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NHS Student Newsletter

November 2017

Dear NHS Students, Faculty, and Alumni,

We wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving! Hope you have a restful break and come back refreshed to finish the rest of the semester.

As always, please let us know about any of your accomplishments and feel free to email us (kkdenni@emory.edu; scyriac@emory.edu; rejone4@emory.edu) with any feedback or events that you want to be listed!

Cheers,
Kristine, Shruthi, & Becca

CONFERENCES

Society for Epidemiologic Research

The mission of the Society for Epidemiologic Research is to keep epidemiologists at the vanguard of

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Cassel Memorial Lecture, Tyroler Student Prize Paper, contributed papers, symposia, and posters on a wide range of epidemiologic issues.

[Click here](#) for more information about abstract submission.

Abstract Deadline: January 16, 2018

When: June 19-22, 2018

Where: Baltimore, Maryland

Nutrition 2018

The inaugural meeting of American Society for Nutrition will be held next summer in Boston. Featured nutrition topics include Cellular and Physiological Nutrition/Metabolism; Clinical and Translational Nutrition; Global and Public Health Nutrition; Population Science; Food Science and Systems.

[Click here](#) for more information about abstract submissions and travel funding opportunities for students and young investigators.

Abstract Deadline: January 18, 2018

When: June 9-12, 2018

Where: Boston, Massachusetts

Georgia Nutrition Council 2018

A state-level nutrition and food science conference. A good opportunity to present more locally. This year's theme is 'Eat to Win'.

Abstract Deadline: January 10, 2018

When: February 28-March 2, 2018

Where: Pooler, GA

EVENTS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AT EMORY

EmoryUnite! #StopTheGap demonstration on the Quad

What: Graduate Student-Workers and supporters will gather to publicly show support for Emory eliminating the August-September pay gap

When: Monday, Nov 20th, 12 PM-3 PM

Where: On the Quad, in front of the administration building

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other graduate programs offer. We will gather to help grad student-workers share their stories of getting through their first two months, and to make sure the administration listens!

Dissertation Boot Camp

What: If you need some motivation to make serious progress on your work (i.e. dissertation, research or exams), attend the boot camp for a full day of productive writing. It provides participants a quiet space to work, food and drinks throughout the day, and a support group of peers.

Please RSVP by December 4th to Donghai Liang (donghai.liang@emory.edu) or Molly Steele (molly.steele@emory.edu).

When: Saturday, December 9th

ASN predoctoral fellowships

Deadline for applications: January 2, 2018

Applications for the 2018 ASN Predoctoral Fellowships are currently being accepted. All application materials must be submitted electronically by e-mail to awards@nutrition.org. Eligibility is based upon membership in the ASN and enrollment in a U.S. graduate program in nutrition. Grants range from \$2,000 - \$5,000. Awards will be presented at **Nutrition 2018** in Boston, MA. For more details and for the application form: [Click here](#)

Teaching Assistantships, Spring 2018 openings

TAs will instruct one lab section of approximately 40 students and provide other course-related support such as grading. Each TA is expected to work approximately 10-15 hours per week. Pay per semester: \$2625. For more details on courses and requirements, click [here](#).

Professional Development Support Funds: Online Application Now

PDS is now open for 2017-18. Visit the following [page](#) to access what you need.

Emory Writing Centre

The advanced graduate fellows and tutors in the Emory Writing Center (EWC) are available to support and ready to assist. EWC tutors represent a wide range of fields and are trained to work with graduate students across disciplines/fields within all LGS graduate programs, and at any stage of the writing process. Learn more about EWC and make an appointment by visiting the EWC [website](#).

NHS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Miranda Cook, 1st year

Miranda was awarded a fellowship for a scientist residency for 2 weeks at the Hambidge Studios in North Georgia.

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Catherine successfully defended her proposal "Diet Patterns and Body Composition: Influence of the Plasma Metabolome and Risk of Childhood Cardiometabolic Disease".

Joel Conkle, 4th year

Joel presented a special lecture at the 21st International Congress of Nutrition titled "Stunting: challenges in estimating prevalence and potential solutions" as well as a poster titled "Accuracy and reliability of a low-cost, handheld 3D imaging system for child anthropometry".

Maria Ramirez-Luzuriaga, 3rd year

Majo successfully defended her proposal "International Migration and Human Capital: Early Life Predictors and Effects in Rural Guatemala".

Rebecca Jones, 3rd year

Becca presented her poster "Is Empowerment a Pathway to better nutrition in East Africa?" at the 21st International Congress of Nutrition.

Faculty SPOTLIGHT**Dr. Melissa Young**

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nutrition, biochemistry, food science, policy and environmental science. In an internship at the World Food Prize and an intro nutrition class, I discovered that the interdisciplinary work of Global Nutrition was a way of combining all of these interests. My undergrad was in in Nutritional Science at Iowa State University and PhD in Human Nutrition at Cornell University. As a graduate student, I examined the mechanisms in which maternal iron status impacts placental iron transfer and infant iron status among pregnant adolescents. During this research conducted in Rochester, New York, I was astounded by the prevalence of maternal anemia and low fetal iron reserves at birth. While beyond the scope of my project, these findings raised a number of public health implications such as how do we prevent anemia in pregnant adolescents; what are the determinants and barriers to supplementation compliance; how do we effectively treat and prevent iron deficiency in infants? While I enjoy clinical nutrition research, I wanted to expand my scope to the translation of science to public health programs and policy. In many cases we know *what* to do but fail on *how* to effectively implement programs. In order to gain further experience, I joined Dr. Martorell's team at Emory University in 2010 as a postdoctoral fellow and began working on an integrated maternal and child nutrition program in Bihar, India.

