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## **NHS Student Newsletter**

February 2017

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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](mailto:kkdenni@emory.edu); [shruthi.cyriac@emory.edu](mailto:shruthi.cyriac@emory.edu); [rejone4@emory.edu](mailto:rejone4@emory.edu)) with any feedback or events that you want listed!

Cheers,

Kristine, Shruthi, & Becca

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## 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/>

**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>

**When:** October 15-20, 2017

**Where:** Buenos Aires, Argentina

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EVENTS & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AT EMORY

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**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

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**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, 4<sup>th</sup> 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

(Spot) Urine Collections for Population Surveillance and Partitioning of Dietary Iodine Intake Sources', *Nutrients*, 9.

**Leila Larson, 4<sup>th</sup> year**

Leila had a meta-analysis published in *Maternal and Child Nutrition*

Larson LM, Yousafzai AK. A meta-analysis of nutrition interventions on mental development of children under-two in low- and middle-income countries. *Matern Child Nutr*. 2017 Jan 13. Doi:

10.1111/mcn.12229. Epub 2015 Nov 26. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/26607403>

**Nicole Ford, 4<sup>th</sup> year**

Nicole had a review published in the *Annual Review of Public Health*

Ford ND, Patel SA, Narayan Venkat KM. Obesity in Lower- and Middle-Income Countries: Burden, Drivers, and Emerging Challenges. *Annu Rev Public Health*. 2016 Dec 23. doi: 10.1146/annurev-publhealth-

031816-044604. [Epub ahead of print]. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/28068485>

**Samrawit Yisahak, 5<sup>th</sup> 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 Shaikh



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**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)

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**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

information.

**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](http://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.

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LOCAL EVENTS

(ATLANTA HAPPENINGS INVOLVING FOOD & DRINK)

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**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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