

## **Catherine Willman, FULD Fellow, Cohort II**

I worked in the Johns Hopkins Outpatient Clinic (JHOC) with Renay Tyler and Julie Kubiak, as mentors. Our project focused on RN scope of practice in the ambulatory setting. I conducted observations in the Urology clinic and administered a staff survey about patient safety and scope of practice. My findings have larger implications for improving workflow, allocating appropriate staff to the clinic, and professionalizing ambulatory nursing scope of practice in the Urology Clinic.

I have a background in visual art and culture. I previously worked for the Walker Art Center in their membership and development department and volunteered at a Minneapolis community radio station as a news reporter. I first transitioned into health care when I worked as a personal care assistant for children with autism and then as a health care navigator to a client with a chronic health condition.

I am interested in the role of hierarchies in the hospital and how these social structures ultimately affect inter-professional communication and patient safety.

In three years I hope to be a family nurse practitioner working in collaboration with physicians, nurses, medical assistants, and nursing technicians to provide primary care to underserved clients.