Dear NHS Students, Faculty, and Alumni,

Thanks to everyone for their participation in recruitment activities last week! A couple of dissertation defenses are coming up this month. We hope many of you will be able to join.

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

Cheers,

Kristine, Shruthi, & Becca
**CONFERENCES**

**Society for Pediatric and Perinatal Epidemiologic Research (SPER) 2017:**
The work presented at SPER's Annual Meeting represents the cutting edge of research in the epidemiology of pregnancy, infancy, and childhood, bringing together epidemiologists, pediatricians, developmental psychologists, environmental specialists, and more. Abstract Deadline: Regular submissions due Friday, **February 10, 2017** Get more details and submit your abstract here [https://sper.org/annual-meeting/abstract-submission/](https://sper.org/annual-meeting/abstract-submission/)

**When:** June 19-20, 2017  
**Where:** Seattle, Washington

**Experimental Biology (EB) 2017**
Conference registration: Earlybird registration deadline is **February 23, 2017** to receive the discounted registration fee.

**When:** April 22-26.  
**Where:** Chicago, IL

**Conference: 2017 Georgia Nutrition Council Annual Conference**
The Georgia Nutrition Council’s Annual Conference is a state-level nutrition and food science conference. This year’s talks will focus on "Innovations in Heart Health". The student presentations portion of this conference will be on Friday, March 3rd in poster format. Monetary prizes will be awarded following a peer-review process.

**When:** March 2-3, 2017  
**Where:** The Salvation Army Kroc Center; Augusta, GA

**IUNS 21st International Congress of Nutrition : Abstract submissions open**
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. **Abstract submissions are now open and the deadline is March 31, 2017**. For more details: [http://www.icn2017.com/index.php?seccion=scientificArea&subSeccion=abstractGuidelines](http://www.icn2017.com/index.php?seccion=scientificArea&subSeccion=abstractGuidelines)

**When:** October 15-20, 2017  
**Where:** Buenos Aires, Argentina
Friday, February 10 at 1:00pm: Nicole Ford's Dissertation Defense
Where: Claudia Nance Rollins 5001
Title: Early Life Nutrition, Adult Diet, and Cardio-Metabolic Disease in Rural Guatemala

Tuesday, February 14 at 1:00pm: Sheela Sinharoy's Dissertation Defense
Where: Claudia Nance Rollins 5001
Title: Women's Empowerment and Women's Nutrition in Rural and Urban Bangladesh

Wednesday, February 15: Introduction to Fulbright Scholar Grants
The Office of Global Strategy and Initiatives (GSI) and the Center for Faculty Development and Excellence (CFDE) are partnering to host a day of free Fulbright information sessions on Wednesday, Feb 15, for Emory faculty and professionals (including grad students) interesting in applying for Fulbright grants. There is both a Q&A session as well as individual meetings with a Fulbright Program Officer. See here for more details.

Wednesday, February 15 at 1:00pm: PEPH Webinar - Windows of Susceptibility
Presentations: "Before Conception: Impact of Exposure on the Methylome" by Susan Murphy, PhD and "Normal Breast Tissue Biomarkers of Environmental Exposure" by Melissa Troester, PhD
Register here

Thursday, February 16 at 4:00pm: CCMN Nutrition Seminar - Andrew Gewirtz, Professor
Georgia State University
Where: School of Medicine 153A
Title: Gut Microbiota, Low-Grade Inflammation, and Metabolic Syndrome

February 24 and 25: Global Health Film Festival
Learn more here!

RSPH Grant Writing Tools
All presentations from the RSPH grant writing workshops are now available here!

Emory Writing Center
The Emory Writing Center is open during the summer and is temporarily located in the Math and Science Center building, room E301. Hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 12:00pm until 6:00pm. Make use of this great resource right on campus. Appointment can be made here!

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NHS ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Parmi Suchdev, MD, MPH
Dr. Suchdev, associate professor in the Department of Pediatrics (SOM) and Department of Global Health (RSPH) was named the new associate director of the Emory Global Health Institute. Read more here.

Joel Conkle, 4th year
Joel had a paper published in Nutrients.
Conkle, J., and F. van der Haar. 2016. "The Use and Interpretation of Sodium Concentrations in Casual

**Leila Larson, 4th year**  
Leila had a meta-analysis published in Maternal and Child Nutrition  

**Nicole Ford, 4th year**  
Nicole had a review published in the Annual Review of Public Health  

**Samrawit Yisahak, 5th year**  
In December, Samrawit Yisahak was awarded the Rising Star in Diabetes Prevention Award at the 9th World Congress on Prevention of Diabetes and its Complications. At the conference, Samrawit presented results from her dissertation: "Non-Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease (NAFLD) in Native Versus Foreign Blacks in the United States: The Role of Adiposity and Insulin Resistance."

