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1. Academic History

Associate Professor: August, 2021 onwards
 Assistant Professor: August, 2014 to July, 2021
 Affiliate: William A. and Barbara R. Owens Institute for Behavioral Research, UGA, August 19, 2015-present
 Member: Obesity Initiative, UGA, August 18, 2014-present
 Director: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at the College of Public Health
 Director: UGA Obesity and Weight Management Certificate
 Director: Economic Evaluation Research Group, UGA, February, 2019-present
 Grad. Program Faculty: Full member since September 22, 2014
 Education: 2014 Ph.D. Applied Economics, Texas Tech University (TTU), TX
 2011 M.P.A. Int. Development, Cornell University (CU), NY
 2007 M.S. Agricultural and Applied Economics, Nepal
 2005 B.S. Agricultural and Applied Economics, Nepal

2. Instruction

2.1 Graduate Courses Taught at UGA (*indicates newly developed course for the Department)

Course title and semesters taught
*HPAM 7050E Obesity Policy online (Instructor of Record, 100%) Fall(F)2017,F2018, Spring(S)/F2019, S/F2020, S/F2021
*HPAM 7050 Obesity Policy (Instructor of Record, 100%) S/F2015, S/F2016, S2017, S2018
HPAM 8600 Health Economics (Instructor of Record, 100%) S/F2016, S/F2017, S/F2018, S/F2019, S/F2020, S2021
*HPAM 8010S Advanced Service Learning (Instructor of Record, 100%) S2015
*HPAM 7001 Foundations in HPAM (Partial, 14%) F2016, F2017
HPAM 8000 Directed Research F2015, F2016, S2017, S/Summer(Su) 2018, S2019, S2020, S/F2021
PBHL 7800 Capstone in Public Health F2015, S/F2016, S/F2017, S/F2018, S/F2019, S/F2020, S/F2021
PBHL 7560 Internship in Public Health Su2016, F2016, S2017, S2020
HPAM 9300 Doctoral Dissertation S/Su/F2019, S/F2020, S/F2021
HPAM 7005 Grad. Student Seminar F2015, S/F2016, F2017, S/Su/F2018, S/Su2019
HPAM 9005 Doctoral Grad. Student Seminar F2019, S2020

GLOB 4960 Global Health Undergraduate Research
S2020

HPAM 8910 Problems in HPAM

2.2 Invited Guest Lectures

F2014 Evidence-based policy
HPAM 7010 Introduction to Health Policy and Management

F2014, F2019 Behavioral Economics in Public Health
HPRB 7600 Public Health, Physical Activity, and Nutrition Interventions

S2015 Community-based Behavior Change Interventions for Obesity Prevention
PHRM 8620 Pharmacy Care Administration Special Topics Seminar

S2015 Behavioral Economics in the National School Lunch Program
FDNS 4540/6540 Public Health Dietetics

S2016, F2017 Behavioral Economics in Public Health
HPAM 3600 Introduction to Health Policy and Management

F2016 Introduction to Health Economics
HPAM 7001 Foundations in Health Policy and Management

F2017 Health in Sustainable Development
FANR 1500 Fundamental of Sustainable Development

F2017, F2018 Essential Principles of Micro and Macroeconomics
HPAM 7001 Foundations in Health Policy and Management

S 2019 NEMS-CS scoring of the food environment in corner stores in Clarke County
CRSS 4020S/6020S: Social Sustainability in Agricultural & Food Systems

S2019,
S/F2020,
S2021 Quantitative Research
AU/UGA Medical Partnership (Year 1 Community Health)

S2021 Health Effects of the Food System
AESC 8310 Food Systems Sustainability, Security, and Resiliency

S2021 Agent Training for Research
HPAM 9100 Doctoral Seminar

2.3 New Courses Developed or Significantly Revised Courses

I developed and launched three graduate-level courses and significantly revised one graduate course. All my teachings are at the graduate level.

HPAM8010S Advanced Service Learning in HPAM (3 credits, First teaching S2015)

HPAM 7050 Obesity policy (3 credits, First teaching S2015)

HPAM 8600 Health Economics (3 credits, significantly revised since S2016)

HPAM 7050E Obesity Policy (3 credits, First teaching F2017)

2.4 Supervision of Undergraduate Student Research

I served as a CURO program advisor to three undergraduate students, and they are also the recipient of the CURO research assistantship.

Student	Program and Department	Graduation year
Faez Juneja	A.B. Economics and B.S. Statistics Honors Student	Enrolled
Slisha Shrestha	Health Promotion and Certificate in Global	2020

Katelyn Parker	Health Health Promotion	Enrolled
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2.5 MPH Internship Supervision (PBHL 7560)

Student	Graduation year
Taylor Mann	F2016
Trang Nguyen	F2016
Skarlet Velasquez	S2017
Kiran Thapa	S2020
Amina Omar	F2020

2.6 Supervision of Graduate Student Research

I have this far advised 28 graduate and undergraduate students. I serve as the major professor in three doctoral dissertation committees.

