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EDUCATION:

- 2005 Ph.D. Epidemiology (minor: Biostatistics and Behavioral Sciences)
The University of Texas School of Public Health, Houston, Texas.
Dissertation: *Psychosocial and Environmental Predictors of Calcium Intake, Physical Activity and Bone Health among Adolescent Girls.*
- 2001 Post-baccalaureate program in Human Nutrition and Foods and the Dietetic Internship Program
University of Houston, Houston, Texas
- 1999 M.A. Physical Therapy,
The University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa.
Thesis: "Neuromuscular Fatigue Mechanisms with Aging"
- 1996 B.Sc. Physical Therapy
Seth G.S. Medical College,
The University of Bombay, Bombay, India.

LICENSURE:

- 2002–present Registered Dietitian in the State of Texas (RD# 927783)
Licensed Dietitian in the State of Texas (LD# DTO6415)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

CURRENT POSITION:

- 2013 - present **Associate Professor**, Division of Epidemiology, Human Genetics and Environmental Sciences, The University of Texas School of Public Health, Houston.
- 2007–present **Assistant Director**, Dietetic Internship Program, The University of Texas School of Public Health, Houston.
- 2007–2013 **Assistant Professor**, Division of Epidemiology, Human Genetics and Environmental Sciences, The University of Texas School of Public Health, Houston.

PAST POSITIONS:

- 2005–2006 **Assistant Professor**, Department of Health and Human Performance, **Assistant Director, Dietetic Internship program**, University of Houston
- 2002–2005 **Consulting Clinical Dietitian**, Harris County Hospital District
- 2002–2005 **Visiting Assistant Professor of Nutrition** and **Assistant Director, Dietetic Internship program**, The University of Houston.
- 2000–2001 **Research Assistant**, Human Nutrition and Foods Laboratory, University of Houston.
Mentor: Dr Kimberlee Matalon
- 1997–1999 **Graduate Research Assistant**, Electromyography Laboratory, The University of Iowa.
Mentor: Dr Martin Bilodeau.
- 1996–1997 **Clinical Physical Therapist**, Breach Candy Hospital, Mumbai, India

HONORS AND AWARDS:

- 2018 **Recipient**, Excellence in Teaching Award, University of Texas School of Public Health
- 2018 **Nominee**, Regent’s Outstanding Teaching Award, University of Texas Board of Regents
- 2018 **Student Marshal and Runner-up**, John P. McGovern Outstanding Teaching Award, University of Texas School of Public Health
- 2017 **Outstanding reviewer**, American Journal of Preventive Medicine
- 2017 **Nominee**, Regent’s Outstanding Teaching Award, University of Texas Board of Regents
- 2016 **Nominee**, Regent’s Outstanding Teaching Award, University of Texas Board of Regents
- 2012 **Nominee**, Annual Excellence Award in Teaching, University of Texas School of Public Health
- 2007 **Recipient**, International Programs Award, University of Texas Health Science Center
- 2006 **Recipient**, Outstanding Teacher Award, College of Education, University of Houston.
- 2005 **Recipient**, Outstanding Student Award, Committee for Status of Women, University of Texas School of Public Health.
- 2005 **Recipient**, Research Day, Best Poster – 1st place award, University of Texas School of Public Health.
- 2004 **Recipient**, Adopt-A-Student scholarship award, University of Texas School of Public Health.
- 2004 **Recipient**, Book Fair scholarship award, University of Texas School of Public Health.
- 2001 **Recipient**, Roundtable for Women in Food Service, Scholarship award
- 1997 **Recipient**, Graduate Fellowship, University of Iowa

RESEARCH

MAJOR RESEARCH INTERESTS:

- Behavioral epidemiology with a focus on food insecurity, chronic disease prevention, oral health promotion among children and parents from low-income, ethnically diverse populations.
- Design, implementation, and evaluation of interventions promoting nutrition and physical activity in preschool, schools, and family- and community-based settings.
- Measurement of nutrition and physical activity among children and adults.

CURRENT FUNDED:

- 2013 – 2019 Brighter Bites to improve access, intake and education of healthy foods among underserved children
The goal of this project is to evaluate the efficacy of Brighter Bites (previously called ACE for Health) to improve intake of fruits and vegetables among elementary school children in Houston.
Funding: USDA/SNAP Ed; Feeding Texas
Role: Principal Investigator (15%)
Direct costs: \$1,125,000
- 2018 – 2023 Development and Validation of a Measure of Organizational Readiness (motivation x capacity) for Implementation
R01 CA228527-01A1
The purpose of this study is to validate a novel measure of organizational readiness to implement health promotion programs in clinic and community settings.
Role: Co-investigator (5%) (PI Fernandez/Brandt)
Direct costs: \$2,861,500
- 2018 – 2024 UTHealthy Eating and Active Living for Pregnant Women and Babies
The goal of this project is to implement and evaluate a program to promote diet and physical activity in pregnant women and mothers with infants (0-1y).
Funding agency: UT Physicians, 1115 Medicaid waiver: Texas Health Transformation and Quality Improvement Program.
Role: Principal Investigator (20%)
Direct costs: \$2,400,000
- 2018-2020 Evaluation of the Early Learning Healthy Teachers Program
The goal of this project is to conduct a randomized controlled trial to evaluate an online worksite-based health promotion program to promote healthy behaviors among early care education center teachers.
Funding agency – Vitamix Foundation
Role: Principal Investigator (10%)
Direct costs: \$180,000
- 2018 – 2020 Healthy Eating Active Living at Harris Health
The purpose of this study is to integrate a systems-level approach for chronic disease prevention in the Harris Health Lyndon B. Johnson hospital.
Role: Principal Investigator (10%)
Funding Agency – Smith Foundation
Direct costs: \$200,000
- 2017-2018 NIH NIDCR R34 – CATCH Health Smiles oral health promotion planning grant
The goal of this planning grant is to develop and conduct feasibility testing of a school-based oral health promotion intervention to prepare for a subsequent UG3/UH3 cluster randomized controlled trial.

Funding agency – National Institute for Dental and Craniofacial Research
Role: Principal Investigator (10%)
Direct costs: \$150,000

2014-2019 UTSPH/GVSU Multimodal MCH Training Program
This HRSA funded training grant aims at improving educational opportunities for students enrolled in the maternal and child health concentration at UTSPH
Role: Mentor

PAST FUNDED:

2017-2018 Nourishing the Community
The goal of this project were to adapt and implement a community-based cooking program in community centers in the Houston area
Funding agency – Allen Foundation
Role: Co-investigator (3%) (PI: Hoelscher)
Direct costs: \$80,000

2015 – 2017 NIH R21 - PALS-CATCH for obesity prevention among at-risk toddlers
The goal of this project is to pilot test, using a randomized controlled trial design, the feasibility and effects of a home visitation parenting program to improve overweight and obesity among at-risk toddlers.
Funding agency – NIH R21 National Heart Lung and Blood Institute
Role – Principal Investigator (10%); MPI – Susan Landry
Direct costs: \$275,000

2014 – 2018 UTHealthy Eating and Active Living for Pregnant Women and Babies
The goal of this project is to implement and evaluate a program to promote diet and physical activity in pregnant women and mothers with infants (0-1y).
Funding agency: UT Physicians, 1115 Medicaid waiver: Texas Health Transformation and Quality Improvement Program.
Role: Principal Investigator
Direct costs: \$1,800,000

2017-2018 Evaluation of the Early Learning Healthy Teachers Program
The goal of this project is to conduct a pilot evaluation of an online worksite-based health promotion program to promote healthy behaviors among early care education center teachers.
Funding agency – Vitamix Foundation
Role: Principal Investigator
Direct costs: \$37,601

2015 – 2017 TMC O2
The goal of this project is to conduct a comparative effectiveness trial of commercially available Weight loss programs to reduce obesity among employees.
Funding: Texas Medical Center Inc.
Role: Principal Investigator
Direct costs: \$100,000

