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EDUCATION

The University of Alaska Fairbanks

Fairbanks, AK

Master's, One Health | Concentration: Co-Production of Knowledge

GPA: 4.0 | Capstone: *A community-based assessment of tribal community garden sustainability in rural Alaska*

The George Washington University

Washington, DC

Bachelor of Arts, International Affairs, Global Public Health | Minors in French & Anthropology

GPA: 3.90, summa cum laude | Elliott School of International Affairs Special Honors

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Community-based public health intervention design, implementation, and program evaluation
- Higher education advising systems, student belonging, structural navigation, and equity in STEM pathways
- One Health frameworks, environmental determinants of health, and climate resilience in Arctic regions
- Co-production of knowledge, Indigenous research methodologies, and community-engaged inquiry
- Tribal food sovereignty, community food security, and evaluation of food assistance programs (SNAP, WIC, tribal systems)
- Institutional capacity building, cross-institutional partnerships, and translating research into organizational practice
- Urban health equity, social determinants of health, HIV/AIDS prevention, and PrEP access
- Mixed-methods research incorporating qualitative interviewing, quantitative mapping, and institutional data analytics

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Pacific Lutheran University

Tacoma, WA

Associate Director of Pre-Health Advising

December 2025 - Present

- Serve as inaugural Associate Director, building PLU's centralized Pre-Health Sciences Advising program, directing an advising team composed of 4 faculty advisors and 1 Academic Dean, establishing standardized advising protocols, application cycle tracking, and student outcome benchmarks.
- Bridge the College of Natural Sciences and the College of Health Professions, reporting directly to 2 Academic Deans.
- Provide comprehensive pre-professional advising, entry exam planning, personal statement revisions, and graduate admissions support for 150+ students and alumni annually across medicine (MD/DO), dentistry, PA, nursing, pharmacy, vet, PT, OT, and optometry tracks.
- Supervise, mentor, and direct a team of 5 student leaders to execute university-wide STEM programming.
- Establish standardized longitudinal tracking of prospective, current, and former pre-health students, utilizing institutional data (AIS, UAP, Banner) to track outcomes (71.6% medical school acceptance rate, 77.8% first-time DO acceptance rate).
- Lead institutional outreach and pathway development in collaboration with Undergraduate Admission, academic departments, healthcare partners, and regional community colleges.
- Broker a strategic partnership with Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences (PNWU) to establish a PLU-hosted graduate medical sciences bridge program.

University of Alaska Fairbanks

Fairbanks, AK + Remote (Tacoma, WA)

Enrollment Coordinator, Nanook Advising

May 2025 - December 2025

- Designed standardized enrollment communication systems supporting outreach to 10,000+ prospective students.
- Managed student data systems (Banner, Salesforce, Navigate, OnBase) to improve reporting and operational efficiency.
- Co-led process improvement initiatives during organizational transition across enrollment and advising units.
- Supervised and trained student employees while documenting workflows to support operational continuity.

Program Coordinator & Career Advisor, Career Services

August 2024 - December 2025

- Served as interim operational lead during departmental transition supporting Career Services and advising operations.
- Advised hundreds of students on graduate education, career planning, and experiential learning pathways.
- Directed 13 employer engagement programs connecting students with healthcare and workforce partners.
- Founded Nanook Career Closet, securing partnerships to address professional clothing equity.
- Led outreach strategy increasing student engagement by 156%.

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University of Alaska System (UAA, UAS, UAF)

Anchorage, Fairbanks, Juneau, AK

Alaska Fellow, Marketing & Program Development Lead

October 2023 - July 2024

- Coordinated system-wide student success and career readiness initiatives across three universities serving diverse student populations
- Led system-wide website redesign and digital accessibility initiatives to ensure full ADA/WCAG compliance and streamlined navigation.
- Developed outreach campaigns and student-facing resources reaching more than 3,000 students statewide.
- Facilitated virtual and in-person programming connecting students with employers, advisors, and institutional resources.
- Collaborated across departments and campuses to support strategic communication and student engagement efforts.

RESEARCH, ASSESSMENT & COMMUNITY-ENGAGED EXPERIENCE

Center for One Health Research

Fairbanks, AK

Public Health Research Technician & Graduate Student Intern

August 2024 - October 2025

- **Tribal Community Garden Sustainability Assessment (Master's Capstone):** Executed a community-based assessment across 22 rural Alaska communities and 10 regional organizations (advisors: Dr. Jordan P. Lewis & Dr. Lena Thompson); designed 3 stakeholder-specific qualitative interview guides, system-wide data mapping tools, and actionable sustainability frameworks for early-stage Indigenous growers.
- **Alaska Native Successful Aging Study (NSF Grant #2102294):** Partnered with Interior Alaska Native Elders and Tribal advocacy organizations under PI Dr. Jordan P. Lewis to examine culturally grounded frameworks of healthy aging; conducted qualitative interviews and co-created community-facing materials, including a traditional recipe cookbook integrating physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being.
- **Circumpolar Cultivation & Food Sovereignty Review:** Analyzed historical and contemporary agricultural practices across sub-Arctic regions under Dr. Alisa Alexander; synthesized oral histories, traditional ecological knowledge, and qualitative interviews focusing on climate resilience in rural Alaska Native communities.