Student name	Graduation year	Program/Job placement of advisees that have graduated
<u>Major Professor, Doctoral Candidate</u>		
Kiran Thapa	Enrolled	Ph.D. Epidemiology
Valerie Bampoe	Enrolled	DrPH, HPAM
T'Ronda Flagg	Enrolled	DrPH, HPAM
Hilary Carruthers	S2021	DrPH, HPAM
Orazio Slayton	F2020	DrPH, HPAM

Thesis and Dissertation Committee Member (+DrPH, ++PhD)

Kelly Shollenberger	S2016	M.Sc., Foods and Nutrition
Temitope Walker	S2018	Ph.D., Foods and Nutrition/ Sr. Nutrition Hunger Program Coordinator, DHS
Katherine Ingerson	Enrolled	Ph.D., Foods and Nutrition
Taylor N. Newman	S2020	Ph.D., Foods and Nutrition
Sae Rom Chung	Su2020	Ph.D., Consumer Economics
Malika Dhakwa	Enrolled	Ph.D., Consumer Economics
Chisom Okili	Enrolled	Ph.D., Foods and Nutrition

MPH Student, Capstone Advisor

Steven Matthew	S2016	
Christine Kim	F2016	Consultant-Triage Consulting
Taylor Mann	F2016	Fellow at CDC
Saswat Panda*	F2016	Market Access Consultant, Global Solutions
Trang Nguyen	S2017	Fulbright Scholar at UGA, Senior Associate at Guidehouse,
Skarlet Velasquez	S2017	Ph.D. Epidemiology at UGA

Elizabeth Pullekines	S2017	Health Educator, SC Department of Health
Heather B. Bornstein	F2017	University of Memphis Law School
Emily Claire Stroer	S2018	Program Manager, Substance Prevention Safety Council
Samrina S. Jamal	F2018	Fellow at CDC
Ansley R. Hardin	F2018	UAB Medical School
Aishah Khan	S2018	Performance Partner, Premier Inc.
Sophie John*	F2018	Ass. Client Success Manager, Juvare
Nicole Katapodis*	S2019	Analyst, Abt Associates
Kennicia Fortson	F2019	Ph.D. at Georgia State University
Kiran Thapa*§	Su 2020	Ph.D. in Epidemiology at the College of Public Health/UGA
Nikki E. Fillingim§	S2020	
Dana Chele' Alvin	F2020	
Joshua Ogbuefi	F2020	
Victoria Fonzi	S2021	
Jessica McNulty*	S2021	
Amina Omar	S2021	

(* fully funded graduate research assistants from own research, §HPAM award recipients)

2.7 Instructional Grants (Total funding to date: \$286,500)

Interdisciplinary Graduate Research and Education in Sustainable Food Systems, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Amount: \$ 246,000, Role: Co-investigator (Credit: 14%)

Modeling consumer behavior to foster a healthy and sustainable food system in the state of Georgia Grant no. 2016-38420-25578
Internal award: Sustainable Food System Initiative, January 3, 2017–June 1, 2019, Amount: \$ 40,000, Principal investigator

Service Learning mini-grant

Internal Award: UGA Office of Service Learning, September 1, 2016 – December 15, 2016, Amount: \$500, Principal investigator

2.8 Recognition of Outstanding Achievements in Instruction

2019, 2020 Recognition by the UGA Career Center Development Acknowledgement for - person who has made significant, positive impact on student career decision-making
S2016 Deans award to Advance Online Teaching and Learning at UGA, \$3,000
F2013 Teaching Fellow, Teaching Effectiveness and Career Enhancement Program, TTU
2013, S2014 Mentor, Lauro Cavazos & Ophelia Powell-Malone Mentoring Program, TTU

2.9 Professional Development

April 19-20, 2021 Reflective Structured Dialogue Training
Spring, 2021 Rural Engagement Workshop
February 1, 2021 Faculty Search Committee Training
March 19, 2018 Grant Writer's Write Winning Grant Proposals Workshop

- July 20-24, 2015 1st Short Course R25HL124208 Strengthening Causal Inference in Behavioral Obesity Research, Birmingham, Alabama
- March 11, 2015 Writing and Winning NIH Proposals training, Grant Training Center, Emory Univ.
- October 8-9, 2013 Engagement Scholarship Consortium, TTU.
- August 19-24, 2012 Oikos Annual Young Scholars Economics Academy in Geneva, Switzerland
- December 2010 SMART Program/Learning through Engagement, CIIFAD, Cornell Univ.
- November 2003 Social Mobilization and Community Development, National Youth Leadership Development organized by SMELC/UNDP
- November 2005 Report Writing and Data Management organized by SMELC/UNDP


3. Scholarly Activities

(*publications as the first or senior corresponding author, *student advisee co-authors are italicized*)

