in six years back to his village.

"We were walking along a path and as we turned the corner, the child saw his mother, who began weeping. That was one of my first experiences in Rwanda," he said, adding that he still draws upon his PiAf year in his more macro-level, policy-centered work today.

Applying to Princeton in Africa, specifically the IRC Rwanda position, was a "no-brainer" for Steve, who wrote his thesis on the Rwandan genocide. "To spend a year focusing on the very issue I'd been working on, it seemed like an undue opportunity," said Steve. "I immediately applied."

But Steve still remembers the adjustment period when his year in Rwanda went from "being an idea to a reality."

"I had to come to terms that I was living in a difficult environment, unlike anything I'd experienced before, and that I had made the choice to be there," said Steve. Once he got over this mental barrier, he resolved himself to "do as much as possible to gain and learn from the experience."

In addition to meaningful work, Steve made close friends during his year. However, he lost contact with the majority of his Rwandan friends, many of whom he met through playing basketball. "Those were pre-Facebook days," he laments. He has been luckier with



Steve Feldstein, PiAf Fellow 2000-01
International Rescue Committee, Rwanda



Isabel Pike, PiAf Fellow 2011-12
World Food Program, Senegal

the development-worker friends, some of whom he has bumped into and even worked with.

After his fellowship year, Steve went to Berkeley Law School. "Since I was interested in the relationship between reconciliation and law, I wanted to get an education in it," said Steve. Though law school sharpened his analytical skills and built his ability to communicate complex situations clearly, he is still unsure whether it was the right choice to go straight away.

Steve's advice to current fellows about to finish their posts: there is no rush. "You've spent one year in Africa. Why not two?"

— Isabel Pike, who grew up in Uganda, graduated from Princeton in 2011, majoring in Anthropology. As a PiAf Fellow this past year, she has been working as the Public Information Assistant at the World Food Programme's West Africa regional office in Dakar, Senegal. She's heeding Steve's advice and plans to stay in Dakar after her fellowship, working as a programme assistant at Marie Stopes International.

Reflections From Former Fellows

"Part of growing up is becoming more yourself. As a Nigerian-American, I traveled to Botswana and learned to appreciate my Americanisms, my



AmericanNess. PiAf has marked my development as a professional, an intellectual, and a citizen of our world. It has taught me to become a better listener, learner and observer. I've added to my ethnographic repertoire how people in this part of the world view and describe things – the importance of peace, of cows, of respecting even the most dangerous of animals, the percussive of the tongue and the traditional dance steps to music that takes advantage of the natural sound one's hands, mouths and bodies make. Ke a leboga means thank you but leboga is derived from the word lebogo, in English, hand. When you thank someone you hold your hands together as though you are indeed giving them your hands. Ke a leboga PiAf for allowing my heart to see Botswana."

Mgbechi Erundu, '10-'11 Fellow at Botswana-Baylor Children's Clinical Centre of Excellence (pictured here with PiAf Board Member Evan Lieberman)



"My time in Zambia has transformed my life...I have learned more about myself than I ever could have imagined, and have grown into a confident, flexible, pragmatic, and mature individual. Work in Africa has its fair share of frustrations, but I have also learned about the amazing strength and resilience of the Zambian people, and the true power of the country's youths and their potential to change their young country. My faith in the importance of quality education, especially for those coming from vulnerable backgrounds, has been solidified, and I can see myself fighting on behalf of this issue for the remainder of my life (both in Africa and at home)."

Jamie Nadeau, '10-'11 Fellow at Kucetekela Foundation

Alumni Updates

John Arndt
PiAf 2009-10
Invisible Children, Uganda

For my PiAf fellowship, I served as Invisible Children's monitoring and evaluation officer from 2009-2010 in Gulu, Uganda. I then moved to Berkeley, CA where I waited tables and made lattes in a classical music record shop. Then I walked from Mexico to Canada along the Pacific Crest Trail. That took 5 months. I am currently working as a short term volunteer consultant for TechnoServe in Kampala creating risk management plans for dairy farmer cooperatives. My contract ends next week. Seeking to transition out of development work, office jobs and Western civilization in general, I am currently searching for seasonal labor as a wilderness steward or farmhand. In my spare time, I am dealing with a lot of existential angst.

I hope all are well and enjoying life post-fellowship!

