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BACKGROUND

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- 1993-1999 PhD Demography with minors in Epidemiology and Nutrition, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
- 1992-1993 M.S. International Development, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY
- 1991-1992 M.S. Comparative Education, State University of New York, Buffalo, NY

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2016 - Associate Professor, Department of Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences, (with Adjunct appointment in the Department of Epidemiology, Human Genetics and Environmental Science), University of Texas School of Public Health (UTHealth)
- 2014 - Adjunct Faculty, Division of Nutrition, School of Human Nutrition, University of Texas, Austin
- 2009 - Assistant Professor, Department of Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences (Non-tenure track)
- 2008 - 2009 Faculty Associate, School of Public Health, University of Texas, Austin Regional Campus
- 2003 - 2008 Research Investigator, Center for Social Epidemiology and Population Health, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
- 2002 - 2003 Senior Research Associate, Center for Social Epidemiology and Population Health, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
- 1998 - 2001 Senior Research Associate, Alan Guttmacher Institute, New York, NY

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2015 Fellow, NHLBI-sponsored workshop on Strengthening Causal Inference in Behavioral Obesity Research, University of Alabama at Birmingham

- 2012 Invited to serve as a visiting professor for a one-year period at Birla Institute of Technology and Science, India (declined invitation)
- 2010 Obtained over 100 press mentions internationally in connection with published article in *Pediatrics*
- 2007 Obtained multiple press mentions in US press, including ABC News and CBS News, in connection with published article in *Circulation*
- 2007 Interviewed live on BBC Radio, and obtained over 200 press mentions internationally, in connection with published article in *Archives of Internal Medicine*
- 2005 Fellow, Ten Day Seminar on the Epidemiology and Prevention of Cardiovascular Disease sponsored by AHA
- 1996 - 1997 Population Council Fellowship, the Population Council
- 1991 - 1992 Awarded three year Presidential Fellowship, SUNY Buffalo

RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY WORK

RESEARCH AND ACADEMIC INTERESTS

1. Mechanisms generating socioeconomic and racial/ethnic disparities in health outcomes and health behaviors
2. Evaluation science and methods for complex interventions targeting nutrition and physical activity behaviors
3. Study design for dissemination and implementation; evaluation of policies and large-scale programs
4. Behavioral epidemiology for chronic disease outcomes
5. Statistical modeling of social phenomena and longitudinal processes

SELECTED GRANTS AND AWARDS

Current research:

Evaluation of Texas SNAP-Ed (PI: Ranjit)

Funding Agency: *Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)*

Funding Period: *10/01/2019 – 9/30/2024; Cost: \$1,381,990*

Project Description: *Continuing funding to evaluate Texas-based agencies contracting with Health and Human Services to carry out SNAP-Ed activities; to examine the extent to which these agencies are meeting their evaluation requirements; and to provide recommendations for improving implementation and evaluation.*

Role: Principal Investigator

A Prescription for Healthy Living (PIs: Sharma and Ranjit)

Funding Agency: Rockefeller Foundation

Funding Period: 10/01/2020 – 3/31/2022; Cost: \$516,076

Project Description: *The goal of this study is to evaluate a Food Prescription program currently being implemented by the Houston Food Bank in conjunction with the Texas Medical Center's Hospital Centers for Children and Women and Harris Health with a largely Hispanic patient population in Houston.*

Role: Co-Principal Investigator

The Del Valle Healthy Adolescent Project (PI: Springer)

Funding Agency: US HHS / City of Austin 10/01/2020 - 09/30/2023

Funding Period: 10/01/2020 – 9/30/2023; Cost: \$349,000

Project Description: *The goal of this study is to evaluate teen pregnancy prevention project to be implemented by the City of Austin in the Del Valle School District*

Role: Co-Investigator

Evaluating Food Access Strategies in Austin to Improve Healthy Food Consumption and Food Security (PI: Van den Berg)

Funding Agency: FFAR/Sustainable Food Center

Funding Period: 05/01/2018 – 04/30/2021

Project Description: *The goal of this project is to measure the collective impact of strategies increasing healthy food access in low income communities. Data will be used to create an agent-based model which will be able to predict individuals' behaviors related to food purchasing and consumption.*

Role: Co-Investigator

SPAN 2018-2021 (PI: Hoelscher)

Funding Agency: Texas DSHS

Funding Period: 05/01/2018 – 08/31/2021

Project Description: *The goal of this project is to determine the prevalence of obesity and overweight, as well as obesity-related behaviors such as diet and physical activity, among Texas public school students in grades 2, 4, 8, and 11 through the development, implementation, and analysis of School Physical Activity and Nutrition (SPAN) assessment for the 2019-2020 academic school year.*

