

THE VALLEY CLINIC WELCOMES

1ST YEAR MEDICAL STUDENT

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Though born in Texas, I was raised in a small farming community in England where I lived until I moved back to the US seven years ago. More recent years saw me calling rural Massachusetts, New York City, and even Cairo (Egypt) my home. When I arrived in WA two years ago I was more than ready to settle down and I have since fallen in love with this amazing state. I look forward to getting to know another part of it here in Ellensburg over the next few years!

I come from a background in advocacy and the social sciences and this continues to color my perspective on medicine with a need to consider the bigger picture of what causes poor health. Ultimately though, advocacy alone did not feel like enough to address the stark contrast I saw between the rural and overseas communities I lived in where health care access is severely limited and the outstanding quality of care available at high-tech city hospitals where I volunteered. I would like to see the day when everyone has access to good health care and hope to be able to contribute to this goal as a doctor.

When not studying, I like to be hiking, biking, or digging my toes into the dirt of my vegetable garden. I'm also an early bird and a runner so anyone up at dawn will likely find me looking for the best five-mile loop around town. When in need of something a bit more relaxing, I enjoy pottery or working on the novel I long ago realized is going to be a perpetually half-finished project.

I am very excited to visit Ellensburg this summer and get to know your community over the coming years! Thank you very much for having me! And a particular thank you to Dr. Larson and the rest of the Ellensburg team for giving me this opportunity!



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