American College of Emergency Physicians
Ambassador Mentorship Program (AMP)

The ACEP Ambassador Mentorship Program Matches EMRA medical students interested in global health and emergency medicine with an ACEP Ambassador mentor for 1 year, during which the student participates and helps prepare monthly journal clubs, attends the ACEP Ambassador Conference, and works on a small global health project, which ranges from a literature review on a global health topic, to helping the Ambassadors complete their country reports, or helping with the Ambassadors' own global health projects. There were 8 mentee-mentor pairs in the first year of the program, 2018-2019. The second class of 13 mentees will be starting in October 2019, during the ACEP International Ambassador Conference.

Applications for 2020-2021 Program
Closing Date: June 31st, 2020

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As a fourth-year medical student, it was a great experience to be able to work alongside physicians advocating for international emergency medicine and to build connections within the international emergency medicine community! This year I was fortunate enough to be paired with my mentor Dr. Breena Taira, the international ambassador for Nicaragua. Our academic project took form last fall at the international conference in San Diego during a breakout session as ambassadors, liaisons, students and other members of the international division were discussing strategies to increase recruitment of ACEP international physician liaisons and the presence at our international colleagues at the annual ACEP conference. Over the past year, I worked alongside my mentor Dr. Breena Taira, the Nicaragua deputy ambassador Dr. Aislinn Black, our Nicaragua liaison Dr. Héctor Real, and a few other individuals to survey members of the international division as well as physicians from over 30 countries. Our survey investigated the barriers that current and prospective liaisons encounter to join ACEP and to attend the annual ACEP conference. The overall goal of our project is to increase awareness of the financial and personal barriers for our international colleagues to participate in the ACEP ambassador program. In addition, we intend to make a proposal that outlines the necessity of financially based tiered registration fees for annual membership and the annual conference. We will be presenting our findings at the international ACEP division conference in Denver, as well as share our proposal with the ACEP board of directors. Our hope is that this research will increase international physician participation in ACEP and country liaison recruitment.
I was fortunate to have an amazing mentor, Regan Marsh, who set me up with a phenomenal opportunity to work with Partners in Health on emergency medicine capacity development in West Africa. Of course, I was also lucky to have a few months free to invest in the project this spring!

While I was on the ground, I collaborated with local clinicians to create a targeted educational program for nurses in a new emergency room in Sierra Leone. Then I was off to rural Liberia, where I worked with the PIH team to better understand the resources currently available and begin to develop a long-term training program to increase effective emergency care. It was a busy and productive few months!

My original EAGEMMP goal was to help establish a relationship with the Sri Lanka College of Emergency Physicians. (Very) long story short, things got held up because my one contact is still in training and as such cannot be a liaison with the ACEP International Section. I’m hopeful that something will work out in the future – definitely something that Dr. Nandi is eager to pursue and could become a future AMP project!

Aside from this, through connections that I made with ACEP International Ambassadors, I was able to arrange a clinical rotation in an urban township hospital on the outskirts of Cape Town, South Africa for the end of my fourth year of medical school. As part of the rotation, I worked with Dr. Lee Wallis and Kalin Werner from the African Federation of Emergency Medicine to help edit their AFEM Keystone Course, which is a training program for emergency care providers that will eventually be used in multiple African contexts.
During a year away from medical school, I worked with the University of Rwanda Emergency Medicine Residency to teach research methods and assist on resident research projects. My AMP project aimed to continue this research collaboration. Recently, we have had several fruits come from this, including an accepted manuscript on point-of-care ultrasound for diagnostics in undifferentiated dyspnea, an accepted manuscript on the epidemiology of musculoskeletal trauma, and a presentation at the 2019 International Conference on Emergency Medicine on resource utilization. Ongoing research projects include one involving the use of ultrasound to diagnose extrapulmonary TB, a chest epidemiology study, and an examination of pain medication use. I’m excited to continue working to build research capacity in global EM, particularly in Rwanda.

Shenna Bannish, OMS-III
University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine
Mentor: Andres Patino, MD

I feel very fortunate to have been a part of AMP during my second year of medical school. Throughout the past year, I have been working with my mentor, Dr. Andres Patino (an instructor at the Emory University School of Medicine, and ACEP Lead Ambassador to Ecuador and Deputy Ambassador to Colombia), and Dr. Mina Ghobrial (a first-year Emergency Medicine resident at Emory), to write an article about ethical challenges in global emergency medicine. Mina and I have had the opportunity to interview leaders in the field of Global EM and ask them about their experiences. We hope that the article can be instructive for students/residents who hope to do international rotations, and those that choose to pursue a career in global health. I am so grateful for the mentorship that I have received this year- it has been the most valuable part of my medical training thus far.
Breeanna Lorenzen, MS-IV  
*University of Minnesota Medical School*  
*Mentor: Donna Venezia, MD*

My main AMP goal was to learn more about emergency medicine in Cambodia and about EMS systems globally. EMS systems interest me because they are an essential part of timely emergency care, yet often have unforeseen barriers to implementation, especially in the rural, low and middle income countries where I have previously worked. I was very lucky this year to be paired with my mentor, Dr. Donna Venezia, who has years of experience in Cambodia and who has a vast knowledge of global emergency medicine. Through AMP, I led an EMS journal club and was able to travel to Cambodia with Dr. Venezia on a clinical rotation in three emergency departments across the country. Besides gaining a deeper understanding of the state of emergency medicine in Cambodia, I developed a great appreciation for mentorship and the power of bilateral, longitudinal relationships; there is so much to learn from each other! I look forward to incorporating more mentorship into my future career in global emergency medicine and to staying involved in the ACEP International Section.

Catherine Anania, OMS-III  
*University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine*  
*Mentor: Eric Cioe, MD*

I worked with Dr. Eric Cioe Pena to design a Health Needs Assessment of the communities surrounding the Shanti Bhavan School in Tamil Nadu, India. The results of the assessment, which was carried out in February 2019, are being used to help guide the revitalization of local clinics surrounding the school and to address the health needs of the local population.
### Ambassador Mentorship Program
#### Class of 2019-2020

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