

ASPR TRACIE Speaker Series Brief Speaker Biographies

Medical Reserve Corps Voices from the Field Speaker Series APP MRC's Story of Resilience during Hurricane Helene

Nadia Chauhan

Program Manager, APP MRC

Nadia holds both a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in Social Work from Appalachian State University. She has a passion for building community resilience and health equity and has been able to use this passion to support initiatives across western North Carolina through her role as Senior Research Coordinator for the Appalachian Public Health Innovation Corps and the Appalachian Medical Reserve Corps. Beyond her coordination work, Nadia is deeply committed to hands-on support for individuals and communities. Nadia's commitment continues to play a crucial role in advancing our mission to foster resilience and well-being through service, education, and partnership.

Caroline Nunnally

Team Lead, APP MRC

Caroline is a recent graduate of Appalachian State University's Class of 2025, where she earned a degree in Public Health. She brings a strong interest in community health, preparedness, and service, which she applies through her work as a full-time member of the Appalachian Public Health Innovation Corps (APP PHI). A Western North Carolina native born and raised in Asheville, NC, Caroline is especially excited to give back to her local community through public health work and contribute to advancing APP MRC's in the place she calls home.

Cynthia Baker

First-year Intern, APP MRC

Cynthia is in the process of completing her Bachelor of Science degree in Public Health from Appalachian State University. She brings a strong interest in research, cultural competence, and community-centered prevention, which she applies through her work as a current member of the Public Health Innovation Corps (APP PHI). A Western North Carolina native born and raised in Wilkes County, NC, Cynthia is dedicated and committed to advocating for rural communities and their overall health. Cynthia plans to further dedicate herself to rural communities by furthering her education with her Master's degree in Public Health from Appalachian State University.

Olive Thompson

First-year Intern, APP-PHI Lab, APP MRC Pillar

Olive is in the process of finishing her Bachelor of Science in Public Health from Appalachian State University. She brings a strong interest in rural health, environmental health, and health equity solutions, which she brings to her service to APP-PHI and APP MRC. Olive hopes to bring her interests into her future public health roles as well as knowledge gained from her service here.