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Sheryl Wallin Abrahams received her MPH from the Department of Maternal and Child Health in May 2007. Before coming to UNC, Sheryl served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in rural Turkmenistan, where she conducted breastfeeding, health and nutrition education in the Turkmen language. She also served as Houston Program Coordinator for the Student Conservation Association, a national nonprofit dedicated to youth development through conservation. Sheryl holds undergraduate degrees in Biology, Anthropology and Policy Studies from Rice University in Houston, Texas, where she was awarded the Joseph G. Cooper Prize in Public Policy for her work promoting student involvement in public policy issues.

Sheryl's academic interests include: prenatal and early childhood nutrition, health and safety in early childhood education, monitoring and evaluation of breastfeeding promotion interventions, and international perspectives on children with special health care needs.

Sheryl has served on the executive committee of the UNC-CH Student Global Health Committee, and the Board of Directors of the Friends of Turkmenistan. She is the first recipient of the Center for Infant and Young Child Feeding annual scholarship, and a member of Delta Omega, the Honorary Public Health Society, and the UNC-CH Frank Porter Graham Graduate and Professional Student Honor Society.



Sheryl Abrahams (left) conducts a health education session for young mothers in Nurana village, Turkmenistan, in 2004.