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RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research interests focus on nutrition during the critical periods of development, from pregnancy to childhood. We have conducted seminal work on infant vitamin D requirements and continue to explore adherence and the appropriateness of current vitamin D recommendations for bone development. More recent work in this area explores racial/ethnic disparities, and maternal and perinatal health outcomes associated with vitamin D status during pregnancy. We are also interested in the diets of young children and how these relate to healthy growth, working mostly with vulnerable populations including those participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC).

Child Diet and Health Disparities Laboratory:

<https://www.fcs.uga.edu/fdn/research-child-diet-and-health-disparities-research-lab>

EDUCATION

PhD Human Nutrition. McGill University, Montréal, Canada. May 2013.

Dissertation: *"An examination of parental compliance with vitamin D recommendations and the physiological responses to vitamin D isoform and dosage in breastfed infants from Greater Montréal"*

MSc Human Nutrition. McGill University, Montréal, Canada. May 2007.

Thesis: *"The determinants of adiponectin in female adolescents: offspring of gestational diabetes and non-diabetes affected pregnancies"*

BSc Dietetics, McGill University, Montréal, Canada. Dec 2003.

EMPLOYMENT

2020 – Present *Associate Professor*, Nutritional Sciences, College of Consumer and Family Sciences, University of Georgia, Athens, GA

2013 – 2020 *Assistant Professor*, Nutrition and Food Studies, College of Health and Human Services, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS

- Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, *Registered Dietitian (RD)*
- Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior, *Member*
- American Society of Nutrition, *Member*
- Academy of Lactation Policy and Practice, *Certified Lactation Counselor (CLC)*
- International Society for Clinical Densitometry, *Certified Bone Densitometry Technologist*
- Canadian Child Health Clinician Scientist Program, *Fellow*
- Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, *Certified in Childhood and Adolescent Weight Management*

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- 2023 *Active Learning Summer Institute*, Center for Teaching & Learning, University of Georgia
- 2023 *Mead Johnson Young Investigator Award*, American Society for Nutrition (nominated)
- 2023 *Distinguished Service Award by a Researcher*, Georgia Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics (nominated)
- 2020 *Anita Owen Award for Innovative Nutrition Education Programs for the Public*, Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation
- 2019 *Student Excellence Mentoring award*, Office of Student Scholarship, Creative Activities, and Research (OSCAR), George Mason University
- 2018 *Community Engagement Award*, Potomac Health Foundation, for “VALÉ: A multidisciplinary childhood obesity treatment program for Latino communities
- 2016 Shirley S. Travis Habit of Excellence Award, *George Mason University, College of Health and Human Services*
- 2016 Fellow, National Institutes of Health Summer Institute on Randomized Behavioral Clinical Trials

RESEARCH GRANTS AND CONTRACTS**Pending**

- 2024-2026 Principal Investigator, “*Towards an Improved Understanding of Vitamin D Metabolism During Pregnancy: Secondary Analyses of Data and Biospecimens from US and Irish Cohorts*”. National Institutes of Health (R21), \$357,547, 2 years

Funded

- 2022 – 2023 Principal Investigator, “*Are current infant vitamin D intakes sufficient to achieve adequacy? A Feasibility Trial*”. Faculty Seed Grants in the Sciences Program, University of Georgia, \$25,000, 1 year.
- 2021 – 2022 Principal Investigator, “*Prevalence of vitamin D deficiency in cord blood from the National Children’s Study: Impact of race/ethnicity, preterm birth and the association with biochemical markers of rickets*”. National Institutes of Health, Georgia Clinical and Translational Science Alliance (5UL1TR002378-05) Subaward #A518425, \$60,000, 1 year
- 2021 – 2022 Principal Investigator, “*Leveraging university-community networks maternal/infant health among rural communities*” Rural Engagement Workshop Academic Faculty Seed, University of Georgia, \$5,000, 1 year
- 2019 - 2020 Principal Investigator, “*A pilot study of 1st-grade children’s dietary recall accuracy: body mass Index and quantified vs. non-quantified interviews*”, Amy Joy Memorial Award, Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, \$5,000, 1 year (Mentor: S Domel Baxter)
- 2019 - 2020 Principal Investigator, “*A pilot study of 3rd-grade children’s dietary recall accuracy: body mass Index and quantified vs. non-quantified interviews*”, Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, Pediatric Nutrition Practice Group Research Grant, \$10,000, 1 year (Mentor: S Domel Baxter)
- 2017 - 2021 Principal Investigator, “*VALÉ: A multidisciplinary childhood obesity treatment program for Latino communities*”, Potomac Health Foundation (Co-I: M Jones, R Mehlenbeck) Year 1, \$117,468, Year 2, \$127,176, Year 3, \$127,176, Year 4, \$127,176* *withdrew because left institution
- 2016 - 2016 Principal Investigator, “*A multidisciplinary community empowerment approach to target the early treatment of childhood obesity among low income Latino children*”, George Mason University Provost Multidisciplinary Research Initiative (Co-I: M Jones, R Mehlenbeck), \$50,000, 1 year

- 2016 - 2017 Co-applicant, subcontract, "*National implementation and dissemination for chronic disease prevention*", CDC-National WIC Association, Community Partnerships for Healthy Mothers and Children \$50,000, 2 (PI: D Goodfriend, Loudoun County Health Department, Total Award \$180,000)
- 2015 - 2016 Principal Investigator, "*Pilot trial of the Childhood Health, Exercise & Wellness (CHEW) program: A randomized controlled trial to target early treatment for childhood obesity among Hispanic children*", Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, Ann A. Hertzler Research Grant, \$5,000, 1 year
- 2013-2014 Principal Investigator, "*Predictors of adiposity in preschool-aged children: Examining individual, familial, and social factors*", George Mason University-Summer Research Funding for Tenure-Track Faculty, \$4,500, 1 year
- 2010 - 2013 Co-Investigator, "*Three year follow up of vitamin D supplementation in infancy*", Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) \$323,179, 3 years (PI: H Weiler)
- 2009 - 2011 Principal Investigator, "*Biological equivalency of vitamin D2 and vitamin D3 in infants*", Canadian Foundation for Dietetics Research (CFDR), \$5,000, 1 year

PUBLICATIONS

**Indicates student author

Under review

1. Chung, S.R., Rajbhandari-Thapa, J., Zhang, D., Chen, Z., Gerber, A., Gallo, S. Inpatient costs associated with the utilization of exercise and dietary counseling among diabetic patients using 2011-2019 National Inpatient Sample Data. *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics*.
2. Okoli, C.B.**, Gallo, S., Lee, J.S., Thompson, J.J., Rajbhandari-Thapa, J, Ahn, S.J., Cotwright, C.J. Black parents' e-learning preferences and expectations of an online beverage program to improve healthy beverage consumption among young children. *Journal of Nutrition Education & Behavior*.
3. Gallo, S., Rodrick, G.**, Tiwari, B.**, Boulet, S.; Rajbhandari-Thapa, J. Factors associated with vitamin D Status among US pregnant women during their 3rd trimester: Results from the National Children's Study. *Journal of Nutrition*.

