Behavioral Health Workforce Education and Training (BHWET) Program
Edith M. Baker Integrated Behavioral Healthcare Fellowship
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Cohort 3 Baker Fellowship Scholars 2020-2021

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Srinidhi graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 2018 with a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and minors in Social Work and Religious Studies. During her undergraduate years, she assisted in multiple research projects and in her spare time volunteered at the Carnegie Library-East Liberty. At the library she mentored children to increase their literacy skills and provided homework help. Upon graduation she worked as a Research Associate at the Childhood Depression Research Program, where she recruited participants, implemented experimental procedures, and administered WASI intelligence tests. Through both professional and personal experiences, she witnessed the numerous barriers individuals experience when accessing mental health care. She decided to pursue the joint MSW/MPH program as she wanted to dedicate her career to reducing systemic barriers to mental health care. As a first-year MSW student, Srinidhi completed her field-placement at TCV Adult Partial Hospitalization. There she co-facilitated group therapy sessions and conducted hourly, individual therapy sessions with clients. She also worked cross-functionally with a multidisciplinary team of doctors, nurses, and clinicians to develop client care plans. Srinidhi is excited to be a part of the Edith M. Baker Integrated Healthcare Fellowship. **Srinidhi will begin her integrated healthcare field placement in the fall of 2020 with CHP Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine.**

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Mary Ackourey earned her Bachelor of Science in Psychology with minors in Human Services and Women’s Studies from the University of Scranton in winter, 2017. While at the University of Scranton, Mary volunteered with the campus’ Jane Kopas Women’s Center on projects like Take Back the Night and Love Your Body Day. Mary also attended trainings for ally development, healthy relationships, and inclusivity. Mary spent summers teaching piano and interning at her local YMCA. After graduating, Mary began employment as a Direct Service Professional with Friendship House in Scranton, working one-on-one in an Early Intensive Behavioral Intervention program for children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum
Disorder. Mary relocated in 2019 to pursue her Master of Social Work with a focus on integrated healthcare at the University of Pittsburgh. Mary completed her first year internship with A Child’s Place – a child advocacy center, where she worked with a multidisciplinary team to address instances of child abuse in Allegheny, Westmoreland, Beaver, Butler, and Fayette counties. Mary has always had a desire to work with women and children, which has only been solidified by her time at A Child’s Place. Mary is excited and honored to further her education as a 2020-2021 Baker Fellow. **Mary will begin her integrated healthcare field placement in the fall of 2020 with AHN West Penn Hospital.**

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Brooklyn graduated from Temple University with a Bachelor of Arts in Gender, Sexuality, and Women’s Studies in 2019. While earning her B.A. she worked in clinical research at Temple University Hospital’s Department of Thoracic Medicine and Surgery for 4 years. During her undergraduate education, Brooklyn studied abroad in Rome, Italy for a semester and was involved in Big Brothers Big Sisters. She was also a Lead Mentor for GEARUP, a program that provided academic success and college exploration to low-income students in the community of North Philadelphia. Brooklyn completed the Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction program at Jefferson University Hospital’s Myrna Brind Center for Mindfulness in 2018, which is where she developed a passion for mindfulness meditation. During her first year in University of Pittsburgh’s Master of Social Work program, Brooklyn interned at Barber National Institute where she worked with individuals with intellectual disabilities by helping them develop skills, find careers, and provided onsite job training. As a second-year direct practice student, Brooklyn is pursuing a certificate in Integrated Healthcare and looks forward to the professional development she will gain during the Edith M. Baker Fellowship. **Brooklyn will begin her integrated healthcare field placement in the fall of 2020 with UPMC Latterman Family Health Center.**

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Amanda Bricker earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from the Pennsylvania State University, the Behrend College in May 2019. While pursuing her degree, she obtained research experience in the Cognitive Neurology Laboratory Group. While in this group, Amanda had the opportunity to present her research at the Spring 2018 Western Pennsylvania Undergraduate Psychology Conference. In addition to research, Amanda also became a mentor for the Center for Community Outreach, Research, and Evaluation (CORE). While in this mentor program, her role as a mentor was to help children from Erie City Mission as well as Iroquois Elementary School establish leadership skills. She also spent time while
pursuing her undergraduate degree volunteering at Springhill Senior Living Community. This sparked her passion for social work and working with vulnerable populations. Her first internship as an MSW candidate was at Fresenius Medical Care as a social work intern for dialysis patients. In this role, she assisted in assessments, screenings, development of care plans, and referrals. In Spring 2020, Amanda assisted in research conducted at the University of Pittsburgh which examined the use of Psychiatric Collaborative Care Model Codes within Federally Qualified Health Centers across the United States. Upon graduation, Amanda plans to seek employment in an acute healthcare setting working with vulnerable populations. She is excited and honored to be part of the Edith M. Baker Integrated Healthcare Fellowship. **Amanda will begin her integrated healthcare field placement in the fall of 2020 with UPMC Passavant Hospital.**