Since I have stayed on at Emory and joined the Faculty in the Department of Global Health. I am currently working in the areas of maternal nutrition (across the spectrum of preconception-pregnancy-lactation), breastfeeding, complementary feeding, micronutrient malnutrition, effects of infection/inflammation on nutrition biomarkers, as well as program development, implementation and evaluation.

Name something challenging or positive about your current position.

I am never bored! There is always something new and exciting going on with one of our projects. Each day brings its own challenges and adventures.

What is a change you would like to see in the NHS program in the next 5 years?

I am very optimistic about the future of our NHS program. I am continually impressed by the students in our program and the wonderful leadership positions they enter into after graduating. The Emory nutrition mafia is growing!

One piece of advice for students:

Balance. Finding the right professional and personal balance is key for the long run.

Are there any rotation opportunities with you?

Yes- lots of opportunities! Below are few in brief but happy to discuss your research interests further and how they may fit in with some of my ongoing projects.

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formative research on community knowledge, attitudes and practices surrounding maternal anemia and supplementation/fortification; pretest multiple micronutrient powders and social marketing strategies (promotional materials, packaging and refine key messages); and assess maternal acceptability and utilization. Information gained from this project will aid in designing and tailoring future interventions to the local context to improve acceptability and utilization. This is a partnership with CDC and Safe Water and AIDS Program (SWAP).

- **Animal Source Foods in Cambodia:** Pilot research on household food access and intra-household consumption patterns, acceptability, affordability. In-depth information will be collected on animal source attitudes and beliefs (particularly among children and pregnant/lactating women). Also opportunities for quantitative data analysis of nutrition survey (including child 24 hr recall, anthro, feeding practices, etc of children 6-24 months). This is a partnership with International Livestock Research Institute.
- **Positive Deviance Nutrition Program Evaluation, Cambodia:** Aid in baseline data analysis of a child nutrition household survey or program impact evaluation depending on the timing of rotation. This is a partnership with National Institute of Public Health and World Vision.
- **Maternal nutrition/Breastfeeding/Complementary Feeding:** If you are interested in data analysis projects on these topics let me know! There are some excellent existing datasets.

What is something you enjoy doing in your free time?

Enjoy playing with my two 3-year old girls (Grace and Skylar)!

Where was the last place you visited for vacation?

Jacksonville Beach Florida

OPPORTUNITIES

(AGGREGATED HERE SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO SEARCH THROUGH HUNDREDS OF ARCHIVED EMAILS)

American Association of University Women Fellowships

Fellowships available include international fellowships, professional fellowships, American fellowships and career development grants. Funding ranges from \$6,000 to \$30,000. Deadlines vary from November 15 to January 15, 2018. [More information here.](#)

Boren Fellowships

Boren Fellowships provide up to \$24,000 to graduate students to add an important international language

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interests, including Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East. Boren Fellows represent a variety of academic and professional disciplines, but all are interested in studying less commonly taught languages. Deadline to apply: **January 30, 2018**. [More information here](#).

Hambidge Creative Residency Program

Rolling applications open for fellowships to support two weeks of residency at the Hambidge Studios in North Georgia. [Learn more here](#).

Ford Foundation Fellowship Program

Ford Foundation seeks to increase the diversity of the nation's college and university faculties by increasing their ethnic and racial diversity, to maximize the educational benefits of diversity, and to increase the number of professors who can and will use diversity as a resource for enriching the education of all students. Apply

[Learn more](#)

Other External Fellowships and Grant Notices

[Laney website here](#)

Rotation Opportunities

Rotation opportunities from last year are [here](#). Please contact faculty directly to see if these opportunities or if any new ones are available.

LOCAL EVENTS

(ATLANTA HAPPENINGS INVOLVING FOOD & DRINK)

Grant Park Farmers Market Holiday Bazaar

When: Sunday, November 19

On November 29th, Grant Park Farmers Market is hosting local artisans, craftspeople and antiques in addition to your favorite regular farmers market vendors! Join us for a great market while you shop from unique, local vendors for the holidays!

The Veggie Taste - Holiday Dinner Tapas

When: Sunday, November 19

This event will showcase Three Chefs and A Raw Juicing Coach and Deserts by Vegan Sweets from the Atlanta Metro Area for you to experience their holiday creations. Chefs will provide A Holiday Catering Menu and their Holiday Cooking Class Schedules. [Tickets \\$5.00 Learn more here](#).

Reformation Brewery Friendsgiving

When: Wednesday, November 22

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holiday table!

Back to Nature Holiday Market - Chattahoochee Nature Center

When: Saturday, December 2

A holiday market with 40+ local vendors that are selling their hand-made and/or eco-friendly goods. It's a wonderful way to purchase unique presents that you wouldn't typically find in retail stores and embrace your community. This free [event](#) is CNC's holiday gift to the community.

Pub Crawl on the Beltline - Winter Edition

When: Saturday, December 9

Get your friends together and come crawl along the Atlanta BeltLine! Enjoy up to five complimentary beverages along the BeltLine along with awesome food and drink specials at each participating location.

[More info here.](#)

Hunger Walk Run

When: February 25

The Hunger Walk Run -- an annual 5K walk and "fun run" begun in 1984 -- is an event of the Atlanta Community Food Bank that unites our community to raise awareness and critical funds for local hunger relief. Proceeds from the event benefit the Atlanta Community Food Bank and other local nonprofit organizations that support food pantries, community kitchens, shelters and other programs for people in need of food assistance.



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