Alexander Vonderschmidt

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Education

(in progress) PhD	University of Edinburgh Edinburgh, United Kingdom	2025 (anticip.)	Population Health and 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 History

Research Experience

University of Edinburgh

Doctoral Researcher, Sustainable Food Systems Sep 2022 -

Mentors: Prof Peter Alexander; Prof Lindsay Jaacks; Dr Alexandra Bellows; Prof Geraldine McNeill

- 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, Sustainable Food Systems (partnership with ClimateXChange) Sep 2023 - May 2024

- 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 - Dec 2024 **Doctoral Fellow**, Sustainable Food Systems

- Policy analysis aligning with government strategies

Cornell University

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

Mentors: Prof Patricia Cassano; Dr Bonnie Patchen

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

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

> - 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

	University of Edinburgh	
Oct 2023 - Feb 2024	Understanding the climate impact of food consumed in Scotland, ClimateXChange	
	Co-investigator Co-investigator	£50,000
Aug 2023	TRAnsforming the DEbate about livestock systems transformation (TRADE), The Roslin	Institute
	Sub-award; grant ref: BB/W018152/1	£7,200
Apr - Dec 2023	Lower Saxony–Scotland Doctoral Fellowship , European Centre for Advanced Studies €5,60	
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 (tuitic	n + stipend)
	Cornell University	
Aug 2020 - May 2021	Graduate Teaching Assistantship , Division of Nutritional Sciences ~\$80,000 (tuition)	on + stipend)
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	Hollis & Johnston Scholarship, Department of Modern Languages \$	
May 2018	Summer Research Scholarship , Kansas State University \$1,	
Apr 2018 -	Pi Delta Phi (ΠΔΦ), La Société d'Honneur de Français (The National French Honor Society)	
May 2018	Foreign Language Travel Scholarship, Department of Modern Languages \$2	
Mar 2018	Kansas Nutrition Council Scholarship	
Nov 2017	Education Foundation Scholarship , International Facility Management Association \$1	
Aug 2016 - May 2019	Vanier Family Scholarship, Kansas State University (recurring yearly) \$5,7	
Aug 2015 - May 2019	Kansas Comprehensive Grant, Kansas State University (recurring yearly) \$6,00	
Aug 2015 - May 2018	Bluemont Grant, Kansas State University (recurring yearly) \$5,500	
Aug 2015	M. Hal & Janice J. Taylor Scholarship, College of Human Ecology \$500	
Aug 2015	Patrice Sollenberger Choral Scholarship \$500	

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

Graduate Teaching Assistant, Division of Nutritional Sciences | Cornell University Aug 2020 - May 2021

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	Teaching Assistant , College of Human Ecology Kansas State University Nutrition and Health (FNDH 599/340) Food Production Management (FNDH 342)
Jan 2019	Externship , Hôpitaux Universitaires de Strasbourg Strasbourg, Grand Est, France - Patient population: post-operative gastroenterology and outpatient weight management
May 2017 - Aug 2019	Recipe Developer & Management Assistant , 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

May 2024 -	Board Member, Kansas State Dietetic Professional Advisory Board	
Aug 2023 -	Journal Club Lead, Global Academy of Agriculture and Food Systems (University of Edinburgh)	
Apr - Dec 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	
	<u>Professional Memberships</u>	
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)	Doctoral Dissertation , Global Academy of Agriculture and Food Systems, University of Edinburgh Health and environmental impact of sustainable diet transitions in the UK Committee: Prof Peter Alexander; Prof Lindsay Jaacks; Dr Alexandra Bellows; Prof Geraldine McNeill; Prof Rosemary Green (external adviser, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine)
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, Jaacks LM, Alexander P, Green R, Bellows AL, Stewart C. Smaller meat portions contribute the most to reducing meat consumption in the UK. In press, Nature Food
- 2. Jaacks LM, Amoutzopoulos B, Runions R, Vonderschmidt A, McNeill G, Comrie F, McDonald A, Page P, Stewart C. Disaggregation of Dairy in Composite Foods in the United Kingdom. Current Developments in Nutrition. Published online May 16, 2024:103774. doi:10.1016/j.cdnut.2024.103774
- 3. Vonderschmidt A, Arendarczyk B, Jaacks LM, Bellows AL, Alexander P. Analysis combining the multiple FAO food balance sheet datasets needs careful treatment. The Lancet Planetary Health. 2024;8(2):e69-e71. doi:10.1016/S2542-5196(23)00276-0

Government reports

- 4. Jaacks LM, Frank SM, Vonderschmidt A, Stewart C, Runions R, Kennedy J, McNeill G, Alexander P. Understanding the climate impact of food consumed in Scotland. ClimateXChange in collaboration with the University of Edinburgh; December 2023. Available at: https://www.climatexchange.org.uk/publications/understanding-the-climate-impact-of-food-consumed-inscotland/
- 5. Comrie F, Jaacks LM, Kennedy J, McDonald A, McNeill G, Runions R, Stewart C, Vonderschmidt A. Modelling the Impact of Reductions in Meat and Dairy Consumption on Nutrient Intakes and Disease Risk. The University of Edinburgh, Food Standards Scotland; 2024. Available at: https://www.foodstandards.gov.scot/publications-and-research/publications/ modelling-the-impact-of-reductions-in-meat-and-dairy-consumption-on-nutrient-intakes-and-disease-risk

Current projects

- 6. Stehl J, Vonderschmidt A, Alexander P, Vollmer S, Jaacks LM. Assessing self-sufficiency: an analysis of national food production vs. nutritional requirements. Pending revisions, Nature Food
- 7. 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
- 8. 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
- 9. Vonderschmidt A, Kennedy J, Bellows AL, Alexander P, Jaacks LM. A novel approach incorporating diet data to develop a machine learning anaemia risk prediction pipeline in the UK Biobank. In preparation
- 10. Vonderschmidt A, Bellows AL, Connors K, Runions R, Brandt H, Frank SM, Alexander P, Green R, Bellows AL. Dairy intake trends in the UK: a comprehensive analysis of diet, health, and environmental impacts using the National Diet and Nutrition Survey. In preparation
- 11. Kennedy J, Clark M, Stewart C, Runions R, Frank S, Vonderschmidt A, Scarborough P, Comrie F, McDonald A, McNeill G, Alexander P, Jaacks LM. Impact of reducing meat and dairy consumption on nutrient intake, health and the environment: A nationally representative simulation among adults living in Scotland. In preparation

12. Kennedy J, Runions R, Vonderschmidt A, Stewart C, Mathieu E, Clark M, Jaacks LM. Analysing the Environmental Impact of UK Diets: A New Methodology for Incorporating Nutritional Data with Environmental Impact Data. 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

English, native/C2 | French, advanced/C1 | German, novice/B1 Language Coding & Analysis (GitHub) R, Python, html, SAS, Covidence & RevMan, Quanto, JMP

> Strategic | Activator | Futuristic | Communication | Individualization (Clifton Strengths - Gallup)