

NUTRITION AND OBESITY RELATED SEMINARS 09/14/2020 – 09/20/2020

Current

Epidemiology and Genetics

[Monday Nutrition Seminar Series](#), Department of Nutrition, Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health
Monday, September 14, 2020 from 1:00-2:00PM

“Food Heroes: Gamified Engagement For Children's Nutrition A Fresh Look at the Link Between Personal and Planetary Health” Ms. Peggy Liu, Chairperson, Joint US-China Collaboration on Clean Energy (JUCCCE), Founder, Food Heroes, Distinguished Prof at the China Academy of Governance

Location: Remote via Zoom

<https://harvard.zoom.us/j/92233664542?pwd=eUVocUFkeG5LcGRhbjJ3dVRpMkNxUT09>

Password: 601245

Clinical and Community

Obesity Journal Club, Sponsored by the Enrichment Program of the Boston Nutrition Obesity Research Center
Tuesday, September 15, 2020 from 12:00-1:00PM

Presenter: Katherine M. Rancaño, MS; Doctoral Candidate in Nutrition Interventions, Communications, and Behavior Change at the Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy.

Article Title: Misclassification of cardiometabolic health when using body mass index categories in NHANES 2005-2012.

Author/Journal: Tomiyama, AJ (2016) International Journal of Obesity. doi: [10.1038/ijo.2016.7](https://doi.org/10.1038/ijo.2016.7)

Zoom Information:

- Meeting Link: <https://tufts.zoom.us/j/95685827230>
- Meeting ID: 956 8582 7230
- One tap mobile
 - +16465588656,,95685827230# US (New York)
 - +13017158592,,95685827230# US (Germantown)

Adipose and Metabolic

[University of North Carolina Department of Nutrition Seminar Series](#)
Friday, September 18, 2020 from 2:30-3:30PM

“Coagulation Factor-Driven Mechanisms of Obesity and Metabolic Inflammation” Matthew J. Flick, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Member, UNC Nutrition Obesity Research Center, Member, Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center

Location: Remote via Zoom

Click [here](#) to register.

Upcoming

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[Monday Nutrition Seminar Series](#), Department of Nutrition, Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health
Monday, September 21, 2020 from 1:00-2:00PM

“Diet, Lifestyle and Liver Cancer in the US” Dr. Xuehong Zhang, Assistant Professor of Medicine, HMS; Assistant Professor in the Department of Nutrition, HSPH

Location: Remote via Zoom - Zoom information will be available one week prior to talk.

[Monday Nutrition Seminar Series](#), Department of Nutrition, Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health

Monday, September 28, 2020 from 1:00-2:00PM

Dr. Alon Shepon, Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Nutrition, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Location: Remote via Zoom - Zoom information will be available one week prior to each talk.

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

Monday, September 28, 2020 from 2:30-5:00PM

Location: TBD

An agenda will be sent closer to the date.

Save the Date

Adipose and Metabolic

Adipose Seminar Series sponsored by the Adipose Tissue Biology and Nutrient Metabolism Core (ABM) of the Boston Nutrition Obesity Research Center

Tuesday, October 13, 2020 from 10:00-11:00AM

Yu-Hua Tseng, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Medicine, Harvard Medical School, Investigator, Section on Integrative Physiology & Metabolism, Joslin Diabetes Center

Location: Remote via Zoom

Click [here](#) to register.

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Monday, October 19, 2020 from 1:00-2:00PM

“Addressing Food Insecurity in the United States: Successes and Shortcomings of Federal Nutrition Assistance” **Sheila Fleischhacker, Ph.D., J.D.**, Adjunct Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center

Location: Remote via Zoom - Zoom information will be available one week prior to talk.

Cross Topic

NORCH Pilot & Feasibility Symposium

Thursday, October 22, 2020 from 1:00-4:00PM

Zoom (more info to come)

Email pyurrita@mgh.harvard.edu for more information

Epidemiology and Genetics

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Monday, October 26, 2020 from 1:00-2:00PM

“Addressing Food Insecurity in the United States: Successes and Shortcomings of Federal Nutrition Assistance” **Daphne Miller, M.D.**, Clinical Professor, Department of Family Medicine, University of California, San Francisco.

Project Scientist, Center for Occupational and Environmental Health, School of Public Health, University of California, Berkeley.

Location: Remote via Zoom - Zoom information will be available one week prior to talk.

