Dear NHS Students, Faculty, and Alumni,

The NHS program is celebrating 25 years! Be on the lookout for special events to celebrate.

Also, welcome to Larelle, Meriah, Lucas and Miranda, who have joined the program this fall!

A couple of dissertation defenses are coming up. Please see below for dates and times. As always, please let us know about any of your accomplishments and feel free to email us (kkdenni@emory.edu; scyric@emory.edu; rejone4@emory.edu) with any feedback or events that you want to be listed!

Cheers,
Kristine, Shruthi, & Becca
Pictured above: NHS students, alumni, and faculty at Experimental Biology 2017, Chicago

**IUNS 21st International Congress of Nutrition**
The IUNS-ICN International Congress of Nutrition is a four-yearly meeting that's been held since 1946. Its 21st edition will be based in Buenos Aires for the first time in its history. Several of our NHS faculty and students will be attending this conference, [More information here.](#)

**When:** October 15-20, 2017  
**Where:** Buenos Aires, Argentina

**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-based award competitions and travel funding opportunities for students and young investigators. ASN Awards and Fellows nomination deadline: **October 31, 2017**

**When:** June 9-12, 2018  
**Where:** Boston, Massachusetts
The Hubert Department of Global Health Faculty Seminars
When: Wednesday, September 20 at 12:00 pm
Where: Claudia Nance Rollins 1000
Title: Evaluation of population-based nutrition programs: challenges and opportunities
Presented by: Dr. Lynnette M. Neufeld, Director of Knowledge Leadership, Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition

Leila Larson’s Dissertation Defense
When: Thursday, September 21st at 10:00 am
Where: Claudia Nance Rollins 5001
Title: The consequences of malnutrition, and effects of multiple micronutrient powders, on young child development in India

Joel Conkle’s Dissertation Defense
When: Thursday, September 28th at 12:00 pm
Where: Claudia Nance Rollins 5001
Title: Development and evaluation of a 3D imaging system for child anthropometry

Dissertation Boot Camp
If you need some motivation to make serious progress on your work, Rollins School of Public Health is sponsoring a Dissertation Boot Camp for the Public Health Sciences doctoral students for a full day of productive writing. The Boot Camp provides participants a quiet space to work, food and drinks throughout the day, and a support group of peers. Participants are asked to commit for the entire day.
When: Saturday, September 30th from 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Since space is limited, please RSVP by September 25th to Katie Krause (k.h.krause@emory.edu).

Graduate Student Awards to attend the Lindau Nobel Laureate meeting
More details here. Nominations due on September 25th.
Submit your nominations to Jay Hughes, at jlhughe@emory.edu. LGS will submit the selected nominations to ORAU by their due date, September 29.

NHS Journal Club: next meeting on October 18th

Call for Proposals: FAO’s Voices of the Hungry project promotes policy-relevant research on food insecurity, based on data from the Gallup World Poll. More details here.

Professional Development Support Funds: Online Application Now Open
PDS is now live 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.
Sneela had multiple papers published over the summer.


**Elizabeth Rhodes, 5th year**

Elizabeth had a recent publication in the Journal of Clinical Nutrition.


**Leila Larson, 5th year**

Leila had multiple publications this summer as well.


**Siran He, 3rd year**

Siran was accepted into the Molecules to Mankind program at Emory and had a recent publication in Pediatric Transplantation.


**Catherine Cioffi, 3rd year**

Catherine attended UAB's Metabolomics Workshop this summer.

**Shruthi Cyriac, 2nd year**

Shruthi won the *ASN's Emerging Leaders in Nutrition Science Poster Competition* award at the Experimental Biology
Kristine Dennis, 2nd year

Kristine was accepted into the Molecules to Mankind program at Emory.

Faculty SPOTLIGHT
Dr. Shivani Patel

What was the path to your current position?