Byron Austin
PiAf 2009-10
mothers2mothers, South Africa

I stayed on with mothers2mothers for another 1.5 years. After moving back to NY at the end of 2011, I continue to consult for m2m here from US and recently started working with a couple of other Princeton alums at a venture-backed start-up in Brooklyn. The venture seeks to connect social enterprises with investors and other entrepreneurs.

Becca Balis
PiAf 2010-11
IRC, Liberia

After extending my stay in Liberia to work on child protection emergency response with Ivorian refugees, I flew over to Haiti, where I'm working for the IRC on children and youth programming. Planning a few months of travel (always), while searching for the next thing - heading back East to try to pick up some Arabic and continue humanitarian work somewhere new!

Oliver Barry
PiAf 2005-06
Africare, Zambia

The most exciting update is that I got married in October to Christian Lynch and we are incredibly happy and excited. Our wedding had a definite PiAf influence as Rev. Frank Strasburger, one of PiAf's founders, officiated the ceremony in Lakeville, CT. Christie and I are now living in New York, where she works as an interior designer. I am graduating from medical school in May and will start my

residency (Pediatrics) in June at Columbia here in New York. Additionally, I have continued my work at Kucetekela Foundation (www.kucetekelafoundation.org) in Lusaka, Zambia and our program continues to develop and strengthen. We are currently working with our third PiAf Fellow at Kucetekela and will start with another new Fellow this summer!

David Bartels
PiAf 2006-07
**Baylor International Pediatric HIV/
AIDS Initiative, Lesotho**

I am in my final year at Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA. I am applying for residencies soon and planning a return to southern Africa in the next year before graduation for a clinical/research elective.

Louise Beryl
PiAf 2005-06
Tanzanian Children's Fund, Tanzania

I was a Fellow with the Tanzanian Children's Fund/Rift Valley Children's Village in 2005 living at an orphanage and teaching at a primary school. Afterwards, I was a French Teacher in a New York City Public School. I then started a PhD in Anthropology and Education at Teachers College, Columbia University. I did my Master's research back in Tanzania. And now I'm working on my dissertation. I'm studying family literacy practices among East and Central African immigrants outside of Boston.

Allie Bream
PiAf 2010-11
WFP, Ethiopia

I am currently working in NYC at One Acre Fund, a social enterprise that invests in farmers in rural Kenya, Rwanda, and Burundi to generate a permanent gain in income.

Hannah Burnett
PiAf 2010-11
mothers2mothers, South Africa

I am currently a Global Health Corps Fellow, working as the Development and Advocacy Coordinator at Tiyatien Health, an organization rebuilding rural healthcare in Liberia. I am based in Boston, MA.

Damon Clark
PiAf 2001-02
IRC, Somaliland

I am currently pursuing my postdoc in Neurobiology at Stanford University.

Sam Clendon
PiAf 2008-09
WFP, Mauritania

Following my PiAf fellowship, I have stayed with WFP - I spent the next two and half years as an emergency programme officer with the WFP Yemen office, initially working with populations displaced by the civil wars in northern Yemen before expanding to focus on social safety net programming for populations impacted by the year long civil insurrection resulting from the prolonged Arab spring. The latter half of 2011 was spent working under a siege mentality as the protests brought heavy fighting into Yemen's main cities, with particularly fierce clashes in Sana'a from May to October. I am leaving Yemen at the end of April to take up a position with WFP Sudan in May again working on non-food based interventions and social safety nets.

To anyone passing through Khartoum later this year, don't hesitate.

Adrienne Clermont
PiAf 2009-10
World Food Program, Benin

I am currently a Program Manager at the International Youth Foundation (IYF), based in Baltimore, working on youth employability programs in the Middle East and North Africa. I'm lucky to have the opportunity to travel regularly for work (including Palestine, Jordan, Algeria, and Tunisia) but sadly have not had the opportunity to return to West Africa since the end of my fellowship. I'm really enjoying living in the Baltimore/DC area and continuing to be involved in the international development sector.

Devan Darby
PiAf 2006-07
Botswana-Harvard Partnership, Botswana

I'm living in Boston, finishing up my 3rd year at Harvard Medical School, thinking about what I want to do when I grow up--likely either Anesthesia, Pediatrics, or a combo!

