

Youssra Marjoua

5 Cowperthwaite St #112

Cambridge, MA 02138

youssra.marjoua@gmail.com (203)887-1755

Education

Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government Master in Public Policy 2010
Relevant Coursework: *Improving US Foreign Policy through Global Health Diplomacy, Negotiations & conflict resolution, Economic Development Policy & Evidence, Econometrics, Quantitative analysis Political Analysis & Strategy for Health Policy; Political Institutions and Public Policy*

Yale University, School of Medicine M.D. Candidate 2011

University of California, Berkeley, B.S. Molecular & Cell Biology 2004 *Magna cum Laude*

Activities

CURE International
Lusaka, Zambia

Orthopedic Surgery Elective, August 2009. First assist to attending surgeon performing pediatric orthopedic surgery procedures at CURE International, a 501(c3) non profit organization and children's charity hospital for physically disabled children facing surgically treatable conditions such as cleft palate, club foot, and burns.

Center for the Study of the
Presidency & Congress (CSPC)-
Health & Medicine Program

Health Policy Fellow, June 2009 – August 2009. In Office of Dr. Susan Blumenthal, M.D., M.P.A., Health and Medicine Program at CSPC, Washington, D.C. Provided policy analysis and operational support for the Center's Global Health and U.S. Health Diplomacy Working Group; Prepared a comprehensive background document for this Global Health Working Group and served as co-author of opinion pieces in the electronic mass media derived from this analysis (in prep).

Workshop in Multiparty
Negotiation/Conflict Resolution

Participant, January 2009. Intensive skill-building workshop on multiparty negotiations at Harvard Kennedy School. Acquired skills in complex multi-stakeholder negotiations; mediating public disputes; designing consensus-building procedures; examining cross-cultural differences and ethical dilemmas; and sustaining cooperative relationships.

Health Diplomacy Initiative

Co-organizer, student interest group leader, March 2007-2008. Initiative & seminar series at Yale Schools of public health & Law. Launched to address rise of health as foreign policy issue. Organized lectures and discussions with international health and diplomacy experts, aim to promote multidisciplinary dialogue within & beyond Yale community on need for health prioritization in international relations and foreign policy discussions.

Global Health (GH) Elective

Co-organizer and facilitator, March 2007-2008. Co-created curriculum and secured funding for 1st global health seminar at Yale intended to develop understanding of sociopolitical, economic, cultural aspects of GH. Involves students & faculty of all Yale health affiliated schools, & expert speakers from institutions across U.S

AID Leaders Summit

Workshop Facilitator, October 2006. Moderated session on building health infrastructure (focused on Innovative Solutions to Healthcare in Low Resource Settings) at Americans for Informed Democracy (AID) Young Leaders Summit on Global Health.

WHARC—Women's Health &
Action Research Centre, Nigeria

Medical student volunteer with mobile rural clinic, June-August 2006. Assisted with patient triage and intake, bedside procedures and administration of meds. Simultaneously conducted maternal health research.

Yale Med-Law Project	Co-coordinator, March 2006-Present. Interdisciplinary group of practicing law and medical professionals, residents & students. Led discussion forums on issues facing medical and legal systems, and on need to encourage future doctors and lawyers to work together & efforts in solving nation's health care challenges.
Yale AIDS Week	Co-organizer, December 2005 and 2006. Coordinated weeklong program of lectures & community outreach projects to address challenges surrounding HIV/AIDS epidemic, to educate community on prevention, testing & support services, and to highlight to colleagues critical role that health providers can play to mitigate local and global burden of disease.
SNMA	Community advocacy liaison, Aug 2005-Present. Student National Medical Association – (SNMA) Yale Chapter. Active in recruiting and retaining minority medical students, in effort to increase representation of ethnic minorities in medicine. Widely involved in health education and outreach in the New Haven community via yr round health fairs, voter registration drives, community discussions, teaching & mentoring programs for local youth.
Health Care in Mind	Radio show host WPKN 89.5 CT/long Island, Oct 2005-2007. Student-run radio program on health politics and activism concerning equitable access to health care in scope of local, national and global challenges.
CEIHD, Non-Profit Org	Assistant Project Manager, 2004-2005. CEIHD (Center for Entrepreneurship in Int'l Health and Development), UC Berkeley. Conducted research & wrote grants for projects addressing infant and maternal morbidity & mortality associated with indoor air pollution, and treatment use of misoprostol to control post-partum hemorrhage in resource-limited settings.

Research Experience, Presentations & Publications

“Mental Health Policy in Morocco”	November 2007. Presentation at Psychiatry seminar series while completing psychiatry clerkship at Ibn Rushd University Hospital, Casablanca, Morocco.
Maternal Health Research, Nigeria	June 2006-August 2006. Independent research in Okokhuo village, Nigeria mediated through local NGO WHARC (Women's Health & Action Research Centre). Conducted structured interview study to assess influences on maternal health seeking behavior in a rural Village and to investigate the implications of these behaviors on policy decisions. Currently in process of analyzing and interpreting Data.
Endocrinology Research	Jan 2002-June 2004, Research Assistant-Hayes Lab, UCB Investigated pesticide induced endocrine disruption in amphibian populations.
Publication scheduled to appear in <i>Academic Medicine</i> November 2009 issue	BUILDING A HEALTH-PEACE MOVEMENT: ACADEMIC MEDICINE'S ROLE IN GENERATING SOLUTIONS TO GLOBAL PROBLEMS Ali M. Khan, Laura M. Janneck, Jay Bhatt, DO, MPH, Rajesh Panjabi, MD, MPH, Youssra Marjoua and Aleem Bharwani, MD

Awards

Aug 2008	AMA Physicians of Tomorrow Scholarship— Award based on academic standing, community involvement, recommendations and financial need.
June 2008	AMA Scholars Fund Award
May 2004	Molecular Cell Biology Dept Award for Honors Thesis Research, UC Berkeley
2003-2004	Dean's Honor Roll, University of California, Berkeley
2003-2004	Biology Fellows Program Award (HHMI), UC Berkeley
2002-2004	Golden Key National Honor Society, UC Berkeley

Employment History

Sept 2006-Jun 2007	Histology Teaching Assistant, Yale School of Medicine
Aug 2005- Jun 2007	Audio-Visual Technical staff, Yale School of Medicine

Aug 2004-Dec 2004
Jan 2001- Jun 2001

Cell Biology Teaching Assistant, UC Berkeley.
Assistant Volleyball coach, Golden Bear Volleyball Club, Berkeley,

Personal

Languages

Aug 2000-May 2002

Intermediate in French and Arabic

Member of UC Berkeley Women's Varsity Volleyball Team (Middle Blocker).