Healthy Eating Research Early Stage Investigator (ESI) Working Group
Member Guide: 2021 – 2022

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Mcloughlin, Gabriella (Gabby) M.

Name: **Gabriella M. McLoughlin PhD MS**
Position/Title: **Assistant Professor**
Institution/Organization: **Temple University College of Public Health**
Location: **Philadelphia, PA**

Dr. Gabriella McLoughlin is an assistant professor in the Department of Kinesiology in the College of Public Health at Temple University. She received a master's and doctoral degree in kinesiology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign (2012-2018), before working at Iowa State University as a postdoctoral research associate (2018-2020), leading projects on childhood obesity prevention and school wellness programming. Dr. McLoughlin received in-depth training in implementation science in chronic disease prevention as a research associate at Washington University in St. Louis. Current applications of implementation science reflect a variety of topics pertaining to health disparities in cancer prevention, addressing food insecurity in underserved communities, school health policy implementation, and community approaches to obesity prevention more broadly. Dr. McLoughlin is deeply committed to improving implementation of evidence-based policies and programs that address health equity through pragmatic approaches.

Skills & Interests: **implementation science, social justice, health equity, mixed methods, schools, policy, nutrition, physical activity**

Co-Chair

Singleton, Chelsea R.

Name: **Chelsea R. Singleton, PhD, MPH**
Position/Title: **Assistant Professor**
Institution/Organization: **Tulane School of Public Health & Tropical Medicine**
Location: **New Orleans, LA**

Dr. Chelsea R. Singleton is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Social, Behavioral, and Population Sciences at Tulane School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. She received a MPH in epidemiology from Tulane in 2011 and a PhD in epidemiology from the University of Alabama at Birmingham in 2015. The overarching objective of Dr. Singleton's research is to understand and dismantle structural barriers to healthy eating among low-income populations and people of color in the U.S. In 2020, she was awarded a NIH K01 grant to evaluate the impact of community violence on healthy food access and food purchasing behavior in low-income African American communities.

Skills & Interests: **epidemiological research methods, CBPR, nutritional epidemiology, dietary assessment methods, health disparities, biostatistics, SAS & Stata programming.**

Albrecht, Sandra S.

Name: **Sandra S. Albrecht, PhD, MPH**
Position/Title: **Assistant Professor**
Institution/Organization: **Mailman School of Public Health, Columbia University**
Location: **New York, NY**

Dr. Albrecht is formally trained as a social epidemiologist, with additional training in the social sciences and nutrition. She has also previously worked at the CDC and the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Her research focuses on the socio-cultural and neighborhood factors that contribute to the high burden of nutrition-related diseases in US immigrants and Hispanics/Latinos. With NIDDK K01, her emerging line of research seeks to understand the social and behavioral mechanisms underlying the high burden of type 2 diabetes and poor control among Hispanics/Latinos, with an emphasis on improving access to quality care, and affordable, healthy food.

Skills & Interests: **social epidemiology; nutritional epidemiology; health disparities; health/science communication**
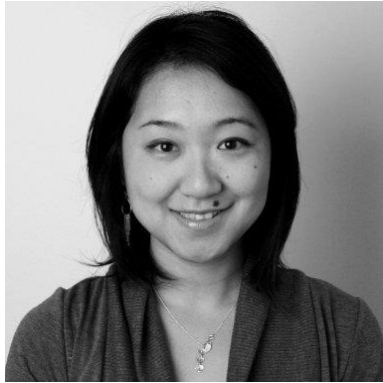
Asada, Yuka

Name: **Yuka Asada, PhD RD**	
Position/Title: **Clinical Assistant Professor**	
Institution/Organization: **School of Public Health, University of Illinois Chicago (UIC)**	
Location: **Chicago, IL (but reside in San Diego CA)**	

Yuka Asada is a Clinical Assistant Professor in Community Health Sciences in the School of Public Health at the University of Illinois Chicago (UIC). She also holds a position as Research Scientist at the Institute for Health Research and Policy at UIC. She is a clinically trained Registered Dietitian and earned her Masters in Nutrition Communications from Ryerson University in Toronto, Canada. Dr. Asada's research applies qualitative research methods to study the adoption and implementation of nutrition support programs (e.g., school meals, CACFP) and other nutrition policies (sugary beverage taxes) with a focus on advancing equity. She is a 2021 Implementation Science (IS-2) Scholar.

