

# UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT HEALTH & SOCIETY COMMENCEMENT MAY 2020

## Honoring Health and Society Majors and Minors in the Class of 2020



*Welcome, graduates,  
parents, grandparents, partners, family, and friends  
to the  
University of Vermont  
Health and Society 2020 graduation virtual yearbook!*

*Today*

*we honor*

*our*

*Health and Society*

*2020 graduates*



The University of Vermont

**MAJORS:**

Lindsay Aldrich, Eric Cerra, Jordi Deutsch, Emily Fleming, Ellyse Fredericks, Margaret Kelly, Sarah Obimba, Madison Shaffer, Hannah Taylor, Becca Towle, & Zoe Van Vlaanderen

**MINORS:**

Beibhinn Anderson, Elena Clark, Kassondra Little, Ali Medeiros, Brett Meyer, & Carter Shapiro

# **Health and Society**

## **Majors**

# Lindsay Aldrich

Major: Health and Society

Minors: Gender, Sexuality, and  
Women's Studies, and Biology

Future Hopes and Plans: I am currently in the accelerated MPH program at UVM. I hope to go to medical school and incorporate my knowledge and passion of public health and social science into my practice.



# Eric Cerra

Major: Health and Society

Minor: Economics

# Jordi Deutsch

Major: Health and Society

Minor: Communication Sciences and Disorders



# Emily Fleming

Major: Health and Society

Minors: Nutrition and Food Sciences, and  
Anthropology

Future Hopes and Plans: I am currently in the  
accelerated MPH program at UVM.

# Ellyse Fredericks

Major: Health and Society

Minor: Latin American Studies

Future Hopes and Plans: In the future, I look to get my Masters in Public Health with a focus in Epidemiology and Global Health.



# Margaret Kelly

Major: Health and Society

Minor: Emergency Medicine



# Sarah Obimba

Major: Health and Society

Minor: Biology

Future Hopes and Plans:

Quote: "God is within her, she will not fall;  
God will help her at break of day" Psalm  
46:5.



# Madison Shaffer

Major: Health and Society

Minors: Statistics and African Studies

Future Hopes and Plans: I have been granted a Fulbright Award for research on public health in Malawi.



# Hannah Taylor

Major: Health and Society

Minor: Spanish

Future Hopes and Plans: “This June I just accepted a position as a medical assistant at Champlain Medical Urgent Care. I plan on getting some more clinical experience before applying to PA school. I plan on connecting with Migrant Justice, a nonprofit that brings voice and capacity to Hispanic farm workers. Also, I am in the process of becoming a community educator for the Alzheimer's disease association.

I am thankful for a major that provided a wide range of knowledge from sociology, anthropology, and statistics. It went well with my science coursework. Without the wide variety of disciplines I wouldn't have had such a dynamic picture of health.”



# Becca Towle

Major: Health and Society

Minor: Anthropology

# Zoe Van Vlaanderen

Major: Health and Society

Minors Statistics and Economics:

Future Hopes and Plans: I will be attending the Masters in Public Health program at Columbia University this fall. My ultimate goal is to contribute to research on the social context of health disparities.





# **Health and Society**

## **Minors**

# Beibhinn Anderson

Major: Health Science

Minors: Health and  
Society, and Health and  
Wellness

Future Hopes and Plans:

Nickname: Bev



# Elena Clark

Major: Psychological Science

Minor: Health and Society



Elena and her son

# Kassondra Little

Major: Biochemistry

Minor: Health and Society

Future Hopes and Plans: I will be applying to medical school.



# Alana Medeiros

Nickname: Ali

Pronouns: She/her

Major: Environmental Sciences

Minor: Health and Society

Future Hopes and Plans: Pursuing an MPH in the coming years

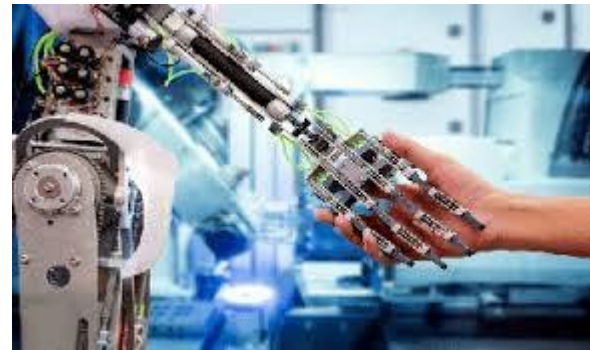


# Brett Meyer

Major: B.S. in Engineering with a  
Concentration in Biomedical Engineering

Minor: Health and Society

Future Hopes and Plans: I have been  
admitted to the Master of Science program  
in Biomedical Engineering at UVM.



