

# Mallory Durkin, OHM

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## EDUCATION

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### One Health Master's

The University of Alaska Fairbanks, College of Indigenous Studies **Fairbanks, AK**  
GPA: 4.0 | Concentration: Co-Production of Knowledge, Community-Based Science

### Bachelor of Arts in International Affairs, Concentration: Global Public Health

The George Washington University, Elliott School of International Affairs **Washington, DC**  
GPA 3.90/4.0 | Graduated with Special Honors | summa cum laude | Minors: Anthropology & French

## RESEARCH INTERESTS

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Community-based public health intervention design and implementation  
One Health systems and environmental determinants of health  
Co-production of knowledge with communities  
Food sovereignty, food security, and culturally grounded food cultivation practices  
Evaluation and improvement of food assistance programs (SNAP, WIC, tribal/community-led systems)  
Urban public health challenges, including HIV/AIDS prevention, PrEP access, and sexual health equity  
Mixed-methods research incorporating both qualitative and quantitative approaches  
Global health equity, community wellness, and applied public health research

## SELECT RESEARCH PROJECTS

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### *Alaska Native Successful Aging (2025)*

Principal Investigator: Dr. Jordan P. Lewis, PhD

- Connected with Alaska Native Elders across the Interior region, in collaboration with Elder advocacy groups, to explore culturally grounded definitions and themes of successful aging.
- Co-creating culturally relevant materials, including a traditional recipe-based cookbook, integrating insights on how food supports physical, emotional, and spiritual wellbeing among Interior Alaska Native communities.

### *A Community-Based Assessment of Tribal Community Garden Sustainability in Rural Alaska (2025)*

Advisors: Dr. Jordan P. Lewis, PhD & Dr. Lena Thompson, PhD

- Conducted interviews across 22 rural communities and 10 relevant organizations
- Developed and utilized system-wide mapping tools for data analysis
- Designed 3 stakeholder-specific interview guides
- Created an action plan with communication structures, an outcomes assessment, and a sustainability plan to promote continuous data collection & technical support procedures for early-stage Indigenous farmers

### *Nekiuryaraq— The Art of Preparing Food (2024)*

Principal Investigators: Dr. Andrea Bersamin, PhD & Brian Leffers, MPH

- Conducted stakeholder interviews to assess food security challenges and opportunities in the YK Delta region
- Analyzed literature and food assistance programs to inform community-led intervention strategies
- Supported the planning, development, and pilot testing of structural interventions aimed at improving food sovereignty and health equity in Indigenous communities

### *Cultivation in Alaska & the Circumpolar North (2025)*

Advisor: Dr. Alisa Alexander, MD

- Examined the history and evolution of cultivation across Alaska and the broader Circumpolar North as a food sovereignty tool, with emphasis on Alaska Native communities.
- Incorporated oral histories, academic research, and firsthand interviews to highlight the intersections of environmental, social, and cultural factors influencing agriculture in rural Alaska.
- Engaged in community-based research, including conversations with Elders.
- Analyzed traditional ecological knowledge and Indigenous-led practices as tools for food sovereignty and resilience in Arctic and sub-Arctic regions.

*“The Republic of NGOs”: A Scoping Review of Mental Health Care Infrastructure and Foreign Assistance in Haiti After the 2010 Earthquake* (2023)

Advisor: Dr. Donaldson Conserve, PhD

- 13,000-word literature review analyzing the impact of foreign aid and NGO-led interventions on Haiti’s mental health system post-2010 earthquake
- Synthesized 58 sources; identified gaps in sustainability and coordination across initiatives

*Adapting a community-based intervention to address social determinants of health influencing pre-exposure prophylaxis services for Black adults in Washington, District of Columbia* (2023)

Principal Investigators: Dr. Donaldson Conserve, PhD, Dr. Weimar Tun, PhD, & Dr. DeMarc Hickson, PhD

- Conducted interviews with healthcare providers, local nonprofits, and at-risk Black adults to assess barriers to pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) services in Washington, D.C.
- Assisted in coordinating research activities, including data collection and scheduling, to support study protocol development.
- Contributed to administrative tasks, ensuring smooth project operations and facilitating communication between stakeholders and team members.

*Health Policy Memorandum: Reducing Institutionalization Rates for Medicaid Patients with Schizophrenia in Pennsylvania* (2022)

Advisor: Lara Cartwright-Smith, JD

- Authored a comprehensive policy memo to PA Governor Tom Wolf recommending state-level reforms to reduce hospitalization and incarceration and recidivism rates among Medicaid patients with schizophrenia
- Analyzed cost-effectiveness and feasibility of interventions like the RARE Campaign, PIER early intervention programs, and Medicaid reimbursement policy amendments

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE IN HIGHER EDUCATION**

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**Pacific Lutheran University**

**Associate Director of Pre-Health Advising**

**Tacoma, WA**

**December 2025 - Present**

**University of Alaska Fairbanks**

**Enrollment Coordinator, Nanook Advising**

**Fairbanks, AK + Remote (Tacoma, WA)**

**May 2025 - November 2025**

- Provide holistic academic and career advising to pre-health, allied health, and pre-professional students, including guidance on course planning, application strategy, personal statements, and interview preparation.

-Coordinate student lifecycle from recruitment through degree completion, interfacing with Admissions, Registrar, and Student Success offices.

- Maintain and analyze data in Banner, Salesforce, Navigate 360, and OnBase; produce reports on retention, placement, and outcomes to inform program improvement.