Skills & Interests: **Qualitative research methods; implementation science (IS-2 Scholar 2021); health equity; nutrition policy and federal nutrition support programs; nutrition and dietetics**

Calvert, Hannah G.

Name: **Hannah G. Calvert, PhD**	
Position/Title: **Assistant Research Professor**	
Institution/Organization: **Boise State University**	
Location: **Boise, ID**	

Dr. Hannah Calvert is an Assistant Research Professor and Associate Director of the Initiative for Healthy Schools in the College of Education at Boise State University. She received her doctorate in Health Behavior and Health Education at the University of Texas at Austin in 2016. Her research focuses on the implementation of behavioral interventions that promote holistic health. Her work as a part of the Initiative for Healthy Schools has focused on identifying how aspects of physical health influence K-12 student achievement and cognitive functioning, and how school-based policies, programs, and social environments interact to influence student behavior and wellness.

Skills & Interests: **School meals, food insecurity, physical activity, implementation science, secondary data analysis, data cleaning, R programming**

Cooksey Stowers, Kristen

Name: **Kristen Cooksey Stowers, PhD**

Position/Title: **Assistant Professor**

Institution/Organization: **Department of Allied Health Sciences, University of Connecticut**

Location: **Storrs, Connecticut**

Dr. Kristen Cooksey Stowers is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Allied Health Sciences. She has a strong interdisciplinary background in health equity, agricultural economics, public policy, and medical sociology. Dr. Cooksey Stowers' research has been funded by NIH (i.e., NIA, NHLBI), the USDA, the Food Trust Center for Healthy Food Access, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and the Reinvestment Fund. Her leadership experience includes service with the W.K. Kellogg Foundation and an appointment as a Public Service Leader Scholar with the USDA in Washington, D.C. Since coming to Connecticut in 2016, she has worked with community partners and residents aiming to improve grocery store access in the North Hartford Promise Zone. She also serves as a board member of the Connecticut Food Bank advising on their Hunger to Health initiative with health care organizations throughout the state.

Skills & Interests: **sustainable policy solutions, community-engaged research, micro-level food environments**

DeWeese, Robin

Name: **Robin DeWeese, PhD, RDN**
Position/Title: **Research Assistant Professor**
Institution/Organization: **Arizona State University, College of Health Solutions**
Location: **Phoenix, AZ**

Dr. Robin DeWeese is a Research Assistant Professor in the College of Health Solutions at Arizona State University. She received a PhD in Physical Activity, Nutrition, and Wellness from Arizona State University in 2015. Dr. DeWeese's research focuses on childhood obesity, primarily related to food and physical activity built environments. She has been a research team member and co-investigator on several NIH R01 grants examining how changes to the food and physical activity environments in four low-income cities in New Jersey have affected changes in children's weight outcomes.

Skills & Interests: **social ecological model, food outlet assessments, survey research methods**

Edwards, Caitlyn

Name: **Caitlyn Edwards, PhD, RD**	
Position/Title: **Postdoctoral Scholar**	
Institution/Organization: **The Pennsylvania State University**	
Location: **State College, PA**	

Dr. Caitlyn Edwards, RD is a Postdoctoral Scholar and Registered Dietitian in the Department of Nutritional Sciences at The Pennsylvania State University. She received her Bachelors in Nutrition and Dietetics with a minor in Psychology from New York University in 2012, and her PhD in Nutritional Sciences with a focus on Nutritional Neuroscience from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 2020. Dr. Edwards' work aims at utilizing technology to understand and intervene on the bidirectional relationships between dietary intake and cognitive health across the lifespan.

Skills & Interests: Dietary intake methodology, nutrition counseling, mHealth, behavioral cognitive health, statistical methodology, ecological momentary assessment

Falbe, Jennifer

Name: **Jennifer Falbe, ScD, MPH**
Position/Title: **Assistant Professor of Nutrition and Human Development**
Institution/Organization: **Department of Human Ecology at the University of California, Davis**
Location: **Davis and Berkeley, CA**

Dr. Jennifer Falbe has been an Assistant Professor in the Department of Human Ecology in the Human Development Program at UC Davis since 2017. She received a dual doctorate in Epidemiology and Public Health Nutrition from the Harvard School of Public Health and an MPH in Public Health Nutrition from UC Berkeley. Dr. Falbe's research focuses on studying programmatic, policy, and environmental interventions to prevent chronic disease and reduce health disparities. Her recent work has focused on sugar-sweetened beverage excise taxes, healthy retail programs, and warning labels for foods and beverages high in added sugars. Dr. Falbe was awarded an NIDDK K01.

