

# From Malaria Patient to Public Health Professional: My Journeys to Zanzibar and Back Again



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Sarah Beckham conducted her first field study in Zanzibar, Tanzania (1999). Inspired by an all too personal experience with malaria, Beckham's career path toward medical anthropology and public health was launched. She returned to Tanzania as a field studies facilitator in 2001, just before graduating from BYU with a BA in international development and history, made two additional trips in 2004 and 2006. She is developing two articles based on her most recent qualitative research there on the treatment of maternal anemia, while pursuing a joint master's degree in public health and African studies at Yale University. Beckham and her husband, Justin, a BYU/ISP alumnus and Yale PhD candidate, are the parents of a four-year-old son, Juma.

### International Field Studies Lecture Series

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International Study Programs (ISP) and the David M. Kennedy Center for International Studies are pleased to announce the new International Field Studies Lecture Series. The lectures will highlight past field study students, who conducted research over the past decade since field studies began at BYU. The more senior alumni will often include descriptions of how their original international experience contributed to their further academic achievements, career, and life paths. Topics to be covered will include: ceremonial drumming in Ghana, cross-cultural psychology in India, religious movements in the highlands of Guatemala, and survival strategies of street children in South Africa. It is hoped that this lecture series will not only be interesting and educational, but will also illustrate, for BYU students, the possibilities, and advantages, of conducting cross-cultural field work, as well as to encourage undergraduate research and mentored learning.