3.1 Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

1. *Greer, J., K. Thapa, J. McNulty, **J. Thapa**, 2021. Parental School Involvement on Physical Activity and Screen Time among Middle and High School Students. Journal of Georgia Public Health Association <https://doi.org/10.20429/jgpha.2021.080303>
2. *Fonzi, V., K. Thapa, K. Luitel, H. Padilla, C. Harris, M. Khan, G. Nowak, J. Thapa. 2021. Using Influenza Vaccination Location Data from the 2018 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) to Expand COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage. International Journal of Environment Research and Public Health. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph18157753>
3. Mu, L., Liu, Y., Zhang, D., Gao, Y., Nuss, M., Rajbhandari-Thapa, J., ... & Son, H. 2021. Rurality and Origin–Destination Trajectories of Medical School Application and Matriculation in the United States. *ISPRS International Journal of Geo-Information*. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijgi10060417>
4. Zhang, D, **J. Thapa**, S. Panda, L. Shi, Y. Li, Y. Shen, and K.G. Emerson. Linguistic isolation in the community and all-cause mortality among Latino older adults: A survival analysis. Health Equity DOI: [10.1089/heq.2020.0139](https://doi.org/10.1089/heq.2020.0139)
5. Chen, Z., Y. Zhang, H. Luo, D. Zhang, **J. Thapa**, Y. Wang, R. Wang, and G. Adams. 2021. Narrowing but Persistent Gender Pay Gap among Employees of the US Department of Health and Human Services during 2010-2018. Human Resources for Health. <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12960-021-00608-w>
6. Asiri IM, R. Chen, H.N. Young, J. Codling, A. Mandawat, S. Beach, V. Master, **J. Thapa**, Cobran EK. 2021. Race and Prostate Specific Antigen Surveillance Testing and Monitoring 5-years after Definitive Therapy for Localized Prostate Cancer. Nature: Prostate Cancer and Prostatic Diseases. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41391-021-00365-w>
7. Chen, Z., S. Jiang, Y. Wang, M. Khan, D. Zhang, **J. Thapa**, L. Li, 2021. Pharmacoeconomics of Obesity in China: A Scoping Review. <https://doi.org/10.1080/14737167.2021.1882306>
8. Ishino, F., C. Rowan, R. Das, **J. Thapa**, E. Cobran, M. Whiteside, and F. Williams. 2021. Identifying risk profiles of malignant prostate cancer surgical delay using a person-centered approach to understand prostate cancer disparities: The constellation of health determinants using latent class analysis on cancer registry data. American Journal of Men’s Health.

<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/10.1177/1557988320984282>

9. Zhang D, G. Li, L. Mu, **J. Thapa**, Y. Li, Z. Chen, L. Shi, D. Su, H. Son, J. Pagan. 2020. Trends in Medical School Application and Matriculation Rates Across the United States from 2001 to 2015: Implications for Health Disparities. *Academic Medicine*.
10. Zhang D, H. Son, Y. Shen, Z. Chen, **J. Thapa**, Y. Li, H. Eom, D. Bu, L. Mu, G. Li, J. Pagan. 2020. Assessment of Changes in Rural and Urban Primary Care Workforce in the United States from 2009 to 2017. *JAMA Network Open*. October; 3(10): e2022914
11. Chen, Z., J. Ying, J. Ingels, D. Zhang, **J. Thapa**, R. Wang, K. Emerson-Gerst, and Z. Feng. 2020. Gender Differential Impact of Bereavement on Health Outcomes: Evidence from the China Health and Retirement Longitudinal Study, 2011-2015. *BMC Psychiatry*. 2020; 20 (514)
12. ***Thapa J.**, M. vanDellen, D. Just, and S. Panda. 2020. Fun Facts About Fruits and Vegetables Can Improve Consumption. *Journal of Child Nutrition and Management*. Volume 44, Issue 2, 2020
13. Corso, P., J. Ingels, **J. Thapa**, and M. Davis. 2020. Implementation of a Statewide Policy Mandating School-Based Fitness Assessment Screening, Georgia: 2018. *American Journal of Public Health*. doi:10.2105/AJPH.2020.305834
14. ***Ingels, J., K. Thapa, and J. Thapa**. 2020. Cigarette and Electronic Vape Product use Among High School Students in Georgia, 2015-2018. *Preventive Medicine Reports*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.pmedr.2020.101140>
15. Mekonnen B., Wang G., **J. Thapa**, Shi L., Thapa K., Zhang Z., & Zhang D. Weekend Effect on in-Hospital Mortality for Ischemic and Hemorrhagic Stroke in US Rural and Urban Hospitals. *Journal of Stroke and Cerebrovascular Diseases*. 2020;29(10): 105106.
16. ***Thapa, J.**, S.R. Chung, J. Ingels, K. Thapa, C. Zhuo, and D. Zhang. Inpatient Obesity Diagnosis, use of Surgical Treatment, and Associated Costs Analysis of the National Inpatient Sample from 2011-2014. *Clinical Obesity*, 05 July 2020, <https://doi.org/10.1111/cob.12385>
17. Chen, H., Y. Zhuo, L. Sun, Y. Chen, and **J. Thapa**. 2020. Non-communicable diseases are key to further narrow gender gap in life expectancy in Shanghai, China. *BMC Public Health*. Volume 20, Article number: 839
18. ***Thapa J.**, D. Zhang, K. McLeod, and K. Thapa. 2020. Impact of Medicaid Expansion on Insurance Coverage Rate among Low-Income Adult Population with Obesity. *Obesity Journal*. doi:10.1002/oby.22793
19. ***Thapa, J.**, J. Ingels, K. Thapa, M. Davis, and P. Corso. 2020. School characteristics and its association with changes in physical activity opportunities. *Plos One*; 15(2):e0228716. doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0228716.
20. ***Thapa J.**, D. Zhang, H. Padilla, and S.R. Chung. 2019. Opioid-related hospitalizations, its association with chronic diseases. *Preventing Chronic Diseases*; 16:190169. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.5888/pcd16.190169>
21. Shi, L., D. Zhang, **J. Thapa**, and N. Katapodis, D. Su, and Y. Li. 2019. Neighborhood Immigrant density and Population Health among Native-Born Americans. *Preventive Medicine*. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.ypmed.2019.105792>
22. vanDellán, M., **J. Thapa**, and J. Sevilla. 2019. Does serving vegetables in partitioned portions promote vegetable consumption? *Journal of Food Quality and Preferences*. 78(29)
23. Thapa, K., P.M. Bhandari, D. Neupane, S. Bhochhibhoya, **J. Thapa**, and R.P. Pathak. 2019. Physical activity and its correlates among higher secondary school students in an urban

district of Nepal. BMC Public Health 19:886.

