



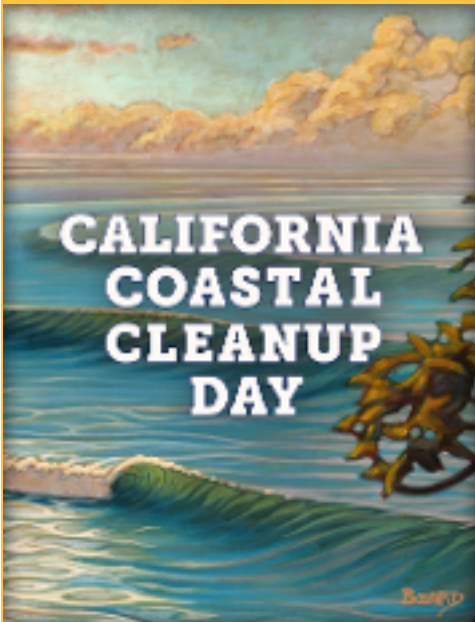
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Upcoming Events

CALIFORNIA COASTAL CLEANUP



September 15, 2018

9 am - 12 pm

Meet at Santa
Monica

BACKPACK DRIVE



Now through
September 30,
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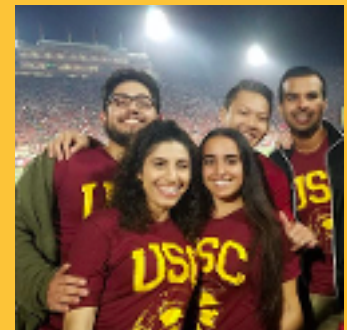
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SWAG SALE/ BUSINESS CARDS



Tommy Trojan

MPH Candidate



September 17, 2018

Soto Building

12:00 pm - 2:00 pm



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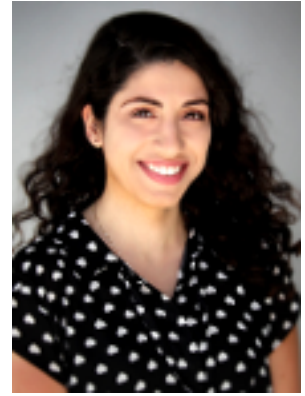
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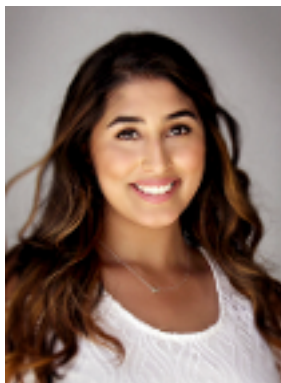
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Student Practicum Spotlight

Eric Takiguchi
Epidemiology/ Biostats
Pasadena Department of Public Health



How Did You Find Your Practicum Site?

I am an Epidemiology Intern at the Pasadena Department of Public Health under Matt Feaster. I found my Practicum site through Rose, the Practicum Coordinator, and Paula, head of Career Services. Rose's weekly emails helped me apply to multiple sites and pick a site that was the most meaningful and fit to where I might want to work in the future. I also talked to students that have already done their Practicum because you will be able to ask if their Practicum site will continue to hire students, and if they had an enjoyable experience.

What were some of the projects you worked on?

Over the past few months, I worked on the City of Pasadena's first Communicable Disease Report for 2013-2017. Data was taken from the Pasadena's list of reportable diseases data source. I coded in SAS to analyze and interpreted data to be developed into trends. Interpretation assists public and private sectors to identify high risk behaviors, populations at risk, or geographical locations to target for programs and prevention. Overall, this main project helped me see what an epidemiologist does and function.

Some small projects included summaries of specific diseases to be used for awareness, while others involved attending on-site outbreak or high-risk areas of disease occurrence. As an Epi/Bio concentration student, I was involved in projects that helped me decide what parts of Epidemiology I enjoyed, while contributing to the City of Pasadena.

What was the biggest takeaway?

My biggest take away is to start thinking about a practicum early, and pick a practicum that you feel is meaningful, and where you might imagine yourself working after you graduate. You should also focus on using what you learn in classes related to your concentration. For example, I found that PM512 was a core part of my practicum, including the methods, interpretations, bias, and disease modules because it was heavily focused around Epidemiology.

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