Skills & Interests: **Policy evaluation, nutritional epidemiology, primary data collection, health behavior theory, dietary assessment, implementation science, primary data collection, mixed methods research**

Grummon, Anna H.

Name: **Anna H. Grummon, PhD, MSPH**
Position/Title: **Postdoctoral Fellow**
Institution/Organization: **Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health**
Location: **Boston, MA**

Dr. Anna Grummon is a postdoctoral fellow at the Harvard TH Chan School of Public Health and a research fellow at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Grummon's research seeks to promote the thoughtful design and implementation of interventions that improve diet, prevent disease, and advance health equity. Her work uses randomized trials, quasi-experiments, and simulation modeling to examine how food policies such as warning labels and beverage taxes affect diet and health across diverse populations. Dr. Grummon holds a PhD and MSPH in Health Behavior from the University of North Carolina Gillings School of Global Public Health and a BA in Human Biology from Stanford.

Skills & Interests: **randomized experiments and randomized controlled trials, quasi-experiments, simulation modeling, health behavior theory, Stata programming.**

Hecht, Amelie A

Name: **Amelie A Hecht, PhD**	
Position/Title: **National Poverty Fellow**	
Institution/Organization: **Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison, serving in residence at the Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation in the US Department of Health and Human Services**	
Location: **Washington, DC**	

Dr. Amelie Hecht is a National Poverty Fellow in residence at the Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation in the US Department of Health and Human Services. Dr. Hecht's research focuses on assessing implementation and impact of policies and programs to increase access to healthy and nutritious food, with an emphasis on equity and disparities. Her recent work has explored universal free school meal policies, healthy retail, farmers markets, food systems resilience, and wasted food. Dr. Hecht completed her PhD in Health Policy and Management at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Skills & Interests: **health policy, health disparities, school nutrition, mixed methods research, implementation science, quasi-experimental design, biostatistics, R & Stata programming.**
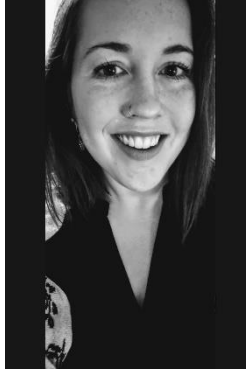
Houghtaling, Bailey

Name: **Bailey Houghtaling, PhD, MSc, RDN**
Position/Title: **Assistant Professor**
Institution/Organization: **Louisiana State University (LSU) & LSU Agricultural Center**
Location: **Baton Rouge, LA**

Dr. Bailey Houghtaling (she/her) is an Assistant Professor in the School of Nutrition and Food Sciences at LSU & LSU Agricultural Center located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She earned a PhD in Human Nutrition, Foods, and Exercise with an emphasis in Behavioral and Community Science from Virginia Tech (2019); a MSc in Health and Human Development with an emphasis in Sustainable Food Systems from Montana State University (2016); and a BSc in Nutrition and Dietetics from Mansfield University of Pennsylvania (2010). She is a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist and completed a dietetic internship through Iowa State University in 2016. Dr. Houghtaling's scholarship focuses on identifying policy and environmental change strategies to improve population diet quality, health, and health equity, with a special emphasis on rural health and federal nutrition assistance programs such as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP).

Skills & Interests: **Food environment, public health nutrition, rural health, implementation science, mixed methods**

Kracht, Chelsea L.

Name: **Chelsea L. Kracht, PhD**
Position/Title: **Postdoctoral Fellow**
Institution/Organization: **Pennington Biomedical Research Center**
Location: **Baton Rouge, LA**

Dr. Chelsea Kracht is an NIH T-32 Postdoctoral fellow at Pennington Biomedical Research Center in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She received her BA in biochemistry, cell, and molecular biology from Drake University in 2010, an MS in Exercise Science from the University of Central Oklahoma in 2013, and an MS in Epidemiology in 2015 and PhD in Nutritional Sciences in 2018 from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. Her long-term career goal is to conduct research in children that will inform public health initiatives to improve child health. Her current research focuses on optimizing child health before age six years.

