



**Austin Land, The 2016-17
Joe Lurie Returned Peace Corps Volunteer Gateway Fellow
at International House, UC Berkeley**



Austin was born and raised in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He graduated from the University of Michigan in 2008, where he majored in Political Science and Philosophy, with a focus on political theory and ethics. Austin joined the Peace Corps in 2009 and served in the Commonwealth of Dominica until 2011. After returning to the US, he worked as an organizer with the ACLU of Michigan and as a research assistant in development economics at the University of Michigan. In 2012, he joined Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA), a non-profit research and policy organization. Austin spent two years managing research projects with IPA in Zambia and Uganda.

Austin moved to California and enrolled in the Goldman School of Public Policy's master's program in 2014. He graduated from the Goldman School's master's program this past spring, and is now a Ph.D. student at the Goldman School. He hopes to study the early childhood determinants of socio-economic mobility. Austin has stayed very busy this summer, teaching a microeconomics course for the Public Policy and International Affairs Summer Institute and working with the Inter-American Development Bank as a consultant, performing analysis for an impact evaluation of a gender-based violence intervention in El Salvador. He is proficient in Spanish and enjoys travelling in Latin America, and elsewhere.



The Joe Lurie Returned Peace Corps Volunteer Gateway Fellowship provides support for residency at International House. This endowment fund was established to honor Joe Lurie's service as I-House's Executive Director from 1988 to 2007 and is earmarked for a returned Peace Corps volunteer. Joe previously served as a volunteer with the Peace Corps in Kenya.