



Josef Korbel School Alumni profile

Name: Angie Bengtson

Josef Korbel School degree: MA, International Development and Certificate in Global Health Affairs, 2009

Undergrad degree program: Bethel University, Communications, 2004

Language skills: Intermediate French and basic Swahili

Tell us about yourself:

After graduating from the Josef Korbel School I moved to Morogoro, Tanzania for a year as a [Global Health Corps](#) Fellow and worked with the [Southern African Centre for Infectious Disease Surveillance](#), (SACIDS). Having had several opportunities to live and work in Africa, both while at the Josef Korbel School and afterwards, I knew I wanted to pursue a research career and decided to return to school for my doctorate. Currently I'm working on my PhD in Epidemiology at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. My research interests are in improving reproductive and maternal health outcomes for women in the developing world.

Why did you choose the Josef Korbel School?

When I was researching master's degree programs I was torn between pursuing public health and international development. With the Korbel School's programs in [International Development](#) and [Global Health Affairs](#) I found I didn't have to choose between the two. I was able to take coursework, work on projects and do an internship specific to global health issues, but I was able to learn about global health within the larger context of international development. For me, it was a great fit.

Overall, how did the Josef Korbel School prepare you?

One of the greatest things I got out of my master's program at the Josef Korbel School was incredible mentorship from faculty members. I felt like my professors really took the time to get to know me and invest in me. Without their direction and support I never would have decided to pursue my PhD.

Internship site: [Partners in Health](#)

Intern title: Intern for the Institute for Social Justice at PIH