Skills & Interests: **CBPR, systematic reviews, early childhood education centers, SAS, digital health (e&mHealth), Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program, qualitative research and mixed methods, epidemiology research methods.**

Lane, Hannah

Name: **Hannah Lane, PhD**
Position/Title: **Medical Instructor**
Institution/Organization: **Duke University School of Medicine**
Location: **Durham NC**

Dr. Hannah G. Lane is a NHLBI-K12 Research Scholar in the Department of Population Health Sciences at Duke University School of Medicine. She received a MPH from George Washington University and PhD in Human Nutrition, Foods and Exercise from Virginia Tech, and completed a postdoctoral fellowship at University of Maryland School of Medicine, where she received an NIDDK-F32 award to study the impact of an adolescent-focused implementation strategy for wellness policies in schools. She currently conducts implementation research to build capacity of under-resourced schools to implement nutrition and physical activity policies. She recently received an NCI-R21 to conduct a secondary analysis of school meals program data across the U.S during COVID-19.

Skills & Interests: **implementation science (focus on policy implementation), mixed methods in public and population health, qualitative secondary analysis, data collection methods for children and adolescents, MAXQDA, Dedoose, youth participatory research, health literacy, adolescent curriculum development**

Melnick, Emily M.

Name: **Emily M. Melnick, PhD, MPH**
Position/Title: **Postdoctoral Scholar**
Institution/Organization: **Arizona State University**
Location: **Phoenix, AZ**

Dr. Emily M. Melnick is a Postdoctoral Scholar in the ASU Food Policy and Environment Research Group within the College of Health Solutions at Arizona State University. She received a MPH in Public Health Nutrition from the Colorado School of Public Health in 2015 and a PhD in Health and Behavioral Sciences from the University of Colorado Denver in 2021. Dr. Melnick's research seeks to understand and improve maternal and child health through a number of methodological approaches including quantitative methods, qualitative methods, community-based participatory research, and behavioral economics. Currently, she is funded as a postdoctoral researcher on a NIH R01 grant which evaluates the impact of COVID-19 related school closures on children's health, and examines if specific policies and programs initiated during COVID-19 (P-EBT, summer meal expansion) mitigated the negative impact of school closures.

Skills & Interests: **public health nutrition, quantitative research methods, CBPR, meta-analysis, nutrition policy, school and childcare center intervention delivery, program evaluation, Stata programming.**
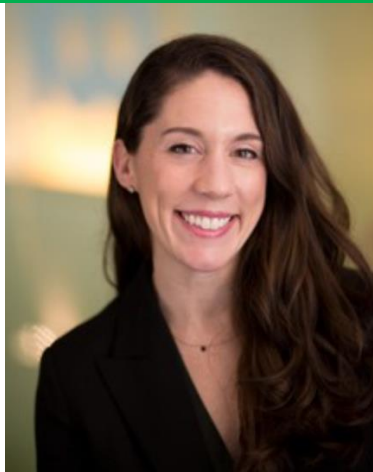
Moran, Alyssa

Name: **Alyssa Moran, ScD, MPH, RD**	
Position/Title: **Assistant Professor**	
Institution/Organization: **Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health**	
Location: **Baltimore, MD**	

Dr. Alyssa Moran is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and Impact Specialist in Obesity and Food Systems with the Bloomberg American Health Initiative. Dr. Moran's research, teaching, and practice focus on public policy as a tool for creating healthy, equitable, and sustainable food systems. In 2019, she was awarded an NIH R01 grant (with Co-PI Angie Cradock) to evaluate the impact of a restaurant kids' meal policy in New York City on children's dietary behaviors. Previously, she worked in the Nutrition Strategy Program at the New York City Department of Health & Mental Hygiene, where she implemented and evaluated New York City's Healthy Hospital Food Initiative. She collaborates with state and local governments on nutrition programs and policies and has served as a technical advisor on several projects, including the New York City Food Standards, the New York State Prevention Agenda, and the National Salt and Sugar Reduction Initiative.