Page Dykstra
PiAf 2006-07
IRI, South Sudan

After my fellowship I spent three years working for the Revenue Watch Institute, an NGO that aims to increase transparency in the oil and mining sectors internationally. Living in New York and London made me miss Africa though, so I quit my job to come on a five-month overland trip from Cape Town to Nairobi with my partner, Jason Brooks. We're currently in Kigali visiting PiAf Fellow Alec and making a short video for his organization, Generation

Rwanda...it should be up on our blog soon (www.opticalism.com/travels).

Joe Falit
PiAf 2007-08
Jacana, Mozambique

I was a Fellow with Jacana in Maputo, Mozambique 2007-08 where I worked on logistics within the humanitarian space. While a Master in Public Policy student I went back to Africa for a summer and worked with Imani Development (an economic development consultancy) in Blantyre, Malawi. Post Masters I spent a short time working in government consulting for Grant Thornton's Global Public Sector practice in Washington DC, and I now work in retail banking strategy and analytics at JPMorgan Chase in New York.

Erin K. Ferencick
PiAf 2000-01
IRC, Somaliland

I finished my residency in Family Medicine at Columbia University Medical Center in New York City in June 2011. I am currently living in Geneva, Switzerland with my husband and working as a consultant in international health.

Katie Camille Friedman
PiAf 2010-11
2iE, Burkina Faso

I am in a masters of environmental engineering program at the University of North Carolina - Gillings School of Global Public Health. My research is focused on household water treatment for developing countries, and I will most likely travel to Southeast Asia for field testing. Also, I have been working with a couple of people to develop a business plan so that the water filter project I set up in Burkina can move from the research stage to the real world.

Lisa Frist
PiAf 2006-07
Jacana, Mozambique

As a PiAf Fellow I worked for Jacana in Maputo, Mozambique from 2006-07 doing disaster relief. I stayed on for another year working for Samaritan's Purse doing both flood relief and community development. After getting an MBA/MPA I am now with the Boston Consulting Group where I have worked with the Gates Foundation and the World Health Organization on their Global Plan for Artemisinin Resistance Containment for malaria. I am currently in the Boston office but may soon be transferring to the Washington D.C office.

Emily Harris
PiAf 2006-07
Plan International, Uganda

After a year in Washington DC working on global health policy with the Kaiser Family Foundation I moved to Nairobi, Kenya and joined Population Services International (PSI) as a Malaria Associate. Based in Kenya, I traveled to several countries (including Nigeria, Congo, Cambodia) for three-month assignments focusing on technical malaria prevention and treatment in line with the Global Fund. In February 2010 I moved to Monrovia, Liberia and worked in PSI's newest country office as the Malaria and Child Survival Senior Coordinator for two years. I'm still living in Monrovia, but am now consulting for

of the private, public and social sectors. I recently returned to Tanzania (where I spent my fellowship year) to work with the Aspen Institute on a commercial agriculture project.

Adam Herling
PiAf 2007-08
One Acre Fund, Kenya

I'm about to graduate law school and will begin a clerkship this fall with Judge Seymour on the 10th Circuit in Tulsa, Oklahoma. I look forward to getting back to East Africa soon!

Shahrzad Joharifard
PiAf 2005-06
IRC, DRC

I'm finally graduating from medical school and gearing up to begin 7 years of general surgery residency at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver. I was very fortunate to spend a significant portion of medical school in various parts of Africa, including my entire third year in Rwanda, where Helaina Stein (PiAf Generation Rwanda 2010-11) and I met over a sundowner. More recently, I completed a trauma rotation in Soweto and had a fantastic reunion dinner in Johannesburg with Steve Porter '04 (PiAf mothers2mothers 2004-06). My long term goal remains to return full-time to the DRC once I've finished training -- hopefully with a much broader skill set than I had at 21!

Ritu Kamal
PiAf 2007-08
mothers2mothers, South Africa

I'm currently living and working in Tucson, AZ. I work for a large pharmaceutical company focused on research into new cancer diagnostics.