2015 – 2017 BUILD – Building a healthy and sustainable food system in North Pasadena
The goal of this project is to conduct an evaluation of a collective impact model to improve food systems in North Pasadena, Texas.
Funding: MD Anderson Cancer Center and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
Role: Principal Investigator
Direct costs: \$150,000

- 2011 - 2015 CDC, DP11-007 - A Systems Approach to Obesity Prevention in Underserved Children in Texas
 The goal of this large demonstration project is to develop, implement and evaluate an integrated, systems- oriented Obesity Care Model for underserved children aged 2-12 years old. For this project, I led the preschool primary prevention implementation and evaluation effort.
 Funding agency: Centers for Disease control and Prevention
 Role: Co-investigator; PI: Dr. Deanna Hoelscher
 Direct costs: \$4,458,653
- 2008 - 2013 NIH/NCI 1RO1CA149643-01- Lunch in the Bag: Packing more fruits, vegetables, grain in preschool sack lunches
 The purpose of this RO1 study is to determine the effectiveness of a parent-based intervention to increase the fruits, vegetables and whole grain content of preschool sack lunches.
 Funding agency: National Cancer Institute, NIH
 Role: Co-investigator
 PI: Dr. Deanna Hoelscher
 Direct costs: \$1,721,078
- 2014 – 2015 National Early Care & Education Learning Collaboratives (ECELC), Let's Move! Child Care (LMCC)
 The goal of this project is to evaluate and analyze Let's Move! Child Care, a self-guided tool for child care providers to develop best practices for nutrition and physical activity in their centers.
 Funding agency: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – sub-contract with Nemours
 Role: Principal Investigator
 Direct costs: \$100,000
- 2012-2013 Shape Up Houston Texas Medical Center Obesity Prevention Evaluation Study
 The goal of this 2-year project is to evaluate the effectiveness of hospital-based obesity prevention initiatives using social marketing strategies for their employees.
 Funding agency: Shape Tomorrow non-profit organization
 Role: Principal Investigator
 Direct costs: \$499,907
- 2012 – 2014 The Quest to Lava Mountain: evaluating video games for dietary change in children
 The goal of this 18-month project is to evaluate the effect of a video game in promoting healthy dietary habits among 3rd grade children in Texas.
 Funding agency: The Cooper Institute/The Safeway Foundation
 Role: Principal Investigator
 Direct costs: \$150,000
- 2013 Factors Related to Readiness and Capacity for Bringing about Organizational Change to Prevent Childhood Obesity in Early Care and Education
 This is a 2-month subcontract (August to September 2013) to develop an organizational readiness scale for use in early care and education settings.
 Funding agency: Gretchen Swanson Center for Nutrition/ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
 Role: Principal Investigator
 Direct costs: \$20,000
- 2012 – 2013 ACE for Health - Access, Continuity and Education to increase fruit and vegetable intake in children.
 The goal of this pilot project is to evaluate the effect of an intervention increasing access to fruits and vegetables coupled with food literacy among 3rd grade children from low-income populations.

Funding Agency: Texas Children's Hospital/Blue Cross Blue Shield
Role: Principal Investigator
Direct costs: \$37,000

- 2008-2011 Head Start on Healthy Living
The purpose of this federally-funded project is to implement and evaluate the CATCH Early Childhood program in preschool children enrolled in Head Start and their parents.
Funding agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families
Role: Principal Investigator
Direct costs: \$275,990
- 2007 - 2011 Cardiovascular Cell Therapy Research Network (CCTRN)
The purpose of this study is to determine the efficacy of cell therapies in treatment of patients with heart failure.
Funding agency: National Heart Lung and Blood Institute, NIH
Role: Co-investigator; PI: Dr. Lemuel Moyer
Direct costs: \$15,177,662
- 2010-2011 Evaluation of validity and reliability of NUTRIGRAM questions on nutrition knowledge, eating behaviors and attitudes.
The purpose of this project is to conduct reliability/validity testing of a new instrument, NUTRIGRAM, for evaluating dietary habits of elementary school children.
Funding agency: The Cooper Institute
Role: Co-Investigator; PI: Dr. Deanna Hoelscher
Direct costs: \$65,000
- 2008-2010 Coordinated Approach to Child Health in Underserved Populations (CATCH UP)
The purpose of this project is to develop and pilot test the CATCH Early Childhood program in preschool age children and their parents in Head Start
Funding agency: University of Texas, School of Public Health PRIME awards
Role: Principal Investigator
Direct costs: \$50,000
- 2008 - 2009 P.L.A.N.T Gardens –Preschoolers Learning About Nutrition Through Gardens.
The purpose of this study is to develop and test a classroom garden curriculum for children ages 3-5 years enrolled in Harris County Department of Education Head Start.
Funding agency: General Mills Foundation, Champions for Healthy Kids
Role: Co-principal investigator
Direct costs: \$10,000
- 2007-2008 Reliability and validity of self-report measures of dietary intake among urban youth in Delhi, India.
The purpose of this study is to determine the prevalence of obesity among secondary school children in Delhi, India as well as to evaluate their dietary habits using a self-report measure of dietary intake.
Funding agency: International Programs Award, UTHSC
Role: Principal Investigator
Direct costs: \$7,000
- 2005-2006 Annual Faculty Development Initiative Program (FDIP) grant
The purpose of this project was to develop and test a novel method of course delivery using electronic media to university students.
Funding agency: The University of Houston

Role: Principal Investigator

2005-2008 Behavioral Opportunities Uniting Nutrition Counseling and Exercise (BOUNCE)
The purpose of this study was to conduct a behavior-based obesity prevention intervention among adolescent Hispanic girls and their mothers.
Funding agency: Kraft Foods Inc. & The University of Houston.
Role: Co-Investigator

Consultancy:

2018-present Member, Technical Advisory Committee, Public Health Foundation of India, Delhi, India.
“Implementing a Settings Based Health Promotion Intervention for Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs)”.

2015 – 2015 Project Fresh, MD Anderson Cancer Center
The role of this consultancy was to provide support for Project Fresh, a randomized controlled trial to evaluate the impact of a church-based food co-op in low-income communities (PI: Dr. Lorna McNeil Haughton).

2015 – 2016 Research Advisor, CHILDREN AT RISK
The role of this consultancy is to direct the Center for Parenting and Family Well Being at CHILDREN AT RISK and provide overall strategic and scientific support to the organization.

2014 – 2015 Healthy Living in India
The goal of this project is to develop and evaluate a comprehensive, multifactorial program to prevent type 2 diabetes among children and families in India.
Funding agency: World Economic Forum/Public-private partnership

RESEARCH PUBLICATIONS:

IN PRESS:

- 1 Hoelscher DM, **Sharma SV**, Byrd-Williams C. Prevention of Obesity in Early Childhood: What are the Next Steps? American Journal of Public Health (Impact factor: 4.380).
- 2 **Sharma SV**, Chuang RJ, Byrd-Williams C, Vandewater E, Huang TT, Butte N, Hoelscher DM. Using process evaluation strategies to determine implementation success of preschool-based programs for obesity prevention in Texas: The TX CORD study. Journal of School Health. (Impact factor: 1.434)
- 3 Hoang T*, Yunping Lei, Mitchell L., **Sharma SV**, Swartz M, Waller K, et al. Maternal lactase polymorphism (rs4988235) is associated with neural tube defects in offspring in the National Birth Defects Prevention Study. Journal of Nutrition (Impact factor: 4.145).
4. Wilson T, Liu Y, Adolph A, Sacher PM, Barlow SE, Pont S, **Sharma SV**, Byrd-Williams C, Hoelscher DM, Butte NF. Behavior Modification of Diet and Parent Feeding Practices in a Community- vs. Primary Care-Centered Intervention for Childhood Obesity: TX CORD RCT. Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior. In press. (Impact factor: 3.249)
5. Nicksic NE*, Massie AW, Byrd-Williams C, Kelder S, **Sharma SV**, Butte N, Hoelscher DM. Dietary Intake, Attitudes toward Healthy Food, and Dental Pain in Low-Income Youth. JDR Clinical & Translational Research. In press. (Impact factor: unavailable)
6. Verghese A*, Raber M., **Sharma SV**. Interventions Targeting Diet Quality of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Participants: A Scoping Review. Preventive Medicine. In press. (Impact factor: 3.434)

