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Post-Graduate Career Pathways Program

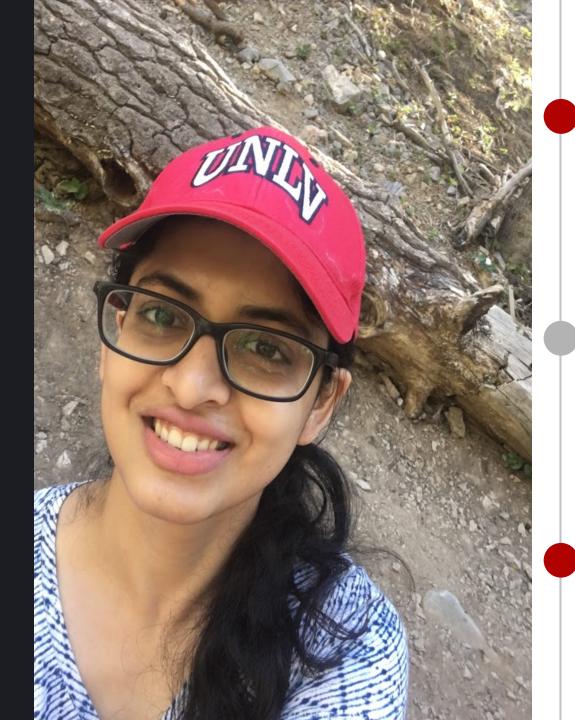**Congratulations to our incoming 2020-2021 cohort**

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AMRUTA GODBOLE

MPH student, School of Public Health

Advisor: Dr Ann Vuong

Being an international student, I wanted some guidance on how the professional world works in the US. This program will help me better my skills related to the work environment, such as interviewing, resume writing, soft skills, teamwork, and goal setting. After graduation, I want to work as an epidemiologist and biostatistician with healthcare organizations, in order to create public health interventions for the community, especially for marginalized populations. This program will provide me with the specific skills I require in order to be a good fit for these organizations, and to help achieve my goals.

ANUPREET ARORA

**MPH student,
School of Public Health,
UNLV, Las Vegas
Advisor:
Dr. Jennifer Pharr**

I am a student of the Environmental Health stream of Public Health, and am likely to graduate in May, 2021. I am a medical doctor from India, and an MD in Physiology. I have almost nine years of teaching experience in physiology, and almost equivalent in clinical practice. I came to the US in 2017.

After my graduation, I wish to render my services in the field of Public Health. The main area of my interest is primary, secondary, and tertiary prevention of chronic disorders through life style modifications, and behavioral corrections. I am also interested in health education and health promotion. The Wellness industry can be one of the key areas where I would like to express my talent. The areas of self sustainability like organic farming, and maintaining home gardens, also entice me. I am also fascinated by the idea of helping veterans with their health needs.

I have joined this program to help me learn how to find a job after my postgraduation. I understand that this program shall provide me with an opportunity to learn, how to apply for a job, how to face a job interview, and how to make a good resume. Via PGCPP, I would get a chance to face a mock job interview, and a day of job shadowing. I am looking forward to learning how to face real life challenges in job search via this program.

EMILY STRICKLER

Master's of Public Health Student, Department of Environmental and Occupational Health

Advisor: Jennifer Pharr

I would like to earn a doctoral degree and become a professor at a higher education institution. Thus far in my professional experience, I've worked in community engagement and health education, which are extremely valuable components of public health, but have left me missing the intellectual rigor of academia. As a professor I'd like to be actively involved with research so I can represent current issues in the courses I teach.
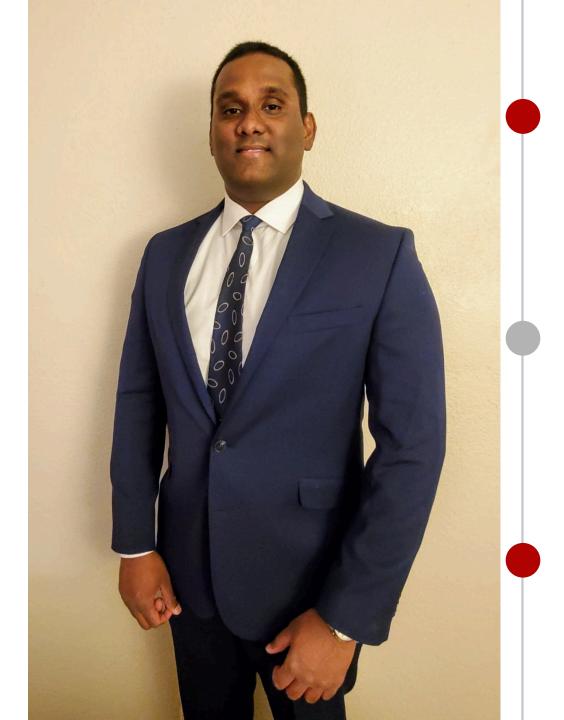
Participation in the Post-Graduate Career Pathways Program would be a fantastic opportunity to gain insight on exactly how to become like the faculty members I wouldn't normally have a chance to get to know in such an extensive way. While professors are generally very happy to work with students in preparing them for careers after their respective degree programs, participation in the PGCP program would provide an additional level of mentorship that is invaluable.

KEMIL KOSALA HERATH

MSc. Management Information Systems(MIS),

Department of Management Entrepreneurship and Technology,

Advisor:
Dr. Greg Moody

Data analysts/ data scientists are skilled professionals who are vital to any organization in public, private and nonprofit setting. My goal is to pursue a career in data analytics/data science.

