

Taking the Pulse of Wisconsin

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The Survey of the Health of Wisconsin is moving steadily towards its launch into field operation. Early next year, SHOW will be knocking at doors all around the state, administering the country's first statewide health survey of its kind.

SHOW recently hired a nine member field staff. This new team is SHOW's important frontline; they will recruit selected participants, administer SHOW's health interviews, and perform health measurements at survey centers. The team is in the midst of a rigorous 12 week training schedule, during which they will be certified in the many different instruments that SHOW will employ.

Meet SHOW's Field Staff

Diane Michalski Turner

Hometown: Chicago, Illinois
Education: Anthropology BA and MA, U of Illinois - Chicago; PhD, Michigan State.
"I'm excited about joining SHOW because I love doing research, especially on health issues. Also, I'm a gypsy and I-o-v-e to travel."

Sally Steward-Townsend

Hometown: Indianola, Mississippi
Education: BA in Psychology, UWM - Milwaukee
"Joining SHOW is a fantastic opportunity to be involved in a new project about the health of Wisconsin. The impact of the data and other research efforts could possibly effect the world."

Allison Schaus

Hometown: South Milwaukee, WI
Education: BS in Biology with Neurobiology, Certified Nursing Assistant
"SHOW's Mobile Exam Centers will allow us to travel and examine the health of the whole state, not just the major metropolitan areas. It's exciting to be involved with such a groundbreaking project."

Elizabeth Snowden

Hometown: Milwaukee, WI
Schooling: University of Minnesota & University of WI-Milwaukee, Milwaukee Area Technical College, Respiratory Therapy.
"I look forward to the new adventures that I am sure to have as a part of the SHOW team, and at the same time contribute to important research that will improve my state's health!"

Emilio Delboy

Hometown: Madison, WI
Schooling: BA in Political Science from UW-Madison
"I'm excited to contribute to a project that will greatly broaden knowledge of factors that determine the health of the people of Wisconsin."



SHOW's field team: (top, left to right) Kathleen Cantu, Francisco Rodriguez-Beuerman, Allison Schaus, Emilio Delboy. (bottom, left to right) Elizabeth Snowden, Diane Michalski Turner, Sally Steward-Townsend, Molly Herrington, Sarah Napoé.

Molly Herrington

Hometown: Atlanta, Georgia
Schooling: Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Georgia. Biology
"I am so excited to contribute towards the long term goal of better health for the state of Wisconsin! I think SHOW is going to have a tremendous impact and hopefully our data will be a tool for present and future research."

Francisco Rodriguez-Beuerman

Hometown: Madison
Schooling: Economics and Engineering
"We are going to take a look at the humanity in Wisconsin to discover and map a range of health-determining issues. This data is essential for focusing resources efficiently and to improve the health of the population of Wisconsin. That's exciting!"

Kathleen Cantu

Hometown: Northern Indiana and San Francisco, CA
Schooling: BS in Management from UW-Madison
"I believe in optimal health for ALL people and that health is a right, not a privilege for just a few. I think the SHOW program has the (long-term) potential to effect public policy in a way that will benefit all constituencies of Wisconsin."

Sarah Napoé

Hometown: Lome, Togo
Schooling: BS, Human Biology, University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. MS, Molecular Biology, Louisiana Tech University
"I believe that data from the SHOW project will ultimately serve the population of Wisconsin and beyond. I look forward to traveling through the state of Wisconsin, and getting to know its residents better."