2023

4. Channell Doig, A.**, Aparicio., E.M., & Gallo, S. (2023). Familial sources of encouragement and breastfeeding practices among women participating in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children. *Public Health Nutrition*. 26(9):1871-1877. doi: 10.1017/S1368980023000666
5. Kogan. K.**, Anand, P., Gallo, S. & Evans Cuellar, E. (2023) An assessment of the causal connection between the 2009 WIC food package revisions and breastfeeding outcomes. *Nutrients*. 15(2):414. doi: 10.3390/nu15020414.
6. McKay, A.**, Jones, M.T. & Gallo, S. (2023) Differences in cardiometabolic biomarkers between elementary school-age Latinx children with obesity versus healthy weight. *Southern Medical Journal*. 116(2):188-194. doi: 10.14423/SMJ.0000000000001506

2022

7. Dean, J.A.**, Gallo, S., Davis-Olwell, P., & Anderson, A.K. (2022). Factors associated with dietary acculturation among international students at the University of Georgia. *Journal of American College Health*. DOI: 10.1080/07448481.2022.2138716
8. Braun, A. Hill, E., Vitolins, M., Landry, M., Gallo, S. & Rozga, M. (2022) Research at the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics: What, how, and why? *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics*. 122(11), 2150-2162. doi:10.1016/j.jand.2022.08.123

9. Weiler, H.A., Hazell, T.J., Majnemer, A., Vanstone, C.A., Gallo, S. & Rodd, C.J. (2022). Vitamin D supplementation and gross motor development: A 3-year follow-up of a randomized trial. *Early Human Development*. 171:105615. doi:10.1016/j.earlhumdev.2022.105615.
10. Cerminaro, C.**, Sazonov, E., McCrory, M., Steiner-Asiedu, M., Bhaskar, V., Gallo, S., Laing, & Anderson, A.K. (2022) Feasibility of the Automatic Ingestion Monitor (AIM-2) for infant feeding assessment: A pilot study among breastfeeding mothers from Ghana. *Public Health Nutrition*. 25(10): 2897-2907. <https://doi.org/10.1017/S1368980022001264>
11. Kindler, J.M., Zhan, D., Sattler, E.L.P., Ishikawa, Y., Chen, X., & Gallo, S. (2022) Bone density in youth with prediabetes: Results from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, 2005-2006. *Osteoporosis International*. 33(2):467-474.
12. Gallo, S., Gahche, J., Kitsantas, P Makwana, P.***, Wang, Y.** Chen, X. & Rajbhandari-Thapa, J. (2022). Vitamin D intake and meeting recommendations among infants participating in WIC nationally. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*. S1499-4046(21)00939-8. doi: 10.1016/j.jneb.2021.11.009.
13. Gharibeh, N.***, Sotunde, O.F., Vanstone, C.A., Gallo, S. & Weiler, H.A. (2021). Patterns of bone mineral accretion and sex differences in healthy term vitamin D replete and breastfed Infants from Montreal, Canada: Bone mass reference data. *Journal of Clinical Densitometry*. S1094-6950(21)00058-5. doi: 10.1016/j.jocd.2021.07.004.

2021

14. Kindler, J.M., Gallo, S., Khoury, P.R., Urbina, E.M., & Zemel, B.S (2021). Diet quality and bone density in youth with healthy weight, obesity, and type 2 diabetes. *Nutrients*. 13(9):3288. doi: 10.3390/nu13093288.
15. Merizian, R.***, Mallinson, R.K., Kitstansas, P. & Gallo, S. (2021). Psychological flexibility as a mediator for the relationship between acculturative stress and cardiovascular health behaviors among second generation Arab Americans. *Journal of Transcultural Nursing*. 1043659620984515. doi: 10.1177/1043659620984515.
16. Gallo, S. & Cheskin, L. (2021). Treatment of obesity: a review of diet, lifestyle and other approaches. *Gastroenterology Clinics*. 50(1):113-125. doi: Gastroenterol Clin North Am. 2021 Mar;50(1):113-125. doi: 10.1016/j.gtc.2020.10.00.
17. Fields, J.B.***, Merrigan, J.J.***, Gallo, S., White, J.B., & Jones, M.T. (2021). External and internal load measures during pre-season training in men collegiate soccer athletes. *Journal of Strength and Conditioning Research*. 35(9):2572-2578 doi: 10.1519/JSC.0000000000004092.
18. Merrigan, J.J.*, Volgenau, K.M.*, McKay, A*, Mehlenbeck, R, Jones, M.T. & Gallo, S. (2021) Bidirectional associations between physical activity and sleep in early-elementary-age Latino children with obesity. *Sports*. 11;9(2):26. doi: 10.3390/sports9020026.
19. Fields, J.B.***, Lameira, D.M., Short, J.L., Merrigan, J.J.*, Gallo, S., White, J.B., & Jones, M.T. (2021) Relationship between external load and self-reported wellness measures across a men's collegiate soccer pre-season. *Journal of Strength and Conditioning Research* 35(5), 1182-1186. PMID: 33677459

2020

20. Fields, J.B.***, Worswick, J.M.***, Gallo, S., Busted, D., & Jones, M.T. (2020). Vitamin D status and its relationship to body composition in a diverse sample of collegiate women athletes. *Journal of Functional Morphology and Kinesiology*. 9;5(2):32. doi: 10.3390/jfmk5020032.
21. Pari-Keener, M., Gallo, S., Stahnke, B., McDermid, J.M., Itani Al-Nimr, R., Moreschi, J., Hakeem, R., Handu, D. & Cheng, F.W (2020). Maternal and infant health outcomes associated with medical nutrition therapy by registered dietitian nutritionists in pregnant women with

malnutrition: an Evidence Analysis Center systematic review, *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition Dietetics*. 120(10):1730-1744.

22. Merrigan, J.J.** , Fields, J.** , Gallo, S., Mehlenbeck, R. & Jones, M.T. (2020). Relationship of body composition, cardio-metabolic measures, and fitness assessments in young, obese Latino children. *International Journal of Exercise Science*. 13(3):488-500.
23. Sekel, N.M.** , Gallo, S., Fields, J.** , Jagim, A.R., Wagner, T., Jones, M.T. (2020). The effects of cholecalciferol supplementation on vitamin D status among a diverse population of collegiate basketball athletes: a quasi-experimental trial. *Nutrients*. 2020; 12(2):370.
24. Gallo, S., Jones, M.T, Channell Doig, A., Kogan, K.** , Fields, J.** , Wonderlich, J.** , Hansen, A.** , Lacharite, K. & Mehlenbeck, R. (2020). Feasibility of a multidisciplinary and culturally-adapted pediatric weight Management program for Latino families: results from the Vidas Activas y Familias Saludables (VALÉ) pilot study. *Journal of Nutrition Education & Behavior*. 52(1):55-63.