Frances Kim
PiAf 2002-04
Quantitative Literacy Programme, South Africa

Since my 2-year fellowship with PiAf, I've been a little all over the place. After traveling around the world for about 4 months, I returned to the US and was an AmeriCorps/MATCHCorps Fellow for a year (2004-05) at MATCH Charter High School in Boston, tutoring 5 students every day. I then put my Princeton Teacher Prep teaching certificate to use and taught 6th grade math in San Diego for 2 years at a private school. In 2007, I went home to Ann Arbor to get my law degree at Michigan Law, focusing the latter half of my time there on my work with the Michigan Innocence Clinic. I graduated

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"Without exaggerating, I can say that I have had a firsthand role in contributing to Rwanda's post-genocide rebuilding and redevelopment efforts. As the PiAf fellow at Generation Rwanda, I have seen what the real face of post-conflict reconstruction is: it is teaching a student who lost her entire family in the genocide skills in leadership and entrepreneurship that she will use to improve her situation and the situation of her country. It is coordinating and facilitating group research projects in which groups of motivated university students have the chance to think critically, conduct research, and find solutions to challenges currently facing Rwanda. It is encouraging vulnerable and orphaned genocide survivors to dream and envision their future as the drivers of Rwanda's development and social reconciliation."

Helaina Stein, '10-'11 Fellow at Generation Rwanda

the Clinton Health Access Initiative (CHAI) focusing on malaria diagnostics, policy and implementation at the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare. I've had the pleasure of meeting many PiAf Fellows over the last 6 years, and I look forward to continuing to mentor new Fellows this summer.

Anne Healy
PiAf 2004-05
Friends of Tanzanian Schools

I am finishing a joint JD and MPA/ID at Harvard Law School and the Harvard Kennedy School this May and joining the Washington, DC office of McKinsey & Co., where I plan to work on a variety of projects at the intersection

in 2010 and am now in DC working as an associate at Williams & Connolly, a litigation firm. I am contemplating a move to work more permanently in the Innocence field but am expecting a baby girl in July so I am focusing on that right now!

Hilary Lambert
PiAf 2010-11
Invisible Children, Uganda

I am currently working at Rockefeller University (NYC) in a neuroscience lab that looks at the effects of anxiety/stress on the brain, specifically during early childhood development and during aging. I am considering a career in clinical psychology and am very interested about how psychology can be applied in an international development context.

Theresa Laverty
PiAf 2010-11
Mpala, Kenya

Since finishing up my year at Mpala, I've been bouncing to biological research stations around the world bit by bit. I spent two months last summer working for a Ph.D. student in Yellowstone National Park on a project that is investigating how red squirrels affect the ability of lodgepole pine trees to recover after fire. In mid-September, I moved back to Mpala for five months where I worked for Princeton EEB professor, Dan Rubenstein, and a post-doc on rangeland and restoration ecology projects. At the end of February, I moved from Kenya to Uganda to begin working under Dr. Martha Robbins of the Max Planck Institute in Leipzig, Germany. For the next year, I will be assisting her project by collecting behavioral data on one group of habituated mountain gorillas in Bwindi Impenetrable National Park.

Yuting Lien
PiAf 2006-08
African Leadership Academy, South Africa

Following my PiAf fellowship I did some consulting for Ashoka, an organization that funds and supports social entrepreneurs. I then worked for two years at Endeavor, an organization that supports entrepreneurs in emerging markets. I'm now in my first year at the Stanford Graduate School of Business. This summer I will be interning at Dalberg Global Development Advisors.

Iming Lin
PiAf 2003-05
Treatment Action Campaign, South Africa

During and after my fellowship I completed my Masters in Health Economics at the U. of Cape Town, managed PEPFAR funded projects at the Infectious Diseases Unit at a secondary level public hospital (GF Jooste) in Cape Town, and worked with a number of other HIV/AIDS

NGOs. In 2011, I co-founded Thrive (www.thrive.org.za), a social enterprise incubator in Cape Town working in the areas of waste, energy, water, local food, and biodiversity. We recently won the UN SEED awards and are a finalist in the 2012 Deutsche Bank Urban Age Awards. Oh, and my slowly growing, slightly nutty urban home is expanding to include numerous bee hives, 5 chickens, 3 dogs, 2 cats, and a number of other visitors.

Lindsey Locks
PiAf 2007-08
World Food Programme, Uganda

After my fellowship, I stayed in Africa and worked for the Clinton Foundation in Tanzania, and later worked for Helen Keller International in Nepal. In September 2012, I started my doctorate at the Harvard School of Public Health in Nutritional Epidemiology. My research is on under-nutrition in infants and young children, and I am hoping to go back to Uganda or Tanzania at some point in the near future!

