### MEET OUR SAFE URBAN HARVESTS STUDY TEAM Johns Hopkins Center for a livable future field and lab teams:





#### **PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR:**



<u>Keeve Nachman</u>, PhD, MHS Assistant Professor, Department of Environmental Health and Engineering, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Keeve likes talking about soils with different kinds of scientists, even when it means he's always getting the terminology wrong.

\*Most likely to play heavy metal music in lab while analyzing samples for heavy metals

#### **SENIOR RESEARCH ASSISTANT:**



## **Sara Lupolt**, MPH, PhD Student, Department of Environmental Health and Engineering

Sara says she doesn't have a green thumb but spends most of her time thinking about urban agriculture and soil safety.

\*Most likely to be the brains behind an operation

#### **CENTER FOR A LIVABLE FUTURE STAFF:**



#### Brent Kim, MHS, Program Officer, Food Production and Public Health Program

Brent loves beets and hauling soil around in a wheelbarrow. "Very satisfying, great exercise."

\*Most likely to become a professional produce juggler



<u>Raychel Santo</u>, MSc, Senior Research Program Coordinator, Food Production and Public Health Program and Food Communities and Public Health Program

Although she recognizes the ecological importance of weeds, Raychel relishes in the slow and tedious act of removing them. "Give me a field of carrots to weed for five hours straight and I'm a happy camper."

\*Most likely to be trekking through Baltimore with a backpacking pack full of produce

# THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WORKED AS STUDENT RESEARCH ASSISTANTS ON THE SUH PROJECT AT SOME POINT DURING ITS PROGRESS:



#### **Ruth Burrows, MHS**

Ruthie has loved growing fruits and vegetables for as long as she can remember—she even helped found her elementary school's garden when she was 5 years old!

\*Most likely to find SUH paraphernalia in pockets while washing clothes



#### **Eleanor Evans, MPP**

Nelly is a former high school garden and cooking teacher. She "can sneak a vegetable and bean into just about anything!"

\*Most likely to befriend a farmer



#### **Jim Huang**

Back home, Jim enjoys walking in gardens and appreciating the importance of plants to our health.

\*Most likely to juice vegetables after a workout



#### Matthew Kessler, MSc Agroecology

Matthew loves growing multi-story gardens and debating about what efficiency means in agriculture - it's more than yield! \*Most likely to get excited at the site of a good compost pile



#### Jotham Illuminati, M.S.

Jotham is impressed by the fact that urban farms supply food to about one-quarter of the world's urban population. \*Most likely to break a garden trowel



#### Audrey Swanenberg, MA

Audrey is a beekeeper and loves growing the native plant Chelone glabra (aka Turtlehead) to support the Maryland state butterfly: the Baltimore Checkerspot!

\*Most impressive at maintaining morale when grinding produce in a basement lab in isolation for hours on end



#### Colleen Synk, MSPH

Colleen loves eating and growing collard greens. Her customers use to call her Colleen Collard Greens when she farmed and sold her produce.

\*Most skilled at balancing a rake, shovel, and tray of transplants while biking to her garden plot



#### **Rachel Viqueira, MHS**

Rachel is currently battling feral cats over whether or not her planter will become a litter box by the end of the season.

\*Holds record for fastest kale blending



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