Role: Co-Investigator

Promoting Healthy Children in a Healthy State (PI: Hoelscher)

Funding Agency: Michael & Susan Dell Foundation

Funding Period: 08/01/2018 – 07/31/2022

Project Description: *The goal of this renewal of the Michael & Susan Dell Center for Healthy Living is to support a new, more pragmatic approach to using evidence to transform the health of children and families in Central Texas.*

Role: Co-Investigator

Evaluation of Create Healthy Futures Intervention (PI: Sharma)

Funding Agency: *Vitamix Foundation*

Funding Period: *01/01/2019 – 12/31/2020*

Project Description: *The major 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.*

Role: Co-Investigator (Evaluation Lead)

Completed projects:

Evaluation of Texas SNAP-Ed, 2017-2019 (PI: Ranjit)

Funding Agency: *Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)*

SPAN, 2015-2016. (PI: Hoelscher; Co-PIs: Perez and Ranjit)

Funding Agency: *Texas Department of State Health Services, Maternal and Child Health Services. (Title V Funding approved)*

GO! Austin/VAMOS! Austin Evaluation -Dove Springs Evaluation efforts UTSPH (Co-PIs: Evans and Ranjit)

Funding Agency: *Michael & Susan Dell Foundation*

Increasing Community Reach and Capacity for Child Health. Michael and Susan Dell Foundation (PI: Hoelscher)

Funding Agency: *Michael & Susan Dell Foundation*

Evaluating the effectiveness of a financial rewards-based weight loss strategy among Hispanic adolescents: a pilot study (PI: Ranjit)

Funding Agency: *Michael & Susan Dell Foundation*

Using Family-Focused Garden, Nutrition, and Physical Activity Programs to Reduce Childhood Obesity (PI: Evans)

Funding Agency: *TX A&M Research Foundation / USDA*

The impact of a coalition-driven, multi-component intervention on weight status, physical activity and healthy eating among economically disadvantaged (Co-PIs: Evans and Ranjit)

Funding Agency: *City of Austin*

Extending the collaborative evaluation of the Safe Routes to School and Women, Infants, and Children programs in Texas – University of Texas (PI: Hoelscher)

Funding Agency: *RWJ*

Lunch in the Bag: Packing More Fruit, Vegetables, Grain in Preschool Sack Lunches (PI: Hoelscher)

Funding Agency: *NIH*

Food purchase behaviors among low-income mothers in Austin, TX (PI: Ranjit)

Funding Agency: Dell Foundation

The social and environmental context of consumption of sugar-sweetened beverage by high school students (PI: Ranjit)

Funding Agency: UT School of Public Health (Pilot Award)

Socio-economic position, air pollution and infant mortality in the United States. (PI: Ranjit)

Funding Agency: UM RWJF HSSP/RWJF.

Comparative Analysis of the Temporal Trends in Stoke and CHD Mortality (PI: Ranjit).

Funding Agency: UM RWJF HSSP/RWJF.

Modeling the Socioeconomic Determinants of Disability Progression in the Elderly (PI: Ranjit)

Funding Agency: NIH/NIA Supplementary grant (funded through University of Michigan Population Studies Center)

Fitness and Recreational Improvements at Dove Springs District Park (PI: Evans)

Funding Agency: St. David's Foundation

School Commercial Kitchens Capital Project (PI: Evans)

Funding Agency: St. David's Foundation

Evaluation of Marathon in-a-box and strategies for increasing parent involvement via school organizing- Phase III (PI: Springer)

Funding Agency: Marathon Kids

Colorado Active Play Project (PI: Springer)

Funding Agency: CSUFC

Central Texas CATCH Middle School project (PI: Kelder)

Funding Agency: Dell Foundation

Connecting Media Use and Development of Obesity across Childhood (PI: Vandewater)

Funding Agency: RTI

Designing the Social and Built Environment to Promote Children's Physical Activity During School break time (PI: Springer)

Funding Agency: Michael & Susan Dell Foundation.

Evaluation of 3 Components of Sprouting Healthy Communities (PI: Evans)

Funding Agency: Sustainable Food Ctr / Dell Foundation

Marathon Kids Phase II Evaluation Plan: Evaluation of Strategies to Promote Fruit (PI: Evans)

Funding Agency: Marathon Kids / Dell Foundation

Urban Moms Book Initiative Qualitative Evaluation (PI: Hoelscher)

Funding Agency: Michael & Susan Dell Foundation.

