# Alexander Vonderschmidt

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### Education

(in progress) PhD	University of Edinburgh Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2025 (anticip.)	Food Systems
MS	Cornell University Ithaca, New York, USA	2021	Nutritional Epidemiology
RDN	Cornell University Ithaca, New York, USA	2020	Registered Dietitian Nutritionist
BS	Kansas State University Manhattan, Kansas, USA	2019	Dietetics and Nutrition
ВА	Kansas State University Manhattan, Kansas, USA	2019	French Literature
Education Abroad	Université Lumière-Lyon-II Lyon, Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes, France	2018	French Art History

## Research Experience

### University of Edinburgh

Sep 2022 -Doctoral Researcher, Sustainable Food Systems

> Mentors: Dr Peter Alexander; Prof Lindsay Jaacks; Prof Geraldine McNeill; Dr Alexandra Bellows; and Dr Joe Kennedy

- Simulation modelling to predict health and environmental impacts of diet transitions
- Integrated machine learning techniques for increased accuracy of diet—disease risk prediction
- Quantitative analysis; dietary patterns and substitution trends
- Research Consultant, ClimateXChange Sep 2023 -
  - Lead systematic review on trends in Scottish consumption patterns
  - Assist with evaluation of direct and indirect environmental impacts from consumption

### European Centre for Advanced Studies

Apr 2023 -Doctoral Fellow, Sustainable Food Systems

Mentors: Prof Lindsay Jaacks (University of Edinburgh); Prof Sebastian Vollmer (University of Göttingen)

- Policy development and analysis aligning with government strategies

#### Cornell University

Jun 2020 - Aug 2022 Graduate Research Assistant → Research Assistant, Nutritional Epidemiology

Mentors: Prof Patricia Cassano and Dr Bonnie Patchen

- Coordinated development of method pipeline for R01-level nutrigenomics assay
- Quantitative analysis (diet—lung function associations) and dietary pattern score coding

Cochrane Systematic Reviewer, Vitamin D Supplementation and Asthma Apr 2021 - Dec 2023

> - Screened 10,169 publications, extracted data from 40 publications, meta-analysis, interpretation of results, report writing, GRADE risk of bias assessment, and summary of findings

Research Dietetic Intern, Community Nutrition and Public Health Aug 2019 - Jun 2020

Mentor: Dr Corinna Noel

## Honors, Awards, and Grants

	<u>University of Edinburgh</u>	
Oct 2023 - Feb 2024	Understanding the climate impact of food consumed in Scotland, ClimateXChange	
	Co-investigator	£50,000
Aug 2023	TRAnsforming the DEbate about livestock systems transformation (TRADE), The Roslin	
	Sub-award; grant ref: BB/W018152/1	£7,200
May - Dec 2023	Lower Saxony–Scotland Doctoral Fellowship, European Centre for Advanced Studies	€5,600
Sep 2022 - Dec 2025	Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Studies and The Roslin Institute Doctoral Studentship	
	Global Academy of Agriculture and Food Systems ~£200,000 (tuitio	n + stipend)
	Cornell University	
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Aug 2020 - May 2021	Graduate Teaching Assistantship, Division of Nutritional Sciences ~\$80,000 (tuitio	
May - Aug 2020	Summer Research Fellowship, Division of Nutritional Sciences	\$8,000
	Kansas State University	
May 2019	Outstanding Senior Award in Research and Creative Inquiry, College of Human Ecology	
Aug 2018	. , , , ,	
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May 2018	Summer Research Scholarship, Kansas State University \$1,000	
Apr 2018 -	Pi Delta Phi (ΠΔΦ), La Société d'Honneur de Français (The National French Honor Society)	\$200
May 2018	Foreign Language Travel Scholarship, Department of Modern Languages	
Mar 2018	Kansas Nutrition Council Scholarship	
Nov 2017	Education Foundation Scholarship, International Facility Management Association	
Aug 2016 - May 2019	Vanier Family Scholarship, Kansas State University (recurring yearly)	
Aug 2015 - May 2019	Kansas Comprehensive Grant, Kansas State University (recurring yearly)	
Aug 2015 - May 2018	Bluemont Grant, Kansas State University (recurring yearly) \$5,50	
Aug 2015	M. Hal & Janice J. Taylor Scholarship, College of Human Ecology \$500	
Aug 2015	Patrice Sollenberger Choral Scholarship \$5	

# Work and Professional Experience

Apr - Aug 2021	WHO/Cochrane/Cornell Institute for Systematic Reviews in Nutrition for Global Policy Making	
	- Developed skills and knowledge of systematic reviews, policy making, and evidence assessment	
Aug 2020 - May 2021	Graduate Teaching Assistant, Division of Nutritional Sciences   Cornell University	