Skills & Interests: **randomized experiments, natural experiments, real-world data collection, dietary assessment methods, public policy, policy communication, public health advocacy, research/practice translation, implementation science, food procurement, food retail, food marketing, SNAP**

Mueller, Megan P.

Name: **Megan Mueller, PhD MPH**
Position/Title: **Assistant Professor**
Institution/Organization: **Colorado State University**
Location: **Fort Collins CO**

Megan Mueller is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition at Colorado State University. The overarching goal of her research is to identify and inform systems, policy, and environmental approaches to obesity prevention, with a focus on children and families. Megan received her Ph.D. in Food Policy and Applied Nutrition from the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University in 2017. She was awarded a Career Development Award from the American Heart Association in 2019 to examine whether restaurants' corporate social responsibility commitments are translating into offering healthier menu items and access to healthier foods, particularly for communities of color.

Skills & Interests: food/nutrition policy; big data; community-engaged research; systems thinking; mixed methods research; interdisciplinary problems; marketing and business practices

Mui, Yeeli

Name: **Yeeli Mui, PhD, MPH**
Position/Title: **Assistant Professor**
Institution/Organization: **Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health**
Location: **Baltimore, MD**

Dr. Yeeli Mui is a Bloomberg Assistant Professor of American Health in the Department of International Health at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. Dr. Mui's research focuses on addressing structural determinants of food systems and health inequalities in low-income, racialized, and other marginalized groups. Her scholarship at the intersection of urban planning and public health uses systems science approaches, qualitative, and epidemiologic methods to advance empirical evidence on the relationships between healthy eating and functional systems in urban planning, including transportation, housing, and community development. Dr. Mui holds an MPH in Health Policy from Yale School of Public Health and a PhD in Human Nutrition from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Skills & Interests: **participatory action research, social determinants of health, food systems planning, community-based system dynamics, social network analysis, equitable governance**

Musicus, Aviva A.

Name: **Aviva A. Musicus, ScD**
Position/Title: **Postdoctoral Research Fellow**
Institution/Organization: **Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health**
Location: **Cambridge, MA**

Dr. Aviva A. Musicus is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow in the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. The overarching goal of her research is to build evidence for policies to improve human and environmental health through dietary change. She is specifically interested in public health communication strategies, including food labeling and marketing, and institutional food policy, including nutrition standards and food waste management. She was recently honored on the 2021 Forbes 30 Under 30 list in Healthcare for her research on food policy and restaurant menu label design. Dr. Musicus holds degrees from Yale University (BA, Environmental Studies) and the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health (ScD, Nutrition).

Skills & Interests: **nutrition policy, dietary sustainability, food labeling, food marketing, nutrition & environmental standards in institutions, food waste, graphic design, Stata programming, Adobe Illustrator, Photoshop, InDesign**

Rogus, Stephanie

Name: **Stephanie Rogus, PhD, RDN**
Position/Title: **Assistant Professor**
Institution/Organization: **New Mexico State University, Department of Family and Consumer Sciences**
Location: **Las Cruces, NM**

Stephanie Rogus is an Assistant Professor of Human Nutrition and Dietetic Science in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences at New Mexico State University. She completed her BS in Nutrition and Dietetics at The University of Texas at Austin where she received training to become a Registered Dietitian. She completed her MA in Food Studies at New York University in 2013 and received her PhD in Food Studies from New York University in 2017. She studies the economic, social, and environmental influences on food choice and impacts of food programs and policy on diet quality and diet-related disease.

Skills & Interests: **Food assistance programs and dietary quality/health outcomes, health disparities, food insecurity, food choice, consumer behavior, STATA & ArcGIS**

Rummo, Pasquale E.

Name: **Pasquale E. Rummo, PhD, MPH**

Position/Title: **Assistant Professor**

Institution/Organization: **New York University Grossman School of Medicine**

Location: **New York, NY**

A major focus of Dr. Rummo's work involves examining the impact of food policies and interventions on diet practices, including evaluating the role of financial incentives and "nudges" in promoting healthy food purchasing behaviors among food insecure adults. His published work also focuses on how the retail food environment and targeted food marketing impacts diet and nutrition-related diseases, with an emphasis on low-income children and adolescents in public schools. He is currently implementing his National Institutes of Health K01 grant, which is designed to characterize the online food shopping behaviors and attitudes of food insecure adults, and test the impact of behavioral economic strategies on their online fruit and vegetable purchases. He is also a PI of a Healthy Eating Research grant, which aims to test the impact of online food retail "nudges" on healthier beverage intake among children whose parents participate in SNAP.