2019

25. Fields, J.** , Payne, D.** , Gallo, S., Busted, D. & Jones, M.T. (2019). Vitamin D status differs by sex, season, and skin pigmentation among collegiate basketball players. *Sports*. 7(11). pii: E239.
26. Gallo, S., McDermid, J.M., Itani Al-Nimr, R., Hakeem, R., Moreschi, J., Pari Keener, M., Stahnke, B., Papoutsakis, C., Handu, D. & Chen, F.W. (2019). Vitamin D supplementation during pregnancy: An Evidence Analysis Center systematic review and meta-analysis. *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics*. 120(5):898-924.e4. doi: 10.1016/j.jand.2019.07.002.
27. Gallo, S., Kogan, K.** & Kitsantas, P. Racial/ethnic differences in reasons for breastfeeding cessation among women participating in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). (2019). *Journal of Midwifery & Women's Health*. 2019 Aug 30. doi: 10.1111/jmwh.13031. [Epub ahead of print]
28. Sattgast, L.H.** , Gallo, S., Frankenfeld, C.L., Moshfegh, A.J., & Slavin, M. (2019). Differences in nutritional intake and bone health among adults with and without celiac disease: What We Eat in America, NHANES, 2009-2014. *Journal of the American College of Nutrition*. doi: 10.1080/07315724.2019.1616003. [Epub ahead of print]
29. Peppard, L.** , Oh, K., Gallo, S., & Milligan, R. (2019). Risk of depression in pregnant women with low normal serum vitamin B12. *Research in Nursing and Health*, 42(4):264-272. doi: 10.1002/nur.21951. (Recognized as Southern Nursing Research Society 2019 Research in Nursing & Health (RINAH) Authorship Award)
30. Itani Al-Nimr, R., Hakeem, R., Moreschi, J., Gallo, S., McDermid, J.M., Pari-Keener, M., Stahnke, B., Papoutsakis, C., Handu, D., & Cheng, F.W. (2019). Effects of Bariatric Surgery on Maternal and Infant Outcomes of Pregnancy-An Evidence Analysis Center Systematic Review. *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics*. 119(11):1921-1943. doi: 10.1016/j.jand.2019.02.008.
31. Gallo, S., Rethy, J.A., Channell Doig, A., Brady, J. & Goodfriend D. (2019). Adherence and knowledge of infant vitamin D supplementation recommendations among women attending a local Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). *Virginia Journal of Public Health*, 3(1): 58-74.
32. Rethy, J.A., Gallo, S., Channell Doig, A., Brady, J., & Goodfriend, D. (2019). Patterns and predictors of exclusive breastfeeding among predominately Hispanic immigrant women attending a local Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). *Public Health Nutrition*, 22(9):1667-1674.
33. Merrigan, J.** , Gallo, S., Fields, J.** , & Jones, M.T. (2019). Foot-to-foot bioelectrical impedance, air displacement plethysmography, and dual energy x-ray absorptiometry in

resistance-trained men and women. *International Journal of Exercise Science*, 11(4): 1145-1155.

2018

34. Sotunde, O.F., Gallo, S., Vanstone, C.A. & Weiler, H.A. (2018). Normative data for lean mass and fat mass in healthy term infants from 1 month to 1 year of age. *Journal of Clinical Densitometry*. Jul 19. doi: 10.1016/j.jocd.2018.07.004. [Epub ahead of print].

2017

35. Mok, E., Vanstone, C.A., Gallo, S., Li, P., Constantin, E., & Weiler, H.A. (2017). Diet diversity, growth and adiposity in healthy breastfed infants fed homemade complementary foods. *International Journal of Obesity*, 41(5), 776-778.
36. Hazell, T.J., Gallo, S., Vanstone, C.A., Agellon, S., Rodd, C., & Weiler, H.A. (2017). Vitamin D supplementation trial in infancy: body composition effects at 3 years of age in a prospective follow-up study from Montréal. *Pediatric Obesity*, 12(1):38-47.

2016

37. Gallo, S., Hazell, T.J., Vanstone, C.A., Agellon, A., Jones, G., L'Abbé, M., Rodd, C., & Weiler, H.A. (2016). Vitamin D supplementation in breastfed infants from Montréal, Canada: 25-hydroxyvitamin D and bone health effects from a follow-up study at 3 years of age. *Osteoporosis International*, 27(8), 2459-2466.
38. Sharma, A.K., Gallo, S., Vanstone, C.A., Agellon, S., L'Abbé, M., Khamessan, A., Comeau, K., Weiler, H.A., & Rodd, C. (2016). Parathyroid hormone-ionized calcium dynamics over the first year of life. *Journal of Pediatric Endocrinology and Metabolism*, 29(6), 709-714.
39. Wicklow, B., Gallo, S., Majnemer, A., Vanstone, C.A., Comeau, K., Jones, G., L'Abbe, M., Khamessan, A., Sharma, A., Weiler, H.A., & Rodd, C. (2016). Impact of vitamin D supplementation on gross motor development of healthy term infants: A randomized dose-response trial. *Physical and Occupational Therapy in Pediatrics*, 36(3), 330-342.
40. Kitsantas, P., Gallo, S., Palla, H.,** Nguyen, V.**, & Gaffney, K.F. (2016). Nature and nurture in the development of childhood obesity: early infant feeding practices. *Journal of Maternal-Fetal and Neonatal Medicine*, 9(2), 290-293.

2014

41. Gallo, S., & Rodd, C. (2014). Are all "milks" created equal? [Invited Commentary]. *Canadian Medical Association Journal*, 186(17):1277-1278.
42. Gallo, S., Comeau, K., Sharma, A., Vanstone, C.A., Agellon, S., Mitchell, J., Weiler, H.A., & Rodd, C. (2014). Redefining normal clinical biochemistry for healthy infants in Canada. *Clinical Biochemistry*, 47(15), 27-32.
43. Hazell, T.J., Gallo, S., Berzina, I., Vanstone, C.A., Rodd, C., & Weiler, H.A. (2014). Plasma 25-hydroxyvitamin D, more so than its epimer, has a linear relationship to leaner body composition across infancy in healthy term born infants. *Applied Physiology, Nutrition, and Metabolism*, 39(10), 1137-1143.
44. Gallo, S., Comeau, K., Agellon, S., Vanstone, C.A., Sharma, A., Jones, G., L'Abbé, M., Khamessan, A., Weiler, H.A., & Rodd, C. (2014). Methodological issues in assessing plasma 25-hydroxyvitamin D concentration in newborn infants. *Bone*, 61, 186-190.

2013

45. Gallo, S., Rodd, C., & Weiler, H.A. (2013). Vitamin D supplementation during first 12 months of life-reply. *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 310(8), 853-854.
46. Gallo, S., Vanstone, C., Agellon, S., Comeau, K., Jones, G., L 'Abbé, M., Khamessan, A., Sharma, A., Rodd, C., & Weiler, H.A. (2013). Effect of different dosages of oral vitamin D supplementation on vitamin D status in healthy, breast fed infants: A randomized trial *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 309(17), 1785-1792.

47. Gallo, S., Phan, A., Vanstone, C.A., Rodd, & Weiler, H.A. (2013). The change in plasma 25-hydroxyvitamin D did not differ between breastfed infants that received a daily supplement of ergocalciferol or cholecalciferol for 3 months. *Journal of Nutrition*, 143(2),148-153.

