

NUTRITION AND OBESITY RELATED SEMINARS 12/04/17 – 12/10/17

Current

Epidemiology and Genetics

Monday Nutrition Seminar Series, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Department of Nutrition

Monday, December 4, 2017 from 1:00-1:50PM

“Human milk for preterm infants: benefits, challenges, and a puzzling paradox” Mandy Brown Belfort, MD, MPH, Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Harvard Medical School and Attending Neonatologist, Brigham and Women’s Hospital

Location: Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, 677 Huntington Avenue Kresge 502

Adipose and Metabolic

Adipose Seminar Series sponsored by the Adipose Tissue Biology and Nutrient Metabolism Core (ABM) of BNORC

Tuesday, December 5, 2017 from 10:00-11:00AM

“Genetic Dissection of Neuron Metabolism” Dong Kong, PhD, Assistant Professor of Neuroscience, Department of Neuroscience, Tufts University School of Medicine

Location: BUMC, EBRC Building, 650 Albany Street, 7th Floor, Room 714

Clinical and Community

Obesity Journal Club, Sponsored by the Enrichment Program of the Boston Nutrition Obesity Research Center

Tuesday, December 5, 2017 from 12:00-1:00PM

Article Title: Applying economic incentives to increase effectiveness of an outpatient weight loss program (TRIO): A randomized controlled trial

Authors/Journal: Finkelstein et al. in *Social Science & Medicine*. 2017;185:6370.

<http://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0277953617303313?via%3Dihub>

Presented by: Megan Maisano, MS Candidate in Nutrition Interventions, Communication & Behavior Change, Friedman School of Nutrition Science & Policy

Faculty and students in the greater Boston area are welcome to attend and present. Those interested in participating may come to Tufts or join the discussion in a webinar style format by dialing in via WebEx. **If you would like the WebEx invitation, please email Kim Dong at Kimberly.Dong@tufts.edu.**

Location: M&V 240 at Tufts (Health Sciences Campus, 136 Harrison Ave)

Longwood Nutrition Seminar 2017-2018 – Division of Nutrition at Harvard

Tuesday, December 5, 2017 from 12:00-1:00PM – Light lunch will be served at 11:30AM

“Is It Gluten-Free or Not? A Closer Look at Non-Responsive Celiac Disease” Melinda Dennis, MS, RDN, Celiac Dietitian and Nutrition Coordinator, Celiac Center, Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center

Jocelyn Silvester, MD, PhD, Pediatric Gastroenterologist and Director of Research, Celiac Disease Program, Boston Children’s Hospital and Instructor in Pediatrics, Harvard Medical School

Location: Cannon Room (Building C1), Medical Education Center, Harvard Medical School, 260 Longwood Avenue

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Upcoming

Epidemiology and Genetics

Monday Nutrition Seminar Series, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Department of Nutrition

Monday, December 11, 2017 from 1:00-1:50PM

“Mitochondrial DNA Mutation and Diseases” Dr. Zhenglong Gu, Division of Nutritional Sciences, Cornell University

Location: Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, 677 Huntington Avenue Kresge 502

Adipose and Metabolic

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Tuesday, December 12, 2017 from 10:00-11:00AM

“Vascular Complications of the Metabolic Syndrome: Molecular Mechanisms and Possible Therapeutic Targets” Francesca Seta, PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, Boston University School of Medicine
Location: BUMC, EBRC Building, 650 Albany Street, 7th Floor, Room 714

Save The Date

Epidemiology and Genetics

Obesity Working Group Meeting, co-sponsored by the Epidemiology and Genetics Core of the Boston Nutrition Obesity Research Center

Tuesday, April 17, 2018 from 2:30-5:00PM
Location: TBD

Clinical and Community

Harvard Eating Disorders Prevention Symposium, sponsored by program STRIPED (the Strategic Training Initiative for the Prevention of Eating Disorders www.hsph.harvard.edu/striped) and Harvard Catalyst

Monday, April 30, 2018 from 7:30AM-5:30PM

“Reimagining the Frontier of Public Health Approaches to Eating Disorders Prevention: Transdisciplinary, Translational, Transformative.”

Location: Joseph B. Martin Conference Center, 77 Louis Pasteur Avenue, Boston, MA

<https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/striped/news/events/eating-disorder-prevention-symposium/>

BNORC Programs and Initiatives

Trans-NORC Complementary Pilot Grant program (TNCPG)

We are pleased to announce that NIH/NIDDK has awarded a Trans-NORC Complementary Pilot Grant program (TNCPG) to the University of Alabama Nutrition Obesity Research Center. The goals of this award are as follows:

Foster greater collaborations among the NORCs (<http://norccentral.org/>);

1. Seed new investigators and/or help initiate the scientific careers of new investigators in circumstances in which one participant NORC could not accomplish on its own; and
2. Seed participation in nutrition and obesity research by investigators at minority and underrepresented institutions (e.g. EPSCoR, AREA, IDeA, and COBRE eligible institutions).

BNORC may put forward a single proposal for funding consideration. Please note that proposals are required to meet the following criteria:

1. Each TNCPG application must include a PI from each of two or more NORCs, with additional investigators encouraged from underrepresented institutions.
2. Each TNCPG must involve either:
 - a. At least one of the participating NORCs providing expertise, equipment, techniques, or facilities needed for the research and which are not possessed by the submitting NORC, or
 - b. Two or more of the participating NORCs collaborating to achieve a needed throughput or scale of the project that one of them could not do alone.

Please email Dr. Barbara Corkey (bcorkey@bu.edu) by **Friday, December 8, 2017** with project ideas that may be eligible for this funding mechanism. BNORC Core Directors will assist with the review process as we work to identify the single proposal that will move forward to the full application stage.

