Global Health Internships for Trinity Students  
Washington, D.C.  
Summer 2010

• **Africa Programs, Center for Interfaith Action Against Global Poverty**  
  Contact: TBD  
  Majors: Communications, English Political Science, Anthropology, Sociology

The mission of The Center for Interfaith Action on Global Poverty (CIFA) is to improve the capacity and effectiveness of the faith community in its collective effort to reduce global poverty and disease. CIFA does this through increased interfaith coordination, best practices and model sharing, innovative mobilization of resources and influential advocacy to governments and the general public. CIFA’s program focus and priorities will be cast within the broad framework of the UN-adopted Millennium Development Goals (MDG’s), either through direct collaboration to achieve these goals or by working to improve the faith community’s capacity to address these goals. The primary areas of focus for CIFA’s work will be: malaria, HIV/AIDS, and gender justice.

• **Air Force Medical Service, Office of the Air Force Surgeon General**  
  Report to: Colonel J.E. Zarate, CIO of the Air Force Medical Service (Trinity grad ’88)  
  Majors: Biostatistics, Economics, Mathematics, Pre-Med

The Air Force Medical Service (AFMS) works in close coordination with the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs, the major air command surgeons, the Departments of the Army, Navy and other government agencies to deliver medical service for more than 2.63 million eligible beneficiaries. Beneficiaries include active duty, family members and retirees, during both peacetime and wartime. The AFMS consists of approximately 40,000 officers, enlisted and civilian personnel, plus an additional 20,000 members assigned to the Air Force Reserves and the Air National Guard. The AFMS has an annual budget of approximately $6.9 billion and runs 75 military treatment facilities, including 24 hospitals and medical centers. The AFMS operates and manages a worldwide healthcare system capable of responding to a full spectrum of anticipated health requirements and provides an integrated healthcare system from forward deployed locations through definitive care with an emphasis on prevention of illness and injury. It arranges for healthcare capabilities that it does not possess organically. It directly supports USAF operations and theater aeromedical evacuation (AE) of joint and combined forces.

• **Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, Office of the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services**  
  Report to: Kimberly Konkel, Director for Health  
  Majors: All (particularly Political Science, Economics, Sociology, Philosophy)
The HHS Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships (The Partnership Center) is the Department’s liaison to grassroot organizations delivering health care and health services. The Department recognizes that without the engagement of secular and faith-based nonprofits, community organizations neighborhoods and wider communities, services will not reach people who need them most. The Partnership Center is a mechanism for the Department to engage and communicate with the grassroots, ensuring that local institutions that hold community trust have up-to-date information regarding health and human service activities and resources in their area.

The Center works to enable community and faith-based organizations to partner with the government through both non-fiduciary and fiduciary partnerships to achieve the goals of HHS and the specific goals put forward by President Obama for the Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnership Initiative. These are to:

- Strengthen the role of community organizations in the economic recovery and poverty reduction.
- Reduce unintended pregnancies and support maternal and child health.
- Promote responsible fatherhood and healthy families.

The health policy intern would have a unique view of policy from inside the Executive Branch of government, including the opportunity to interact with White House staff and the office of HHS Secretary Sebelius. This internship would provide an excellent opportunity to work with and learn about a variety of agencies within the large and diverse HHS organization, including the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and many others.

- **National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health**
  
  Report to: TBD

  Majors sought: Communications, English, Political Science, Art, Pre-Med, Statistics, and others

The National Cancer Institute (NCI), the largest of the 27 institutes and centers comprising the National Institutes of Health (NIH), is the Federal Government’s principal agency for cancer research and training. The NCI coordinates the National Cancer Program, which conducts and supports research, training, health information dissemination, and other programs with respect to the cause, diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of cancer, rehabilitation from cancer, and the continuing care of cancer patients and the families of cancer patients.

Internships at NCI provide the opportunity for students to participate in vital health and science research and communications projects in one of the many offices that make up the NCI. Examples of work done by interns include:
• Plan, develop, and promote cancer education programs and materials (including Web-based) for the public, cancer patients, or health professionals
• Gain experience in pre-testing and evaluating cancer prevention and treatment messages, publications, materials, and programs that reach the American public
• Write fact sheets and press releases
• Answer inquiries from the press and Congress