KATIE BLITSMAN

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EDUCATION

Columbia University, Mailman School of Public Health, New York, NY

Expected May 2018

• Master of Public Health (MPH) in Epidemiology, certificate in Applied Biostatistics

Cornell University, *College of Human Ecology*, Ithaca, NY

Jan 2016

• BS in Human Development with minor in Health Policy

WORK EXPERIENCE

Graduate Intern Jun 2017 – Present

New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Long Island City, NY

- Worked within the Division of Disease Control, Bureau of Communicable Disease
- Conducted general Salmonella and Listeria surveillance
- Performed *Salmonella* and *Listeria* cluster and outbreak investigations, final analyses, and created summary reports
- Presented investigation results in bi-weekly, cross-departmental meetings
- Conducted database cleaning and updating on multiple platforms

SAS Analysis Intern

Apr 2017 - Jun 2017

New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Long Island City, NY

- Worked within the Division of Family and Child Health, Bureau of Early Intervention
- Spearheaded a project that involved the extraction, cross-referencing, and cleaning of data from a raw data set for use in an automated texting reminder service
- Collaborated with employees within the Bureau of Early Intervention to set guidelines and criteria for said project

Public Health Intern

Jun 2015 – Aug 2015

Vermilion County Health Department, Danville, IL

- Developed education materials for several departments, for both public and internal use
- Assisted in outreach programs including at Lakeview College of Nursing, AMBUCS, and Danville Housing Authority
- Participated in interdepartmental meetings, including emergency preparedness
- Assisted environmental health and WIC employees during sanitation inspections and prenatal nutrition classes

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Sep 2013 – May 2016

Laboratory for Rational Decision Making, Ithaca, NY

- · Worked with the Health and Medical Decision Making team under Dr. Valerie Reyna
- Designed experiments, collected and analyzed data on multiple projects
- Worked on a project titled "A Fuzzy-Trace Theory Intervention to Reduce Distress from Positive Mammography Screening Results" which was presented at the 2014 Society for Medical Decision Making conference
- Received 2014 College of Human Ecology Summer Stipend for \$4,000 to work on aforementioned project

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

PATCH Loaves and Fishes Committee Member

Sep 2012 – May 2016

Loaves and Fishes of Tompkins County, Ithaca, NY

- Discussed health, wellness, and nutrition with low-income community members
- Provided an open, friendly environment to discuss health care and other issues with resource limited individuals
- Measured blood pressure, pulse, and weight at Ithaca's community kitchen

SKILLS AND CERTIFICATIONS

Languages: Fluent in Russian • Proficient in Spanish

Software: SAS, R & RStudio, PASS, and SPSS; Microsoft Access, Excel, Word, PowerPoint; SQL

Certifications: HIPPA, CITI Human Subjects including research with minors and international/global research