Skills & Interests: **nutritional epidemiology, behavioral economics, experimental research methods, health disparities**

Stage, Virginia C.

Name: **Virginia C. Stage, PhD, RDN**	
Position/Title: **Associate Professor**	
Institution/Organization: **College of Allied Health Science, East Carolina University/ The Food-based Early Education (FEEd) Lab**	
Location: **Greenville, NC**	

Dr. Virginia C. Stage is an Associate Professor in the Department of Nutrition Science in the College of Allied Health Sciences at East Carolina University. She received an MS in Clinical Nutrition (East Carolina University) in 2008; a Phd in Nutrition Sciences (North Carolina State University) in 2013; and is currently working on an MPH with a concentration in Public Health Leadership (UNC Chapel Hill). Virginia founded the Food-based Early Education Lab (FEEd Lab) in 2014. The mission of her lab is to empower early childhood teachers and families with evidenced-based strategies to improve children's (3-5 years) dietary quality through food-based education and environmental changes. In 2019, she was awarded a NIH R25 grant to evaluate the impact of STEAM programming on the educational and health outcomes of limited resources children in rural Head Start communities.

Skills & Interests: **qualitative methods, theory-based curriculum development, school-based interventions, teacher professional development, STEM/STEAM learning integration, rural communities, dietary assessment (including Veggie Meter), PSE approaches**

Steeves, Betsy Anderson

Name: **Betsy Anderson Steeves, PhD, RD**

Position/Title: **Assistant Professor**

Institution/Organization: **University of Tennessee**

Location: **Knoxville, TN**

Betsy Anderson Steeves is an Assistant Professor in the Public Health Nutrition program and Director of the HEALTHE Research Lab at the University of Tennessee. She is a Registered Dietitian and holds a doctoral degree in Public Health from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She completed her Master's in Public Health Nutrition and Dietetic Internship at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Her research interests focus on the intersection of food access, food security, and health equity, with an emphasis on exploring strategies to increase healthy food acquisition through interventions and innovations in food retail settings, the charitable feeding system, and federal nutrition programs.

Skills & Interests: **healthy food retail interventions, federal food program regulations, online food retail, mixed methods research, dietary assessment methods, health equity, rural/Appalachian health.**

Szeszulski, Jacob (Jake)

Name: **Jacob Szeszulski, PhD**	
Position/Title: **Assistant Professor**	
Institution/Organization: **Texas A&M AgriLife**	
Location: **Dallas, TX**	

Dr. Jacob Szeszulski is an Assistant Professor in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M AgriLife Research (Dallas Campus). He received a MA in Exercise Science from Central Michigan University in 2015, a PhD in Exercise and Nutritional Science from Arizona State University in 2019, and completed a post-doctoral fellowship in Implementation Science and Cancer Prevention at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston in 2021. Dr. Jacob Szeszulski's primary research interest is in the development, implementation, evaluation, and dissemination of school- and community-based physical activity and nutrition programs for youth. Specifically, he is interested in understanding policies, systems, and environments that affect youth physical activity and nutrition, identifying organizational and contextual factors that affect the adoption, implementation, and maintenance of school- and community-based programs, and using community-based participatory research approaches to reduce disparities in youth's health behaviors, and subsequent health outcomes.

Skills & Interests: **implementation-science research methods, CBPR, assessment of physical activity and dietary outcomes, health disparities, school wellness policies, health behavior theory, and organizational readiness.**

Tripicchio, Gina L.

Name: **Gina L. Tripicchio, PhD, MSEd**
Position/Title: **Assistant Professor**
Institution/Organization: **Center for Obesity Research and Education, College of Public Health, Temple University**
Location: **Philadelphia, PA**

Dr. Gina Tripicchio is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences and a research scientist at the Center for Obesity Research and Education at Temple University. She received a MS in Public Health Nutrition from the CUNY School of Urban Public Health in 2012, and a PhD in Nutrition from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2017. Dr Tripicchio's research aims to develop effective and innovative behavioral interventions to improve eating behaviors and reduce obesity-related health disparities in pediatric populations. She has recently been awarded funding from HRSA to develop and test a mobile health intervention for obesity prevention in high-risk youth.