Case Martin
PiAf 2010-11
IRC, South Sudan

After my experience in South Sudan last year, I worked with the International Rescue Committee's domestic refugee resettlement program back home in Dallas for the summer. In the fall, I then started my Master's in African Studies degree at the University of Oxford. I have loved living in England, and the program provided the opportunity to return to Juba, South Sudan to conduct research for my thesis on the development of health care priorities - a topic in which I became interested while working with IRC South Sudan's primary and community health programs in 2010-2011. After I complete this program, I will return to the United States to begin medical school.

N. "Chinook" McLean
PiAf 2002-03
Right to Play/UNHCR, Uganda

I bought my first condo (ever!) near my work base in West Kelowna in the Okanagan Valley, BC, Canada. Flying for Valhalla Helicopters doing forestry contracts and Heli-Wine Tours. Excited for my 10th reunion at Princeton this year!

Amaka Megwalu
PiAf 2006-07
IRC, DRC

I started law school directly after my fellowship and graduated in 2010. I clerked on the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (Philadelphia) for a year afterwards and started working with Shearman & Sterling, LLP's DC office afterwards. I'm in the International Arbitration Group.

Marilyn Michelow
PiAf 2007-08
WFP, Namibia

I'm finishing medical school at Weill Cornell Medical College in NYC and will be moving to Boston this summer to start my residency in internal medicine at Brigham and Women's Hospital. I've been back to Africa a few times since my fellowship, most recently to Tanzania this winter for a six week medical rotation in Moshi.

Mary Reid Munford
PiAf 2010-11
African Impact, Zambia

I'm about to start teaching middle school English at KIPP Believe in New Orleans this coming school year. I'm excited to see how some of the leadership skills I developed in Zambia translate to the classroom!

Jamie Nadeau
PiAf 2010-11
Kucetekela Foundation, Zambia

I am currently working at: The Opportunity Network (<http://opportunitynetwork.org/>), in New York, NY.

Carolyn Pichert
PiAf 2006-07
IRC, Tanzania

After my PiAf fellowship with IRC Tanzania, I moved to Chicago. I got Master's degrees in International Relations and Public Policy from the University of Chicago and took a job doing oversight with the Inspector General for the Department of Health and Human Services (Federal government, based in Chicago). I've been doing this for 3 years now, honing my program evaluation skills and research/writing skills. I'm definitely starting to feel up for a new challenge professionally! I love Chicago. I have taken bunches of improv classes and performed at various venues around town (iO Theater, Second City, bars all over the city - and anyone coming to Reunions this year should make plans to come to a special Quipfire Improv Comedy 20 year reunion show!! It will probably be Saturday night).

After working with IRC and Burundian refugees in Tanzania, I gained a real sense of pull towards refugee communities. Right now my favorite thing to do is the volunteering I do a few times per month with recently resettled refugee teenagers to play theater games and improv games for the purpose of empowerment, confidence building, English practice, etc (It's really great to see the stage becoming a 'safe space' for these kids!). I do this with Catholic Charities (a resettlement agency in Chicago).

Arthur Plews
PiAf 2006-07
UNFPA, Senegal

I'm currently living and working in Washington, D.C. After graduating from law school last year, I took the New York bar over the summer, then started a year-long fellowship at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations (Washington office). At USUN, I work on African policy and human rights issues, among other things.

Sangeeta Campos Puri
PiAf 2001-02
IRC, Tanzania

I graduated Princeton way back in 2001, and I was a PiAf Fellow from 2001 to 2002. I worked as a Grants Officer for IRC-Tanzania where I had the opportunity to live and work in Kigoma, Kibondo, and Dar es Salaam. I will always treasure my experience, and I continue to keep in touch with close friends from Tanzania.

After PiAf, I returned to Los Angeles for a bit, then I went to law school in San Francisco. I got my JD in 2007, decided to go international again, and went to work as a Legal Officer/ Investigator for the United Nations International Commission Against Impunity in Guatemala. During my four year stint in Guatemala, I fell in love to an amazing guy, and we got married in September 2010.

At the end of 2011, we decided to wrap up our lives in Guatemala and move to the US. Right now we are in Dallas, Texas, and loving it! I'm trying out a new career as an Executive Recruiter specializing in Accounting and Finance.