24. *Katapodis ND, Zhang D, Giabbanelli PJ, Li Y, Lyford CP, and J. Thapa**. 2019. Evaluating the impact of improving access to the consumption of fruits and vegetables in a rural community in Texas: a modeling study. *Health Equity* 3:1, 382–389, DOI: 10.1089/heq.2018.0090.
25. *Pullekines, E. B., and J. Thapa**. 2019. Health Care Access by Weight Status in the State of Georgia. *Journal of Georgia Public Health Association*. Vol. 7: No. 2, Article 5. 10.20429/jgpha.2019.070205
26. Zhang, D., G. Wang, W. Zhu, **J. Thapa**, J. Switzer, D. Hess, M. L. Smith, and M. Ritchey, 2018. Expansion of Tele-stroke Services Improves Quality of Care, Especially in Rural Areas: An Analysis of Medicare Fee-For-Service Claims Data from 2008 to 2015. *Health Affairs*
 - a. Note: This article received an invitation for special coverage on telehealth at the National Press Club in Washington, DC.
27. ***Thapa, J., K. Ingerson,** and K. Lewis. 2018. Impact of Tray-less Dining Intervention on Food Choices of University Students. *Archives of Public Health*. 76:61
28. Wang S., J. Hua, D. Zhang, **J. Thapa**, and Z. Cao. 2018. A Cohort Study Assessing the Long-Term Sustainable Effectiveness of a Childhood Obesity Intervention in China. *International Journal of Epidemiology*. <https://doi.org/10.1093/ije/dyy145>
29. ***Thapa, J.,** and C. Lyford. 2018. Nudges to Increase Fruits and Vegetable Consumption: Results from a Field Experiment. *Journal of Child Nutrition and Management*, Volume 42, Issue 1, Spring 2018.
30. **Nguyen, T., J. Thapa, D. Zhang,* and E. B. Pullekines. 2017. The Association Between Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Weight Status Among Adults in Georgia, *Journal of Georgia Public Health Association*, Volume 7, No. 1, 12-18.
31. Li, Y., D. Zhang, **J. Thapa**, K. Madondo, S. Yi, E. Fisher, K. Griffin, B. Liu, Y. Wang, and J. A. Pagán. 2017. Assessing the Role of Access and Price on the Consumption of Fruits and Vegetables across New York City Using Agent-Based Modeling, *Preventive Medicine*. 106:73-78. doi: 10.1016/j.ypmed.2017.10.014
32. ***Thapa, J.,** A. Bennett, F. Keong, W. Palmer, T. Hardy, and J. A. Welsh. 2017. Effect of the Strong4Life School Nutrition Program on Cafeterias and Manager and Staff Knowledge and Practice, Georgia, 2015. *Public Health Reports*, 2017 Nov/Dec; 132(2_suppl):48S-56S. doi: 10.1177/0033354917723332
33. *Khan, A.S., J. Thapa,* and D. Zhang. 2017. Preventive Dental Checkups and its Association with Access to Usual Source of Care among Rural and Urban Adult Residents, *Journal of Rural Health*. Sep; 33(4):419-426. doi: 10.1111/jrh.12271. Epub 2017 Sep 14.
34. Ghimire, R., S. Ferreira, G. Green, N. Poudyal, H.K. Cordell, and **J. Thapa**. 2017. Green Space and Adult Obesity in the United States, *Ecological Economics*. [Volume 136](#), June 2017, Pages 201-212. 10.1016/j.ecolecon.2017.02.002
35. ***Thapa, J.,** C. Lyford, B. McCool, A. McCool, B.C. Pence, and E. Belasco. 2016. Improving Cancer Risk Awareness, including Obesity as a Risk Factor for Cancer from a Multi-Tiered Community-based Intervention in a Small US Community, *Journal of Cancer Education*. doi:10.1007/s13187-016-1060-z
36. **Saswat, P., Ko Otani,* and **J. Thapa**. 2016. Weight Status and Satisfaction with Healthcare Received in the U.S. and Georgia. *Journal of Georgia Public Health Association*, Volume 5, No. 3, Winter 2016, 287-293.

37. ***Thapa, J.**, and C. Lyford. 2014. Behavioral Economics in the Lunchroom: Can it Affect Food Supplier Decisions? A Systematic Review. *International Food and Agribusiness Management Review*, Volume 17, Special issue A, 187-208
38. Barent N. M., C. Lyford, N. Hensarling, A. McCool, B.C. Pence, **J. Thapa**, E. Belasco, and T. Carter. 2013. Reducing Cancer Risk in Rural Communities through Community- Based Education. *Journal of Cancer Education*. 28:597-600.