7. Greene-Cramer B*, Harrell M, Hoelscher D, Ranjit N, **Sharma SV**, Arora A, Gupta V, Nazar G. Parent monitoring and encouragement associated with child diet, physical activity, and weight status. *Indian Journal of Public Health*. In press. (Impact factor: unavailable)

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8. **Sharma SV**, Chuang RJ, Byrd-Williams C, Vandewater E, Huang TT, Butte N, Hoelscher DM. Impact of the CATCH Early Childhood program for obesity prevention among preschool children: The TX CORD study. *Childhood Obesity*. Published online September 18, 2018. (Impact factor: 2.532).
9. Chuang RJ*, **Sharma SV**, Perry CL, Diamond P. Does the CATCH Early Childhood Program Increases Vigorous Physical Activity among Low-Income Preschoolers – Results from a Pilot Study. *American Journal of Health Promotion*. 2018; 32(2): 344-348. (Impact factor: 2.197)

2017

10. Byrd-Williams CE*, Dooley EE, Sharma SV*, Chuang RJ, Butte NF, **Hoelscher DM**. Best practices and barriers to obesity prevention in Head Start: Baseline differences in director and teacher perceptions from the TX CORD Study. *Preventing Chronic Disease*. Dec 2017;14:170297. Doi: <http://dx.doi.org/10.5888/pcd14.170297>. (Impact factor: 2.123).
11. **Sharma SV**, Byrd-Williams C, Chuang RJ, Danho M, Upadhyaya M, Berens P, Hoelscher DM. Pilot evaluation of HEAL - a natural experiment to promote obesity prevention behaviors among low-income pregnant women. *Preventive Medicine Reports*. (Impact factor: 1.89)
12. McWhorter JW*, Raber M*, **Sharma SV**, Moore L, Hoelscher DM. The Nourish Program: An innovative model for cooking, gardening and clinical care skill enhancement for dietetics students. *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics*. (Impact factor: 4.534)
13. **Sharma SV**, Upadhyaya M, Bounds G, Markham C. A public health opportunity found in food waste. *Preventive Chronic Disease*, Nov 2017, 14:160596. (Impact factor: 2.123).
14. Butte N, Hoelscher D, Barlow SE, Pont S, Vandewater E, **Sharma SV**, Durand C, Kelder SH, Huang TT, Finkelstein E, Sacher P. Efficacy of a Community- vs. Primary Care-Centered Program for Childhood Obesity: TX CORD RCT. *Obesity (Silver Spring)*. 2017 Sep;25 (9):1584-1593. doi: 10.1002/oby.21929. Epub 2017 Jul 13. (Impact factor: 3.614).
15. Alcazar, L*, Lopez KK, Raber M*, Markham C, **Sharma SV**. Examining the impact of a school based fruit and vegetable co-op in the Hispanic community through documentary photography. *Appetite*, 116 (2017) 115-122. (Impact factor: 2.691).
16. **Sharma, SV**, Chow J, Pomeroy M, Raber M*, Salako D*, Markham C. Lessons learned from the implementation of Brighter Bites: a food co-op to increase access to fruits and vegetables and nutrition education among low-income children and their families. *Journal of School Health*. 2017 Apr;87(4):286-295. (Impact factor: 1.434)

2016

17. Greene-Cramer*, Harrell M, Hoelscher D, Ranjit N, **Sharma S**, Arora A, Gupta V, Nazar G. Parent dietary, physical activity, and sedentary behaviors associated with child behaviors and weight status among private school children in Delhi, India: a cross-sectional study. *Global Journal of Medicine and Public Health*. 2016; Vol. 5, issue 3. (Cosmos Impact factor: 4.132)
18. Greene-Cramer B*, Harrell M, Hoelscher D, Ranjit N, **Sharma SV**, Arora A, Gupta V, Nazar G. Association between parent and child weight status among private school children in Delhi, India.

Global Health Promotion. July 28, 2016. DOI: <https://doi.org/10.1177/1757975916658002>. Impact factor (0.522).

19. Newsome K*, Rashid T, Vonville H, **Sharma SV**. Mapping of reviews on breastfeeding and obesity risk in children. *Curr Nutr Rep* (2016) 5: 255. doi:10.1007/s13668-016-0180-8. Impact factor: unavailable
20. Raber M, Lopez KK, Pomeroy M, Mody A, Markham C, **Sharma SV**. Brighter Sights: Using Photovoice for a process evaluation of a food co-op style nutrition intervention. *Journal of Health Disparities Research and Practice*. (2016). Vol. 9 : Iss. 3, Article 2. (Impact factor: 1.3)
21. **Sharma SV**, Upadhyaya M*, Karhade M*, Baun B, Perkison WB, Feltovich M, Pompeii L, Brown HS, Hoelscher DM. Are hospital workers healthy? A study of cardiometabolic, behavioral and psychosocial factors associated with obesity among hospital workers. *Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine*. Volume 58, Number 12, December 2016. (Impact factor: 1.355).
22. **Sharma SV**, Markham C., Chow J., Ranjit N, Pomeroy M, Raber M. Evaluating a school-based fruit and vegetable co-op in low-income children: a quasi-experimental study. *Preventive Medicine*, 2016, vol 91:8-17. (Impact factor: 3.434).
23. Raber MP*, Chandra J, Upadhyaya M, Schick V, Strong LL, Durand C, **Sharma SV**. A conceptual framework of health cooking for chronic disease. *Preventive Medicine Reports* 4 (2016) 23–28. (Impact factor: unavailable)
24. Farhat A*., **Sharma SV**., Wong W., Abrams S., Barlow SE. Kamp K'aana, a 2-Week Residential Weight Management Summer Camp, Shows Long-Term Improvement in Body Mass Index z Scores. *Journal of Pediatric Gastroenterology & Nutrition*. 2016, 62(3):491-494. (Impact factor: 2.799)
25. **Sharma SV**., Jyothi V*., Baun WB., Perkison W, Griffith, J., Montgomery C., Hunnicutt M., Masani S., Pompeii L. Evaluation of worksite policies and practices promoting nutrition and physical activity among hospital workers. *International Journal of Workplace Health Management*, 2016, 9,1, 46-62. (Impact factor: 0.97).
26. Roberts-Gray C, Briley ME, Hoelscher DM, Ranjit N, Byrd-Williams C, Sweitzer S, **Sharma SV**, Romo-Palafox M. Efficacy of the Lunch is in the Bag intervention to increase parents' packing of healthy sack lunches for young children: a cluster-randomized trial in early care and education centers. *International Journal of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity*, 2016, 13(3). (Impact factor: 6.214)

2015

27. **Sharma, SV**; Hernandez, DC; Hoelscher, DM; and Yaroch, AL. Multidisciplinary approaches to address food insecurity and nutrition among youth and their families," *Journal of Applied Research on Children: Informing Policy for Children at Risk*: 2015, Vol. 6: Iss. 2, Article 1. (Impact factor: unavailable)
28. Harrell, M; Ussery, E; Greene-Cramer, B; Ranjit, N; **Sharma, SV**; and Arora, M. The influence of "westernization" on nutrition and physical activity behaviors of adolescents in New Delhi, India: Are we exporting an epidemic of obesity? *Journal of Applied Research on Children: Informing Policy for Children at Risk*: 2015, Vol. 6: Iss. 2, Article 10. (Impact factor: unavailable)
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parent, child and child-care provider around fruits, vegetables and whole grain foods: a group-randomized controlled trial. *Preventive Medicine*, 2015, 81:1–8 (Impact factor: 3.434)

31. **Sharma SV.**, Markham C., Helfman, L., Albus K*, Pomeroy M, Chuang RJ*. Feasibility and acceptability of Brighter Bites: A food co-op in schools to increase access, continuity and education of fruits and vegetables among low-income populations. *Journal of Primary Prevention*. 2015, Volume 36, Issue 4, pp 281-286. (Impact factor: 1.07)
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36. Hoelscher, D.M., Butte, N.F., Vandewater, E.A., **Sharma, S.V.**, Huang, T., Finkelstein, E., Pont, S., Sacher, P., Byrd-Williams, C., Oluyomi, A., Durand, C., Linlin, L., Kelder, S.H. Incorporating primary and secondary prevention approaches to address childhood obesity prevention and treatment in a low-income, ethnically diverse population: Study design and demographic data from the Texas Child Obesity Research Demonstration (TX CORD) Study. *Childhood Obesity*. e-pub ahead of print: January 2, 2015. (Impact factor: 2.532).