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Tuesday, October 27, 2020 from 10:00-11:00AM

Aaron Cypess, M.D., Ph.D., M.M.Sc., Acting Section Chief, Translational Physiology Section, Diabetes, Endocrinology, and Obesity Branch, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases

Location: Remote via Zoom

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Monday, November 2, 2020 from 1:00-2:00PM

Michael F. Jacobson, Ph.D., Co-founder and Senior Scientist, Center for Science in the Public Interest

Location: Remote via Zoom - Zoom information will be available one week prior to talk.

Cross Topic

The Obesity Society (TOS)- Obesity Week

Tuesday, November 3 – Friday, November 6, 2020

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TOS ObesityWeek® Annual Meeting Scientific Sessions:

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Monday, November 9, 2020 from 1:00-2:00PM

Mr. Jerold Mande, Senior Advisor to the President, Center for Science in the Public Interest, Adjunct Professor of Nutrition

Location: Remote via Zoom - Zoom information will be available one week prior to talk.

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Tuesday, November 10, 2020 from 10:00-11:00AM

David Guertin, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Medicine, Program in Molecular Medicine, University of Massachusetts Medical School

Location: Remote via Zoom

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Monday, November 16, 2020 from 1:00-2:00PM

“Metabolomics and food intake – current status and future outlook” Professor Lorraine Brennan, University College Dublin, School of Agriculture and Food Science

Location: Remote via Zoom - Zoom information will be available one week prior to talk.

Cross Topic

22nd Annual Frontiers in Diabetes Research Conference sponsored by Naomi Berrie Diabetes Center, Columbia University Medical Center

Saturday, November 21, 2020 from 10:00AM-2:30PM

Obesity, Diabetes and COVID-19 – elucidating the bidirectional links

This half-day program is designed for scientists/investigators, students and clinicians with an interest in diabetes.

This conference will focus on recent data on the clinical manifestations of SARS-CoV2 infection, with particular emphasis on the interactions and potential metabolic/genetic mechanistic links relating to susceptibility and clinical outcomes in patients with obesity and pre-existing diabetes. Additional focus areas will include novel treatment paradigms for diabetes in the COVID-19 era, and a look forward towards novel antiviral therapies.

Tuition is free for all. CME credits available.

Location: The program will be conducted remotely, via Zoom.

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[Monday Nutrition Seminar Series](#), Department of Nutrition, Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health

Monday, November 23, 2020 from 1:00-2:00PM

Dr. Edward Giovannucci, Professor of Nutrition and Epidemiology, Department of Nutrition, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Location: Remote via Zoom - Zoom information will be available one week prior to talk.

[Monday Nutrition Seminar Series](#), Department of Nutrition, Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health

Monday, November 30, 2020 from 1:00-2:00PM

Sam Molesbury, Ph.D., Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Department of Nutrition, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

Location: Remote via Zoom - Zoom information will be available one week prior to talk.

Cross Topic

BNORC Annual Symposium sponsored by the Enrichment Program of the Boston Nutrition Obesity Research Center

Friday, December 4, 2020 8:45AM-12:00PM

COVID-19, Nutrition, and Obesity

“TBA” Jorge E. Chavarro, MD, ScD, Associate Professor of Nutrition and Epidemiology, Department of Nutrition, Department of Epidemiology, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

“Does Vitamin D Reduce the Risk of COVID-19?” JoAnn E. Manson, MD, MPH, DrPH, Chief, Division of Preventive Medicine, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Professor of Medicine and the Michael and Lee Bell Professor of Women's Health, Harvard Medical School, Professor in the Department of Epidemiology, Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health

“A perfect storm: Obesity and influenza infection and implications for COVID-19” Melinda A. Beck, PhD, Associate Chair for Academics, Professor, Nutrition, University of North Carolina, Gillings School of Global Public Health

“Obesity, Age and COVID-19 Disease” Anthony Ferrante Jr, MD, PhD, Tilden-Weger-Bieler Professor of Medicine and Chief of Preventive Medicine & Nutrition, Naomi Berrie Diabetes Center, Columbia University

Location: Remote via Zoom

Registration details will be provided closer to the program date.

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Tuesday, December 8, 2020 from 10:00-11:00AM

Paul Cohen, M.D., Ph.D., Albert Resnick, M.D. Assistant Professor, Head, Laboratory of Molecular Metabolism, The Rockefeller University

Location: Remote via Zoom

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[Monday Nutrition Seminar Series](#), Department of Nutrition, Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health

Monday, December 14, 2020 from 1:00-2:00PM

Dr. Diane Gilbert-Diamond, Dartmouth Geisel School of Medicine, Associate Professor of Epidemiology, Associate Professor of Community and Family Medicine

Location: Remote via Zoom - Zoom information will be available one week prior to talk.