Under Review

1. Liu J, Yi S, Russo R, **Zhang D**, Thapa J, Li Y. Trends in prevalence of cardiometabolic diseases by food security status, 1999-2016. *Plos Medicine* (submitted)
2. *Li G, Zhang D**, Mu L, Li Y, Thapa J, Chen Z, Son H, Pagan J. Do out-of-state medical students contribute to the growth of the local physician workforce. *Medical Education*. (submitted)

3.2 Peer-reviewed Extension Articles

39. **Lindke, A.* and **J. Thapa**. 2020. FoodCorps Transforming Elementary School Children's Experience with Fruits and Vegetables
40. **Lindke, A.* and **J. Thapa**. 2020. Collaboration between STEM and Nutrition Program to Provide Unique Learning Experiences for Students at Georgia Elementary Schools. <https://healthy-food-choices-in-schools.extension.org/collaboration-between-stem-and-nutrition-program-to-provide-unique-learning-experiences-for-students-at-georgia-elementary-schools/>
41. ***Thapa, J.**, and C. Lyford. 2018. Nudges using Inexpensive Toys and Stickers Proven Effective in Promoting Selection and Consumption of Fruits and Vegetables (F/V) in Elementary School Lunchrooms. *Healthy Food Choices in School, Cooperative Extension System*, September 7, 2018. <https://articles.extension.org/pages/74717/nudges-using-inexpensive-toys-and-stickers-proven-effective-in-promoting-selection-and-consumption-o>
42. ***Thapa, J.** 2018. Pediatric Clinical Care Provider and School Nutrition Professional Team Up for Smarter Lunchroom Movement in Georgia. *Healthy Food Choices in School, Cooperative Extension System*, February 19, 2018. <https://healthy-food-choices-in-schools.extension.org/pediatric-clinical-care-provider-and-school-nutrition-professionals-team-up-for-smarter-lunchroom-movement-in-georgia/>
43. ***Thapa, J.**, and C. Lyford. 2014. New Developments for School Food Suppliers to Encourage Healthy Eating: Behavioral Economics. *Healthy Food Choices in School, Cooperative Extension System*, October 7, 2014. http://www.extension.org/pages/71392/new-developments-for-school-food-suppliers-to-encourage-healthy-eating-behavioral-economics#.VDRPE_ldXuQ

3.3 Other Technical and Research Reports

44. ***Thapa J.** and C. Lyford, Results from the Fun in the Lunchroom Research Project Principals of participating schools, Lubbock, TX, Spring 2014
45. ***Thapa J.** and C. Lyford, Project Completion Report, Cornell Center for Behavioral Economics in Child Nutrition Programs, Spring 2014
46. ***Thapa J.** Results from Table Talkers Talk Children into Healthy Eating Project, School Nutrition Director, Jackson County, GA, Spring 2018
47. ***Thapa J.** Results from Table Talkers Talk Children into Healthy Eating Project, School

3.4 Public Health Media Coverage

1. Curbing the obesity epidemic- coverage at UGA research
<https://research.uga.edu/news/curbing-the-obesity-epidemic/>
2. Researchers map unequal impact of COVID-19-received invitation from CBS Atlanta, [11Alive](#), and [WSB radio](#) for interview regarding the study
<https://news.uga.edu/researchers-map-unequal-impact-covid-19/>
3. Medicaid expansion increases insurance coverage, but at slower rates for obese adults
<https://publichealth.uga.edu/medicaid-expansion-increases-insurance-coverage-but-at-slower-rates-for-obese-adults/>
4. Chronic disease prevention could ease the opioid crisis-Picked up by several media and featured in UGA today
<https://news.uga.edu/chronic-disease-prevention-ease-opioid-crisis/>
<https://www.news-medical.net/news/20191205/Chronic-disease-prevention-could-help-curb-the-opioid-epidemic.aspx>
<https://www.openminds.com/market-intelligence/news/90-of-opioid-related-hospitalizations-are-among-people-with-2-or-more-chronic-diseases/>
5. Native-born Californians who live near large immigrant populations eat healthier
<https://journalistsresource.org/studies/government/immigration/immigrants-healthy-food-neighborhood-research/>
6. Research shows food presentation can affect eating behaviors- Picked up by media and featured in UGA today
<https://news.uga.edu/partitioning-vegetables-increase-consumption/>
<https://www.fruitandveggie.com/does-serving-vegetables-in-partitioned-portions-promote-vegetable-consumption-20907/>
7. UGA researchers use modeling to help rural communities eat more fruits, veggies
<https://publichealth.uga.edu/uga-uses-modeling-to-help-rural-communities-eat-more-fruits-veggies/>
8. UGA, Shanghai researchers find evidence of how obesity programs can work long-term
<https://publichealth.uga.edu/uga-shanghai-researchers-find-evidence-of-how-obesity-programs-can-work-long-term/>
9. Childhood obesity: UGA experts are on the front line- Featured in UGA today
<http://medicalpartnership.usg.edu/?/news/article/childhood-obesity-uga-experts-are-on-the-front-line>
<https://news.uga.edu/childhood-obesity-uga-experts-are-on-the-front-line/>
10. School lunchroom staff can help kids make healthier food choices
<https://ugaresearch.uga.edu/school-lunchroom-staff-can-help-kids-make-healthier-food-choices/>
11. Georgia obesity initiatives <https://www.aspph.org/georgia-obesity-initiatives-2/>
12. Georgia study shows training prompts school cafeteria staff to promote healthier foods in school lunchrooms <https://www.aspph.org/georgia-study-shows-training-prompts-school-cafeteria-staff-to-promote-healthier-foods-school-lunchrooms/>
10. Toys motivate children to eat a healthier diet- Featured in UGA today, ASPPH, and WSB radio
<https://news.uga.edu/toys-motivate-children-to-eat-a-healthier-diet/>

<https://www.aspph.org/uga-study-finds-toys-motivate-children-to-eat-a-healthier-diet/>
<https://www.wsbradio.com/news/local/toys-make-eating-fun/peygAJu0dplI4Nn9JLTpAO/>
<https://www.massagetherapycanada.com/toys-motivate-children-to-eat-a-healthy-diet-4119/#>

4. Research Grants

4.1 Pending

Jennifer Gay NIH

4.2 Current (Total funding to date: \$4,175,816)

Prevalence of Vitamin D Deficiency in Cord Samples from the National Children's Study: Impact of Race/Ethnicity, Preterm Birth and the Association with Bio-Chemical Markers of Rickets. Georgia Clinical and Translational Science Alliance, July, 2021 to June, 2022, Amount \$40,000. Role: Co-Principal Investigator.