The impact of a multi-component intervention on weight status, Sprouting Healthy Communities (PI: Evans)

Funding Agency: Sustainable Food Center / Dell Foundation

SPAN 2009-2010 (PI: Hoelscher)

Funding Agency: Texas Dept of State Health Services (TDSHS)

Dissemination of CATCH to Travis County Elementary Schools (PI: Hoelscher)

Funding Agency: Michael & Susan Dell Foundation

An economic evaluation of increasing the scale of breakfast provision in Texas elementary Schools (PI: Brown)

Funding Agency: Texas Department of Agriculture

MI Interdisciplinary Center on Social Inequality, Mind and Body (PI: Kaplan)

Funding Agency: NICHD 1R24HD047861-01

Epidemiological Relationship Between Herpes and Dementia (PI: Aiello)

Funding Agency: UM RWJF HSSP/RWJF

Michigan Interdisciplinary Center on Social Inequalities, Mind and Body (PI: Kaplan)

Funding Agency: NICHD (1P50HD38986-01)

CONSULTING ASSIGNMENTS

Common Threads

Period: 2014-2015

Role: Oversee data management, develop and implement analysis plan, respond to ad hoc queries about analysis

ETR (Education, Training and Research) Associates

Period: 2010-2011

Role: Conduct and summarize results of massive data analysis relating to a school-level intervention

University of Michigan at Ann Arbor

Period: 2009-2010

Role: Oversee quality control of all data analysis activities for an environmental epidemiology study funded by CDC.

PUBLICATIONS

PEER REVIEWED MANUSCRIPTS

As of September 2021, cited >5,000 times; Google Scholar h-index score = 37 (i10=66)

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12. *Marshall AN, van den Berg A, **Ranjit N**, Hoelscher DM. A Scoping Review of the Operationalization of Fruit and Vegetable Variety. *Nutrients*. 2020; 12(9):2868. Not NIH funded.
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14. Lanza K, Oluyomi A, Durand C, Gabriel KP, Knell G, Hoelscher DM, **Ranjit N**, Salvo D, Walker TJ, Kohl HW. (Accepted 2020) Transit environments for physical activity: Relationship between micro-scale built environment features surrounding light rail stations and ridership in Houston, Texas, *Journal of Transport & Health*. Not NIH funded.
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ORAL PRESENTATIONS AND POSTERS

Invited Presentations/Workshops:

Warren JL, Evans AE, **Ranjit N**, McIntosh WA, Hoelscher DM, McKyer ELJ. Texas GROW! EAT! GO! Using Family-focused Garden, Nutrition and Physical Activities to Prevent Childhood Obesity: Preliminary Results from Cohort 1. Southeastern Conference (SEC) Symposium: Prevention of Obesity: Overcoming a 21st Century Public Health Challenge, Atlanta, GA. September 22, 2014.

Evans A, **Ranjit N**, Rutledge R, Medina J, Jennings R, Smiley A, Smiley A, Stigler M, Hoelscher D. Environmental interventions targeting school food environments can increase fruit and vegetable consumption among adolescents. Oral Presentation at the 2012 ISBNPA conference, Austin, May 2012 (part of an international symposium).

Presentations at Professional Conferences:

Presenter or co-author at over 70 oral and poster presentations presented at 8 conferences since 2010.

TEACHING

Courses Taught

YEAR	COURSE NAME AND NUMBER	ROLE	MODE	# OF STUDENTS
2021	Research Design & Analysis: Behavioral Science, 1420 (4 cr)	Co-Instructor (50%)	ITV	30
2021	Obesity, Nutrition and Physical Activity Seminar, 1237 (1 cr)	Lead Instructor (50%)	ITV	8
2021	Introduction to Data Management in Stata		Online	6
2021	Program Evaluation	Co-Instructor (50%)	Webex	35
2020	Obesity, Nutrition and Physical Activity Seminar, 1237 (1 cr)	Lead Instructor (50%)	ITV	15
2020	Research Design & Analysis: Behavioral Science, 1420 (4 cr)	Co-Instructor (50%)	ITV	38
2019	Obesity, Nutrition and Physical Activity Seminar, 1237 (1 cr)	Lead Instructor (50%)	ITV	12
2019	Research Design & Analysis: Behavioral Science, 1420 (4 cr)	Co-Instructor (50%)	ITV	15
2018	Obesity, Nutrition and Physical Activity Seminar, 1237 (1 cr)	Lead Instructor (50%)	ITV	16
2018	Research Design & Analysis: Behavioral Science, 1420 (4 cr)	Co-Instructor (50%)	ITV	18
2017	Obesity, Nutrition and Physical Activity Seminar, 1237 (1 cr)	Lead Instructor (50%)	ITV	14
2017	Research Design & Analysis: Behavioral Science, 1420 (4 cr)	Co-Instructor (50%)	ITV	20
2016	Obesity, Nutrition and Physical Activity Seminar, 1237 (1 cr)	Lead Instructor (50%)	ITV	14
2016	Research Design & Analysis: Behavioral Science, 1420 (4 cr)	Co-Instructor (50%)	ITV	18
2015	Obesity, Nutrition and Physical Activity Seminar, 1237 (1 cr)	Lead Instructor (50%)	ITV	23
2015	Research Design & Analysis: Behavioral Science, 1420 (4 cr)	Co-Instructor (50%)	ITV	17
2014	Obesity, Nutrition and Physical Activity Seminar, 1237 (1 cr)	Lead Instructor (50%)	ITV	13