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37. **Sharma SV.**, Upadhyaya M*, Byrd-Williams C., Schober D., Yaroch A. A Conceptual Framework for Organizational Readiness to Implement Nutrition and Physical Activity Programs in Early Childhood Education Settings. *Preventing Chronic Disease*. 2014;11:140166. (Impact factor: 2.123).
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39. Olsen R., Vojdovic R., Bettencourt J., Handberg E., Szymanski B., Smith D., LaRock J., **Sharma SV.**, Taylor D., Henry T. Recruiting for Acute Myocardial Infarction cell therapy trials: Challenges and best practices experienced by the CCTRN. *Clinical Research (August 2014)*: pgs. 71-77. (Impact factor: 2.715).
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2011

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INVITED SPEAKER

1. Invited webinar. **Sharma SV**, McNerney T. Brighter Bites: The Not-So-Secret Formula to Creating Healthy Habits for Healthy Kids. Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE). September 13, 2018.
2. Invited panel member. **Sharma SV**. The Great Debate. Texas Medical Center Inc. Houston. October 25, 2018.
3. Invited speaker. **Sharma SV**. Food deserts and food insecurity. 2018 One Health Conference. September 15, 2018.
4. Invited panel member. Roundtable on "Addressing Obesity Through Portions", Georgetown Global Social Enterprise Initiative, Washington D.C, May 2018 and October 2018.
5. Invited speaker. **Sharma SV**. Brighter Bites – The Better We Nourish, The Brighter We Flourish. Produce Marketing Association, Annual conference, Monterey, CA, July 25, 2018.
6. Invited panel member, d18 Executive Innovation Lab on Diabetes and Pre-diabetes, The DiaTribe Foundation, September 7, 2017.
7. Invited keynote. **Sharma SV**. Employee Health. Houston Worksite Health Symposium. American Heart Association, April 20, 2017, Houston, Texas.
8. Invited speaker. **Sharma SV**. Brighter Bites. Lipman Produce, Annual Board meeting, March 12, 2017, Naples, FL.
9. Invited speaker. **Sharma SV**. Brighter Bites to increase demand and intake of fruits and vegetables in underserved communities. Produce Marketing Association Annual Board meeting, Jan 20-21, 2017, Scottsdale, AZ.
10. Invited speaker. **Sharma SV**. Optimizing Systems to Address Food insecurity. Future of Healthy Children: Building Resilience and Mitigating Adversity in our Children, Families, and Communities, Symposium hosted by Texas Children's Hospital, Feb 16, 2017, Houston.
11. Invited expert testimony. **Sharma SV**. "Past, Present and Future of SNAP: Evaluating Effectiveness and Outcomes in SNAP-Ed". U.S. House of Representatives, Committee on Agriculture. June 22, 2016.
12. Invited speaker. **Sharma SV**. Journal of the Academy for Nutrition and Dietetics Board of Editors meeting. "Obesity prevention – a paradigm shift." Food and Nutrition Conference and Expo (FNCE), Houston, October, 2013.

13. Invited speaker. **Sharma SV**. "Evidence-based strategies for addressing obesity." Annual meeting, American Academy of Family and Consumer Sciences, Preconference Workshop, Houston, June 26, 2013.
14. Invited speaker. **Sharma SV**. "Obesity Prevention: A Paradigm Shift." Biomedical Technology Club, Houston Technology Center, Houston, May 7, 2013.
15. Invited speaker. **Sharma SV**. "Childhood Obesity: A Massive Public Health Issue (and what we can do to help)." Jewish Community Centers of North America Biennial Conference (New Orleans, LA), April 2012.
16. Invited speaker. **Sharma SV**. "Childhood Obesity: A Massive Public Health Issue (and what we can do to help)." Healthy Communities: The Intersection of Community Development and Health Conference. Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, Houston, September 28, 2011.
17. Invited speaker. **Sharma SV**. "Proactive Approaches to Obesity Prevention: The Importance of Early Childhood Interventions." Partnership for a Healthy Texas, November 2011.

ORAL PRESENTATIONS

18. Chuang RJ. & **Sharma SV**. "An Early Care and Education Professional's Impact: Nourish Yourself and Create Healthy Futures" - A Pilot Program". American Public Health Association 2018 Annual Meeting and Expo, San Diego, CA, November 2018.
19. **Sharma SV**, Markham C., Chow J., Ranjit N, Pomeroy M, Raber M. Evaluating a school-based fruit and vegetable co-op in low-income children: a quasi-experimental study. American Public Health Association. Oral Presentation. November, 2016.
20. Alcazar, L, Lopez KK, Raber M, Markham C, **Sharma SV**. Brighter Bites Photovoice: Perspectives from Hispanic participating parents towards the Brighter Bites program. American Public Health Association. Oral Presentation. November, 2016.
21. **Sharma SV**. Food Insecurity: Hidden Hunger Among Young Children. Baylor College of Medicine, Invited speaker. Public Health Pediatrics Seminar, December 2015.
22. **Sharma SV**, Chuang RJ, Byrd-Williams C, Vandewater E, Butte N, Hoelscher DM. Evaluation of the CATCH Early Childhood program for obesity prevention among preschoolers in Texas: The TX CORD study. Oral Presentation, The Obesity Society, Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, October 2015.
23. **Sharma SV**. Childhood obesity prevention – a paradigm shift. Invited Key Note Speaker, annual meeting Texas Osteopathic Medical Association, San Antonio, Texas, May 2014.
24. Albus, K. **Sharma, S**. Markham, C. Helfman, L. Pomeroy, M. (2014, May). Process evaluation of Brighter Bites pilot study: A community-academic partnership promoting fruit and vegetable intake among low-income, minority populations. Oral presentation at the International Society for Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA.
25. Chen, N. Ranjit, N. Byrd-Williams, C. Roberts-Gray, C. Briley, M. Romo, M. **Sharma, S**. Hoelscher, D. (2014, May). Association between home food availability and food in sack lunches for Texas preschool children varies between healthy and unhealthy foods. Oral presentation conducted at the International Society for Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA.