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**Dana Duncombe**  
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Dana Duncombe earned a B.A. from Haverford College in 2017 with a major in Sociology and a minor in French and Francophone Studies. She studied organizational structures and systemic inequities both in the Philadelphia region and in Aix-en-Provence, France, where she spent a semester abroad. For her senior thesis, Dana conducted independent research on volunteerism, burnout, and organizational management in the nonprofit social service sector. As a staff member of Haverford’s Women’s Center, she served on the sexual assault student hotline and she co-organized events on gender, reproductive health and justice, and sexuality. She worked two summers with children and adolescents during college—in West Virginia for an organization providing mental health and education services to teenagers in rural Appalachia and in Ohio for an environmental program. In the summer of 2016, Dana interned at HIAS Pennsylvania, a refugee resettlement and immigration service organization in Philadelphia, assisting case managers and supporting educational programming. Later she was hired as the full-time community engagement specialist for HIAS PA to oversee volunteer management and community education. To deepen her French language knowledge and to further learn about international care work, Dana spent two school years in Lille, France, from 2017 to 2019. She worked as an English language assistant in primary and secondary schools and volunteered with Utopia 56 Lille, a national collective offering social and legal support to individuals seeking asylum. Now pursuing her MSW at Pitt, Dana’s interests include reproductive healthcare, pediatric care, immigration justice, and advocating for universally accessible, culturally responsive services. Her first-year field placement with the Office of Child Development’s HealthyCHILD program broadened her skills in trauma-informed care, intergenerational support, and behavioral interventions for children from birth to age 5. When not working or studying, Dana can be found beekeeping or biking around Pittsburgh. **Dana will begin her integrated healthcare field placement in the fall of 2020 with UPMC St. Margaret Family Health Center in Bloomfield-Garfield.**

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**Echo Eggebrecht**
Echo Eggebrecht graduated from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago in 2000 with a BFA in visual art. She graduated from Hunter College, CUNY in 2006 with an MFA in visual art. Having developed a growing awareness of the mental health needs of young adults while teaching at Carnegie Mellon University, she chose to pursue an MSW at the University of Pittsburgh in order to positively contribute to addressing the relationship between physical wellbeing and mental health especially in populations disproportionately affected by stigma associated with mental illness. She has been participating in the Hospital Elder Life Program (HELP) at UPMC, a comprehensive, evidence-based patient care program. She also works as a mentor with women making difficult life transitions through a strength-based approach at the Center for Women in Squirrel Hill, while also serving on their Board. Her first year field placement was at the Family Resources Therapeutic Preschool, which supports children who have experienced trauma. There she focused on observation, intervention, lesson planning, and grant writing. She is currently serving as Direct Practice Representative for the Student Executive Council (SEC). She is honored and excited for the Edith M. Baker Fellowship opportunity, and plans to pursue clinical licensure to practice in the healthcare field after graduation. **Echo will begin her integrated healthcare field placement in the fall of 2020 with UPMC Total Care IBD.**