Hilary Robinson
PiAf 2007-08
Plan International, Uganda

I loved my fellowship with Plan so much that I stayed with the organization for another year before moving to New York to work at Children's Rights, a national advocacy group working to reform child welfare systems across the country. I spent a year there before moving to Nashville to attend Vanderbilt Law School, where I am currently a 2L. I have absolutely loved Vandy, and was fortunate enough to return to Kampala last summer to work as a Legal Aid Intern at the Uganda Law Society. I will be spending the upcoming summer working at Fensterstock, a small litigation firm in New York, and then have another year of school to complete before deciding my next move.

Amy Saltzman
PiAf 2005-06
mothers2mothers, South Africa

I am currently living in Cape Town with fellow mothers2mothers Fellow, Steve Porter. Steve and I are getting married in Ohio in June 2012 and then in Cape Town in December 2012. We moved back to Cape Town in July for work. I am conducting my doctoral dissertation research on care-seeking among HIV- and TB-infected Xhosa-speaking labor migrants moving between the Eastern Cape and areas around Cape Town. I am in the middle of an MD/PhD program in clinical medicine and social/medical anthropology. We are loving being back in South Africa!

Michael Scharff
PiAf 2008-09
IRC, Uganda

Shortly after my fellowship ended I moved to Cambodia where I conducted research for a program at Georgetown University on the contributions of faith-inspired organizations to the development scene. I'm now back at Princeton with Innovations for Successful Societies, a public policy center in the Woodrow Wilson School that tells the stories of reform leaders who have been able to build strong institutions in challenging places around the globe.

Abigail Smith
PiAf 2009-10
Plan International, Uganda

I started medical school at UT Southwestern in Dallas, TX right after finishing my fellowship and am currently finishing my second year. I haven't been able to go back to Uganda or anywhere in Africa since starting medical school, but I've been to Haiti twice as the leader of a group of students and physicians that travels to Pont Sonde, Haiti every March to staff a clinic. Hopefully I'll be able to go back to Uganda on a hospital rotation during my fourth year!

Helaina Stein
PiAf 2010-11
Generation Rwanda, Rwanda

For my PiAf fellowship I worked with Generation Rwanda as a program assistant in Kigali, Rwanda from 2010-2011. I decided to stay longer in the land of a thousand hills and found a position with Eos Visions, a social enterprise that facilitates professional and education exchanges, capacity building training programs, and educational travel while contributing to local development initiatives. I've been with Eos Visions for 6 months building local partnerships, being the liaison to government ministries, conducting research for new tours, and developing new capacity building training programs. I will be

leaving Rwanda at the end of this month to move to DC and join the U.S. Foreign Service as a junior political officer. I hope to find myself back in the Great Lakes/East Africa region very soon.

Hannah Tappis
PiAf 2004-05
IRC, Tanzania

I worked for IRC for four more years before returning to the US for grad school. I am currently completing research for a doctorate in public health at Johns Hopkins University and working as an independent consultant on maternal health projects in South Sudan, Afghanistan and Pakistan.

If any PiAfers are passing through Baltimore, definitely let me know.

Ariel Wagner
PiAf 2009-10
IRC, Liberia

I am currently in my third year of medical school at Harvard.

Alyson Zureick
PiAf 2007-2008
IRC, Sierra Leone

I did my PiAf fellowship with International Rescue Committee in Sierra Leone 2007-08. After my fellowship, I moved back to New York to work at the Center for Reproductive Rights in their International Legal Program. There I worked on a range of UN advocacy initiatives to promote access to reproductive healthcare and to counter human rights abuses around the world. I am now in my first year at NYU Law, where I am a Root-Tilden-Kern scholar, and I will be returning to Africa this summer as an intern at the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights in Nairobi.

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“Princeton in Africa turned my world upside down in the best way possible. It challenged me to think differently about international aid, expat life, the UN, my career, my lifestyle and my passions. People often say you “find yourself” when you go abroad. In many ways I feel like I lost myself - my aspirations, values and beliefs. But in doing so I found a new person, more mature and thoughtful about what I want out of my life and more realistic about how I can contribute to the international community.”

Allie Bream, '10-'11 Fellow at UN World Food Programme, Ethiopia

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