Participant feedback on using Artificial Intelligence to Improve Mental Health in College Students, Resilient GA, Amount \$50,000. Role: Principal investigator

Using Artificial Intelligence to Improve Mental Health in College Students, Resilient GA, Amount \$150,000. Role: Principal investigator

Economic Evaluation Community Health Promoters Program in Puerto Rico, Puerto Rico Public Health Trust, Amount \$200,000. Role: Principal investigator

Return on Investment Study of Behavioral Mental Health Reform and Innovation in the State of Georgia, Resilient GA, April, 2021 to December, 2021. Amount \$29,653. Role: Principal investigator.

Teaming for Interdisciplinary Research Pre-Seed Program, University of Georgia Office of Research, January, 2021-, Amount \$5000. Role: Team member

Using agent-based modeling to compare strategies that can reduce rural-urban disparities in cardiovascular disease, NIH, 1R01MD013886-01, April 1, 2019–March 31, 2023, Amount: \$ 1,574,074, Role: Co-investigator (Credit: 25%).

Pilot study on technology-enhanced health coaching intervention for low-income patients with multiple chronic conditions, Clinical & Translational Research Unit (CTRU), August 1, 2019–June 1, 2020, Amount: \$ 40,000, Role: Principal investigator.

Childhood-obesity policy implementation and built environment in Georgia: An agent-based modeling approach to assess policy impact on childhood obesity with improved built environment in communities across Georgia, UGA President's Interdisciplinary Seed Grant, July 1, 2019–June 30, 2021, Amount: \$ 150,000, Role: Principal investigator.

4.3 Completed at UGA (Total: \$44,980)

Prospective policy evaluation of the Georgia SHAPE Act to prevent child obesity, Kennesaw State University, 431528FY1901, February 1, 2019–January 31, 2020, Amount: \$ 130,134, Role: UGA Principal investigator (Credit: 50%). Amendment: \$34,373 added to the original contract.

Prospective policy evaluation of the Georgia SHAPE Act to prevent child obesity, NIH, 1R01HD087411-01A1, February 1, 2017–January 31, 2020, Amount: \$ 1,532,024, Role: Co-investigator (Credit: 40%).

Promising Strategies for Promoting Healthier Food Purchases among SNAP Households, USDA NIFA, 2017-67023-26234, March 15, 2017–March 14, 2021, Amount: \$ 499,630, Role: Co-investigator (Credit: 8%).

Understanding the effect of poverty and food insecurity status on food behavior, University of Arkansas/Fayetteville, August 1, 2016–May 30, 2018, Amount: \$ 5,000, Role: Principal investigator.

Evaluation of Core injury programs in Georgia, Georgia Department of Public Health. August 1, 2018, to July 30, 2019, Amount: \$ 5000, Role: Principal investigator

Table Talkers Talk School Student into Eating Fruits and Vegetables, Cornell University, 62140-10179, September 16, 2015–September 30, 2018, Amount: \$ 39,980, Role: Principal investigator

4.4 Completed before joining UGA (Total: \$70,000)

Do SNAP Recipients get the Best Prices?, UKCPR/USDA- ERS. PI Lyford, June 1, 2014 – December 30, 2015, Amount: \$ 40,000(S), Role: Co-investigator

Develop Healthy Eating Habits in Elementary School Children in Socioeconomically Deprived Hispanic Population of West Texas, Cornell University, July 1, 2013–June 30, 2014, Amount: \$ 30,000 (US), Role: Principal investigator

4.5 Research Recognitions, Training, and Awards

F2019	Nominee, Charles Knapp Early Career Scholar Award UGA, \$2000
F2012, S2014	Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Competitive Travel Grant, \$ 400
2014	Graduate School Competitive Travel Grant, TTU, \$ 1,800
2013, S2014	Travel award TTU, \$1,350
2013	Fellow, Open Society Foundation's Global Supplementary Grant, \$5,000
2012	Fellow, <i>oikos</i> Young Scholar Academy, \$ 3,500
2012	Fellow, Open Society Foundation's Global Supplementary Grant, \$4,000
2012	Graduate School Poster competition, Third award
2010/11	Fellow, PEO International Peace Scholarship, \$20,000
2010	Alternate, AAUW International Scholarship, \$10,000
2009	Fellow, Cornell Institute of Public Affairs Fellowship, \$28,000
2000-2004	Awardee, Tribhuvan University Merit Award, \$500
1998-2004	Awardee, Glenn E. Maddy and Winrock International Scholar, \$2,000

4.6 Supervision of Graduate and Undergraduate Student Research

As detailed in sections 2.3, 2.4, and 2.6 above, on the UGA campus, I have provided direct mentorship as the Major Professor to three doctoral-level students (1 Ph.D., 2 DrPH), and served on the committee of six other Ph.D. Dissertation Committees. Also, during the same period, I have provided direct mentorship to 19 capstone papers, three were published in peer-reviewed journals. Besides, I have served on MS thesis committees, and mentored three undergraduate research. Several of these students have received awards and assistantship under my supervision, including a Fulbright Scholar (Trang Nguyen). The students served are from different colleges across UGA to include Public Health, Consumer Economics, Foods and Nutrition, and Epidemiology.

