Congratulations to our MSPH and PhD Spring 2016 PHS Graduates!

Keith Murphy, MSPH
Thesis Title: Risk Factors Associated with in-Hospital Bleeding Complications in Patients Undergoing Pancreaticoduodenectomies
Chair: Dr. Ahmed Arif

Arpit Mehta, MSPH
Thesis Title: The Association of Oral Contraceptive and Hormonal Replacement Therapy use with Periodontitis
Chair: Dr. Larissa Huber

Devin Carter, MSPH
Thesis Title: An Application to the Campaign for Grade Level Reading for the Gaston County Early Literacy Collaborative
Chair: Dr. Michael Thompson

Elizabeth Metzger, MSPH
Thesis Title: An Examination of Suicide Programs for the U.S. military
Chair: Dr. Sharon Portwood

Shree Bathani, MSPH
Thesis Title: Using Laboratory Improvement to Increase Immediate Disease Control and Prevention Measures for Shiga Toxin-Producing Escherichia coli Infections
Chair: Dr. Michele Issel

Ira Dave, MSPH
Thesis Title: Association between prescription taking status and total direct costs among patients with asthma
Chair: Dr. Larissa Huber

Greg Scarola, MSPH
Thesis Title: Muscle Strengthening Activities and its Association with Self-rated Health among Diabetic Persons in North Carolina: An Examination of 2013 BRFSS Data
Chair: Dr. Crytal Piper

Chelsea Gill, MSPH
Thesis Title: The Association between Income Disparities and Prenatal Oral Health: Results from the North Carolina Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System
Chair: Dr. Larissa Huber

Mackenzie Harkey, MSPH
Thesis Title: A Program Implementation for a Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program– Education (SNAP-Ed) Component in Mecklenburg County
Chair: Dr. Sharon Portwood

Jasmine Mickle, MSPH
Thesis Title: A Community-Based Participatory Research Grant Proposal: Exploring Low Birthweight in Gaston County, NC
Chair: Dr. L. Michele Issel

Melissa Anchia, MSPH
Thesis Title: Development of a stress management program for Bayada Home Health Care
Chair: Dr. Jan Warren-Findlow
Student Spotlight:
Elizabeth Schob, a graduating MSPH student focusing on policy and advocacy in Public Health. She was the president of the Graduate Public Health Association (GPHA) this past year and served as the First-Year Liaison for GPHA last year. She has worked as a graduate assistant for the Center for Wellness Promotion in the Student Health Center for the past two years working with the BASICS Program Coordinator and the Interpersonal Violence Health Education Specialist. Last summer, she interned under the Executive Director of the North Carolina Public Health Association in Raleigh for her internship. Elizabeth is a finalist for the prestigious and highly competitive de Beaumont Foundation Public Health Philanthropy Fellowship in Bethesda, MD. This fellowship is through ASPPH.