I moved to India after my undergraduate degree to work as an activist on various grassroots development issues in a predominantly indigenously populated area of eastern Gujarat. I was based in a remote village that was constantly threatened by displacement due to large-scale development projects and commercial interests. At the end of 4 years of living there, I felt that I could best play a role in the resistance by acquiring technical skills to build an evidence base linking development issues and health. I set out to get an MPH and then a PhD in epidemiology, with the intention of moving back to India immediately upon completion. By the third year of my PhD – when I was back in India for a year of field work – I saw that my training grounded in team-science was taking me in a direction, very different from my original vision of becoming a one woman army fighting social injustice using health data. I also realized that social movements grounded in ethical principles were not necessarily advanced by epidemiologic research. I decided to pursue a path in academia to develop myself as a scientist before I began to reintegrate the pursuit of social justice directly into my work. I also wanted time to clarify what my contributions to public health and science should be. With that in mind, I came to Rollins in 2013 to do a postdoc and stayed on as faculty. I continue to reflect on my role as a scientist and a social-justice
Name something challenging or positive about your current position:
Intellectual freedom to pursue research questions of my choice was an attractive draw of the academic life. Only later did it become clear that this “freedom” is very much bounded by grant funding, institutional interests, etc.

One piece of advice for students:
I have many pieces of advice. Here are a few. Have an open mind when you do research; listen to unexpected findings. Be open to transitions and new opportunities, especially early in your career. Train at as many places as possible. Grow a network of collaborators within your department, school, and beyond. Don’t let a perfect thesis be the enemy of a good thesis; do not use this as an excuse to be lazy, but rather to help you determine when it is time to finish.

Are there any rotation opportunities with you?
I am a social epidemiologist focused on cardiometabolic disease. I currently have projects in the US and India. My work is quantitative and spans the spectrum of secondary analysis of large national studies to prospective cohorts, providing many opportunities for mentored data analysis. I’ve really enjoyed working with nutrition doctoral students in the past, so encourage anyone with common interests to contact me.

What is something you enjoy doing in your free time?
Cooking/entertaining; walks

Where was the last place you visited for vacation?
Canadian Rockies – a beautiful family vacation.

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

American Association of University Women Fellowships
Deadlines vary from November 15, Fellowships available include international fellowships, professional fellowships, American fellowships and career development grants. Funding ranges from $6,000 to $30,000. 2017 to January 15, 2018. More information here. For other external fellowships and grant notices check here.

Boren Fellowships
Boren Fellowships provide up to $24,000 to graduate students to add an important international language component to their education through specialization in area study, language study or increased language proficiency. Boren Fellowships support study and research in areas of the world that are critical to U.S. Interests, including Africa, Asia, Central & Easter Europe, Eurasia, Latin America and the Middle East. Boren Fellows represent a variety of academic and
Rotation Opportunities
Rotation opportunities from last year are listed here. Please contact faculty directly to see if these opportunities or if any new ones are available.

LOCAL EVENTS
(ATLANTA HAPPENINGS INVOLVING FOOD & DRINK)

East Atlanta Strut
When: Saturday, September 23
The 20th annual, free one-day extravaganza that showcases the hottest in-town neighborhood in Atlanta. Live art, live local music, adult game area featuring contests of strength, stamina and beard growth, artists market, the famous Strut parade, free kids village, community booths, food and beverages. More details here

The Cheese Fest Atlanta
When: Saturday, September 23
Recognized as a celebration of great food, the festival will offer tastings from some of the most well-known artisan cheese and specialty food producers from around the world. The event is a collection of more than 100 vendors sampling their small batch products. Admission $35. More details here

Atlanta Streets Alive
When: Sunday, September 24
The streets of Atlanta will spring to life on Sunday, September 24th from 2-6pm as a 3.1-mile stretch of street from Downtown to Midtown is opened to people on foot and bike, and closed to motorized traffic. More details here

Candler Park Fall Festival
When: September 30 - October 1
Fall Fest in Candler Park is one of the must-do events for Fall in Atlanta. Featuring two full days of music, 200+ artists/vendors, Tour of Homes, 5K & Fun Run, Kidlandia, and Atlanta's best food trucks. Details here

4th Annual Atlanta Ramen Fest to benefit The Giving Kitchen
When: Sunday, October 1
Hosted by Taiyo Ramen, Wild Heaven Beer and The Giving Kitchen, this event will feature 20+ local restaurants and chefs from around the city showcasing their culinary interpretations of the classic dish. Details here

Little 5 Points Halloween Festival & Parade
When: Saturday, October 31
The 2017 Halloween Festival will feature a parade from on Saturday, October 31 from 4pm - 6pm. There will be live music stages, an artist market, and some of the best local food vendors.