26. **Sharma SV**, Chuang RJ & Skala K. Oral Presentation: "Results of pilot testing CATCH Early Childhood in Head Start preschoolers in Texas." **Sharma SV**, Chuang RJ & Skala K. Annual meeting, International Society of Behavior, Nutrition and Physical Activity (ISBNPA), Austin, TX, May 2012.
27. **Sharma SV**, Stigler M, Perry C, Bassi S, Gupta V, & Arora M. Oral presentation: "Dietary habits and their relationship to psychosocial factors and BMI vary by socioeconomic status among young adolescents in Delhi, India." Symposium III, Annual meeting, International Society of Behavior, Nutrition and Physical Activity (ISBNPA). Austin, TX, May 2012.
28. Evans A, Jennings R, Smiley A, Medina J, **Sharma S**, Rutledge R, Stigler M, Hoelscher D. Placement of farm stands in low-income communities increases fruit and vegetable consumption among community residents. 139th Annual APHA Meeting. Washington DC, Oct 2011
29. Hedberg A, Lewis T, **Sharma SV**. Oral presentation: "PLANT Gardens: Preschoolers Learn About Nutrition Through Gardens." Food and Nutrition Conference and Expo (FNCE) annual conference, Denver, CO, October, 2009.
30. **Sharma SV**, Hoelscher DM, Kelder SH, Diamond P. Oral presentation: "A path analysis to identify the psychosocial factors influencing physical activity and bone health in adolescent girls: A cross-sectional study." International Society of Behavior, Nutrition and Physical Activity (ISBNPA), annual meeting 2007, Oslo, Norway, June 2007.
31. **Sharma SV**. Oral presentation: "Management plans for the University of Houston Dietetic Internship - what has worked for us and why." Annual ADA Dietetic Educators Practice (DEP) group meeting (DEP IV area meeting), Houston, TX, March 2005.

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1. Aiyer J, Bello R, Brewster A, Galindez M, Oestman K, Young R, **Sharma SV**. "A Pilot Food Prescription Program Promotes Produce Intake and Decreases Food Insecurity." American Public Health Association 2018 Annual Meeting and Expo, San Diego, CA, November 2018.
2. Chuang RJ., **Sharma SV**., Danho M., Bounds, GW. "Pregnant Women's Intention to Breastfeed and their Breastfeeding Practice after Delivery - Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) Program. American Public Health Association 2018 Annual Meeting and Expo, San Diego, CA, November 2018.
3. Massie AW, Ranjit N, Hoelscher DM, Byrd-Williams C, Vandewater EA, **Sharma SV**, Butte NF. Are Parent Food Rules Associated with Child Dietary Intake and Weight among Children in Low-income, Ethnically Diverse Schools in Texas? Poster presentation at the International Society of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity (ISBNPA) Meeting, Cape Town, South Africa, June 8-11, 2016.
4. Massie AW, Ranjit N, Hoelscher DM, Byrd-Williams C, Vandewater EA, **Sharma SV**, Butte NF. Are Parent Food Rules Associated with Child Dietary Intake and Weight among Children in Low-income, Ethnically Diverse Schools in Texas? Poster presentation at the 2016 McGovern Award Lecture Series student poster competition in Houston, TX, February 16, 2016.
5. Hashemi MB, **Sharma SV**, Byrd-Williams C, Vandewater EA, Pont SJ, Durand CP, Oluyomi AO, Butte NF, Hoelscher DM. Socio-Demographic Characteristics Associated with Parental Food Store Selection in a Low-income, Ethnically Diverse Population. Poster presentation at The 2016 McGovern Award Lecture Series student poster competition in Houston, TX, February 16, 2016.
6. Hashemi MB, Vandewater EA, **Sharma SV**, Pont SJ, Butte NF, Hoelscher DM. Associations between Parent Food Store Selection and Food Served in the Home. Poster presentation at The 2016 McGovern Award Lecture Series student poster competition in Houston, TX, February 16, 2016.

7. Byrd-Williams C, **Sharma SV**, Chuang RJ, Vandewater E, Butte N, Hoelscher DM Head Start teachers' perceptions of barriers to obesity prevention in the Texas Childhood Obesity Research Demonstration (CORD). Poster Presentation, The Obesity Society, Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, October 2015.
8. Chuang RJ, **Sharma SV**, Byrd-Williams C, Vandewater E, Butte N, Hoelscher DM. Evaluation of the CATCH Early Childhood Program Implementation Index in Head Start Children in Texas: The TX CORD Study. Poster Presentation, The Obesity Society, Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, October 2015.
9. Sharma SV, Markham C, Chow J, Pomeroy M, Raber M. A Comparative Effectiveness Study Of Brighter Bites: A School-based Food Co-op Providing Continuous Access To Fruits, Vegetables And Nutrition Education Among Low income Children And Their Families. Poster Presentation, The Obesity Society, Annual Meeting, Los Angeles, CA, October 2015.
10. **Sharma, S.** Shegog, R. Pomeroy, M. Hoelscher, D. (2014, May). Usability of the Quest to Lava Mountain (QTLM): A serious computer game targeting healthy dietary habits in children. Poster presented at the International Society for Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA.
11. Oluyomi, A. Byars, A. Durand, C. Byrd-Williams, C. **Sharma, S.** Hoelscher, D. Butte, N. Kelder, S. (2014, May). A Geographical Information Science (GIS) approach to conducting area-level comparative analysis of study areas in a community-wide obesity prevention intervention study - the case of Texas CORD. Poster presented at the International Society for Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA.
12. **Sharma, S.** Markham, C. Helfman, L. Albus, K. Chuang, R.J. Pomeroy, M. (2014, May). Feasibility and acceptability of Brighter Bites, a program increasing access to fresh fruits and vegetables and nutrition education among low-income children and their families. Poster presented at the International Society for Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA.
13. Sweitzer, S. **Shreela, S.** Byrd-Williams, C. Romo Palafox, M.J. Bergez, E. Briley, M. (2014, May). How day care home owners view their role in preventing childhood obesity. Poster presented at the International Society for Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA.
14. **Sharma, S.** Rashid, T. Chuang, R.J., Sweitzer, S. Byrd-Williams, C. Ranjit, N. Roberts-Gray, C. Hoelscher, D. (2014, May). Effect of 'Lunch is in the Bag' program on communication between parents, children and the children's early care and education centers (ECEC) around fruits, vegetables and whole grains. Poster presented at the International Society for Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA.
15. Chuang, R.J. **Sharma, S.** (2014, May). The effectiveness of CATCH Early Childhood, a preschool-based intervention, to increase Moderate-to-Vigorous Physical Activity among preschoolers from low-income Hispanic and African-American populations. Poster presented at the International Society for Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA.
16. Chuang, R.J. **Sharma, S.** (2014, May). Process evaluation of the physical education (PE) component in the CATCH early childhood program among teachers of preschoolers from low-income populations enrolled in Harris County department of education Head Start. Poster presented at the International Society for Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA.
17. Farhat A*, **Sharma SV**, Wong W, Abrams S, Barlow SE. Long-term impact of a weight-management summer camp among obese children. Accepted for poster presentation at the annual conference for The Obesity Society, Atlanta, November 2013.