Claire Engels graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work. During her time as an undergraduate, she was accepted into the Hartford Partnership Program for Aging Education Fellowship. Through this fellowship, she developed leadership skills in gerontology and expanded her understanding of needs in the aging population. She completed her undergraduate field placement at the Jewish Community Center; AgeWell department. Here, she conducted needs assessments, assisted with health and wellness program planning, and offered referral services to older adults. She also helped run the daily congregate lunch program. In addition, Claire worked at a Medicaid Research Center as a student researcher. She administered two public health surveys intended to identify health trends and improve health programs in Pennsylvania. Claire also volunteered as a peer educator under the Sexual Harassment Response Education Office. She facilitated discussions on bystander interventions, healthy relationships, consent, and interpersonal violence. Through this prevention work, she developed a passion for sexual violence prevention and hopes to incorporate this passion in her future career. Claire is ecstatic about the opportunity to participate in the Edith Baker Integrated Healthcare Fellowship and looks forward to working on an integrated healthcare team. **Claire will begin her integrated healthcare field placement in the fall of 2020 with UPMC Magee Women’s Hospital.**
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Taylor Eppinger is a 2019 Graduate of Clarion University of Pennsylvania, where she earned her Baccalaureate Degree in Rehabilitative Science with a concentration in Addictions. During her time at Clarion, Taylor also earned certificates in both Opioid Dependency, as well as in Peer Education. During her undergraduate career, she was a paid intern through Venango County Human Services where she did work for both Children and Youth Services as well as their substance abuse program. Taylor has a passion for working with individuals who struggle with substance abuse disorders as well as co-occurring mental health diagnoses. She completed her first-year MSW field placement at Gateway Rehabilitation Center’s outpatient program in Squirrel Hill. During her time at Gateway, Taylor organized material to facilitate both an Intensive Outpatient Group, as well as a Relapse Prevention Group. Taylor enjoyed her placement with Gateway, but is looking forward to doing more expansive work through the Integrated Healthcare tract. Taylor would eventually like to have a career working in a medicalized setting with individuals with substance use disorder. Being a Baker Fellow is very exciting for Taylor, and she is thrilled to begin the semester. **Taylor will begin her integrated healthcare field placement in the fall of 2020 with UPMC McKeesport Hospital Addiction Medicine.**

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Julianna Giannantonio graduated from Elizabethtown College in 2020, where she earned her Bachelor of Social Work degree and a minor in psychology. During the fall semester of her senior year, she had the opportunity to study abroad in Cheltenham, England, where she studied social work at the University of Gloucestershire and interned at a local agency, Caring for Communities and People. Julianna developed and implemented intervention plans for children with behavior problems due to Autism and Oppositional Defiant Disorder. She provided one-on-one counseling for children and parents to strengthen communication within their families and assist them in connecting with appropriate resources and local programs. Julianna completed her final spring field placement at Wellspan Family Medicine, located in Lebanon, PA. Her role as a case manager within the facility focused on providing counseling and support for patients with substance abuse, prenatal loss, and crisis situations. Julianna conducted domestic violence screenings and psychosocial assessments for patients with mental and medical diagnoses to best determine appropriate necessary services. She was also responsible for handling insurance issues and coordinating after-care and follow-up patient appointments. Lastly, Julianna met weekly with a diverse group of pregnant women to educate them about what to expect during pregnancy and provide them with information on available community resources, in order to better prepare them for childbirth and parental responsibilities.
During her time at Elizabethtown College, she completed a service trip to Nicaragua, where she taught English to young students. Julianna is also an active member of Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society. Julianna is passionate about working with children and families in a healthcare setting and looks forward to the opportunity to assist families in managing the challenges associated with a serious medical diagnosis or chronic illness. After receiving her MSW, Julianna hopes to become a licensed clinical social worker in a children’s hospital. She is both excited and honored about the opportunity to be a part of the Edith M. Baker Integrated Behavioral Healthcare Fellowship. Julianna will begin her integrated healthcare field placement in the fall of 2020 with UPMC Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh.

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Emily graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Social Work degree from Carlow University in May 2020. She completed her undergraduate field placement at the Jewish Association on Aging, a nursing and rehab facility. Her work within the facility focused on implementing care plans, conducting a variety of health and needs assessments, administrative duties, and attending meetings and care conferences with other team members and clients. Also during undergrad, she was an important member of Carlow University’s social work club; a student ambassador for the University’s Interfaith Youth Core; and a 2019 member of Alternative Spring Break, a small group of students and faculty who fundraised money to spend their spring break volunteering at a homeless shelter in Sacramento, California. She previously volunteered as a youth mentor as a part of Big Brothers Big Sister of Beaver County. Emily is an Advanced Standing Master of Social Work student at the University of Pittsburgh focusing on direct practice and integrated health. Upon graduation, she hopes to become a licensed clinical social worker in an acute healthcare setting and eventually open a non-profit serving children and families who are part of the CYF system. Emily is honored to be an Edith Baker Integrated Healthcare Fellow. She will begin her integrated health care field placement in the fall, 2020. Emily will begin her integrated healthcare field placement in the fall of 2020 with UPMC St. Margaret Family Health Center in Lawrenceville.

