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Amber served as a STOP team member for the Global Polio Eradication Initiative with the WHO/CDC in Sierra Leone, where she researched polio and measles vaccination rates. Previously, Amber worked for the Bureau of Epidemiology at the Florida Department of Health and served as an Adjunct Professor for the University of North Florida.

Amber's research experience includes the study of transfusion-transmitted infections of babesiosis, norovirus, health behaviors in adolescents, human trafficking in Florida, and carbon monoxide poisoning. Amber is interested in international health disparities related to poverty, education, race, and gender, as well as how to prevent the spread of disease by addressing these disparities.