To bridge the gap between classroom instructions and professional skills, apart from taking classes I volunteer at UNLV robotics lab to test my skills in Machine Learning, and Data Analytics. I'm skilled in data science and machine learning libraries in python such as Scikit-learn and have a through grasp of supervised and unsupervised machine learning algorithms, R- programming language along with object-oriented programming in python, C# and database management using SQL.

My classes, combined with self-studying alone is not sufficient to get a grasp of daily objectives of a data scientist. By participating in this program, I hope to gain hands on experience, guidance and mentorship by professionals in the industry.

MARYAM MOHIEDDIN RAD

Ph.D. student, Department of Teaching and Learning

Advisor: Dr. Christine Clark

Maryam's research is dedicated to explore the campus life challenges and needs of the racial and religious minorities of Muslim female students in U.S. campuses.

Conducting a multiple case study maryam seeks to identify and address the existing challenges and needs associated with minorities on campus to amplify their voice and help to mitigate their needs.

Maryam's research is an attempt in helping the campus officials in facilitating diversity and inclusion initiatives on U.S. campuses.

SHAIMAA ABDELHALEEM

Ph.D / Geoscience
Advisor: Dr. Wanda J. Taylor

I am a 4th year Geoscience PhD candidate, where I am pioneering research about differential compaction modelling and its application to structural geology. from day one in my undergrad, I started my professional development and industry experience. Some of my experiences are:

- BP America internship, 2019
- ExxonMobil MENA scholarship (Full funding for my master's degree)
- Schlumberger outstanding achievement award (two times)
- Shell Egypt summer training

I am also keen on developing my leadership skills through volunteering, joining leadership training, and participating in student organizations. For example:
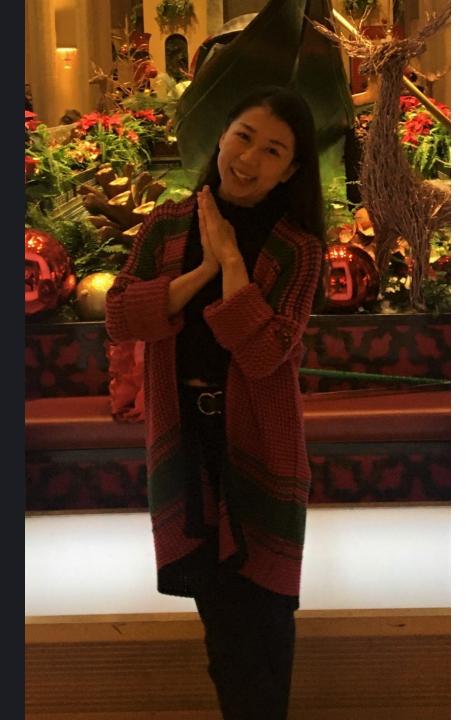
- Sponsorship lead of UNLV's Solar Decathlon Team
- Grad student government board member
- Government affairs committee member: lobbied on behalf of Nevada grad students at 2019 legislation session
- Grad Collage advisory board member
- Professional development academy advisory board member

I joined PGCP to gain valuable advice from industry professionals on how to navigate the career landscape and tailor my skills to specific places of employment.

SHU ZHANG

**MS student,
Lee Business School**

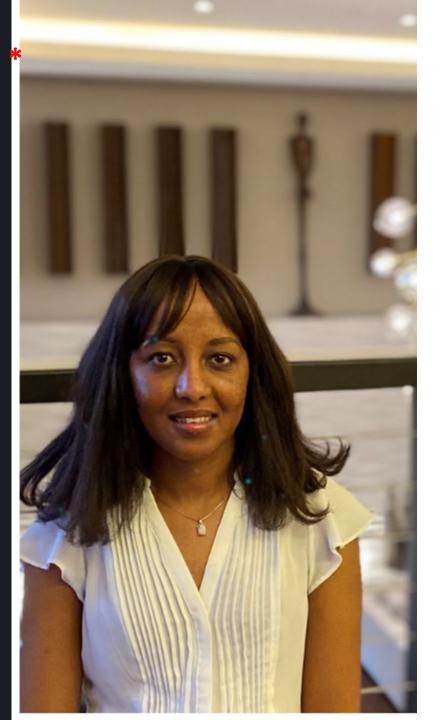**Advisor:
Dr. Michael J. Lee**

I am pursuing my second master's degree in Management Information Systems at UNLV. With my bachelor's degree and previous master's degree in Statistics, my past experiences are most in data analysis. My short-term career goal is to be a data analyst/data scientist in the eCommerce industry. I aim to be an expert in a leadership position in my field.

The Post-Graduate Career Pathways Program is providing me great opportunities to meet with a matched employer, and get customized career advice from him/her. It will not only help me to improve my interview skills, but will also help me to build my career path.

TSION MELAKU

Master's student/ Management Information Systems

Advisor: Dr. Greg Moody

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Born and raised in Ethiopia, I came to the US as an international student in 2016. Passionate about data science and analytics, I joined UNLV soon after I completed my MBA at Texas A&M International University. I am currently a student in the Master of Management Information Systems program with a plan to graduate in Spring 2021 semester..

I have a desire to expand my data base management and analytics knowledge to solve demanding social problems. Hence, I have a plan to pursue with the Doctoral Program in Public Policy (DPP) in Fall 2021.

I join the Post-Grad Career Pathway program believing such opportunity would strengthen my leadership, organization, presentation and communication skill professionally at a higher level. The program will will prepare me for a rewarding career that meet the needs of the market. It will guide my career based on skills in demand, how to obtain those skills, and the likely return on investment in such learning.