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Alexa Harms earned her Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Psychology from the University of Kentucky in 2019. While pursuing her undergraduate career, an internship at KVC Behavioral Health Center solidified her passion to work within the social work field. During her internship, Alexa worked with at-risk children and adolescents who have experienced trauma on the Community Support Staff team. She helped these children utilize skills learned in therapy by implementing them in their everyday life. In her first year at the
University of Pittsburgh, Alexa had her generalist internship at Girls Hope of Pittsburgh, which is a college preparatory program helping girls who come from troubling backgrounds. She managed the scholars' schedules, helped them secure part-time jobs, and prepare for college through the formation of independent living skills, test prep, and resume building. Both of these internships reinforced Alexa's desire to work with at-risk children and adolescents who have a background with trauma. Through previous coursework and experience, Alexa is able to recognize the need and benefits for an integrated healthcare approach to address the needs of the population in which she serves. As a Baker Fellow, Alexa hopes to gain more knowledge on the process and importance of an integrated healthcare approach and the healthcare system as a whole. Alexa will begin her integrated healthcare field placement in the fall of 2020 with AHN Allegheny General Hospital.

Alexandria Camille Hickman
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Alexandria Camille Hickman received her bachelor’s degree in Social Work from the University of Pittsburgh in the spring of 2020. During her freshmen and sophomore years, she was a Peer Leader supporting incoming freshmen, teaching a freshman seminar class and participating in the National Society of Leadership and Success. In her junior and senior years, Alex took part in the School of Social Work Eboard where she eventually was voted president of Eboard. As part of her matriculation, she completed an internship through the Hartford Program where she served as a social worker in support of the residents at UPMC Heritage Place Nursing and Rehabilitation facility. Alex was one of five students who were awarded this prestigious opportunity. In this role, she planned events to help bring together and support the students in the School of Social Work. It was also during this time that she discovered a passion for behavioral health and supporting the needs of vulnerable populations. Alex accepted a part-time position as a Student Behavioral Associate with UPMC Western Psych during her senior year as a way to learn more about mental health issues. In this position, she learned that mental health training was not always part of the social work curriculum but was definitely a need of many patients who social workers assist. Recently, Alex accepted a full-time position as a Milieu Therapist with UPMC Western Psych where she hopes to one day develop and implement integrated behavioral healthcare plans for those in need. Alex is ready to immerse herself into the Baker Integrated Healthcare Fellowship program and to learn more about the mental health field along with new integrated healthcare tactics to implement into her work. Alex will begin her integrated healthcare field placement in the fall of 2020 with Braddock Primary Care.

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Hope graduated cum laude from Mercyhurst University in 2018, where she earned her Bachelor of Social Work. She completed her undergraduate field placement at Sarah A. Reed Children’s Learning Center, located in Erie, Pennsylvania. This partial hospitalization center provides nonhospital based services to children and adolescents ages 3 to 18 years old. They focus on providing short-term treatment interventions to assist in stabilizing children who have significant psychological, emotional, and behavioral concerns. Her role as a case management intern consisted of conducting admission psychosocial evaluations to gain information on the client and systems involved that could be affecting their social, emotional, and behavioral development. She also attended multi-disciplinary treatment meetings, group therapy sessions, formed treatment goals/plans for 3 to 5-year-old children and supported these individuals in achieving these goals. She is committed to making an impact in the lives of others in Pittsburgh, the place that she calls home. Hope is honored to have the opportunity to be a part of the Edith M. Baker Fellowship for integrated behavioral healthcare. **Hope will begin her integrated healthcare field placement in the fall of 2020 with UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.**

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Ryan graduated in May of 2020 with a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work and a minor in Neuroscience from the University of Portland (UP), in Portland, Oregon. During her time at UP, Ryan was a research assistant looking at the effects of a community-based intervention known as Poetry Power. Ryan worked with youth and older adults in facilitating poetry workshops. Ryan completed her practicum at the Children’s Cancer Association in Portland, Oregon. She worked with a team in a hospital whose focus was to introduce volunteers with youth who were diagnosed with cancer or chronic illnesses and maintain a friendship throughout the treatment of the child. Ryan was a buddy to a wonderful girl during her treatment. They had a happy graduation and continue to stay in touch. Ryan is an Advanced Standing Master of Social Work candidate at the University of Pittsburgh with a focus in direct practice. Upon graduation, Ryan hopes to work in a medical setting. Ryan is honored and excited to be a part of the Edith M. Baker Fellowship for integrated behavioral healthcare. **Ryan will begin her integrated healthcare field placement in the fall of 2020 with CHP Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine.**