2012

48. Gallo, S., Vanstone, C.A., & Weiler, H.A. (2012). Normative data for bone mass in healthy term infants from birth to 1 year of age. *Journal of Osteoporosis*, 2012, 672403 [Epub].

2010

49. Gallo, S., Jean-Philippe, S., Rodd, C., & Weiler, H.A. (2010). Vitamin D supplementation of Canadian infants: practices of Montréal mothers. *Applied Physiology, Nutrition, and Metabolism*, 35(3), 303-309.
50. Gallo, S., Egeland, G., Meltzer, S., Legault, L. & Kubow, S. (2010). Plasma fatty acids and desaturase activity are associated with circulating adiponectin in healthy adolescent girls. *Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism*, 95(5), 2410-2417.

*Refereed Conference Presentations*****Indicates student author**

1. Lin, Y. -C**, Baxter, S., & Gallo, S. (2023). Child diet recall accuracy differs by setting, recall type and grade: A pilot with elementary school children in grades 1 and 3, and summer campers in grades 4-6. Poster session presented at the meeting of 2023 International Conference on Diet & Activity Methods, Limerick, Ireland.
2. Paez, V.**, Rodrick, G.**, Tiwari, B.B.**, Boulet, S., Thapa, J., & Gallo, S. Factors associated with vitamin D status among US Pregnant woman during their 3rd trimester: Results from the National Children's Study. Poster presented at the meeting of 2023 Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics Food & Nutrition Expo, Denver, CO
3. Mercer, S.**, Rodrick, G**, Tiwari, B.B.**, Boulet, S., Thapa J., & Gallo, S. Longitudinal assessment of vitamin D status across pregnancy in a sample from the National Children's Study (NCS). Poster presented at the 2023 meeting of Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics Food & Nutrition Expo, Denver, CO.
2. Chung, S., Gallo, S., Thapa, J. Rural-urban Differences in Utilization of Counseling Service among Pediatrics Diagnosed with Obesity. Presented at the Obesity Society meeting 2022.
3. Lin, Y-C.**, Gallo, S., Baxter, S., Orihuela, C.A., Xu, J., Chen, X., Mrug, S. & Evans, R.R. The relationship between middle-school children's body mass index, school lunch participation and consumption. Poster presented at the Society for Nutrition Education & Behavior annual meeting 2022. Atlanta, GA.
4. Cerminaro, C.**, Sazonov, E., McCrory, M., Steiner-Asiedu, M., Bhaskar, B., Gallo, S., Laing, E. & Kojo Anderson, A. Feasibility of the automatic ingestion monitor (AIM-2) for the assessment of infant feeding: A pilot study among breastfeeding mothers from Ghana. International Society for Research in Human Milk and Lactation annual meeting 2021 [online].
5. Gallo, S., Thapa, K.**, Rajbhandari-Thapa, J. Timing of WIC enrollment and exclusive breastfeeding: Results from the National WIC-Infant Toddler Feeding Practices Survey 2. Oral to be presented at the Society of Nutrition Education and Behavior annual meeting 2021 [online].
6. Gharibeh, N.J.**, Gallo, S., Sotunde, O.F., Vanstone, C.A., Rodd, C.J. & Weiler, H.A. No sex differences in bone mineral accretion from 1 to 12 months of age among a sample of healthy term breastfed infants from Montreal, Canada. Poster presented at the Nutrition 2021 [online].

7. Kindler, J., Zhan, D., Sattler, E., Ishikawa, Y., Chen, X., & Gallo, S. Bone density in youth with pre-diabetes: results from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, 2005-2006. American Society for Bone and Mineral Research 2021 Annual Meeting.
8. Gallo, S., Makwana, P.** & Kitsantas, P. Vitamin D intake and adherence with current recommendations among a national sample of infants participating in WIC. Poster presented at the Nutrition 2020 [online].
9. Castro, C.**, Jones, M.T., Posada, D., Mehlenbeck, R. & Gallo, S. Predictors of attendance and attrition among participants of Vidas Activas y Familias Saludables (VALÉ), a pediatric weight management program for Latino families. Poster presented at the Nutrition 2020 [online].
10. McKay, A.**, Gallo, S., Posada, D., Fields, J.**, Mehlenbeck, R. & Jones, M.T. Differences in cardiometabolic biomarkers between overweight/obese vs. healthy weight elementary-school aged Latino children. Poster presented at the Nutrition 2020 [online].
11. Garcia, K.**, Posada, D., Jones, M.T., Mehlenbeck, R. & Gallo, S. Changes in children's nutritional outcomes post participation in a pediatric weight management program for Latino families. Oral presented at the Society of Nutrition Education and Behavior annual meeting 2020 [online]. (*GMU CHHS 2020 Celebration of Scholarship award*)
12. Zavala, E.**, Posada, D., Jones, M.T., Mehlenbeck, R. & Gallo, S. The effect of attendance on anthropometric outcomes of children completing a pediatric weight management program for Latino families. Poster presented at the Society of Nutrition Education and Behavior annual meeting 2020 [online]. (*2nd place Nutrition Education for Children division student research poster*)
13. Gharibeh, N.**, Sotunde, O.F., Vanstone, C.A., Gallo, S. & Weiler, H.A. Patterns of bone mineral accretion in healthy term breastfed infants. American Society for Bone and Mineral Research (ASBMR) annual meeting 2019. Orlando, FL.
14. Perez, E.D.**, Merrigan, J.J.**, McKay, A.J.**, Biscardi, L.M.**, Gallo, S., Fields, J.B.**, Mehlenbeck, R., & Jones, M.T. Muscular fitness changes in obese Latino children after a 10-week multidisciplinary intervention. Poster presented at National Strength & Conditioning Association annual meeting 2019. Washington, DC.
15. Perez, E.D.**, Merrigan, J.J.**, McKay, A.J.**, Biscardi, L.M.**, Gallo, S., Fields, J.B.**, Mehlenbeck, R., & Jones, M.T. Sex differences in muscular fitness abilities of obese Latino children is not a result of fat free mass. Poster presented at National Strength & Conditioning Association annual meeting 2019. Washington, DC.
16. Kogan, K.**, Gallo, S., Jones, M.T., & Mehlenbeck, R. Comparison of food screener vs. joint parent-child recalls to assess energy and macronutrient intakes among Latino children who are overweight/obese. Poster presented at Nutrition 2019. Baltimore, MD.
17. Bustillos, G.**, Gallo, S., Jones, M.T., & Mehlenbeck, R. 25-hydroxyvitamin D, insulin resistance and cardiovascular risk in young Latino children who are overweight/obese. Poster presented at Nutrition 2019. Baltimore, MD.
18. Niehaus, C.**, Mehlenbeck, R., Gallo, S., Channell Doig, A., Jones, M.T., & Wonderlich, J. Effects of a multidisciplinary pediatric obesity treatment program on stress and depression levels in Latino parents. Poster presentation at Association of Behavioral & Cognitive Therapies (ABCT) annual meeting 2018. Washington, DC.