Skills & Interests: **public health nutrition, dietary assessment methods, community-based/behavioral interventions, mHealth/digital health, health disparities, adolescents**

Trude, Angela C. B.

Name: **Angela C. B. Trude, PhD**
Position/Title: **Assistant Professor**
Institution/Organization: **New York University Steinhardt School of Culture, Education, and Human Development**
Location: **NYC, NY**

Dr. Angela Trude is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Nutrition and Food Studies at the New York University. She received an M.S. in Nutrition Science and Dietetics from the Federal University of São Paulo (Brazil) in 2013 and a Ph.D. in Human Nutrition, from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in 2018. Her research encompasses three main areas: i) community-based interventions in low-resource settings; ii) food policy strategies to ensure equitable access to affordable, nutritious food; and iii) early life modifying factors to maximize physical health and productivity. She received an AHA fellowship to examine the longitudinal effect of sleep on obesity among adolescents; and an HER grant to evaluate online grocery behaviors among families receiving SNAP.

Skills & Interests: **Community-based interventions, food environment, dietary assessment and patterns, health equity, child development, sleep behavior, food and nutrition security, mixed methods research.**

Vilme, Helene

Name: **Helene Vilme, DrPH, MPH, MS**	
Position/Title: **Medical Instructor**	
Institution/Organization: **Duke University, Department of Population Health Sciences**	
Location: **Durham, NC**	

Dr. Vilme is a social scientist with training in public health, specializing in health promotion and health education. She has expertise in community-based participatory research, qualitative and quantitative research methods, and program evaluation. Her research focuses on how the food environment influences diet and weight among college students; the interplay of food security and neighborhood effects on diet; and neighborhood racial/ethnic disparities related to exposure to unhealthy outlets. In 2018, she was awarded a K12 Career Development Award from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute to develop a farm-to-university program for HBCUs in North Carolina.

Skills & Interests: **CBPR, food environment and food policy, obesity, health disparities, and program evaluation**

Williams, Bethany D.

Name: **Bethany D. Williams, PhD, MSH**
Position/Title: **Postdoctoral Research Associate**
Institution/Organization: **Washington State University Health Sciences Spokane**
Location: **Spokane, WA**

Dr. Bethany D. Williams is a Postdoctoral Researcher in the Department of Nutrition and Exercise Physiology at the Washington State University Health Sciences-Spokane Elson S. Floyd College of Medicine. She received a MSH in Exercise Science and Chronic Disease in 2017 and PhD in Nutritional Sciences from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in 2021. She received federal funding as a doctoral student (ACF/OPRE Early Care and Education Research Scholars: Head Start Dissertation Grant). Research interests include use of the twin study design and spatial epidemiology to identify community influences of health behaviors for teachers, families, and youth.

Skills & Interests: **implementation science; content analysis; project coordination; community health education; visual communication; environmental assessment in childcare; "big data" analysis (NHANES, BRFSS etc.); spatial analysis (ArcMap, Google Earth Engine); SAS, R, and Python programming.**

Winkler, Megan R.

Name: **Megan R. Winkler, PhD, RN**	
Position/Title: **Assistant Professor**	
Institution/Organization: **Emory University Rollins School of Public Health**	
Location: **Atlanta, GA**	

Dr. Megan Winkler is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Behavioral, Social, and Health Education Sciences at Emory University Rollins School of Public Health. She received a PhD in Nursing from Duke University and completed her postdoctoral training at the University of Minnesota School of Public Health. Her research centers two contextual determinants to population health—the retail food environment and work as a social determinant of health. She leverages a variety of methods and methodologies, including qualitative, epidemiological, and complexity science approaches, to conduct this work. Her current R00 research aims to develop a more complete systems understanding of the dynamics, interactions, and drivers contributing to the healthfulness of food & beverage products in convenience and other small food stores.

Skills & Interests: **retail food environments, healthy equity, systems science, qualitative methods, epidemiological analytic approaches, work/employment conditions, population health.**