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Aubrey Masters graduated summa cum laude from the University of Pittsburgh where she earned her Bachelor of Arts in Social Work (BASW). Aubrey also graduated with two minors: Spanish and Gender,
Sexuality, and Women’s Studies. While at Pitt for undergrad, she was involved in the Delta Zeta sorority where she held numerous leadership positions. Aubrey has worked with various populations through internship experience. She was first located at Willow Domestic Violence Center in her hometown of Rochester, New York. At Willow, she worked as a court advocate. A court advocate consoles, assists, provides resources, and most importantly listens to the victims of domestic violence who are filing for Orders of Protection against their abusers. During her senior year at Pitt, she worked in the Employment Institute at Auberle where she assisted youth ages 16 to 24 who have history with the criminal justice system, foster care involvement, dropped out of school, or mental/physical disabilities with workforce development and equipping them for employment or post-secondary education. Aubrey is eager to work with different populations in a different capacity to hone her skills and create a well-rounded social worker. Aubrey is ecstatic to use her knowledge and skills from BASW and apply them to the Baker Fellowship. She is eager to learn more and make a profound impact on the communities around her. It has always been her dream to help others and she is thrilled it is becoming a reality. H2P! Aubrey will begin her integrated healthcare field placement in the fall of 2020 with UPMC Matilda H. Theiss Health Center.

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Anna McGovern graduated in 2020 with a Bachelor of Social Work and a minor in American Sign Language in Diverse Communities from The Catholic University of America (CUA) in Washington, DC. During Anna’s junior year she served as a full-time Student Minister at CUA. Through this role, she was responsible for weekly community and resident hall events and served as a mentor to a freshmen hall dorm. She served CUA and the Washington DC community through a multitude of service opportunities including, but not limited to, Homeless Food Runs, “So Others Might Eat” (SOME), Missionaries of Charity, and led a weekly service site at the Little Sisters of the Poor Nursing Home for two years. Anna was profoundly touched by spending two of her spring breaks serving the most vulnerable in Kingston, Jamaica. From a young age, Anna has worked with teenagers and adults with prominent disabilities through a nonprofit organization called Friendship Ministry. During the summer she worked as a counselor at Cradle Beach Camp, a summer camp that works with children with prominent disabilities and those from low socioeconomic backgrounds. She also worked as a Patient Care Assistant at Saint Vincent Hospital in Erie, PA. Service has always been a central drive for Anna and has prepared her for her career in social work. Anna completed her junior field work at Carroll Manor Rehabilitation and Nursing Home. She assessed residents on the Long-Term Care Unit through Geriatric Depression screenings, Mood Disorder screenings and conducting resident intakes. During Anna’s Senior field experience, she worked at Melwood Veteran Services, a nonprofit agency that works with active duty service members and veterans. She assisted her field supervisor through the screening and documentation process for the agency’s weeklong, holistic retreat for those with service-related trauma. Through the agency’s veteran employment development program, she served as a case manager. Through her volunteer and field work, she has been a part of several multidisciplinary teams and has witnessed their effectiveness on client outcome. Anna is passionate about serving people. She has worked with a wide variety of populations but remains passionate about working with the elderly and those with prominent disabilities. She hopes to bring her well-rounded experience, social work education, passion and energy for people to the profession. Anna is honored to be an Edith Baker Fellow and to be a part of this community. Anna will begin her integrated healthcare field placement in the fall of 2020 with UPMC Magee Women’s Hospital.
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Becky Miller graduated magna cum laude from Endicott College in Beverly, Massachusetts where she earned her Bachelor of Science in Psychology with a minor in Spanish in 2014. Becky is a proud first-generation college student. She has always been committed to helping others. During her undergraduate, she worked as a case manager for at-risk adolescent girls in a group home setting. Upon graduation, Becky moved to Boston, MA and began a career in Higher Education. For five years Rebecca worked in customer service for the Financial Aid, and Admissions departments. Also, during this time Becky volunteered on a crisis hotline serving individuals identifying as LGTBQIA+, and spent a month teaching English in Peru. In 2018, Becky decided to return to school as she missed creating deeper connections with individuals through her work. She is now pursuing her Master of Social Work degree with a concentration in integrated healthcare from the University of Pittsburgh. Becky enjoys working with adolescents and young adults however, she is excited to gain more exposure to new populations and discover new passions through the Edith M. Baker Integrated Healthcare Fellowship. **Rebecca will begin her integrated healthcare field placement in the fall of 2020 with UPMC St. Margaret Geriatric Care Center.**