19. Worswick, J.M.** , Fields, J.B.** , Gallo, S., Busteed, D., & Jones, M.T. Vitamin D status and its relationship to body composition in a diverse sample of collegiate women athletes. Poster presented at International Society of Sports Nutrition 2018. Clearwater, FL.
20. Channell Doig, A., Jones, M., Mehlenbeck, R., Fields, J.** , Wonderlich, J.** , & Gallo, S. (2018). Vidas activas y familias saludables (VALE): Pilot study of a multidisciplinary pediatric obesity treatment program. Oral presented at Nutrition 2018. Boston, MA.
21. Gallo, S., Channell Doig, A., Mehlenbeck, R., Fields, J.** , Wonderlich, J.** , Jones, M. Vidas activas y familias saludables (VALE): Development of a multidisciplinary and culturally adapted pediatric obesity treatment program. Poster presented at the Society of Nutrition Education and Behavior annual meeting 2018. Minneapolis, MN.
22. Gallo, S., Jones, M., Channell Doig, A., Fields, J.** , Wonderlich, J.** , Hansen, A.** & Mehlenbeck, R. (2017). Vidas activas y familias saludables (VALE): A multidisciplinary pediatric obesity treatment program. Poster presented at the Obesity Society annual meeting at Obesity Week 2017. Washington, DC.
23. Gallo, S., Kohn Rhoades, S.,** de Jonge, L., Canales, J.** , & Sanchez, K. (2017) Childhood health, education, and wellness (CHEW): A pilot trial for an individualized, family-centered and culturally adapted program targeting childhood obesity among Latino children. *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics*, 117(9, Supplement), A19.
24. Kohn Rhoades, S.,** Canales, J.,** Sanchez, K., & Gallo, S. (2017). The childhood health, education, & wellness (CHEW) program: Lessons learned from a weight management program targeting childhood obesity among Latino children and their families [oral]. *Journal of Nutrition Education & Behavior*, 49(7S1), S22. (Student research award)
25. Rethy, J.A., Channell Doig, A., Brady, J., Goodfriend, D., & Gallo, S. (2017). Addressing breastfeeding disparities through WIC. Oral presented at the national WIC Association conference, Philadelphia, PA.
26. Gallo, S., Channell Doig, A., Brady, J, Goodfriend, D, & Rethy, J.A. (2017). Infant vitamin D supplementation: Practices of mothers participating in a local WIC program. Oral presented at the national WIC association conference, Philadelphia, PA.
27. Rethy, J.A., Brady, J., McIntryre-Hall, O., Goodfriend, D., & Gallo, S. (2017). Food insecurity: solutions through community collaboration. Oral presented at the Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth at Weight of the State conference, Richmond, VA.
28. Rethy, J.A., Brady, J., Goodfriend, D., & Gallo, S. (2017). Breastfeeding line-up: Is your team ready - A multi-sector approach to improving breastfeeding support and access in Loudoun County, VA. Oral presented at the Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth at Weight of the State conference, Richmond, VA.
29. Habel, L.,** Frankenfeld, C, Gallo, S., Moshfegh, A., & Slavin, M. (2017). Differences in nutritional intake and bone health among adults with and without Celiac disease: Data from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, 2009-2012 [oral]. *FASEB Journal*, 31(1), 315.6.
30. Gallo, S., Xiao, R.,** Pfeiffer, J.** , Belda, M, Brown, C., Goodfriend, D., & Rethy, J.A. (2016). Barriers to healthy living among low-income residents of Loudoun County. Poster presented at the Virginia Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics conference. Fairfax, VA

31. Brennan, K**, Slavin, M., Herrick, J., Gallo, S., & de Jonge, E. (2016). Water consumption and resting metabolic rate. Poster presented at the Obesity Society annual meeting at Obesity Week 2016. New Orleans, LA. (*Top 10 poster in the biobehavioral research section*)
32. Good, D.J., Gallo, S., Akers, J., Hu, D., & Baab, L. (2016). VITAL: Evaluation of a digital learning object to enhance student learning of VITamins and minerALs. Oral presented at the Conference on Teaching Large Classes, Center for Instructional Development and Educational Research (CIDER). Blacksburg, VA.
33. Rethy, J.A., Goodfriend, D., Brown, C., Pfeiffer, J.,** & Gallo, S. (2015). Infant feeding and supplementation knowledge and practices of Loudoun County, VA primary care providers. Poster presented at the American Academy of Pediatrics national conference. Washington, DC.
34. Childs, H.D.,** Bernstein, S., Courville, A.B., de Jonge, L., Gallo, S., Sinaii, N., Slavin, M., & Skarulis, M. (2015) Dietary omega-3 fatty acid intake is associated with decreased sleep latency in healthy adults. Oral presented at the at the Obesity Society annual meeting at Obesity Week 2015. Los Angeles CA.
35. Gallo, S., Abell, J.A.,** Alice, F., Vanstone, C.A., & Weiler, H.A. (2015). Early introduction of complementary foods is associated with higher BMI-for-age but not % body fat at 3 years in breast fed infants [oral]. *FASEB Journal*, 29(1), 404.6.
36. Shaw, A.,** Letiecq, B., & Gallo, S. (2015). Focus groups support the use of the Environment and Policy Assessment Observation (EPAO) for obesity prevention in childcare [poster]. *FASEB Journal*, 29(1), LB402.
37. Good, D.J., Gallo, S., Akers, J., Walz, A., & Baab, L. (2015). Creating digital learning objects for use in large lecture classes. Oral presented at the Conference on Teaching Large Classes, Center for Instructional Development and Educational Research (CIDER). Blacksburg, VA.
38. Good, D.J., Gallo, S., Akers, J., Walz, A., & Baab, L. (2015). Development of an interactive human body digital reusable learning object (RLO) to provide whole body systems-based learning in vitamins and minerals. Poster presented at the Innovations in Teaching & Learning Conference, Center for Teaching and Faculty Excellence. Fairfax, VA.
39. Gallo, S., Vanstone, C.A., Rodd, C., & Weiler, H.A. Infant dietary intake is associated with weight gain from 1 to 12 months of age [poster]. *FASEB Journal*, 27(1), 1060.16.
40. Gallo, S., Comeau, K., Vanstone, C.A., Sharma, A., Agellon, S., L'Abbé, M., Khamessan, A., Jones, G., Weiler, H.A., & Rodd, C. (2012). Redefining normal mineral and calcitropic hormone status in healthy infants. Poster presented at Clinical Chemistry.
41. Gallo, S., Vanstone, C.A., Agellon, S., Comeau, K., Jones, G., L 'Abbé, M., Khamessan, A., Sharma, A., Rodd, C., & Weiler, H.A. (2012). Bone mineral accretion is not different among breastfed infants receiving 400, 800 or 1200 IU/d of vitamin D3 from 1 to 12 months of age. Oral presented at the Canadian Nutrition Society annual meeting. Vancouver, BC. (*1st place Nestle graduate student oral competition*)
42. Gallo, S., Rodd, C., Vanstone, C.A., Agellon, S., L'Abbé, M., Khamessan, A., & Weiler, H.A. (2011). Lumbar spine bone mineral density is enhanced in breast fed infants receiving 800 or 1200 IU of vitamin D daily from 4 to 20 weeks of age [poster]. *Journal of Bone Mineral Research*, 26(Suppl 1), 1140.