2014	Research Design & Analysis: Behavioral Science, 1420 (4 cr)	Co-Instructor (50%)	ITV	13
2013	Obesity, Nutrition and Physical Activity Seminar, 1237 (1 cr)	Lead Instructor (50%)	ITV	10
2013	Research Design & Analysis: Behavioral Science, 1420 (4 cr)	Co-Instructor (50%)	ITV	18
2012	Obesity, Nutrition and Physical Activity Seminar, 1237 (1 cr)	Co-Instructor (33%)	ITV	12
2012	Research Design & Analysis: Behavioral Science, 1420 (4 cr)	Co-Instructor (50%)	ITV	26

In addition, I have frequently conducted bootcamps for HPBS students prior to their taking preliminary exams, and taught Stata to a number of MPH students via independent study. A weeklong Stata course that I plan to offer on a regular basis starting Spring 2021 will be included in the Quantitative Methods Certificate. Finally, I have occasionally taught guest lectures in the Doctoral Seminar class, and the .

Advisor or member of thesis or dissertation committee

Have served or am serving as primary advisor or committee member to over 50 MPH students, and over 25 doctoral students at UTHealth, and have been external committee member to 10 doctoral students at UT Austin.

Individual study, practicum, thesis and dissertation research

Taught over 180 credit hours of individual study, practicum, thesis and dissertation research to over 100 students, from 2010 to date.

SERVICE

EXTERNAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

MENTORED STUDENTS OUTSIDE UTSPH

Since 2012, I have served as reader, formal advisor, or informal advisor on undergraduate student thesis and internships for six undergraduate students from outside UTSPH, including CPRIT summer interns, and UT Austin Plan II Honors students working in the area of public health. I have also served on dissertation committees of 10 doctoral students outside

UTHealth. Currently, I am serving as Research Mentor of a post-doctoral fellow funded through a T32 grant at the Population Research Center, UT Austin.

GRANTS AND ABSTRACTS REVIEW

Since 2012, I have annually reviewed abstracts for ASPH, APHA, SBM and /or ISBNPA meetings. I have also served as an invited grants reviewer for NIH (Time-Sensitive Obesity Policy and Program Evaluations); for the National Medical Research Council, Ministry of Health, Singapore; and most recently, for the Dutch Research Council (NWO).

ASSOCIATE EDITOR FOR PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

PLOS One, BioMed Central Public Health

AD HOC REVIEWER FOR PEER-REVIEWED JOURNALS

American Journal of Public Health; Annals of Behavioral Medicine; Annals of Epidemiology; Appetite; Archives of Internal Medicine; Atherosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology; BMJ Open; BioMed Central Psychology; Childhood Obesity; European Journal of Preventive Cardiology; European Journal of cardiovascular disease prevention and rehabilitation; Health Education and Behavior; Health Psychology; International Journal of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity; International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health; Journal of Adolescent Health; Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics; Journal of Psychosomatic Medicine; Journal of Women's health; Nutrition Journal; Pediatrics; PLOS One; Preventive Medicine; Psychoneuroendocrinology; Psychosomatic Medicine; Public Health Nutrition; Social Science and Medicine

INTERNAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

2012 to 2018: Director, Data and Methods Core:
2020 (ongoing): Member, Executive Committee, UTHealth Austin Campus
2012 to 2020 (ongoing): Serving on HPBS Preliminary Exam Committee
2017 to 2020 (ongoing): Serving on Curriculum Committee, HPBS
2018 to 2020 (ongoing): Serving on Austin Admissions Committee
2018 to 2019 (ongoing): Serving on Austin Academic and Student Affairs Committee
2019 to 2020: Served on three different Faculty Search Committees
2017: Served on Faculty Council

In addition, I have, since 2012, served as a mentor to Dell Health Scholars (doctoral students); between 2015-2017, mentored three Postdoctoral Fellows, and starting 2020, I am mentoring two Assistant Professors.