

Dear all,

Please join us in welcoming Gato Gourley to the Center for Vulnerable Populations (CVP) team where he will serve as the inaugural Division Manager beginning Monday, February 3rd. Gato grew up in Point Reyes Station and has lived most of his life in the San Francisco Bay Area. Most recently he lived in San Francisco, Oakland, Montara, and now Fairfax. He attended the University of California Santa Cruz,



graduating with a B.A. in Sociology with honors in the major. After a couple of years of work and travel in Nigeria and Venezuela Gato attended the London School of Economics and Political Science where he graduated with an MSc in Development Management. Following this, he went to work with Engineers Without Borders Canada (EWB) in Northern Ghana. There he worked with the Governance and Rural Infrastructure team which partnered with local and regional planning departments to develop information management systems to utilize their existing data to support making planning decisions. After leaving EWB Gato worked with Medeem LLC, a US based social enterprise part of Clinton Global Initiative, that focused on creating streamlined solutions to ensure secure title for small scale rural and urban landholders in Ghana.

Over the last seven years, Gato has worked with the CVP at ZSFG where he has supported central operations as well as been the program manager for research programs focused on Health Information Technology and Patient Safety in public hospital systems. His work included multiple studies that have included working with patients at ZSFG as well as Public Health Systems throughout the state of California. Most recently Gato was the manager for the CVP where he supported central operations, the CVP's previous Director Dr. Kirsten Bibbins-Domingo and two of her training programs - Research in Implementation Science for Equity (RISE) and SF Building Infrastructure Leading to Diversity (BUILD). Following Kirsten's departure from CVP, Gato supported the new Director and Chief Dr. Margot Kushel and her work focusing on homelessness. Gato will be instrumental in the establishment of the Benioff Homelessness and Housing Initiative.

Gato is an avid mountain biker and loves riding in the hills of the Bay Area. Most recently Gato moved to Fairfax, which some would say is the birth place of mountain biking, with his partner Michelle, their dog Fletcher, and their newest additions, 4 healthy hens.

Gato is extremely excited to become the inaugural Division Manager for the Center for Vulnerable Populations and to help further the CVP's mission and continue its growth with the Benioff Homelessness and Housing Initiative. He is extremely passionate about the CVP's mission and is deeply committed to pursuing social justice and health equity.

Please reach out to Gato and wish him a warm welcome into his new role within the Center for Vulnerable Populations at ZSFG!

Thank you,
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