43. Gallo, S., Rodd, C., Agellon, S., Vanstone, C.A., & Weiler, H.A. (2010). Normative bone mass for healthy, breast fed infants followed longitudinally during the first year of life [oral]. *Journal of Bone Mineral Research*, 25(Suppl 1), MO0005.
44. Gallo, S., Vanstone, C.A., Comeau, K., Agellon, S., Rodd, C., Sharma, A., & Weiler, H.A. (2010). Vitamin D dose response study in Canadian infants: 25-hydroxy-vitamin D status during a 20 week intervention [oral]. *FASEB Journal*, 24(1), 537.11.
45. Gallo, S., Agellon, S., Vanstone, C.A., Weiler, H.A., & Rodd, C. (2010). Methodological issues in assessing 25-hydroxy-vitamin D levels in newborns [poster]. *FASEB Journal*, 24(1), 537.1.
46. Gallo, S., Rodd, C., Vanstone, C.A., Shehab-El-Deen, A., & Weiler, H.A. (2009). Body fat is a predictor of 25-hydroxy-vitamin D levels in breast fed newborns [poster]. *Paediatr Child Health*, 14(Suppl A), 38A (#86).
47. Gallo, S., Jean-Philippe, S., & Weiler, H.A. (2009). Are vitamin D supplementation recommendations for breastfed Canadian infants being adequately followed? A survey of Montreal mothers. Oral presented at the Canadian Nutrition Society annual meeting. Québec city, QC.
48. Gallo, S., Vanstone, C.A., & Weiler, H.A. (2008). Normative data for whole body, femur and lumbar spine bone mineral content in healthy term infants from birth to 1 year of age [poster]. *FASEB Journal*, 22(1), 461.7. (2nd place poster competition).
49. Gallo, S., Weiler, H.A., Trussler, K., Vanstone, C.A., Sharma, A., Mitchell, J., Khamessan, A, L'Abbé, M., & Rodd, C. (2008). Is it time to update normative values for ionized calcium and urine calcium:creatinine ratios in healthy Canadian infants [poster]? *Journal of Bone Mineral Research*, 23(Suppl), S368 (#487).
50. Gallo, S., Meltzer, S., Legault, L., & Egeland, G. (2007). The determinants of adiponectin in female adolescents [oral]. *Canadian Journal of Diabetes*, 31(Suppl), 9 (#30).
51. Gallo, S., Meltzer, S., & Egeland, G. Plasma fatty acids are associated with circulating adiponectin in at risk and overweight adolescent girls [poster]. *FASEB Journal*, 21(6), 834.10.

Refereed Student Conference Presentations

****Indicates student author**

1. Poopola, T. ****** & Gallo S (2023). Does Interview Type Affect Children's Dietary Recall Accuracy: by Quantification Type– Differences by Meal Components. Poster presented at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, WI.
2. Busekrus, N., ****** & Gallo, S. (2017). Development and testing of food behaviors questionnaire for non-alcoholic fatty liver disease population. Oral presented at the National Council on Undergraduate Research conference. Memphis, TN.
3. Coles, N., ******, Frankenfeld, C., & Gallo, S. (2017). The affects of obesity and dietary factors on bone health among 8-11 year old children participating in the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey. Poster presented at the National Council on Undergraduate Research conference. Memphis, TN.
4. Lovegrove, H., ****** Rethy, J.A., Goodfriend, D., Brown, C., Pfeiffer, J., ****** & Gallo, S. (2016). Examining breastfeeding and vitamin D supplementation practices of Loudoun county health department physicians. Poster presented at the National Council on Undergraduate Research conference. Asheville, NC.
5. Rojas Rosario, M., ****** & Gallo, S. (2015). The influence of parenting style on pre-schooler's body mass index. Oral presented at the National Council on Undergraduate Research conference. Cheney, WA.

Invited Lectures and Seminars

- 2023 “Tackling Disparities in Infant Nutrition and Health: Can WIC Fill the Gaps?”. National Dairy Council Next Generation Scientist Program, National Dairy Council.
- 2023 “Maternal Nutrition & Health”. Summer/Fall Advances in Nutrition and Health Content Training Extension, University of Georgia.
- 2023 “Maternal & Infant Vitamin D Recommendations: Gaps and Future Needs”. Irish Centre for Maternal and Child Health Research (INFANT), Cork University Hospital & School of Food and Nutritional Sciences Annual Internal Conference, University College Cork
- 2022 “Tackling Breastfeeding Disparities: How do we Remove the Barriers?” Maternal and Child Health Equity Seminar, Community Engagement Program, Georgia-Clinical & Translational Science Alliance.
- 2020 “Breastfeeding patters and reasons for cessation among participants in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for Women, Infants & Children (WIC)” Nutrition and Obesity Policy Research and Evaluation Network (NOPREN)-Healthy Eating Research Breastfeeding Sub-Group Meeting.
- 2019 “Disparities in vitamin deficiency among Hispanics and possible health effects”. National Hispanic Medical Association – Washington, DC Chapter. Washington, DC.
- 2019 “Exclusive breastfeeding and infant vitamin D supplementation among women attending a Loudoun county WIC”. Virginia Breastfeeding Advisory Committee. Richmond, VA.
- 2019 “Breastfeeding and vitamin D supplementation: Synonymous or not?”. International Conference on the Theory and Practice of Human Lactation Research and Breastfeeding Management. Deerfield Beach, FL.
- 2018 “Malnutrition in pregnancy challenges and solutions: An EAL update”. Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics 2018 Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo (FNCE). Washington, DC.
- 2017 “*It’s water time*—an early childhood program and curriculum to promote water consumption”. Virginia Head Start Health Advisory Committee. Ashland, VA
- 2016 “Bridging the gap in a child’s first food system: A multi-sector approach to improving breastfeeding access and support in Loudoun County, VA”. Virginia Department of Health Lunch and Learn Series. Richmond, VA.
- 2016 "Vitamin D: bone and beyond". Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. Fairfax, VA.
- 2015-18 "Nutrition during infancy: vitamin D supplementation in breastfed infants". EXSC 6242: Nutrition throughout the Life Cycle. George Washington University. Washington, DC.
- 2014 "Early life nutrition interventions for chronic disease prevention". Graduate Seminar. Department of Human Nutrition, Foods and Exercise, Virginia Tech. Blacksburg, VA.
- 2014 "Nutrition habits for preschoolers to prevent childhood obesity". Professional Development Day for Early Childhood Professionals. Child Development Center - George Mason University. Fairfax, VA.
- 2014 "Maternal and child nutrition: Interrelations and health outcomes". GCH 752: Nutritional Epidemiology. George Mason University. Fairfax, VA.
- 2012 "Vitamin D in infancy: Recommendations and progress". Pediatric Medical Grand Rounds. Montreal Children’s Hospital. Montréal, QC.