5. Conference Presentations

(*published as the first or senior corresponding author, *student advisee co-authors are italicized*)

5.1 Published Conference Papers and Peer-Reviewed Abstracts

1. Liu, J., Yi, S., Russo, R., Zhang, D., **Rajbhandari-Thapa, J.**, & Li, Y. (2021). Abstract P077: Trends In Prevalence Of Cardiometabolic Diseases By Food Security Status, 1999-2016. *Circulation*, 143(Suppl_1), AP077-AP077.
2. Gallo, S., Thapa, K., & **Rajbhandari-Thapa, J.** (2021). O43 Timing of WIC Enrollment and Exclusive Breastfeeding: Results from the National WIC Infant Toddler Feeding Practices Study 2. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*, 53(7), S20-S21.
3. Zhang, D., **J. Thapa**, G. Li, H. Son, Z. Chen, L. Mu, J. Lu, J. Pagan, Scaling up the Snap-Ed Toolkit Intervention to Improve Fruit and Vegetable Consumption Across Counties in Georgia: An Agent Based Model. Annual Modeling and Simulation Conference, July 19 to 22, 2021
4. *Ingerson, K., M. McDaniel, L. Hammond, H. Padilla, **J. Thapa**, A. Berg, G. Cox.* The 'Healthy' Dining Hall: How Does Student Perception Influence Eating Behaviors and Perceived Healthfulness of College Dining Halls. Poster Abstract. Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior
5. ***Thapa, J.**, *Katapodis, N.*, and D. Zhang. Assessing Healthfulness of the Food Environment after the Mandatory Menu Labelling and Predicted Impact on Healthy Eating. Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Ga, July 21-23, 2019. Available at <https://ageconsearch.umn.edu/record/290926?ln=en>
6. *Thapa, J., K. Ingerson, and K. Lewis. Changes in Food Choices after Tray Removal in a University Dining Hall. Selected paper at the annual meetings of the American Agricultural and Applied Economics Association, Boston, MS, July 31-August 2, 2016. Available at <https://ageconsearch.umn.edu/record/236270?ln=en>
7. *Thapa, J., C. Lyford, E. Belasco, B. McCool, A. McCool, B.C. Pence, T. Carter. Nudges in the Supermarket: Experience from the point of Sale Signs. Selected paper prepared for presentation at the Agricultural & Applied Economics Association's 2014 AAEA Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, July 27-29, 2014. Available at <https://ageconsearch.umn.edu/record/171442?ln=en>
8. *Thapa, J., C. Lyford, B. McCool, A. B. Pence and A. McCool. Abstract A43: Comparing changes in cancer knowledge, health attitudes, and behavior by demographics and assimilation from a multi-tiered community-based model. Sixth AACR Conference: The Science of Cancer Health Disparities; December 6-9, 2013; Atlanta, GA. Available at http://cebp.aacrjournals.org/content/23/11_Supplement/A43.short
9. *Thapa, J., C. Lyford, E. Belasco, B. McCool, A. McCool, B.C. Pence, T. Carter. The Effect of a Multi-Tiered Model for Reducing Obesity Risk Factors: Attitude and Behavior Change in a Rural Community. Selected Paper prepared for presentation at the Southern Agricultural Economics Association Annual Meeting, Orlando, Florida, February 3-5, 2013. Available at <https://ageconsearch.umn.edu/record/143052?ln=en>

5.2 Invited Presentations and Seminars

1. Fighting Childhood Obesity: Taking Preventative Measures and Improving Treatment-Public Policy Exchange, March, 15, 2021 (Co-speakers: Dina Zeckhausen, Leonard Epstein, and Denise Wilfley)
2. Research in Nutrition and Safety Net Policy, WIC working group, November 12, 2019
3. Food-shed UGA Planning meeting, February 2019

4. Behavioral Economics in Smarter Lunchroom, Smarter Lunchroom Annual Symposium, Ithaca, NY, October 10-12, 2019
5. Secondary Data in Health Policy Research, BRFSS 2018 Training Workshop in Health Policy Research, Atlanta, Ga, April 13, 2018
6. Merging Nutrition Training Data with Fitness Data to Improve School Health, Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC, Aug 5-Aug 7, 2018 (unable to attend)
7. Taking Fun to School Lunchrooms, Research presentation on ongoing and completed research funded by the Cornell BEN Center, Smarter Lunchroom Annual Symposium, Ithaca, NY, May 9-12, 2018
8. Smarter Lunchroom Annual Symposium, Ithaca, NY, May 2015
9. Seminar on Behavioral Economics in Public Health to the Northeast Georgia Dietetic Association, Athens, Ga, Fall 2014
10. Seminar on Prospect of Choice Architecture and Behavioral Economics in Home Food Environment, Maternal and Childhood Obesity Team, Obesity Initiative, Fall 2014
11. Obesity Certificate Overview, Food industry-academia workshop, UGA Obesity Initiative. April 16, 2015
12. USDA Higher Education Challenge Grant Instruction Mini-Conference, August 28, 2015
13. Seminar and Strategic Planning for Obesity Education, March 4-5, 2015 both in Athens, GA
14. Health Attitude and Behavior Change in a Rural Community after a Multi-Tiered Obesity Reduction and Cancer Prevention Project. Open Society Foundations' Grantee Conference, New York City, NY, March 2013
15. Collating and Evaluating the Outcomes from a Multi-Tiered Reinforcing Model for Cancer Prevention between Immigrant and Non-Immigrant Hispanic Population in Rural Communities of West Texas. oikos Annual Young Scholars Economics Academy, Geneva, Switzerland, August 2012