18. **Sharma SV**, Jyothi V*, Baun WB, Perkison W, Griffith J, Montgomery C, Hunnicutt M, Masani S, Pompeii L. Environmental and policy level support for nutrition and physical activity among hospital workers in the Texas Medical Center. Accepted for poster presentation at the annual conference for The Obesity Society, Atlanta, November 2013.
19. Skala K*, **Sharma SV**, Evans AE, Chuang RJ, Hedberg AH, Dave J. Poster presentation: "Ethnic differences in the home food environment and parental food practices among families of low-income Hispanic and African American preschoolers." Annual meeting, International Society of Behavior, Nutrition and Physical Activity (ISBNPA). Austin, TX, May 2012.
20. Sweitzer S, **Sharma SV**, Loufman L, McAllaster M, & Briley M. Poster presentation: "Parents are not Serving Recommended Amounts of Fruits and Dairy at Breakfast to Preschoolers." Annual meeting, International Society of Behavior, Nutrition and Physical Activity (ISBNPA). Austin, TX, May 2012.
21. Springer A, Kohl HW, **Sharma SV**, Hoelscher DM, Skala K, Gay J, & Martin R. Poster presentation: "The association between sports participation and dietary behaviors among Texas 4th grade children." Annual meeting, International Society of Behavior, Nutrition and Physical Activity (ISBNPA). Austin, TX, May 2012.
22. **Sharma SV**, Hedberg AM, Chuang RJ, Lewis T, & Skala K. Poster presentation: "Feasibility and Acceptability of a Gardening-Based Nutrition Education Program in Preschoolers for Low-Income, Minority Populations." Annual meeting, International Society of Behavior, Nutrition and Physical Activity (ISBNPA), Austin, TX, May 2012.
23. **Sharma SV**, Smith C, Hoelscher DM, Chen N, Beasley N, & Abernathy P. Poster presentation: "Reproducibility of NutriGram: a new instrument to measure nutrition knowledge and lifestyle behaviors of elementary school children." Annual meeting, International Society of Behavior, Nutrition and Physical Activity (ISBNPA), Austin, TX, May 2012.
24. Byrd-Williams C, **Sharma SV**, Evans AE, Chuang RJ, Hedberg AM. Poster presentation: Differences in obesity-related behaviors & the home environment in African American & Hispanic preschoolers in Texas Head Start Centers. Annual Meeting, The Obesity Society, Orlando, FL, October 2011.
25. Chuang RJ*, **Sharma SV**. Poster presentation: "Parental practice of behaviors and television viewing and active play among preschoolers in low-income families." Annual meeting, International Society of Behavior, Nutrition and Physical Activity (ISBNPA), Minneapolis, MN, 2010.
26. **Sharma SV**, Hedberg AM. Poster Presentation: "Dietary behaviors and obesity prevalence among preschool-age children from low-income minority populations." Annual meeting, American Dietetic Association, Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo in Denver, CO, October 2009.
27. Hochberg-Garrett H, Hoelscher DM, **Sharma SV**. Poster presentation: "The Skip To Breakfast project: development, implementation, and evaluation of an intervention to increase healthful breakfast consumption among fifth grade students and their families." Annual meeting, American Dietetic Association, Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo in Denver, CO, October 2009.
28. **Sharma SV**, Kelder SH, Hedberg AM. Poster presentation: "Components of an obesity prevention program for preschool-age children from low-income families: The Coordinated Approach to Child Health in Underserved Populations (CATCH UP) program." Annual meeting, International Society of Behavior, Nutrition and Physical Activity (ISBNPA), June 2009.
29. **Sharma SV**, Hedberg AM, Lewis T. Poster presentation: "A qualitative evaluation of dietary and physical activity habits of preschool-age children from minority, low-income families: Results of focus

groups with parents of children enrolled in Head Start.” Annual meeting, International Society of Behavior, Nutrition and Physical Activity (ISBNPA), June 2009.

30. **Sharma SV**, Garza J, Hoelscher DM, Kelder SH, Murray N. Poster presentation: “The relationship between junk food consumption and sedentary behavior among 3rd and 4th grade children in Texas.” Annual NAASO meeting, San Diego, CA, October 2008.
31. **Sharma SV**, Hoelscher DM, Kelder SH, Diamond P, Day RS, Hergenroeder A. Poster presentation: “A path analysis to identify the psychosocial factors influencing calcium intake and bone health in adolescent girls.” Annual American Public Health Association (APHA) meeting, October 2008.
32. **Sharma SV**, Hoelscher DM, Kelder SH, Diamond P. Poster presentation: “Psychosocial and environmental predictors of calcium intake, physical activity and bone health in adolescent girls.” The International Society of Behavior, Nutrition and Physical Activity (ISBNPA) annual meeting, Oslo, Norway, June 2007.
33. **Sharma SV**, Bush J, Lorino A. Poster presentation: “Dietary factors and their risk factors for CVD in an urban university marching band.” The American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM), Denver, CO, May 2006.
34. Bush J, **Sharma SV**, Lorino A. Poster presentation: “Characteristics, correlates and perceptions of cardiovascular health in an urban university marching band.” The American College of Sports Medicine (ACSM), Denver, CO, 2006.
35. **Sharma SV**, Hoelscher DM, Kelder SH, Diamond P. Poster presentation: “Psychosocial and environmental predictors of calcium intake, physical activity and bone health in adolescent girls.” The American Public Health Association (APHA) conference, Philadelphia, December 2005.
36. **Sharma SV**, Hoelscher DM, Kelder SH, Diamond P. Poster presentation: “Psychosocial and environmental predictors of calcium intake, physical activity and bone health in adolescent girls.” The University of Texas, Houston, Research Day 2005.
37. **Sharma SV**, S.R Day, A Gernand. Poster presentation: “Knowledge does not predict fruit and vegetable intake among Hispanic Adults – Que Sabrosa Vida.” The University of Texas 2003 Research Day, November 2003.
38. Riley.N. Bilodeau M., **Gaitonde S**.[§] Poster presentation: “Contribution of peripheral mechanism to fatigue following a stroke.” The Neurological Rehabilitation conference, Toronto, Canada, 1999.
39. **Gaitonde S**[§], Bilodeau M. Poster presentation: “Changes in neuromuscular fatigue mechanisms with aging.” The Society for Neuroscience conference, Miami, FL, 1999.
40. Williams D., **Gaitonde S**[§], Bilodeau M. Poster presentation: “Neuromuscular fatigue characteristics of elbow flexor muscles of dominant and non-dominant arms in healthy humans.” The Society for Neuroscience Conference, 1999.
41. Bilodeau M., **Gaitonde S**.[§], Riley N. Poster presentation: “The relationship between EMG power spectrum statistics and the rate of rise in force during electrical stimulation of the elbow flexor muscles.” International Society for Electromyography and Kinesiology (ISEK) Conference, Montreal, Canada, 1998.

*indicates student presentations

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JOURNAL EDITORIAL BOARD:

February 2018-present Associate Editor, BMC Public health (5 year impact factor: 2.814)

March 2012-May 2018 Five-year term, Editorial board member, Journal of Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (formerly the Journal of the American Dietetic Association) (Impact factor: 3.797)

GUEST EDITOR:

2015 - JOURNAL OF APPLIED RESEARCH IN CHILDREN, ISSUE "NUTRITION AND FOOD INSECURITY"

GRANT REVIEWER (PAST 3 YEARS)

2018 Member, Special Emphasis Panel, National Institutes of Health, CTSA Collaborative Innovation Award (U01) Review Panel ZTR1 CI-4 (01)

2016, 2017 National Institutes of Health, ad hoc study section member for PAR 15-346 *Time-Sensitive Obesity Policy and Program Evaluation*.

2017 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Systems and Services Research for a Culture of Health

JOURNAL REVIEWER (PAST 3 YEARS):

2018

BMC Public Health
Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
American Journal of Preventive Medicine
Childhood Obesity
Preventing Chronic Disease
American Journal of Health Promotion
Journal of School Health

2017

Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
American Journal of Preventive Medicine
Public Health Nutrition
Childhood Obesity
Preventing Chronic Disease
American Journal of Health Promotion

2016

Childhood Obesity
American Journal of Public Health
Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
Journal of School Health
American Journal of Preventive Medicine
Journal of Adolescent Health

ABSTRACT REVIEWER:

2017 Society for Behavioral Medicine, Annual conference
2011-present Annual Conference for the International Society of Behavior, Nutrition and Physical Activity (ISBNPA)
2017-present American Public Health Association