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Jonathan graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in May, 2011 with Bachelor of Arts in History and in May, 2020 with a Bachelor of Social Work. He completed his generalist field placement at Beechwood Elementary, part of the Pittsburgh Public Schools system. At the school, which specialized in English as a second language education, he worked individually with students who deserved a little more attention. Therapies he engaged the children in were working with anger management, ADHD, anxiety, and past traumas. Jonathan was honored to serve as Vice President for the BASW Club, and as an ambassador for a new Ally training in working with students with substance abuse disorder. He has also worked with student organizations including the Rainbow Alliance, Economics Society, and Panthers for Recovery. Additionally, he has done volunteer work with the Jubilee Kitchen, Produce Marketplace, Allies Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh Equality Center, and both the Pittsburgh Ballet and Pittsburgh Opera. Jonathan aims to continue his interest in working with the LGBTQIA+ community, those who are dealing with substance use disorders, and with children and families. He is incredibly honored to be a part of the Edith M. Baker Fellowship. Also, he looks forward to completing the dual degree program with the School of Public Health.
and School of Social Work. Jonathan will begin his integrated healthcare field placement in the fall of 2020 with CHP Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine.

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Kelly Polosky is a 2020 graduate of Seton Hill University, where she earned her Bachelor of Social Work with a specialization in Medical Social Work and minored in Psychology and Food Science. She is an inducted member of the Phi Alpha Honors Society of social work. Her undergraduate field placement took place at St. Clair Hospital in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania. As a social work intern, her responsibilities included conducting initial assessments and coordinating safe discharge plans by working with the patients and sending referrals to skilled nursing facilities and hospice agencies. While at St. Clair Hospital, she worked with mostly older adult patients on the hematology-oncology, orthopedic, cardiac care, and observation units. It was from her experience at St. Clair Hospital, and the many social workers and other professionals she worked with, she learned about integrated healthcare and the compassion and competence aligned with it. Kelly also conducted a research project studying patients’ perspectives on the quality of care in local skilled nursing facilities. Kelly is passionate about engaging with patients and helping them receive the care they need. While at Seton Hill, Kelly researched and wrote a trauma-informed care policy that was used to enhance Adelphi Village’s existing policy. She is confident that her undergraduate experience and studies have given her the proper foundation to continue to learn and be a successful integrated healthcare social worker. Kelly is grateful to be a part of the Edith M. Baker Integrated Healthcare Fellowship and is excited about the experience and knowledge she will gain from this opportunity. Kelly will begin her integrated healthcare field placement in the fall of 2020 with AHN West Penn Hospital.

Cole Rapso
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Cole Rapso graduated with honors earning his Bachelor of Music Business from Belmont University. After years of working in both music and film left him unfulfilled, Cole embraced his natural interpersonal skills and sought out social work. Cole worked as a mental health worker and recreational therapy technician at Benchmark Behavioral Health, a residential treatment hospital for teenage boys in Salt Lake City, Utah. Cole worked closely with a large clinical team ranging from physicians to clinical social workers, which granted him a glimpse into the importance of integrated healthcare and thus prompted his pursuit of a Master of Social Work degree at the University of Pittsburgh. In 2014, Cole was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma. His diagnosis illuminated how a person’s life can change in an instant and gave him an intimate insight into chronic illness. Because of this experience, Cole spent his generalist field placement working
with Our Clubhouse—a non-profit that provides free support to anyone affected by cancer. During his time there, Cole helped manage and co-facilitate the Living Life Post Cancer Treatment support group. Alongside this, Cole helped gather and input data in other support group research with hopes of future advocacy for its benefits. With both his own personal relationship with cancer and working with others affected by cancer, Cole aims to pursue a career in palliative care and end-of-life work. With the completion of his degree, Cole will actively pursue his goal to become certified as a licensed clinical social worker focusing on direct practice and integrated health. Cole is both excited and honored to participate in the Edith M. Baker Integrated Healthcare Fellowship and looks forward to a future of helping and healing. **Cole will begin his integrated healthcare field placement in the fall of 2020 with Allegheny General Hospital.**