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Adipose Seminar Series sponsored by the Adipose Tissue Biology and Nutrient Metabolism Core (ABM) of the Boston Nutrition Obesity Research Center

Tuesday, December 22, 2020 from 10:00-11:00AM

Madeleine J. Oudin, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Department of Biomedical Engineering, Tufts University

Location: Remote via Zoom

Nutrition Obesity Research Centers Initiative to Advance the Careers of Researchers from Groups Underrepresented in Academia (URiA)

The Nutrition Obesity Research Centers (NORCs), supported by the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), will launch an initiative in the Fall of 2020 to identify the barriers and challenges to success of scientists from URiA groups and to identify actionable strategies to overcome these challenges. The goal will be to provide specific recommendations to improve equity and inclusion for the NORCs, NORC-associated institutional leadership, and scientific societies such as the American Society for Nutrition (ASN) and The Obesity Society (TOS). The initiative will be initially delivered virtually with the agenda consisting of presentations by leading experts, followed by small group discussions. Speakers will identify challenges, solutions, opportunities, and future needs for successful recruitment, retention, and advancement for researchers from groups underrepresented in academia. All sessions will be recorded and widely distributed through NORCs, NIDDK, the American Society of Nutrition, The Obesity Society, and other interested groups. Please see the link below for additional details including the schedule of sessions. Thank you.

<https://www.uab.edu/norc/education-enrichment/norc-minority-symposium/norc-minority-symposium-schedule>

Adipose Seminar Series 2020-2021 Virtual Series Fall 2020

The Adipose Seminar Series *sponsored by the Adipose Tissue Biology and Nutrient Metabolism Core (ABM) of the Boston Nutrition Obesity Research Center* is currently planning the Adipose Seminar Series for the 2020-2021 academic year. The series will begin in September and will be held remotely via Zoom and attendees will be required to register for each seminar. Please contact Valentina Perissi (vperissi@bu.edu) and/or Katie Harper (kharp@bu.edu) if you are interested in presenting and/or would like to be added to the distribution list for this series.

[Urgent Admin. Supplements and Competitive Revisions on Social, Behavioral, and Economic Impacts of COVID-19 Interventions](#)

[NOT-MD-20-022](#) Competitive and Administrative Supplements for Community Interventions to Reduce the Impact of COVID-19 on Health Disparity and Other Vulnerable Populations (<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-MD-20-022.html>)

[NOT-MH-20-053](#) Digital Healthcare Interventions to Address the Secondary Health Effects Related to Social, Behavioral, and Economic Impact of COVID-19 (<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-MH-20-053.html>)

[Mechanistic Studies of the Interaction between SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 and Diseases and Organ Systems of Interest to NIDDK \(R01 Clinical Trial Optional\)](#)

The purpose of this Funding Opportunity is to support basic and clinical mechanistic research on Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) and Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) susceptibility, routes of infection, course of disease, morbidity and mortality in people with pre-existing diseases, or adverse acute or chronic outcomes in organs, tissues, and biological systems of specific interest to NIDDK. These include diabetes and other metabolic diseases, obesity, and endocrine, digestive, liver, pancreas, kidney, urological, and hematologic tissues and diseases.

The application cycle for this funding opportunity opens on November 16, 2020 and closes on December 16, 2020. Please click [here](#) for instructions on how to apply.

New NIDDK R01 Program Announcement for Small R01s to Conduct P&F Clinical Trials

NIDDK has changed our approach for pilot and feasibility clinical trial applications. As an alternative to R21s, we now have a NIDDK-specific PA (PAS-20-160: <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAS-20-160.htm>) which invites applicants to submit small, short-term R01s (3 years; \$200,000 DC/year) to conduct clinical trials in humans to acquire preliminary data regarding the effects of the intervention as well as feasibility data related to recruitment and retention and study conduct. The PA clearly states that preliminary data is not required, and anyone submitting an application is encouraged to refer to the PA in their specific aims page and indicate that preliminary data is not required for this PA.

Note that this is a **NIDDK**-specific PA, and it is limited to clinical trials, not clinical studies. Now that we have this FOA, we will be terminating our NIDDK-specific clinical trial R21 PAs.

BNORC Small Grants Program

Do you need some preliminary data that can be obtained using one of the Center's four [Cores](#) for a grant application? The BNORC Small Grants Program provides funds up to \$3,000 (direct costs only) to offset BNORC Core use. The timeline from application to award is 1-2 weeks. Please click [here](#) for program details and eligibility information.

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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 [here](#). Times and dates are subject to change. If you would like your seminar included in this weekly communication and/or updated, please send the relevant information by email to [Donna Gibson](#).



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