Institute of Arctic Biology | Center for Alaska Native Health Research (CANHR)
Research Technician

Fairbanks, AK

January 2024 - Present

- **NIH ComPASS Initiative (*Neqkiuryaraq—The Art of Preparing Food*, Grant #1OT2OD035835-01):** Assessed food security challenges and structural interventions in the Yukon-Kuskokwim Delta with PIs Dr. Andrea Bersamin and Brian Leffers; conducted qualitative stakeholder interviews and literature analyses evaluating tribal food assistance programs and community-led health equity interventions.
- **Research Coordination & Dissemination:** Contributed to federal grant proposals, institutional IRB protocols, systematic literature reviews, and technical reports on food sovereignty, healthcare access, and climate resilience in partnership with the Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation (YKHC) and ANTHC.

GWU STEP (Self-Testing Education and Promotion) Lab
Undergraduate Student Research Assistant

Washington, DC

September 2022 - May 2023

- **PrEP Access & SDOH Implementation Study (*PLOS ONE* Protocol):** Supported implementation science research examining structural barriers and social determinants of health influencing HIV prevention among Black adults in Washington, D.C., and Prince George's County, MD (PIs: Dr. Donaldson Conserve, Dr. Waimar Tun, & Dr. DeMarc Hickson); designed qualitative interview guides and conducted stakeholder interviews with healthcare providers and local non-profits.
- **Senior Thesis & Scoping Review (*Himmelfarb Commons*):** Authored a 13,000-word thesis ("*The Republic of NGOs*") under Dr. Donaldson Conserve; synthesized 58 scholarly sources in a comprehensive scoping review analyzing the impact of foreign assistance and international NGOs on Haiti's post-earthquake mental health infrastructure.
- **Medicaid Health Policy Memorandum:** Authored an evidence-based policy memorandum for Pennsylvania state leadership under Lara Cartwright-Smith, JD, analyzing the cost-effectiveness of Medicaid reimbursement amendments, early intervention programming (PIER), and diversion strategies to reduce institutionalization among patients with schizophrenia.

EHESP – École des hautes études en santé publique
Undergraduate Research Intern (COVIREIVAC)

Rennes, France

January 2022 - June 2022

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- Conducted qualitative public health literature analysis under Dr. Donaldson Conserve in collaboration with INSERM and NuMeCan evaluating vaccine engagement frameworks
- Translated French research articles into English for international team dissemination.

BOARD & LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Elected Member-at-Large – Western Association of Advisors for Health Professions (WAAHP)

- Exercise fiduciary responsibility and voting authority on board policies, initiatives, and annual budgets
- Oversee financial planning for the regional conference, managing a \$242K budget with \$140K+ in major vendor contracts

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS & TECHNICAL REPORTS

Durkin, M. (2026). *Spring 2026 Pre-Health Sciences Advising Annual Report*. Pre-Health Sciences Advising Team, College of Natural Sciences, Pacific Lutheran University.

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 TI'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.

Durkin, M., Maijala, A., Thompson, L., & Lewis, J. P. (2025). *A community-based assessment of Tribal community garden sustainability in rural Alaska* [Community report]. Center for One Health Research, University of Alaska Fairbanks. Distributed to Tribal community partners.

Lefferts, B., Bersamin, A., Masterman, R., Desnoyers, C., Keck, J. W., **Durkin, M.,** et al. (2024). *Neqkiuryaraq—The art of preparing food* [Community-based research project]. Center for One Health Research, University of Alaska Fairbanks; Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation; Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium; Center for Alaska Native Health Research. Funded by NIH Grant #1OT2OD035835-01.

Conserve, D., Tun, W., Hickson, D., Gomez-Berrosapi, J., Rinola, B., **Durkin, M.,** Janson, M., Saleeban, A., Olughu, K., Morris, C., Buchanan, C., Pulerwitz, J., Kerrigan, D. Adapting a community-based intervention to address social determinants of health influencing pre-exposure prophylaxis services for Black adults in Washington, District of Columbia: a study protocol. *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/

INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE & PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

Project Lead & Facilitator, ‘Meant to Live’ Vocational Celebration Initiative — Pacific Lutheran University

Co-Founder, Natural Sciences Undergraduate Research Symposium — Pacific Lutheran University

Member, Queer Connections — Pacific Lutheran University

Selected Participant, Wild Hope Staff Mentoring Seminar — Pacific Lutheran University

Consultant, Global Health Curriculum Development — Pacific Lutheran University

Founder, Distinguished Health Scholars Program — Pacific Lutheran University

Founder, Nanook Career Closet — University of Alaska Fairbanks (2025)

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Coffee Oasis Young Adult Shelter – Night Volunteer

Degrees of Change – Seed Internships Mentor

Sundance Circle Hippotherapy – Barn Volunteer

SKILLS, CERTIFICATIONS, & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

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- Professional Affiliations — National Association of Advisors for Health Professions (NAAHP), Western Association of Advisors for Health Professions (WAAHP), National Association of Colleges and Employers (NACE).
- Certifications — Data Collection & Analysis (NAAHP, 2025), Washington State Food Worker Certification (2026–2028).
- Higher Education & Data Systems — Banner, Salesforce, Slate, Canvas, Blackboard, Navigate, OnBase, Web Accessibility (ADA/WCAG Compliance).
- Research Methodologies — Qualitative Interviewing, Community-Based Participatory Research (CBPR), Program Assessment, One Health Frameworks, Implementation Science.
- Languages — English (Native), French (B1 Working Proficiency).