

## Jonathan D. Shaffer – Curriculum Vitae

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### PERSONAL PROFILE

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I am a Ph.D. student in sociology at Boston University. My interests exist at the intersection of global health, human rights, science and technology studies, and social movements. Specifically, I study how global health organizations resist dominant field pressures and develop alternative strategies to advance state-protected universal health care access, social change, and human rights. I am also interested in the social construction of global health science and the political effects this knowledge has on global health policy making.

### EDUCATION

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- 2016 - Present    **Ph.D. Candidate in Sociology, Boston University**  
Subfields: *Global & Transnational Sociology, Medical Sociology, Science and Technology Studies*  
Advisor: Joseph Harris, Ph.D., MPA  
Methodological Training:  
- Qualitative methods: extended case ethnography and in-depth interviewing  
- Quantitative methods: regression (OLS & MLE), network analysis (block models & ERGM)
- 2005 – 2009    **B.Sc. in Biomedical Engineering - Northwestern University**  
Focus: Biomaterials and Biotechnology  
Minor in Global Health

### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

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- March 2017 - Present    **Boston Network for International Development**  
*Executive Director*  
  
Led the growth and expanded programming of BNID, a point of connection for groups and individuals in the Boston area who are concerned with issues of international development and global justice.
- October 2011 - April 2016    **Partners In Health**  
*Senior Strategist for Grassroots Organizing*  
  
Situated grassroots community organizing as a strategic goal and programmatic area of work within Partners In Health.  
- Grew PIH Engage from a mere concept to more than 90 strong, volunteer-led teams with more than 4,000 active members, located on college campuses, professional communities, and networks of friends around the world.  
- Developed a business model that allowed the overall budget of PIH Engage to expand to nearly \$400k in expenses and that generated more than \$700; in annual grassroots campaign revenue.  
- Orchestrated the nonprofit merger between FACE AIDS (student-driven global health organization) and PIH Engage, successfully enabling the FACE AIDS chapters to integrate into the broader PIH campaigns.  
- Built relationships with a network of global health and social justice advocacy organizations and paved the way for new Partners In Health-led grassroots advocacy campaigns.

June 2009 -  
July 2011

**GlobeMed**  
*Executive Director*

Successfully led GlobeMed through a period of rapid programmatic, institutional, and financial growth that cemented the organization as the premiere student-driven organization advancing a social movement for global health and social justice.

- Grew GlobeMed from 17 to 46 university-based chapters with more than 2,000 students involved nation-wide.
- Expanded GlobeMed's network of grassroots health partner organizations from 17 to 47, driving strategic expansion in East and West Africa, South and Central America, Southeast Asia and the United States.
- Accompanied GlobeMed chapters in raising more than \$350k, funding public health projects that advanced the mission of their grassroots health partners.
- Raised more than \$500k from corporations, foundations, and individuals to fund and expand GlobeMed's programs.

April, 2016 -  
Sept, 2016

**Lancet Commission on Reframing NCDs and Injuries for the Poorest Billion**  
*Research Assistant*

Conducted research focused on the history of the social construction of the noncommunicable disease and injury (NCDI) category within WHO and researched the current discourse and framing of NCDIs amongst global health professionals, policy makers, and activists using a mixed methods approach involving public opinion polling, online surveys, and semi-structured interviews. Publication in *The Lancet* forthcoming.

## AWARDS AND RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

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2020

**Boston University Long-Term Graduate Research Abroad Fellowship - Declined**

Selected to receive a \$15,000 Graduate Research Abroad Fellowship; declined the award because it could not be combined with the NSF GRFP.

2019

**Boston University Global Development Policy Center Summer in the Field Fellowship**

Received this selective grant which provided \$4,000 supporting pilot field work for the dissertation in Sierra Leone.

2019

**Boston University Sociology Department Morris Fund Grant**

Received \$1,000 to support pilot field work for the dissertation in Sierra Leone.

2017

**National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship**

The NSF GRFP is a prestigious three-year fellowship funding and supporting my doctoral research; \$34,000 stipend and \$12,000 tuition honorarium per year for three years.

2017

**BU Pardee Center Graduate Summer Research Fellowship**

Funding and research support for work on social and political constructions of noncommunicable diseases.

2017

**Symposium on Global Health and the Social Sciences, Graduate Student Lead**

*Hosted by the Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer-Range Future*

Helped plan content, logistics, and produce a conference report from the multidisciplinary conference on global health.

2017-2018

**BU Sociology Department Graduate Student Seminar Lead**

Helped lead and plan our department's year-long invited seminar series with senior scholars from around the world.