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**ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT**

Nida Shaik
**Background:**
Dr. Shaikh is a nutrition epidemiologist and registered dietitian who received a PhD in Nutrition and Health Sciences from Emory University in 2016, a Masters degree in Nutrition from Georgia State University in 2010, and a Masters degree in Dietetics from University of Pune in 2008. She is currently a 2016-17 NIH Fogarty Global Health Postdoctoral Fellow at Emory University, US and at Madras Diabetes Research Foundation, India.

**What I am currently doing:**
I am a NIH Fogarty Global Health Post-doctoral Fellow working with Dr. Mohammed Ali at Emory University and Dr. V. Mohan at Madras Diabetes Research Foundation in Chennai, India. My project is focused at the intersection of nutrition, depression, and Type 2 diabetes and is nested within a NIMH-funded trial that seeks to test the integration of depression-focused intervention into existing diabetes care platforms in India. More specifically, I am investigating the relationship between diets, dietary behaviors, and cardio-metabolic outcomes among adults with co-morbid diabetes and depression. I am also working on projects to understand and compare the prevalence and risk factors of co-morbid diabetes and depression across India and the US.

I am continuing to work on papers from the data collected during my dissertation; these papers are focused on comparing the Nutrition Transition aka trends in diet and eating behaviors among adolescents from both urban and rural regions in India. I am also writing a grant to extend the evaluation of the adolescent Nutrition Transition-FFQ, developed during my dissertation, among other populations. One of the things I like doing most is mentor undergraduate and graduate students at Emory on semester to year-long research projects.

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

**Scholarly Inquiry and Research at Emory (SIRE) Fellowship** for Graduate Students in the Natural Sciences 2017-2018 Fellowship Year, [Application due February 13](#). More information [here](#)

**Dannon Gut Microbiome, Yogurt and Probiotics Fellowship** – [Application due Feb 15th](#). More information [here](#)

**ACTSI TL1 (T32) Training Grant position** - The Atlanta Clinical and Translational Science Institute (ACTSI, the NIH-supported Clinical and Translational Science Award [CTSA]) TL1 program is focused on providing innovative didactic and mentored research training to individuals interested in careers that encompass clinical and/or translational research. [Application due by February 15](#). See [here](#) for more
Eleanor Main Mentor Awards: Nominations due by 5pm on March 1, 2017

The 2016-17 Eleanor Main Graduate Faculty Mentor Award and the 2016-17 Eleanor Main Graduate Student Mentor Award is open for nominations. The awards will be presented during commencement, and each carries a monetary prize ($5,000 for the faculty award; $2,500 for the student award). Nominations will be accepted from Program Directors, Directors of Graduate Studies, Chairs of departments and programs, graduate faculty, or graduate students/mentees. Self-nominations will also be accepted. For more information on the Faculty Award click here and on the Student Award click here.

National Workshop on Science Communication

ComSciCon is a science communication workshop for graduate students, by graduate students. Students in STEM fields are invited to apply. 50 grad students are selected to attend – selection is competitive. There is no registration fee, and travel support and accommodations are provided. Visit comscicon.com for more details and to apply. Application due by March 1.

IDN ELMO-related Graduate Funding

ELMO is The Carter Center’s open-source Election Monitoring data collection and reporting system, specifically designed for low-infrastructure environments. Equipped with ELMO, observers can submit data – via tablets (utilizing Open Data Kit), SMS, or directly online – in real-time to mission headquarters. There are two ELMO-related Graduate Funding opportunities: ELMO Initiative Graduate Fellowship- apply by March 14. More information available here.

Rotation Opportunities

Rotation opportunities are available with Venkat Narayan, Lisa Staimez, Carmen Marsit, Mohammed Ali, Amy Webb Girard, and many others. Please see here for updated list of rotation opportunities.

LOCAL EVENTS

(ATLANTA HAPPENINGS INVOLVING FOOD & DRINK)

Friday, February 10: Fernbank After Dark

Held from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. on the second Friday of each month, Fernbank After Dark will feature themed experiences specific to the science-based topic of the month, as well as live music, films in the all-new Giant Screen Theater, small bites and a rotating menu of craft cocktails and beers from the brand-new Mesozoic Bar. More details here http://fernbankmuseum.org/visit/calendar-of-events/fernbank-after-dark-feb-10/

Friday, February 24 - Saturday, February 25: Improv with Colin Mochrie

Canadian improviser and funny guy Colin Mochrie of 'Who's line is it anyway?' will be at Dad's Garage's for two nights of improv shows! More details here: https://www.facebook.com/events/1371689249558534/

Saturday, February 25: Nuit Belge

An event celebrating the matching of Belgium’s widely varying beers with upscale, seasonal food arrives
in Atlanta. Taking place at Westside’s Foundry at Puritan Mill, Nuit Belge offers a tasting menu that boasts 14 different Atlanta restaurants each provide two different bites to be paired with a different Belgian beer, resulting in 28 taste pairings. Tickets include entry, tasting glasses and unlimited samples ($99-140). More details here: http://www.nuitbelge.com/atlanta/

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