

Alumni profiles IDEV 4500 Fall 2016

Melissa Fairey – Melissa graduated from the Gender Stream in ID at Guelph in 2012. After graduation Melissa worked in Chile, Georgia and Indonesia with the UN Development Programme and Canada World Youth. She is a Women Deliver youth fellow, A World At School Global Ambassador and World Contraception Day Ambassador currently implementing a sexual/reproductive health project in York Region, Canada. She is also the Country Coordinator for Canada in the Commonwealth Youth Network and on the Board of Directors for the HIV/AIDS Committee of York Region. She currently works as a Program Development Supervisor implementing community focused projects. Melissa will be starting a Masters of Public Policy in September.

Matthew Rae – Matthew graduated from the Political Economy Stream in ID at Guelph in 2013. After graduating Matthew did a Master's of Advanced International Studies at the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna and the University of Vienna. While completing his degree he did an internship at the Embassy of the Republic of Malta in Vienna. He is currently working in a Member of Parliament's Office as a Communications and Stakeholder Manager. In this position he is responsible for writing all MP communication, such as press releases, reports and speeches, while also assisting in policy development and client services.

Lindsay Morris – Lindsay completed her undergrad in the PEAC emphasis of ID in April 2012. Her time at Guelph helped her to realize that she could combine her two passions - dance and development. She has done two dance-related internships abroad, one in Botswana and one in Ghana. She recently completed a joint MA in Dance and MBA in Nonprofit Management at York University. Her research involved fieldwork in Sierra Leone, working with children orphaned by the Ebola outbreak using dance therapy. After graduating from Guelph and while pursuing her Master's, she also worked for a charity in Guelph as the Office Manager, Volunteer Coordinator and Publicist. Lindsay now works for a travel company in Toronto, planning and executing the volunteer projects that their travelers have the option to participate in.

Stephanie Bishop – Stephanie graduated from the Political Economy Stream in ID at Guelph in 2014. Stephanie is currently enrolled in her last year at Queen's Law where she is leading various social justice initiatives, including the development of a Refugee Sponsorship Program. She concurrently works as the Program Coordinator of Pro Bono Students Canada Queen's Law Chapter, an organisation striving to mitigate the access to justice crisis. In Stephanie's first summer she interned at UNHQ in New York (Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate, a Security Council Advisory). Last summer she interned for the Office of the Prosecutor at the International Criminal Court. She will be articling at the Constitutional Law Branch at the Ministry of the Attorney General next year.

Devin Waugh – Since graduating from the Rural and Agricultural Development in ID at Guelph in 2013, Devin has been working for a small conservation NGO called Acaté Amazon Conservation. They work with the Matsés, an indigenous group in the Peruvian Amazon on a number of issues including traditional knowledge/cultural revitalization, land tenure, and non-extractive economic opportunities. He has also worked as a forest fire fighter in the summer of

2014 in Ontario, and done some travelling through South America and the western US. Academically, he is currently at the department of Geography at Guelph in the second year of his masters looking at Inuit traditional ecological knowledge of beluga whale in the western Canadian Arctic. He completed his field work/research this past summer and is currently working with his data and writing his thesis.

Warren Dodd – Warren graduated from ID with an emphasis in Rural and Agricultural Development at Guelph in 2011. He completed his collaborative PhD in Population Medicine and International Development Studies at the University of Guelph in 2016. For his PhD research, he investigated the connections between labour mobility, health, and rural livelihoods among small-scale farming households in South India. Warren is currently engaged in interdisciplinary research projects with community partners in Yellowknife, NWT and Honduras. Warren also serves on the Board of Directors for Community Based Research Canada and works locally with the Guelph and Wellington Task Force for Poverty Elimination. Warren graduated from his undergraduate degree in ID in 2011 from the Rural and Agricultural Development area of emphasis.

Georgia Simms – After graduating from ID with an emphasis in Environment and Development and a minor in Environmental Science at Guelph in 2005, Georgia pursued a Master's in Geography at Guelph with a focus on water resource governance. Since, she has been investigating the intersection of social science and arts practice and holds a position with the Community Engaged Scholarship Institute as the Engaged Practitioner in Residence exploring methodologies and approaches for arts-based knowledge transition. Georgia is simultaneously a professional modern dancer, choreographer and facilitator. In addition to an intensive study of modern dance traditions, she has worked with several Canadian choreographers to explore different contemporary and improvisational dance languages. Her choreography has been presented at the Guelph Dance Festival (2011) and she was twice commissioned by the City of Guelph for special events. She has taught modern dance at the Royal City School of Ballet and at the University of Waterloo and teaches technique and improvisation for adults through her company, IMAGEO artworks.