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICES

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### Ad-hoc Reviewer

American Sociological Review  
Social Science and Medicine

### Professional Organization Member

American Sociological Association

## PUBLICATIONS

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### Investment ‘with a fierce sense of urgency’: The Human Capital Project as governance endeavour (*Under Review*)

*Sociology of Development* | Hunter, Benjamin M. & Shaffer, Jonathan

### The De-socializing of Jim Kim?

*Somatosphere* | Shaffer, Jonathan. 2018. The De-socializing of Jim Kim? *Somatosphere*. <http://somatosphere.net/2018/02/the-de-socializing-of-jim-kim.html> (accessed February 13, 2018)

### Global Health and the Social Sciences: Past Engagements, Future Opportunities (*Under Review*)

*Social Science & Medicine*

### Symposium on Global Health and the Social Sciences: Conference Report

*The Frederick S. Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer-Range Future* | Shaffer, Jonathan. 2018. Symposium on Global Health and the Social Sciences: Conference Report. *The Frederick S. Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer-Range Future*. <http://www/bu.edu/pardee/files/2018/07/Global-Health-Social-Sciences-Pardee-Report.pdf> (accessed September 6, 2018)

### The Lancet NCDI Poverty Commission: Bridging a Gap in Universal Health Coverage for the Poorest Billion (*Under Review*)

*The Lancet*

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

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### ACADEMIC TALKS

#### Modeling Mundane Maladies: Noncommunicable Diseases and the Social Determinants of Knowledge

October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 | ASA Sociology of Development Conference – University of Notre Dame, South Bend, IN, USA

#### Global Health and the Social Sciences: Symbolic Struggle and the Academic Field

August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 | American Sociological Association Annual Meeting – New York, NY, USA

#### Reassembling Global Health: Re-wiring Material & Symbolic Exclusions in Service of Expanded Health Rights

June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2019 | Law and Society Association Annual Meeting – Washington, DC, USA

#### Global Health and the Social Sciences: Symbolic Struggle and the Academic Field

April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019 | National Conference for Physician-Scholars in the Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Michigan

#### Global Health Delivery as a Field of Struggle: Noncommunicable Diseases and the Biopolitics of Exclusion

August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018 | American Sociological Association Annual Meeting – Philadelphia, PA, USA

#### A Crisis of Care: Noncommunicable Diseases and the Biopolitics of Exclusion

European Workshops in International Development

June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 | University of Groningen, The Netherlands

**A Crisis of Care: Noncommunicable Diseases and the Biopolitics of Exclusion**

British International Studies Association

June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 | Bath, United Kingdom

**Global Health Delivery as a Field of Struggle: Noncommunicable Diseases and the Biopolitics of Exclusion**

Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies, Conference on Advancing Human Progress

February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018 | Boston University, Boston, MA, USA

**The Evolving Structure of a Scientific Citation Network and its Political Effects**

2017 National Conference for Physician-Scholars in the Social Sciences and Humanities

April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 | Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA, USA

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

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- Fall 2019      **Organizing: People, Power, Change (MLD 377)**  
Teaching Fellow | Harvard University Kennedy School of Government
- Fall 2019      **Who lives? Who dies? Who cares? Case studies in global health (Gen Ed 1093)** Deputy Head  
Teaching Fellow | Harvard University
- Spring 2018    **Paradigms of Social Theory (DrPH 222)**  
Teaching Fellow | Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health
- Fall 2018      **Case Studies in Global Health: Biosocial Perspectives (SW25)**  
Deputy Head Teaching Fellow | Harvard University
- Fall 2017      **Case Studies in Global Health: Biosocial Perspectives (SW25)**  
Teaching Fellow | Harvard University
- Spring, 2016    **The Right to Health: Problems, Perspectives, and Progress (CH188)**  
Assistant Instructor | Tufts University
- Spring, 2015    **The Right to Health: Problems, Perspectives, and Progress (CH188)**  
Assistant Instructor | Tufts University

**INVITED TALKS AND PRESENTATIONS**

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| October, 2017   | <b>Vocation and Practice in Global Health</b><br>Dartmouth College   Hanover, NH                  | Nov, 2016   | <b>Guest Lecture in Intro to Sociology</b><br>Boston University   Boston, MA                   |
| September, 2017 | <b>Guest Lecture in Medical Sociology</b><br>Boston University   Boston, MA                       | Oct, 2016   | <b>Guest Lecture in Medical Sociology</b><br>Boston University   Boston, MA                    |
| November, 2015  | <b>How to think about the right to health movement</b><br>George Washington University   Wash, DC | April, 2015 | <b>Organizing for Health: People, Power, and Change</b><br>Global Engagement Summit   Evanston |

**REFERENCES**

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