BNORC Small Grants Program

Do you need some preliminary data that can be obtained using one of our cores for a grant application? The BNORC Small Grants Program provides funds up to \$3,000 (direct costs only). The timeline from application to award is 1-2 weeks. To-date, the funding rate of this program for eligible requests has been 100%. Please visit the website for program details and eligibility information.

<http://www.bumc.bu.edu/bnorc/links-and-resources/bnorc-small-grants-program/>

Positions Available

Research Assistant Weight Control and Diabetes Research Center The Miriam Hospital and Brown University Alpert School of Medicine

Researchers at the Weight Control and Diabetes Research Center at The Miriam Hospital and Brown University Alpert School of Medicine are looking to hire a full-time research assistant who, under the direct supervision of the Principal Investigator and the Project Manager, will assist with research related to weight loss for obese women prior to pregnancy, infant weight gain trajectories, mother-infant meal-time interactions, and summer weight gain in young low-income minority children. Specific responsibilities include screening and assessment of study participants, measurement of weight, anthropometrics, diet and physical activity in mothers, infants, and/or young children and videotaping of mealtime interactions. Good computer and organizational skills required. Education and/or experience ideally in a field related to psychology, nutrition, or exercise science and prior experience with clinical research desirable. BA Required and MA/MS highly desired.

If interested, please apply at <http://jobs.lifespan.org/us/en-US/Job-Details/Research-Assistant-Job/The-Miriam-Hospital/XjdP-jf779-ct106221-jid79378511>

Division of Women's Health and Department of Psychiatry Brigham and Women's Hospital | Harvard Medical School Postdoctoral Fellowship

The Holsen Lab in the Division of Women's Health and Department of Psychiatry at Brigham and Women's Hospital/Harvard Medical School is seeking a full-time Postdoctoral Fellow to contribute to our work in clinical neuroscience related to reward processing, hormones, and appetite phenotypes in depression (PI: Dr. Laura Holsen). The focus of our lab is on understanding factors that drive appetite, mood-related eating behaviors, and weight change, with a broad goal of ameliorating negative health outcomes and chronic diseases associated with disordered eating. Successful applicants will have completed a Ph.D. or M.D./Ph.D. (post residency) in neuroscience (affective, nutritional, or cognitive), psychology, or a related discipline. Qualified applicants must have experience working with clinical populations (individuals with disordered eating; psychiatric disorders), a solid foundation in conducting fMRI studies, and a strong publication record of first-author research papers that includes neuroimaging studies. We are looking for candidates with strong technical skills, including competence in task implementation, pre-processing, and analyzing fMRI data (task-related and resting-state functional connectivity), and with expertise and coding ability in relevant analysis software (SPM, CONN, Matlab, and UNIX/Linux environments). Excellent verbal and written communication skills and an aptitude for writing manuscripts and grant applications are essential. The successful applicant will have the ability to work both within a team and independently, managing several projects simultaneously and training/mentoring research assistants. We are looking for highly motivated, self-driven, creative, and interactive scientists. Interested candidates should send a cover letter, CV, statement of past research experience and long-term career goals, and three letters of references (sent in confidence) to Dr. Laura Holsen: lholsen@bwh.harvard.edu.

**Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism
University of Pittsburgh
MD, MD/PhD, or PhD Scientists**

The Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes, and Metabolism at the University of Pittsburgh seeks MD, MD/PhD, or PhD scientists for full-time, tenure stream, academic faculty positions (Assistant to Full Professor) in the fields of obesity, diabetes, metabolism, nutrition, and/or metabolic disease prevention. All types or research in these areas will be considered (basic, translational, clinical, epidemiological, health outcomes). Physician scientist and candidates with cross/multidisciplinary research programs are particularly desirable. Successful candidates will have a history of academic research scholarship, a strong publication record, and a demonstrated capacity to secure external research funding. Interested candidates should send a cover letter, curriculum vitae, and contact information for three references to Erin E. Kershaw, MD, Chief of Endocrinology, care of Chelsea Dempsey (email: cad183@pitt.edu).
EEO/AA/M/F/Vets/Disabled.

**UAB | University of Alabama at Birmingham
Seeking Post-Docs and/or Statistician for Obesity-Related Research**

Post-Doctoral Fellows in Obesity Related Research. Supported by existing T32 Obesity program and through a new Obesity Network Grant from the AHA.

A Statistician to be Appointed as a Staff Scientist. Seeking a post-doctoral fellow or staff scientist with strong statistical and collaborative skills to join the Office of Energetics.

<http://www.bumc.bu.edu/bnorc/links-and-resources/positions-available/>

**FACULTY POSITION IN OBESITY MEDICINE
DEPARTMENT OF NUTRITION SCIENCES
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM**

The Department of Nutrition Sciences chaired by W. Timothy Garvey, MD, and the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) is recruiting an obesity medicine physician to fill an academic faculty position. The candidate will have responsibilities in clinical care, research, and education related to obesity, metabolic diseases, and nutrition. The position is full-time and tenure-earning at any professorial rank commensurate with the candidate's knowledge, skills, and experience. Interested candidates should apply at <http://uab.peopleadmin.com/postings/2878>

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This list of seminars and items of interest to the nutrition and obesity community is distributed weekly by the Boston Nutrition Obesity Research Center. This list is also posted at <http://www.bumc.bu.edu/bnorc/seminars-events/>. Times and dates are subject to change. If you would like your seminar included in this announcement, please send the relevant information by email to: dgibson@bu.edu.