	Nutrition, Health, and Vegetarian Diets (NS 3030) Nutrition and Disease (NS 4410)
Jan - Jul 2020	Clinical Dietetic Intern, Strong Memorial Hospital   Rochester, New York - Specialty rotations in: ICU, Oncology, Pediatrics (+PICU & NICU), Cardiac, Endocrine, Transplant
Aug - Dec 2019	Community Dietetic Intern, Foodlink   Rochester, New York - Assisted in the development/implementation of Healthy Pantry Initiative for regional food pantries
Jul 2017 - Aug 2019	<b>Teaching Assistant</b> , College of Human Ecology   Kansas State University Nutrition and Health (FNDH 599/340) Food Production Management (FNDH 342)
Jan 2019	<b>Externship</b> , Hôpitaux Universitaires de Strasbourg   Strasbourg, Grand Est, France - Patient population: post-operative gastroenterology and outpatient weight management
May 2017 - Aug 2019	<b>Recipe Developer</b> & <b>Management Assistant</b> , Derby & Kramer Dining Centers   Kansas State University - Developed recipes and nutrition education, encouraging sustainable and healthy food choices
Aug 2018 - Aug 2019	Private French Tutor   Manhattan, Kansas

# Professional Activities

Aug 2023 -	Journal Club Lead, Global Academy of Agriculture and Food Systems	
Apr - Sep 2023	Executive Committee (Secretary), University of Edinburgh Chamber Choir	
Nov 2021 - May 2022	Competency Assurance Panel (CAP), Commission on Dietetic Registration	
	'Activity Type' Taskforce (subgroup within CAP)	
Jun 2021 - Nov 2021	Competency Standards Workgroup, Commission on Dietetic Registration	
Jun 2020 - Jun 2021	Professional Issues Chair, Southern Tier Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (New York State)	
May 2018 - Jul 2019	President, La Société Française, Kansas State University	
Jan - Apr 2019	Event Planning and Graphic Design, Kansas Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics 2019 Conference	
Jan - Apr 2018/2019	Event Planning and Graphic Design, Kansas Nutrition Council 2018 and 2019 Conferences	
	Professional Memberships	
Mar 2023 -	The Nutrition Society	
Dec 2020 -	American Society for Nutrition	
Apr 2018 -	Pi Delta Phi (ΠΔΦ), La Société d'Honneur de Français, Kappa Zeta	
Aug 2016 -	Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics	

# <u>Theses</u>

(in progress)	<b>Doctoral Dissertation</b> , Global Academy of Agriculture and Food Systems, University of Edinburgh
	Health and environmental impact of sustainable diet transitions in the UK
	Committee: Dr Peter Alexander; Prof Lindsay Jaacks; Prof Geraldine McNeill; Prof Rosemary Green (external adviser, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine); and Prof Rob Ogden (dept. chair)
Aug 2021	Master's Thesis, Division of Nutritional Sciences, Cornell University The Association of Dietary Pattern with Lung Function Decline in a Prospective Cohort Study Committee: Prof Patricia Cassano and Prof Saurabh Mehta

Jun 2020 Practicum Project, Division of Nutritional Sciences, Cornell University

Assessing the Need for Food Safety Training in Western New York State

Mentor: Dr Corinna Noel

May 2019 Bachelor's Capstone, Department of Modern Languages, Kansas State University

The Cultures of Nutrition in France and the United States: Differing Perspectives

Mentor: Prof Kathleen Antonioli

### **Publications**

#### Peer-reviewed publications

1. Vonderschmidt A, Arendarczyk B, Jaacks LM, Bellows AL, Alexander P. Analysis combining the multiple FAO Food Balance Sheet datasets may produce incorrect results. In press, Lancet Planetary Health

#### Government reports

- 2. Jaacks LM, Frank S, Vonderschmidt A, Stewart C, Runions R, Kennedy J, McNeill G, Alexander P. Evidence Assessment understanding the climate impact of food consumed in Scotland. ClimateXChange in collaboration with the University of Edinburgh; December 2023. Available at: [URL when publicly available].
- 3. Comrie F, Jaacks LM, Kennedy J, McDonald A, McNeill G, Runions R, Stewart C, Vonderschmidt A. Approaches to modelling impact of reduction in meat and dairy intakes on micronutrient intakes and disease risk. Food Standards Scotland in collaboration with the University of Edinburgh; August 2023. Available at: [URL when publicly available].