- Liaise with faculty advisors, mentoring and training them to ensure high-quality advising experiences.

**Student Support Specialist & Career Advisor, Career Services**

**August 2024 - October 2025**

- Acted as interim department lead under supervision of Associate Vice Provost of Student Success, overseeing daily operations, compliance, and cross-unit coordination.

- Mentored and trained two post-baccalaureate fellows, new directors, and student employees in advising, career services, and operational workflows.
- Served as one-on-one advisor for hundreds of students, supporting pre-health and career pathway planning, mock interviews, and application preparation.
- Organized 13+ large-scale career fairs connecting students with health sector employers and experiential learning pipelines.
- Led outreach and marketing campaigns to increase student engagement in advising programs, particularly for rural, commuter, and nontraditional students.
- Founded Nanook Career Closet to provide access to professional attire for students.

**University of Alaska System**

**Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, AK**

***Marketing & Program Developing Fellow, Career Services***

**October 2023 - July 2024**

- Coordinated student success and career readiness initiatives across three universities, frequently traveling between campuses to deliver workshops, trainings, and programming.
- Redesigned student-facing career and academic resource websites for clarity, accessibility, and ADA compliance.
- Produced outreach campaigns that engaged 3,000+ students across the state, emphasizing access for rural, commuter, and nontraditional learners.
- Facilitated in-person and virtual programming that connected students with career exploration resources and employer partners.

**The George Washington University Office of Student Affairs**

**Washington, DC**

***Orientation Leader***

**May 2020 - September 2021**

- Mentored and advised 30+ new students annually, supporting transition into higher education with an emphasis on first-generation and transfer students.
- Facilitated workshops on resource navigation, academic success, and community-building for groups of 2,500+ students.
- Supported policy compliance and served as a first point of contact for student concerns, including disclosure response and Title IX protocols.

**HEALTH-RELATED EXPERIENCE**

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**Center for One Health Research**

**Fairbanks, AK + Remote (Tacoma, WA)**

***Public Health Research Technician***

**February 2025 - November 2025**

- Coordinated workshops and stakeholder meetings with health and community partners, advancing initiatives in public health, nutrition, and sustainability.
- Collaborated with students and faculty on research projects, providing mentoring in culturally competent interviewing and data collection practices.
- Pitched and implemented experiential learning opportunities for students and early-career professionals in health-related research, interviewing and supporting Alaska Native Elders at the local nonprofit Denakkanaga.

***One Health Intern***

**August 2024 - December 2024**

- Created resources to improve food assistance access in rural Alaska.
- Assisted in grant writing and program proposals to support underserved populations.

**Institute of Arctic Biology | Center for Alaska Native Health Research**

**Fairbanks, AK**

***Research Technician***

**January 2024 - January 2025**

- Partnered with Tribal health and social service organizations to support community-led initiatives on food security and well-being.
- Produced actionable insights to improve access to health resources, particularly in rural and underserved communities.

**Milken Institute STEP (Self-Testing Education and Promotion) Lab**

**Washington, DC**

**Administrative Assistant**

**September 2022 - May 2023**

- Designed 6 key informant interview guides and conducted interviews with stakeholders
- Handled administrative duties for a research team to develop a community-based intervention related to PrEP
- Created presentations for graduate course sessions and conferences on CFIR framework for the lab

**PUBLICATIONS**

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**Durkin, M.,** Adams, V., McConnell, S., Thompson, L., & Lewis, J. P. (2025). *Denakkanaaga Community Cookbook: Traditional Foods & Cultural Knowledge from Interior Alaska Elders* [Community report / co-produced project]. University of Alaska Fairbanks Center for One Health Research; Denakkanaaga Inc. Supported by USDA NIFA ANNH Grant #2023-38470-40825. Distributed to Tribal community partners. (*In-progress*).

Fleagle, E., Griffin, B., Huntington, B., Chanar, P., Kim, S., Thompson, L., Asquith-Heinz, Z., Pederson, M., Nagawbo Budreau, J., Evans, T., Kremin, A., Hunt Kush Tlein Tl'aa, M., Warrick, J.M., Wang, S., Adams, H., **Durkin, M.,** Martin, T., Webb, D., Yoshikawa, M., Lewis, JP.. *Alaska Native Successful Aging Study: Interior* [Community report]. Center for One Health Research, University of Alaska Fairbanks. Funded by NSF Grant #2102294. Distributed to Tribal community partners.

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Conserve, D., Tun, W., Hickson, D., Gomez-Berrosi, J., Rinola, B., **Durkin, M.,** Janson, M., Saleeban, A., Olughu, K., Morris, C., Buchanan, C., Pulerwitz, Kerrigan, D. (2023). *Adapting a community-based intervention to address social determinants of health influencing pre-exposure prophylaxis services for Black adults in Washington, District of Columbia*. PLOS ONE. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0290631>

**Durkin M.** The “Republic of NGOs”: A Scoping Review of Mental Health Care Infrastructure and Foreign Assistance in Haiti After the 2010 Earthquake. *Himmelfarb Health Sciences Research Commons*. 2023. [https://hsrc.himmelfarb.gwu.edu/gw\\_research\\_showcase/2023/SPH/2/](https://hsrc.himmelfarb.gwu.edu/gw_research_showcase/2023/SPH/2/)

**LANGUAGES**

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English (Native) | French (B1)

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