

## NUTRITION AND OBESITY RELATED SEMINARS 02/19/18 – 02/25/18

### Current

#### Clinical and Community

Obesity Journal Club, Sponsored by the Enrichment Program of the Boston Nutrition Obesity Research Center  
Tuesday, February 20, 2018 from 12:00-1:00PM A light snack will be served - please bring your own beverage.

**Article Title:** The dual role of friendship and antipathy relations in the marginalization of overweight children in their peer networks: The TRAILS Study

**Authors/Journal:** de la Haye et al. *PLoS One*. 2017;12(6):e0178130.

<http://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0178130>

**Presented by:** Ariella Korn, MS, MPH, PhD Candidate in Nutrition Interventions, Communication, and Behavior Change, Friedman School of Nutrition Science and 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](mailto:Kimberly.Dong@tufts.edu).

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

### Upcoming

#### Clinical and Community

#### **WORKSHOP: Qualitative Data Analysis, Sponsored by Enrichment Program of Boston Nutrition Obesity Research Center**

Tuesday, February 27, 2018 from 9:00AM-1:00PM

Software packages like NVivo are tremendously helpful in analyzing qualitative data, but they are only tools. What do you need to do before you sit down to code? What are the different philosophies and techniques around coding? Once you have the data that the programs spit out, what are you supposed to actually do with it? How do you best interpret the data? What "best practices" in qualitative data analysis do you need to consider? This workshop is designed to answer all of these questions. NOTE: The purpose of the workshop is **not** to teach you to use the software - most come with excellent training and support. You will, however, learn everything else that you need to know to successfully analyze your qualitative data.

Presenter: Sara C. Folta, PhD

Location: Tufts University, Boston (exact location TBA)

**Limited to 10 participants. Please register at the link below.**

<http://www.bumc.bu.edu/bnorc/seminars-events/workshop-qualitative-data-analysis/>

#### Adipose and Metabolic

Patricia Usher Memorial Lecture. BIDMC Endocrinology Grand Rounds, The Division of Endocrinology, Diabetes & Metabolism

Friday, March 2, 2018 from 9:00-10:00AM

**“Emerging roles of glial cells in the central control of energy balance by lipids” Thierry Alquier, PhD**

Location: Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, 330 Brookline Ave, Shapiro 2, Leventhal Conference Room

Contact Erin Cote at (617) 735-3322 with any questions.

<http://www.bidmc.org/Centers-and-Departments/Departments/Medicine/Divisions/Endocrinology/Endocrinology-Grand-Rounds.aspx>

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

Tuesday, March 6, 2018 from 10:00-11:00AM

**“Basic progress towards the clinical goal of pancreatic beta cell regeneration” Laura Alonso, MD, Director,**  
Beta Cell Biological Studies and Associate Professor, University of Massachusetts Medical School

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

Adipose Seminar Series sponsored by the Adipose Tissue Biology and Nutrient Metabolism Core (ABM) of BNORC  
Tuesday, March 13, 2018 from 10:00-11:00AM

**“Role of Adipose Lipolysis in Thermoregulation and Metabolic Health” Liqing Yu, PhD**, Professor, Center for Molecular and Translational Medicine, Institute for Biomedical Sciences, Georgia State University, Atlanta  
Location: BUMC, EBRC Building, 650 Albany Street, 7th Floor, Room 714

## Cross Topic

7th Annual Obesity Research Incubator Session, Cardiovascular, Diabetes & Metabolic Disorders (CVDM) Research Center, Brigham and Women’s Hospital, Brigham Research Institute  
March 26, 2018 from 1:30-5:30PM

**1:30PM: Short talks from select junior investigators**

**2:15PM: Rachel Carmody, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Human Evolutionary Biology, Harvard University**

**3:00PM: Rudolph L. Leibel, M.D., Professor of Pediatrics and Medicine, Columbia University**

**4:00PM: Poster Session**

Call for Abstracts: 12:00 PM EDT on Monday, February 26th.

<http://bit.ly/2EgmI43>

Location: BTM 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Center, BTM 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Café Atrium

This event is open to all - register to attend here: <http://bwhresearch.org/bri-events/cvdm-events>

**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](http://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/>

## Cross Topic

The 7th International Congress on Vegetarian Nutrition

Monday, February 26 through Wednesday, February 28, 2018

<http://www.vegetariannutrition.org/>

Location: The Loma Linda University Campus in Southern California

Defining Precision Nutrition Symposium, UNC Nutrition Research Institute

May 1-2, 2018

Location: North Carolina Research Campus, Kannapolis, North Carolina

<https://www.uncnri.org/index.php/defining-precision-nutrition-symposium/agenda/>

SABRI ÜLKER CENTER SYMPOSIUM

May 29-30, 2018

**Metabolism and Life**

[www.sabriulkersymposium.org](http://www.sabriulkersymposium.org)

Location: Memorial Hall, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA

19<sup>th</sup> Annual Harvard Nutrition and Obesity Symposium

July 11-12, 2018

**“Epidemiologic, Physiologic and Policy Considerations of the Sugar Epidemic”**

Location: Joseph B. Martin Conference Center, Boston

**BNORC Annual Meeting**

Friday, July 13, 2018

**Agenda to follow**

Location: BUSM, 72 East Concord Street, Instructional Building, Hiebert Lounge

**Nutrition Obesity Research Club**

Saturday, October 27, 2018 from 9:00AM-3:00PM

**Agenda to follow**

Location: Boston University Charles River Campus, Photonics Colloquium Room, 6 - 8 St. Mary's Street

**BNORC Programs and Initiatives**

**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/>

**Other Information**

**Mary Frances Picciano Dietary Supplement Research Practicum**

The Office of Dietary Supplements (ODS) at the National Institutes of Health (NIH) is now accepting applications for the [Mary Frances Picciano Dietary Supplement Research Practicum](#) taking place on May 30-June 1, 2018, at the NIH campus in Bethesda, MD.

This practicum will provide a thorough overview on the issues, concepts, unknowns, and controversies about dietary supplements and supplement ingredients. It will also emphasize the importance of scientific investigations to evaluate the efficacy, safety, and value of these products for health promotion and disease prevention as well as how to carry out this type of research.

We hope that you will share this information with your organization's listserv and colleagues who might be interested in applying to attend—especially faculty, students, and practitioners with a serious interest in the subject. The deadline to [apply](#) is March 12, 2018.

## Positions Available

### Associate Director for the East Carolina Diabetes & Obesity Institute (ECDOI)

East Carolina University is recruiting an Associate Director for the East Carolina Diabetes & Obesity Institute (ECDOI) with a strong record of productivity and leadership in **community intervention research** in diabetes/obesity prevention and/or treatment. The following is a link to the ad in Science Careers.

<https://jobs.sciencecareers.org/job/473515/associate-director-community-intervention-diabetes-obesity-research/>

ECU's commitment to growth in this area of research is part of an exciting university wide effort entitled [ECU's Rural Prosperity Initiative](#).

### 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](mailto: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 of 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](mailto: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](mailto:dgibson@bu.edu).