# Carter Shapiro

Major: Anthropology

Minor: Health and Society

Future Hopes and Plans: My plans center around creating diversity, equity and inclusion programming in community-based healthcare settings, eventually medical school, serving the trans\* community, and, last but not least, becoming a dad!!



## ***Health and Society Major Awards and Honors***



***Outstanding Senior:*** This award is granted to graduating seniors in Health and Society who demonstrate extraordinary academic achievement in the major as evidenced by their GPA, challenging coursework in the major, and significant participation and leadership in activities related to the intersection between society and health. This year's awardees had overall GPAs of at least 3.80 and major GPAs of at least 3.90.

*Lindsay Aldrich , Madison Shaffer , and Zoe Van Vlaanderen*

***Departmental Honors:*** Departmental honors are awarded to top students; the criteria include a cumulative GPA of at least 3.55 and a Health and Society specific GPA of at least 3.70.

*Lindsay Aldrich, Madison Shaffer, Hannah Taylor, and Zoe Van Vlaanderen*



**Congratulations,  
Health & Society  
Graduates!**

# **Best wishes from our virtual commencement speaker**



**Mr. President, Professor Barack Obama**

**In grateful appreciation to  
all parents, grandparents,  
partners, family, and friends  
who supported  
our graduates  
throughout their lives and  
college and through their  
challenging senior spring**

**With love  
from your program directors**

**Professor  
Jeanne  
Shea**



**Professor  
Dale  
Jaffe**



# **Warm congratulations from all of your Health and Society advisors and professors**

- **Sarah Abrams**
- **Michael Ashooh**
- **Maria Mercedes Avila**
- **Kevin Beard**
- **Karen Benway**
- **Farryl Bertmann**
- **Deborah Blom**
- **Mary Burke**
- **Peter Callas**
- **Bernice Garnet**
- **Jean Harvey**
- **Deborah Hinchey**
- **Dale Jaffe**
- **Daniel Krymkowski**
- **Shamila Lekka**
- **Marilyn Lucas**
- **Winnie Looby**
- **Rycki Maltby**
- **Jacob Martin**
- **Alan Maynard**
- **Katherine Merrill**
- **Bindu Panikkar**
- **Elizabeth Pope**
- **Jeanne Shea**
- **Jennifer Strickler**
- **Elizabeth Winterbauer**
- **Christine Vatovec**
- **Srinivas Venugopal**
- **And more!**

# Health and Society graduates, we are SO proud of you!



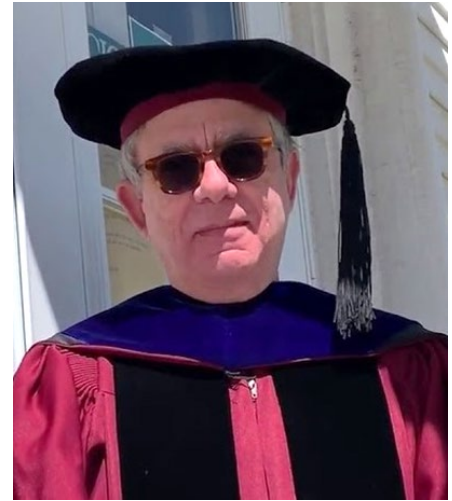
“Way to go! Best wishes on your next adventure!”  
Professor Shea



“Sending hugs of congratulations!”  
Professor Strickler



“Good luck with the next step in your careers! You are more than statistically significant!” Professor Callas



“Keep in touch!”  
Professor Jaffe

**Dearest graduates, we admire  
your hard work, creativity,  
resilience and compassion,  
and we know that you will  
each make important  
contributions to  
health and society  
in the years ahead.**

**Please do your best to keep in touch with your advisors, professors, and classmates.**



**In times both thick and thin.**

**We are rooting for you, and we'll be eager to hear news of your unfolding experiences!**



CONGRATULATIONS



***Class of 2020!***