COURSES TAUGHT**University of Georgia, Athens, GA; Department of Nutritional Sciences**

FDNS4100/6100 – Micronutrient Nutrition (3 credits)

- Fall 2021 (100 undergraduate and 11 graduate)
- Fall 2022 (77 undergraduate and 10 graduate)
- Fall 2023 (78 undergraduate, and 4 graduate)

FDNS4600/6600E – Nutrition and Food Policy (2 credits)

- Spring 2021 (50 undergraduate, and 12 graduate) – online
- Spring 2022 (55 undergraduate, and 16 graduate) – online
- Spring 2023 (46 undergraduate, and 25 graduate) – online

FDNS2100E – Human Nutrition and Food (3 credits)

- Fall 2020 (49 students) – online

George Mason University, Fairfax, VA; Department of Nutrition and Food Studies

NUTR295 - Introduction to Nutrition (Instructor) (3 credits)

- Fall 2013 (48 students)
- Fall 2014 (51 students)
- Summer 2015 (11 students)
- Fall 2015 (100 students)
- Summer 2017 (20 students) - *online*
- Summer 2018 (29 students) – *online*
- Summer 2018 (27 students) - *online*
- Spring 2018 (92 students)

NUTR522 - Nutrition across the Lifespan (Instructor) (3 credits)

- Fall 2014 (32 students)
- Fall 2015 (12 students)
- Fall 2016 (23 students)
- Fall 2017 (24 students)
- Fall 2018 (26 students)
- Fall 2019 (24 students)

NUTR644 - Micronutrients (Instructor) (3 credits)

- Spring 2014 (31 students)
- Spring 2015 (31 students)
- Spring 2016 (21 students)
- Spring 2019 (24 students)
- Spring 2020 (16 students)

NUTR670 - Nutrition Research Methods (Co-Instructor) (3 credits)

- Spring 2014 (20 students)
- Spring 2015 (8 students)
- Summer 2015 (11 students)
- Spring 2016 (19 students)

MENTORING

A. Major Professor

Student Name	Institution	Degree Objective	Grad. Date	Current Placement
Yu Chen (Jenny) Lin	University of Georgia	PhD Nutritional Sciences	In progress	---

Valentina Paez	University of Georgia	MS Nutritional Sciences	In progress	---
Skylar Mercer	University of Georgia	MS/DI Nutritional Sciences	In Progress	---
Tianli Wang	University of Georgia	PhD/DI Nutritional Sciences	In Progress	---
Chisom Okoli*	University of Georgia	PhD Nutritional Sciences	Dec 2023	---
Nicole Sekel	George Mason University	MS Nutrition (Thesis)	May 2019	PhD University of Pittsburgh
Kathryn Tadio ¹	George Mason University	MS Nutrition (Thesis)	May 2018	RD
Lise Gloede	George Mason University	MS Nutrition (Thesis)	May 2017	RD, Private Practice
Sara Kohn Rhoades ²	George Mason University	MS Nutrition (Thesis)	May 2017	WIC Nutritionist
Ashley Shaw ¹	George Mason University	MS Nutrition (Thesis)	May 2015	RD, Retail

¹Recipient of the Provost Summer Fellowship; ²Best student research award 2017 Society for Nutrition Education & Behavior Conference; * As co-major Professor

B. Graduate Student Advisory Committee Membership

Student Name	Institution	Degree Objective	Grad. Date	Current Placement
Lance, Julia	University of Georgia	MSc/DI Nutritional Sciences	In Progress	---
Hawkins, Claire	University of Georgia	MSc Nutritional Sciences	In Progress	---
Claire Mouser	University of Georgia	PhD Nutritional Sciences	In Progress	---
Prince Kwabena Osei	University of Georgia	PhD Nutritional Sciences	In Progress	---
Alyssa Jean Guadagni	University of Georgia	PhD Nutritional Sciences	In Progress	---
Wang Shin Lei	University of Georgia	PhD Nutritional Sciences	In Progress	---
Gene Rodrick	University of Georgia	PhD Nutritional Sciences	In Progress	---
Jillian Allen	University of Georgia	PhD Nutritional Sciences	In Progress	---
Christabel Domfe	University of Georgia	MSc Nutritional Sciences	May 2023	PhD University of California
Josephine Sheih	University of Georgia	PhD Nutritional Sciences	May 2023	Lecturer University of Georgia
Amara Channell Doig	University of Maryland	PhD Behavioral Community Health	May 2023	Post-doc NICHD-NIH
Kelly Kogan	George Mason University	PhD Health	May 2023	Postdoc USDA

		Services		
Julie Dean	University of Georgia	MS/DI Nutritional Sciences	May 2021	Regulatory and Scientific Affairs Associate, Nestlé USA
Caroline Lea Cerminaro	University of Georgia	MS/DI Nutritional Sciences	May 2021	
Cindy Castro	George Mason University	MS Kinesiology	Summer 2021	
Kelly Kogan ¹	George Mason University	MS Nutrition (Thesis)	August 2020	PhD George Mason University
Alina Dalheimer	George Mason University	MS Nutrition (Thesis)	August 2020	
Amber Shriver	George Mason University	PhD Developmental Psychology	August 2020	Clinical Director at Pathways Behavioral Health
Anne-Mette G. Harding	George Mason University	PhD Nursing	August 2020	Instructor at Northern Virginia Community College
Jennifer Fields	George Mason University	PhD Exercise & Fitness	May 2020	Assistant Professor, Springfield College
Randa Merizian	George Mason University	PhD Nursing	May 2019	Instructor at Northern Virginia Community College
Fang Chui	George Mason University	MS Nutrition (Thesis)	May 2019	
Rafia Virk	George Mason University	MS Nutrition (Thesis)	May 2019	
Jenna Worswick	George Mason University	MS Exercise & Fitness	May 2018	
Lora Peppard	George Mason University	PhD Nursing	May 2017	Program Director, University of Baltimore
Lara Habel	George Mason University	MS Nutrition (Thesis)	May 2017	PhD, Oregon State
Katelyn Brennan ²	George Mason University	MS Nutrition (Thesis)	August 2016	
Holly Childs	George Mason University	MS Nutrition	August 2015	

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¹Best oral award at 2019 College of Health & Human Services, GMU Celebration of Student Scholarship; ²Top 10 poster in the biobehavioral research section 2016 Obesity Society annual meeting

C. Internship/Rotation Supervision

Student Name	Institution	Degree Objective	Period
Gene Rodrick Student	University of Georgia	PhD Integrated Life Science Rotation	Fall 2021
Kristen Webbers	George Mason University	MS/DI Nutrition (Non-Thesis)	Spring 2017

