

# GIANNA FERRARA

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## EDUCATION AND ACTIVITIES

- Aug 2022 - May 2024      **MPH, Vanderbilt University School of Medicine**, Nashville, TN  
Track: Epidemiology, Global Health Certificate Program
- Vanderbilt Institute of Global Health SAC: Symposium Abstract Reader
  - Vanderbilt University Global Health Case Competition: Competitor
  - Proficient in STATA statistical software for data science
- Aug 2018 - May 2022      **BA, Connecticut College**, New London, CT  
Major: Biological Sciences, Minor: Economics
- Connecticut College Athletics: DEI Captain
  - Varsity Lacrosse Two-Year Captain
  - Protect Our Breasts: Chapter President
  - Women in STEM: Member
  - Pre-Health Club: Member

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## EXPERIENCE

- March 2024 – Present      **Consultant, StoveTeam International**  
Nashville, TN/Antigua, Guatemala
- Conduct market research, meeting with key stakeholders, engaging with local communities, interviewing former and current employees to understand poor worker retention and improve organizational efficiency
  - Work collaboratively on an interdisciplinary team through Vanderbilt Business School's Turner Family Center for Social Ventures
- Aug 2022 – Present      **Researcher, Tennessee Emerging Infections Program (EIP)**  
Nashville, TN
- Monitor and manage COVID-19, Flu and RSV cases across Tennessee through EHRs and data entry, using REDCap, for CDC funded program at Vanderbilt University Medical Center
  - Served as an [epidemiological assistance](#) caller, contacting and documenting patients positive for the flu to investigate the start of the flu season
- Jan 2023 – Oct 2023      **Research and Admin Intern, Lwala Community Alliance**  
Nashville, TN/Rongo, Kenya
- Led write up on COVID-19 vaccine hesitancy among a rural population
  - Supported quality improvement project on facility assessment tools
  - Collaboratively developed protocol for a follow up study
  - Organized donor information and gifts received through spreadsheets and online system, contacted donors, and attended meetings with staff

Jun 2022 – Aug 2022

**Legal Research Assistant, Abrams Fensterman LLP**

Lake Success, NY

- Researched COVID-19's lasting impact, and other current mental health and healthcare issues, on the legal field
- Worked with team on initial stages of establishing a graduate-specific wellness program at Hofstra University's Law School

May 2021 – May 2022

**Research Assistant, Feinstein Institutes for Medical Research**

Manhasset, NY

- Worked on a systematic review pertaining to ICU provider burnout and presented findings for peers and Northwell Health physician scientists

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**MANUSCRIPTS SUBMITTED FOR PUBLICATION**

**Ferrara G**, Mudhune S, Rogers A, Mbeya J, Achieng A, Were V, Shumba C, Starnes J. "Willingness to be vaccinated against COVID-19 and associated factors in Migori County, Kenya: analysis of cross-sectional survey data."

**Ferrara G**, Clouse K, Howard L, Aliyu M, Hartert T, Snyder B. "Associations between household secondhand smoke exposure in the first year of life and subsequent recurrent wheezing and asthma diagnoses in childhood."

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**PRESENTATIONS**

February 2024

**Vanderbilt Translational Research Forum**

Nashville, TN

- Presented findings: "Willingness to be vaccinated against COVID-19 and associated factors in Migori County, Kenya: analysis of cross-sectional survey data."

January 2024

**IMPH Population and Public Health Colloquium**

Nashville, TN

- Presented findings: "Willingness to be vaccinated against COVID-19 and associated factors in Migori County, Kenya: analysis of cross-sectional survey data."