American Public Health Association 2020, APHA's first-ever Virtual Annual Meeting and Expo took place October 24-28. Below are presentations featuring Nutrition Consortium affiliates:

- "Building the capacity of South Carolina community pharmacies to intervene on the social determinants of health" - **Indira Gutierrez, BA**, Alexandra Scott, BS, Heather McKenzie McNabb, Trista Pfeiffer, Brian Clark, Deborah Bowers, Patrick Brown, Troy Trygstad and **Spencer Moore, PhD**

- "Does prenatal physical activity modify the association between prenatal stress and postpartum depression?" - **Sabrina Karim, MBBS, MPH, PhD(c)**, Zaixiao Zhang, MD, MPH, Chelsea Richard, MSPH, PhD(c), Matthew Lohman, PhD, MHS and **Jihong Liu, ScD**

- "Examining the relationship between perceived neighborhood characteristics and physical activity behavior among Asian Americans in an urban environment" - Aisha Bhimla, MPH, David B. Sarwer, PhD, Levent Dumenci, PhD, Lois A. Butcher-Poffley, MEd, PhD, Kevin A. Henry, PhD, **Andrew T. Kaczynski, PhD** and Grace X. Ma, PhD
- **"Identifying targets for health promotion efforts designed to reduce food insecurity"** - Milen Embaye, MPH, Darcy Freedman, MPH, PhD, David Ngendahimana, MS, PhD, Bethany Bell, PhD, MPH, Hannah Zaim, MPH, Ashley Banks, MPH and Deena Chisolm, PhD


- **"Movers and churners: Residential relocation and enrollment discontinuity in a state Medicaid system"** - John Stewart, PhD, MPH, Janice Probst, PhD, Ana Lopez De Fede, PhD, Sudha Xirasagar, MBBS, PhD and James W. Hardin, PhD

- **Severe maternal morbidity and poor birth outcomes are interconnected: A call for a paradigm shift"** - Hoa Nguyen, PhD, Sarah Gareau, DrPH, MCHES and Ana Lopez De Fede, PhD

- **"The national physical activity plan: A framework for pursuing the physical activity guidelines for americans"** - Russell Pate, PhD

Find more information on the conference [here](http://www.obesityweek.org).

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**Brie Turner-McGrievy, PhD**, was invited to present at the ObesityWeek Conference, held November 2 to November 6, 2020. Her presentation was titled, “Farm to Table: Plant-based Diet.” She
was invited to present as part of The Obesity Society (TOS)/Weight Management Dietetic Practice Group (WMDPG) Joint Symposium: “Plants, Fats, and Fasts: Practical Applications for Trending Dietary Patterns.”

Find more information on the conference here.

The 1st African Food Environment Research Network Meeting was held virtually November 3 to 5, 2020. This virtual event aimed to connect researchers in the African sub-region and Global North whose work relate directly or indirectly to improving food environments in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). Christine Blake, PhD, did a presentation titled, "Understanding Drivers of Food Choice: What, How, and Why do People Eat the Way they do?"

Find more information on the conference here.
Shilpa Constantinides, PhD, presented at the Micronutrient Forum. Her presentation was titled "Assessing the interface between food environments and food choice to inform policy and program action." The Micronutrient Forum provides a common ground and collaborative space for professionals, organizations and stakeholders who share an interest in reducing micronutrient malnutrition. The Micronutrient Forum 5th Global Conference took place virtually November 9 to 13, 2020.

Find more information on the conference here.

We will provide more information and send notification of dates and times of affiliate presentations as they become available for these upcoming events. Please let us know if you are presenting at any of the upcoming conferences or if there are any other nutrition-related conferences we should be promoting.

Other Important Updates & Events

The Student Nutrition Group is hosting a food drive with Harvest Hope Food Bank throughout the month of November.
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Harvest Hope also accepts cash donations through the following website link: https://www.harvesthope.org

See the flyer for more information.

Volunteers are needed to help pick up donated goods. If you are interested in volunteering, please fill out the following form:

Volunteer Form

The Student Nutrition Group is hosting a webinar via Zoom with Dr. Angela Liese, December 3, 2020 from 2:00-3:00PM ET. Dr. Liese will be presenting on built environment research and measurement with a focus on food.

Register Here
The 2021 Carolina Women's Health Research Forum is a FREE annual educational event and opportunity for networking among researchers, professionals and policymakers across medicine, the health sciences, social sciences and women's health-related nonprofits.

- **Topic:** Feeding Our Families: Food Insecurity, Inequities and the Impact on Columbia's Health
- **When:** **Friday, March 26, 2021 8:00AM-12:00PM**
- **Where:** Virtual

Call for abstracts – submission deadline is **Monday, February 15, 2021**. Abstract submission guidelines can be found [here](#).


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