#### Current projects

- 4. Patchen BK, Best CM, Boiteau JM, Solvik BS, Vonderschmidt A, Xu J, Cohen R, Cassano PA. Vitamin D supplementation in pregnant or breastfeeding women or young children for preventing asthma. In review, Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews
- 5. Jaacks LM, Amoutzopoulos B, Runions R, Vonderschmidt A, McNeill G, Comrie F, McDonald A, Page P, Stewart C. Disaggregation of dairy in composite dishes in the UK. In review, Current Developments in Nutrition
- 6. Vonderschmidt A, Bellows A, Jaacks LM, Alexander P, Green R, Stewart C. Contribution of meat-free days, meat-free meals, and portion sizes to declines in meat consumption in the UK. In review, Nature Food
- 7. Vonderschmidt A, Patchen BK, Bass K, Arnold KB, Shiroma E, Simonsick E, Hancock DB, Cassano PA. Is dietary pattern associated with rate of lung function decline? In preparation
- 8. Stehl J, Vonderschmidt A, Alexander P, Vollmer S, Jaacks LM. Assessing self-sufficiency: an analysis of national food production vs. nutritional requirements. In preparation

### Presentations

- 1. Stehl J, Vonderschmidt A (2023). Assessing Self-Sufficiency: Analyzing the Gap Between National Food Production and Nutritional Requirements. Lower Saxony – Scotland Joint Forum 2023, Hannover, Germany | Oral Presentation
- 2. Vonderschmidt A, Bellows A, Jaacks LM, Alexander P, Stewart C (2023). Contribution of meat-free days, meat-free meals, and portion sizes to UK meat consumption declines. European Public Health Conference, Dublin, Ireland | Oral Presentation
- 3. Jaacks LM, Kennedy J, Runions R, Stewart C, Vonderschmidt A, McNeill G (2023). Disaggregating foods consumed in Scotland. Scottish Government Lunchtime Learning Session. Edinburgh, UK | Panel Presentation

- 4. Vonderschmidt A, Kennedy J, Blair K (2023). Meat consumption, health and sustainable livestock systems: understanding the future of meat. LandSyMM Core Developer Meeting | Invited Seminar/Panel Discussion
- 5. Vonderschmidt A, Bellows A, Jaacks LM, Alexander P, Stewart C (2023). Contribution of meat-free days, meat-free meals, and portion sizes to declines in meat consumption in the UK. R(D)SVS Research Student Day | Oral & poster Presentation
- 6. Vonderschmidt A (2022). Impact on population and environmental health of the UK National Food Strategy goal for reducing meat consumption. Global Academy of Agriculture and Food Systems Young Researchers Seminar | Invited Lecture
- 7. Vonderschmidt A, Bass K, Patchen BK, Arnold KB, Shiroma E, Simonsick E, Hancock DB, Cassano PA (2022). Is the Healthy Eating Index-2015 Associated With Rate of Decline in Lung Function. American Society for Nutrition 2022 Conference | Poster Presentation
- 8. Vonderschmidt A (2021). Quantitative Data: Coding and Analysis. Introduction to Community Nutrition Research for Dietetic Interns (NS 6350), Cornell University | Invited Guest Lecture
- 9. Vonderschmidt A (2021). Processed Meat Intake and Risk of Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease among Middle-aged Women (Varraso et al., 2019). Seminar in Nutritional Sciences (NS 7030), Cornell University | Analytical Review Advising Mentor: Prof Saurabh Mehta
- 10. Bass K, Vonderschmidt A, Patchen BK, Cassano PA, (2021). Does Adherence to the HEI-2015 and AMED Predict Subsequent Rate of Lung Function Decline. Cornell Undergraduate Research Board (CURB) Spring Symposium, Cornell University | Poster Presentation
- 11. Vonderschmidt A (2020). Assessing the Need for Food Safety Training in Western New York State. University of Rochester Medical Center Dietetic Intern Research Symposium | Poster Presentation
- 12. Vonderschmidt A (2020). Assessing the Need for Food Safety Training in Western New York State. New York Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics 2020 Conference (cancelled; COVID-19) | Poster Presentation
- 13. Vonderschmidt A (2019). The Cultures of Nutrition in France and the United States: Differing Perspectives. Kansas Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics 2019 Conference | Poster Presentation
- 14. Vonderschmidt A (2019). The Cultures of Nutrition in France and the United States: Differing Perspectives. Kansas State University Modern Languages 2019 Initials: Student Research Forum | Poster Presentation

### Certifications

Jul 2020 -Registered Dietitian Nutritionist, Commission on Dietetic Registration (certification #86106159)

## **Proficiencies**

Language English, native/C2 | French, near-native/C2 | German, novice/B1 Coding & Analysis GitHub - R, Python, html, SAS, Covidence & RevMan, Quanto, JMP

Strategic | Activator | Futuristic | Communication | Individualization

(Clifton Strengths - Gallup)