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

- Fall 2007–present **PH 2610 Fundamentals of Epidemiology (3 credit hours, 55-70 students/semester)**
Primary Instructor (100% time)
Division of Epidemiology, Human Genetics and Environmental Sciences,
The University of Texas, School of Public Health
- Spring 2007 – present **PH 2998, Dietetic Internship Supervised Practice (1 credit hour, 12-15 students/semester)**
Primary Instructor (100% time),
Dietetic Internship program,
The University of Texas School of Public Health
- Spring 2014-2016 **PH 2712 Experimental Methods in Epidemiology (4 credit hours)**
Co-Primary Instructor (50% time) along with Dr. Linda Piller (50% time)
Division of Epidemiology, Human Genetics and Environmental Sciences,
The University of Texas, School of Public Health
- Spring 2013 **PH 2998 Epidemiology Seminar (1 credit hour, 9 students)**
Co-instructor with Dr. Anna Wilkinson (50%)
Division of Epidemiology, Human Genetics and Environmental Sciences,
The University of Texas, School of Public Health
- Spring 2005–2006 **Measurement Techniques in Health and Human Performance (3 credit hours)**
Primary Instructor
Department of Health and Human Performance,
The University of Houston, Houston TX
- Spring 2004–2006 **Introduction to Nutrition (3 credit hours)**
Primary Instructor
Department of Health and Human Performance,
The University of Houston, Houston TX
- Spring 2004–2006 **Sports Nutrition (3 credit hours)**
Primary Instructor
Department of Health and Human Performance,
The University of Houston, Houston TX
- Fall 2003–2006 **Medical Nutrition Therapy, Cardiovascular (3 credit hours)**
Primary Instructor
Department of Health and Human Performance,
The University of Houston, Houston TX
- Fall 2003–2006 **Community Nutrition (3 credit hours)**
Primary Instructor
Department of Health and Human Performance,
The University of Houston, Houston TX

Invited guest lectures in courses (external to UTSPH):

- Spring 2018 “Brighter Bites”. Guest lecture in the Principles of Public and Community Health course. Rice University (Instructor: Dr. Cassandra Diep).

Spring 2017, 2018

“Food insecurity: Invisible hunger among children”. Guest lecture in the Social Entrepreneurship course, Rice University (Instructor: Dr. Douglas Schuler)

Fall 2010–2016

“Study Designs in Community Intervention Research.” Topics in Cancer Prevention, Cancer Prevention Research Training Program, MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston (Instructor: Dr. Shine Chang)

Student advising:

Dietetic Internship program	Role
Role: Assistant Director, UTHealth School of Public Health, Dietetic Internship program, 2008-present	Ongoing mentoring and supervising of dietetic interns to meet their internship requirements of 1200 hours of supervised practice over two years. Specifically, I mentor, and am responsible for the completion of the first year of supervised practice experience for the dietetic interns. I also assist with maintaining accreditation requirements of the program.

Dietetic Intern	Year of graduation from the dietetic internship program
	2010
Matt Potter	
Peggy Murray	
Laura Sprehe	
Tamara Lewis	
Stacey Silver	
Tabitha Held	
Laura Rhea	
	2011
Katherine Bispeck	
Karla Crawford	
Susie Culhane	
Katherine Hearne	
Christina Thi	
Jessica Kirk	
Jonathan Reese	
Ashley Merrill	
	2012
Amber Brown	
Lauren Foster	
Erica Gundry	
Sheau Yeun Lee	
Catherine Loftis	
Larissa Loufman	
Monica Martinez	
Jason Pelzel	
	2013
Jennifer Lee	
Nikki Estep	
April Chu	
Jessica Chang	
Michelle Caruso	
Alicia Farhat	
	2014

Katherine Albus	
Sarah Bodine	
Brittany Camarillo	
Melisa Danho	
Kevin Hernandez	
Courtenay Smith	
	2015
Bethany Downing	
Jenny Harrington	
Makenzie Johnson	
Kylie Mitchell	
Sameera Rahman	
Andrea Randolph	
John Regnery	
Becca Williams	
Amanda Dicarlo	
Heather McMillan	
	2016
Domenica Capurusso	
Jennifer Daughtry	
Leslie Delcid	
Brittany Kaczmarek	
Whitney Kunze	
Tonya Moore	
Camille Range	
Stephanie Prokopiou	
Emily Travis	
	2017
Roxxi Li	
Jennifer Davenport	
Claire Allen	
Megan Llewellyn	
Dana McKay	
Kasey Mclenna	
Shanleigh Clinton	
Amanda Hostler	
Katie Newsome	
	2018
Ashleigh Calcote	
Melinda Chen	
Valerie Della Longa	
Haley Imhoff	
Julie Jun	
Lucy Lengfelder	
Rachael Vega	
Anila Verghese	
	In process- Expected graduation May 2019
Arella Fields	
Sarah Crulcich	
Ethan Dixon	
Lily Friedman	
Veronica Gonzalez	

Diana Guevera	
Kaitlyn Kennis	
Dolly Rhinehart	
Christine Taylor	
Laura Voinis	
Sarah Wagner	
Grace Whitmer	
In process- Expected graduation May 2020	
Marissa Albers	
Joslyn Carstensen	
Meegan Justice	
Mariel Sanchez	
Danielle Sanders	
Tracy Vu	
Anafernanda Berrera	
Katherine Cox	
Nathan Raska	
Olivia Sanchez	
Alison Scovell	

Doctoral Students	Dissertation Topic	Role	Year of Graduation
Mary Sailors, PhD	Genetic variability and the hypothalamic control of energy balance	Dissertation committee Member	2009
Allison Ottenbacher, PhD	Physical activity among breast and prostate cancer survivors: Barriers, facilitators and maintenance following the Fresh Start trial.	Dissertation committee Member	2010
Ru-Jye Chuang, DrPH Candidate	Impact of a preschool-based program on physical activity among children enrolled in Head Start	Dissertation Supervisor	2014
Leticia Gatus, PhD candidate	Parental and environmental influences on Hispanic children's nutrition and physical activity	Dissertation Supervisor	2015
Mudita Upadhyaya, DrPH candidate	Worksite intervention to prevent obesity among hospital employees.	Dissertation Supervisor	2016
Allison Winters	Parental influences on dietary intake and weight status of children ages 2 to 12 through household rules and mealtime practices	Dissertation Committee member	2016
Michelle Hashemi	Association among food store selection, socio-demographic characteristics, food served in the home, and child diet and weight status in low-income ethnically diverse families in Texas	Dissertation Committee member	2016

Blanche Cramer-Greene	Parent behavioral and psychosocial risk and protective factors associated with child obesity in private school students in India.	Dissertation Committee member	2016
Leticia Gatus	Parental and environmental influences on Hispanic Children's nutrition and physical activity.	Dissertation Committee member	2016
Jemima John, PhD student	Evaluating Physical activity behaviors and association with BMI, weight status and related psychosocial factors among hospital workers: a cross-sectional study.	Academic Advisor Dissertation supervisor	2017
Thanh Hoang	Maternal genetic variants of digestive diseases and neural tube defects	Dissertation committee member	2018
Xiaotao Zhang	Malnutrition in older cancer patients	Dissertation committee member	2018
Christina Thi	In process	Dissertation committee member	In process
Margaret Raber	In process	Dissertation committee member	In process
Wafa Duhaim	In process	Dissertation Supervisor	In process
Tasnuva Rashid	Role of disinfectants in the eradication and propagation of Clostridium difficile	Academic Advisor, Dissertation Committee member	In process
Sayali Tungare	In process	Academic Advisor	In process

MPH/MS Students	Thesis Topic	Role	Graduation
Carla Mercado, MS	Fruit and vegetable dietary patterns and weight loss in Mexican American women	Thesis committee member	2008
Debra Canter, MS	Metabolic syndrome and cardiovascular mortality among participants of the hypertension detection and follow up program	Thesis committee Member	2010
Heather Atteberry, MPH	The Coordinated Approach to Child Health in Underserved Populations (CATCH UP) curriculum: A quantitative evaluation of an innovative preschool obesity prevention program	Thesis committee Member	2009
Ayesha Chawdhary, MPH	Delays in diagnosis and referral of hematologic malignancies	Thesis committee Member	2009
Tamara Lewis, MPH, RD	Determining the feasibility and acceptability of a garden based nutrition curriculum for preschoolers	Thesis Supervisor	2009
Margaret Murray, MPH, RD	Validity and reliability of using MVP4 Function Walk4Life digital pedometers to assess physical	Thesis Supervisor	2009