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Teresa earned a Bachelor of Science in Social Work from New York University in 2019. During her time at NYU, she facilitated mental and physical health workshops with ninth graders in New York City high schools through Peer Health Exchange. Her involvement at the Silver School of Social Work included her role as the student government class representative. During her junior and senior year, she held social work field placements at International High School, counseling high school students new to the United States, and at Nido de Esperanza, where she co-facilitated mutual-support groups for immigrant families and children under three-years old. This past year, she worked as a Health Educator in the Bronx, facilitating an evidence-based sexuality curriculum with youth 11 - 19 years old at schools and transitional residences. Her interests include sexual and reproductive healthcare, education, spending time outdoors with her family and friends, a solid educational podcast, and baked goods. Teresa hopes to bring her passion for working alongside communities to combat systems of oppression, particularly in healthcare and education, as an Edith Baker Fellow and Advanced Standing student in her hometown of Pittsburgh. **Teresa will begin her integrated healthcare field placement in the fall of 2020 with UPMC Magee Women’s Hospital.**

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Maggie earned a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from Mount Holyoke College in 2019. During her time at Mount Holyoke College, Maggie interned in the playroom of Temple Street Children’s University Hospital in Dublin, Ireland which opened her eyes to a part of social work that she fell in love with. She continued to explore the many facets of social work during her first year at the University of Pittsburgh pursuing her Master of Social Work degree by interning with the Pennsylvania Innocence Project. While she enjoyed
her work with the Project and learned new practice skills, she found herself increasingly drawn towards the integrated healthcare concentration. Maggie is looking forward to utilizing her social work practice skills within the healthcare field. She is thrilled to be a part of the Baker Integrated Healthcare Fellowship program. Maggie plans to pursue clinical licensure to practice in an integrated healthcare setting after graduation. **Maggie will begin her integrated healthcare field placement in the fall of 2020 with UPMC Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh.**

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**Livia Slabodkin**  
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Livia Slabodkin graduated from the State University of New York at Buffalo in 2019 with a Bachelor of Arts in Communication and Sociology. She is currently pursuing her Master of Social Work degree with a concentration in direct practice and a certificate in integrated healthcare from the University of Pittsburgh. Prior to entering the Master of Social Work program, Livia helped serve the needs of a variety of communities both in the United States and Israel. At Alyn Hospital in Jerusalem, she worked in a pediatric and adolescent rehabilitation facility with children who had a wide range of congenital and acquired conditions, including cerebral palsy, neuromuscular diseases, spinal cord injuries, and brain injuries. In Buffalo, N.Y., Livia was involved in the city’s refugee resettlement efforts assisting with case work at the Journey’s End organization for asylum seekers from around the world. Her first internship with the MSW program was at the Child Advocacy Center apart of UPMC Children’s Hospital, where she witnessed forensic interviews and learned about child abuse in a collaborative care environment.

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Brandon Thomas graduated with a bachelor’s degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work in April, 2020. In the fall, 2020 he began the MSW program as an advanced standing student and ultimately plans to become a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW). While in the University of Pittsburgh’s undergraduate social work program, Brandon developed a workshop titled, *Quick to Judge: Removing the Stigma*. This workshop was first presented at the 2018 National Association of Social Worker-Pa Conference and has since been presented at many hospitals, clinics, emergency medical services and universities in the Pennsylvania area. The University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) has incorporated his workshop as a part of a systemwide continual education program for all UPMC employees. In addition, the Pennsylvania Department of Health has also adopted Brandon’s workshop as a course for Emergency Medical Services employees. In summer term 2019, Brandon was awarded the Academic Community (ACT) Research Honor’s College Fellowship, which provided funding for his research,
“Addressing Mental Health and Substance Use Stigma and Bias with Emergency Room Healthcare Providers: Partnering with UPMC McKeesport to Address a Community Need.” Furthermore, in March, 2019, Brandon received the UPMC McKeesport Above and Beyond Award for patient care. Additionally, as an undergraduate student, he collaborated with the University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work on a publication studying the effects of acculturation on Latino youth’s physical and mental health, creating a summer fellowship program titled, Visual Voices. Recently, Brandon was featured in the University of Pittsburgh online newsletter Pittwire. He looks forward to the knowledge and expertise provided through the Edith Baker Integrated Healthcare Fellowship program and is excited to utilize the skills acquired to blend his passions with his professional objectives.