D. Undergraduate Research

Student Name	Institution	Degree Objective	Period
Allison Diaz	University of Georgia	BS Biology and Applied Biotechnology,	CURO summer 2023
David Tran	University of Georgia	BS Nutritional Sciences	CURO, spring 2022, summer 2022, fall 2022
Sherifa Abiola Akinniyi ¹	University of Georgia	BS Nutritional Sciences	LSAMP spring 2022, CURO summer 2022
Tiolulope Anjolaoluwa Popoola ²	University of Georgia	BS Nutritional Sciences	CURO summer 2022, LSAMP fall 2022, spring 2023
Abigail Hightower	University of Georgia	BS Nutritional Sciences	CURO, summer 2021
Ilana Simkol	George Mason University	BS Community Health	Summer 2017, Students as Scholars Summer Team Project
Regine Victoria	George Mason University	BS Communications	
Anthony Bedward	George Mason University	BS Kinesiology	
Nicole Hatcher	George Mason University	BS Nursing	
Saira Kauser	George Mason University	BS Nursing	
Tovga Haji	George Mason University	BS Conflict Analysis/Resolution & Neuroscience	
Nadia Busekrus	George Mason University	BS Community Health	
Naomi Coles	George Mason University	BS Biology	URSP spring 2016, summer 2016
Julizza Canales	George Mason University	BS Community Health	Work Study spring 2016
Harper Lovegrove	George Mason University	BS Community Health	URSP summer 2015
Julia Pfeiffer	George Mason University	BS Nursing	HHS492/RS spring 2015, URSP summer 2015
Marciel Rojas Rosario	George Mason University	BS Community Health	URSP summer 2014

¹Recipient of National Institutes of Health (NIH) Undergraduate Scholarship Program (UGSP);

²Recipient of American Society for Nutrition (ASN) Foundation Undergraduate Diversity Research

E. Undergraduate Federal Work Study

Student Name	Institution	Degree Objective	Period
Julizza Canales	George Mason University	BS Community Health	2016-2017
Jennifer Andino Cruz	George Mason University	BS Criminology & Foreign Languages	2016-2019
Natalia Gutierrez Ribera	George Mason University	BS Psychology	2016-2019
Bessy Lovos	George Mason University	BS Community Health	2018-2019
Rayza Rodrigo Vargas	George Mason University	BS Community Health	2018-2020
Alex Susano	George Mason University	BS Global Affairs	2018-2020
Nancy Coreas Salguero	George Mason University	BS Nursing	2018-2019
Emilia Prez	George Mason University	BS Kinesiology	2018-2019
Maria-Paula Proano	George Mason University	BS Psychology	2019-2020

SERVICE

Professional

- Ad Hoc Manuscript Reviewer (past 2 years): Journal of Nutrition, Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior, Public Health Nutrition, Journal of Human Lactation, International Breastfeeding Journal, Nutrients, Pediatrics, British Medical Journal, Journal of the American College of Nutrition, Southern Medical Journal, Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews, Annals of Medicine
- Associate Editor, Public Health Nutrition, February 2023-December 2025. Evaluate submitted manuscripts for suitability for peer review, selecting reviewers and recommending decisions while adhering to the journal's editorial policies. May be required to write a commentary or blog post to accompany a manuscript. Handles ~10 manuscripts monthly.
- Member, Journal Committee for the Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior (SNEB). July 2021-2024. The committee is responsible for reviewing policies and practices related to the society's journal, the *Journal of Nutrition Education & Behavior* (JNEB), to meet the needs and values of the SNEB membership. Current serve as a member of the Best Article Award and Themed Issue subcommittees, and Chair the Mentored Editorship subcommittee.
- Member, Birth to 24 months and Pregnancy/Lactation Think Tank, Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics. August 2020. Provided comments on behalf of the Academy on the Scientific Report for the 2020-2025 *Dietary Guidelines for Americans*.
- Chair Dissemination Sub-committee, Council on Research, Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics. Oct 2018-2021 (3-year term). Manage dissemination of research projects coming out of the Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics Research, International and Scientific Affairs (RISA) committee.
- Work Group Chair, *Malnutrition in Pregnancy 2014 Evidence Analysis Project*, Academy of Nutrition & Dietetics. Dec 2014-2018. Assist in the development of an evidence analysis library project for use by Academy members, tasks include: developing and prioritizing questions, developing inclusion and exclusion criteria, reviewing abstracts and sort lists, approving evidence summaries and conclusion statements and assigning grades to conclusion statements.
- Advisory Board Member *Virginia WIC, Medical Advisory Board*. 2016-2019.

Serve as an expert advisor on improving relations between local WIC offices across the state and health providers including strengthening WIC partnerships for medical referrals, engagement of the medical community and opportunities for growth.

- Health and Wellness Committee Member
American Dairy Association North East (ADANE) (2018-2020)
Diary Alliance (2020-2021)
Participate in committee meetings, provide input in the development of new resources for the public and medical professionals, provide opportunities for CEUs, craft communications and offer input, update on new dairy research and science.
- Member, Data Safety Monitoring Board, *Analysis of Alternate Light in the Detection and Visibility of Cutaneous Bruises* (NIJ, Protocol #2016-DN-BX0147). Serve as an advisor to provide expertise and recommendations to the research team through periodic review of the study data for participant safety, study conduct and progress and make recommendations regarding continuation, modification, or termination of the study.

University

- Member, *Seminar Committee*, Department of Nutritional Sciences, 2021-Present
- Member, *On-line MS Community Nutrition Degree*, Department Nutritional Sciences, 2021-Present.
- College Representative, *Provost Task Force on Online Education*, December 2020–2021. The committee was charged with reviewing current university strategies for online education and identifying best practices for online education and programs that present new opportunities for growth. As well as to identify the university's best organizational structure to market, administer, and support online education programs and business models for funding future programs.
- Member, *Faculty Search Committee* Clinical Professor in Dietetics. 2020-2021; Extension Faculty. 2022-2023.
- Member, *Curriculum Committee*, Department of Foods and Nutrition, August 2020–2021.
- Departmental Representative, *Student Affairs Committee*, College of Health and Human Services. Sept 2019-2020.
- Member, *Student Scholarly Activities Committee*, Office of Student Scholarship, Creative Activities, and Research (OSCAR). Review Undergraduate Research Scholars Program (URSP) applications, the Undergraduate Student Travel Program, and help OSCAR with other student-related decisions. Sept 2015-2020
- Departmental Representative, *Faculty Council Committee*, College of Health and Human Services. Sept 2015-2017.
- Departmental Representative, *Faculty Development Committee*, College of Health and Human Services. Sept 2014-2016. Coordinated college seminars on pedagogy and scholarship; organized junior faculty mentorship program.
- Faculty Advisor, *Nutrition & Food Studies Graduate Student Association*. Dec 2013-2016. Advised student group with respect to university policies, transitioning and training of new officers and served as department liaison for organization of events.
- Reviewer, *George Mason University Summer Research Funding*. 2014.
- *Faculty Search Committee* for Nutrition positions (3 Term, 1 Tenure-Track in Department of Nutrition and Food Studies; 4 Term in School of Nursing). Academic years 2014-15, 2015-16, 2018-19 and 2019-20 (as Chair).
- Departmental Representative, *Scholarship Selection Committee*. Screened and selected scholars to receive scholarships. 2014, 2018-present.
- Panel Member, *New Faculty Orientation* - "The Real Deal at Mason". Aug 2014.

Community

- *Member, Georgia-WIC Workgroup, 2021-Present.*
- *Member, Loudoun County Breastfeeding Coalition. Jan 2015-2020.*
- *Member, Loudoun County Pediatric Obesity Coalition. Jan 2015-2020.*
- *Member, Northern Virginia Healthy Kids Coalition. Oct 2014-2020.*