	activity among preschool children.		
Bhavana Konda, MD, MPH	Hypogonadism in male cancer patients: a cross-sectional study	Academic Advisor and Thesis Supervisor	2010
Kathleen Brewer, MPH, RD	Relationship between parental feeding practices and weight status in a lower socioeconomic preschool population	Academic Advisor and Thesis Supervisor	2010
Abrar Qureshi, MPH	Capstone Course	Academic Advisor	2011
Riddhi Shukla, MPH	Vitamin A supplementation in very low birth weight infants	Academic Advisor and Thesis Supervisor	2012
Jessica Kirk, MPH, RD	The impact of a cooking and gardening summer camp experience on fruit and vegetable consumption of elementary school-age children	Thesis Supervisor	2012
Ashutosh Lodhi, MD, MPH	Capstone Course	Academic Advisor	2012
Vidyadhar Sripathana, MD, MPH candidate	Capstone course	Academic Advisor	2012
Vinu Jyothi	Baseline evaluation of environmental physical activity and nutrition support of Texas Medical Center hospital worksites	Thesis supervisor	2012
Aditya Sanzgiri, MBBS, MPH	Capstone course	Academic Advisor	2012
Alicia Rodriguez Farhat, MPH	Long term impact of a weight management program on obese children.	Academic Advisor and Thesis supervisor	2013
Priyankana Mishra, MPH	Capstone course	Academic Advisor	2013
Akira Look, MPH	Capstone course	Academic Advisor	2013
Karla Cantu, MPH	Capstone course	Academic Advisor	2013
Emily Laberge, MPH	Impact and significance of a multidisciplinary approach to type 2 diabetes in a primary care setting	Academic Advisor and Thesis Supervisor	2014
Katherine Albus, MPH	Process evaluation of Ace for Health pilot study	Thesis supervisor	2014
Margaret Raber, MPH	A conceptual framework for cooking in chronic disease	Thesis supervisor	2014
Pratik Manandar, MPH	Investigating workplace intervention and change in metabolic equivalence of task using multilevel data.	Thesis committee member	2015
Lani Alcazar, MPH	Barriers and facilitators for implementation of early care education-based nutrition and physical activity programs among children ages 0 to 5 years	Academic Advisor and Thesis supervisor	2015
Ana Monterrey, MD, MPH	Quality of Life outcomes in children participating in the weight	Thesis Supervisor	2016

	management program from the Texas Childhood Obesity Research Demonstration project (TX CORD study).		
Camille Range, MPH	Comparison of Hispanic mothers and their early adolescent daughters' eating patterns	Thesis committee Member	2016
Johannah Frelie	Parent psychosocial outcomes from a fruit and vegetable co-op for low-income families	Academic advisor and Thesis Supervisor	2017
Jennifer Aiyer	A "Food Prescription" Pilot Program: Prescribing Healthy Food to Address Food Insecurity	Academic Advisor And Thesis Supervisor	2018
Katie Newsome	Breastfeeding and obesity: A systematic mapping review of reviews.	Thesis Supervisor	2017
Sania Durrani	Effect of breastfeeding education on breastfeeding intention, duration and knowledge among low-income African American mothers.	Academic Advisor and Thesis Supervisor	2017
Arun Choudhary	Association between Intimate Partner Violence and Undernutrition among Married Nepalese Women of Reproductive Age	Academic Advisor and Thesis Supervisor	2017
Colton McMath	Implementation constructs associated with parent engagement for the Brighter Bites program.	Thesis Supervisor	2017
Ashwini Joshi	Capstone course	Academic Advisor	2018
Fatima Sherrif	A meta-analysis of hypertension and risk of birth defects	Academic Advisor and Thesis Committee Member	2018
Anila Verghese	Nutrition interventions that have impacted diet quality of SNAP participants.	Thesis Supervisor	2018
Aksha Memon	The role of online social networking on deliberate self-harm and suicidality in adolescents: A systematized review of the literature	Academic advisor and Thesis Supervisor	2018
Joanna Grace Manzano	Effect of Diabetes Treatment on Breast Cancer Outcomes – A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis	Academic Advisor and Thesis Supervisor	2018
Sarah Crulcich	In process	Thesis Supervisor	In process
David Kronenberger	In process	Academic Advisor	In process

Post-doctoral research fellows:

- 2014 – 2016 Primary mentor - Ru-Jye Chuang, DrPH, Currently working as Faculty Associate at UTHealth School of Public Health
- 2015 - 2017 Primary mentor - Mudita Upadhyaya, DrPH, Currently working as Wellness Program Director, UTHealth School of Public Health

INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITY AT UTHealth SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH:**Junior faculty mentoring:**

Marcia Otto, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Epidemiology, Human Genetics, Environmental Sciences

Brett Perkison, MD, MPH, Assistant Professor, Department of Epidemiology, Human Genetics, Environmental Sciences

Katelyn Jetelina, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Epidemiology, Human Genetics, Environmental Sciences

Michiko Clutter, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Health Promotion, Behavioral Sciences

Ru-Jye Chuang, DrPH, Faculty Associate, Department of Epidemiology, Human Genetics, Environmental Sciences

Committee service at UTSPH:

- 2018 – present Founding Faculty Coordinator, Certificate program in Culinary Nutrition
- 2018 – present Founding Faculty Coordinator, Certificate program in Clinical Nutrition
- 2017 – present Member, School-wide Grievance Committee
- 2016 – present Chair, Epidemiology Curriculum Committee
- 2015 – present Founding Faculty coordinator, Nutrition and Public Health concentration
- 2016 – present Member, Academic Council
- 2016 – present Member, School-wide Course Review Committee
- 2015 - present Executive Committee member, Nourish Program
- 2010 – 2016 Member, Epidemiology Scholarship Committee
- 2007–present Advisory Board Member, UTSPH Dietetic Internship Program
- 2007–2016 Member, Epidemiology Curriculum Committee, UTSPH
- 2012–2013 Member, PhD Epidemiology Preliminary Examination Committee, UTSPH
- 2011–2012 Founding Chair, PhD Epidemiology Preliminary Examination Committee, UTSPH

2008	Member, Search committee for tenure-track Assistant Professor of Health Promotion/Behavioral Sciences and Dietetic Internship Program Director, UTSPH
2007–2010	Member, Advisory Board, Community Engagement Module, Center for Clinical and Translational Sciences, UTSPH
2008–2010	Member, Epidemiology Admissions Committee, UTSPH
2009–2010	Member, Epidemiology Website Development Committee, UTSPH

PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE:

National and International:

2018	Member, American Public Health Association, Food and Nutrition Section planning committee
2018	Steering Committee Member, Executive Innovation Lab in Diabetes and Pre-Diabetes, The DiaTribe Foundation
2015 – present	Board member and co-founder, Brighter Bites non-profit organization
2011–2012	Member, 2012 ISBNPA Annual Conference Planning Committee
2013–present	Member, Early Childhood Working Group, Healthy Eating Research, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
2016	Grant reviewer, RWJF Systems for Action: Systems and Services Research for a Culture of Health

State and Local:

2016	Established the Shreela & Vibhu Sharma Endowed Fund for Excellence in Community Nutrition, Health & Wellness at UTHealth School of Public Health. The endowment in perpetuity provides annual fellowships to doctoral students at UTHealth School of Public Health.
2016 – present	Co-chair, Food insecurity workgroup, Clinton Health Matters Initiative-Houston, Clinton Foundation
2011–present	Member, Mayor of Houston’s Go Healthy Houston Task Force
2013–present	Member, Joint Health Services Advisory Committee, Neighborhood Centers Inc. Head Start, Houston, TX
2013–present	Member, Health Services Advisory Committee, Gulf Coast Community Services Association Head Start, Houston, TX
2015 – 2017	Board Member, Gateway to Care non-profit organization
2013–2017	Advisory board member, Houston Technology Center, Life Sciences Acceleration Committee

2008–2015 Executive Board member, Pratham NGO, Houston chapter

MEMBERSHIPS

2001 – present Member, Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

2006 – present Member, American Public Health Association

2014 – present Member, International Society of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity (ISBNPA)