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Alexandra Winter graduated magna cum laude from the University of Maryland, College Park in 2014. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Government & Politics with honors, along with two minors in International Development & Conflict Management and German Language & Literature. Alex is also a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Omicron Delta Kappa honor societies. During her undergraduate career, she interned with the Partnership for Public Service and the University of Maryland’s Leadership & Community Service-Learning Office. After graduation, she worked for an international development start-up in Washington, DC to support programs in Yemen, Libya, and Ukraine. Alex missed the local community engagement she took part in during college and transitioned to working at an environmental nonprofit. As a community services manager for a building materials reuse center, she oversaw programs that donated improvement supplies to neighbors in need and other nonprofits. Due to her husband’s Naval career, Alex spent two years in San Diego assisting with community health research and completing a year of AmeriCorps service with Jewish Family Service. At the University of Pittsburgh, her first-year field placement was with Pittsburgh Mercy as part of their Integrated Dual Disorders Treatment Team to support clients in the community with substance use and mental health diagnoses. Upon completion of her master’s degree, she hopes to continue working in integrated healthcare settings and attain her clinical licensure. Alex is honored to be an Edith M. Baker Fellow and looks forward to making a difference for patients in crisis and their families. Alex will begin her integrated healthcare field placement in the fall of 2020 with AHN Allegheny General Hospital.

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Samantha Yule graduated with honors from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 2018 with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and a minor in Sociology Human Services. She is currently pursuing her Master of
Social Work degree with a concentration in direct practice and a certificate in integrated healthcare from the University of Pittsburgh. During her undergraduate career, Samantha completed a 240-hour internship at a domestic violence shelter assisting with various aspects of counseling, advocacy, and the education departments. Following graduation, Samantha spent a year employed as a case manager at a home health care agency working with aging adults from diverse populations. Poverty can be a game changer when it comes to accessing cost-effective treatment and care. Working with consumers who have a lower socioeconomic status has been motivation for her to pursue the integrated healthcare certificate and advocate for those within vulnerable populations. During Samantha’s first year in the MSW program, she completed her field placement at the Adolescent and Young Medicine of UPMC as a research assistant. During this placement, Samantha worked alongside healthcare professionals on a research study to help understand whether smartphone use is related to symptoms of depression. She played an active role in assessing adolescences for depression, anxiety, and suicide ideation to determine whether they were eligible for the research study. Samantha is honored to be selected to be a part of the Edith M. Baker Fellowship for Integrated Healthcare. Samantha will begin her integrated healthcare field placement in the fall of 2020 with UPMC Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh.

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Emmanuela Abraham graduated Magna Cum Laude from Bowie State University with a Bachelor of Science in Social Work in May 2020. In her sophomore year at Bowie, Emmanuela was accepted in the McNair Scholars program and participated in the National Honor Society of Leadership and Success. Through the McNair Scholars program, she had the opportunity to conduct research on the levels of inclusivity in the #MeToo movement among different groups of women. This project is titled: Does #MeToo Include me? An analysis of cross-cultural perceptions of inclusivity in the current feminist movements. Emmanuela had the opportunity to present this research at various conferences across the county throughout her junior and senior year. It was also featured in the APA 2020 conference. In her senior year, she planned and coordinated a research conference for the Bowie State University College of Professional Studies in November 2020. During the Winter term, Emmanuela studied abroad in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Emmanuela completed her undergraduate field placement with the Prince Georges County Department of Social Services. In the Fall 2019 term, she interned at with Community Network Schools at High Point High School in Beltsville, Maryland and Barnaby Manor Elementary School in Oxon Hill, Maryland. At these schools, Emmanuela served as a resource coordinator. In Spring 2020, Emmanuela interned with the Transitional/ Rapid Re-Housing program in Greenbelt, Maryland. At this placement, she did case management. Emmanuela is honored to have the opportunity to be a part of the Edith M. Baker Fellowship and excited to immerse herself into the world of integrated health.