5.3 Peer-Reviewed and Invited Conferences and Workshops (+canceled due to COVID-19)

1. Gallo, S., K. Thapa, J. Thapa, Timing of WIC Enrollment and Exclusive Breastfeeding: Results from the National WIC-Infant Toddler Feeding Practices Survey 2. Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior, 2021
2. *Thapa, J. Corso, P., J. Ingels, K. Thapa, and M. Davis At-school changes in physical activity and its impact on children's physical fitness. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, 2020
3. ** Thapa, J., M. Lan, D. Zhang, J. Gay, and K. Thapa, Childhood Obesity and Built Environment in Georgia. Georgia Public Health Association Annual Conference 2020
4. + Corso, P., J. Ingels, J. Thapa, and M. Davis. Policy Evaluation of a Statewide Law Mandating School-based Fitness and Body Mass Index Measurement and Reporting. Society of Behavioral Medicine 41st Annual Meeting and Scientific Sessions, 2020
5. Chen Z., J. Ying, J. Ingles, D. Zhang, J. Thapa. Cost of Bereavement in China: Evidence from the China Health and Retirement Longitudinal Survey. The Lancet- Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences Conference, 2019
6. *Katapodis N., D. Zhang, M. Edwards, D. Alvin, G. Mulay, and J. Thapa. Assessing the Healthfulness of Chain Restaurants in Georgia Counties after Mandatory Menu Labeling. American Public Health Association, 2019

7. *Thapa, J., K. Thapa, J. Ingels, M. Davis, and P. Corso. Change in school level physical activity after the implementation of state physical activity policy. Active Living Research Annual Meeting, Charleston, SC, February 17-19, 2019
8. *Thapa, J., and B. Pullekines. Health Care Access by Weight Status before and after the Affordable Care Act. Chinese Economics Society North American Conference, Athens, GA, April 6, 2018
9. Khan, A. D. Zhang, J. Thapa. Ischemic Stroke Mortality, State Obesity Prevalence, and Implications on Policy. Chinese Economics Society North American Conference, Athens, GA, April 6, 2018
10. *Wei, H., D. Zhang, J. Thapa. Changes in Out-Of-Pocket Expenditure for Mammogram Screening Following Implementation of the Affordable Care Act. Chinese Economics Society North American Conference, Athens, GA, April 6, 2018
11. *Thapa, J., and J. Welsh. Georgia Elementary School Lunchroom Participation: Impact from the Statewide Implementation of the Smarter Lunchroom Movement. Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, July 31-Aug 2, 2016
12. *Thapa J., and C. Lyford, Differential Effects of Improving Fruit and Vegetable Consumption Using Reinforcement. WERA Annual Meeting, Fort Collins, CO, June 5-7, 2016
13. *Thapa, J., and M. vanDellán. Lunchroom Table Talkers Talk Students into Eating Fruits and Vegetables. Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, July 31-Aug 2, 2016
14. *Thapa, J., M. vanDellán, S. Panda. Lunchroom Table Talkers Talk Kids into Healthy Eating. ASHEcon Sixth Biennial Conference, New Frontiers in Health Policy and Health Care, Philadelphia, PA. June 12-15, 2016
15. *Thapa, J., and C. Lyford. Can Lunchroom Nudges Develop Healthy Taste Buds in Elementary School Children? Institutional and Behavioral Economics Section. Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, July 27-29, 2014
16. *Thapa, J., and C. Lyford. Fun in the Lunch-Room: A Nudge to Develop Healthy Taste Buds. Oral presentation, June 22-25, 2014. ASHEcon Fifth Biennial Conference, Health and Healthcare in America: From Economics to Policy. Los Angeles, CA, June 22-25, 2014
17. Lyford, C., J. Thapa, E. Belasco, B. Pence, A. McCool, B. McCool, and T. Carter. The Effect on Supermarket Food Purchases from the point of Sale Nudges with Community Reinforcement. ASHEcon Fifth Biennial Conference, Health and Healthcare in America: From Economics to Policy. Los Angeles, CA, June 22-25, 2014

5.4 Poster presentations (+canceled due to COVID-19)

18. *Thapa, K., C. Zhen, J.S. Lee, and J. Thapa, Sugar sweetened beverage restriction or fruit and vegetable purchase incentive in supplemental nutrition assistance program: Participant's voice and choice behavior. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, 2020
19. *Yang, J., K. Thapa, L. Mu, and J. Thapa. Geographic pattern and variation of childhood physical activity, physical fitness and their association with the built environment in Georgia. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, 2020
20. *Fortson, K., and J. Thapa. Association between adverse childhood experiences with opioid misuse for pain management. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, 2020
21. Zhang, D., G. Li, L. Mu, J. Thapa, Y. Li, Z. Chen, L. Shi, M. Nuss, Trends and Disparities

- in Medical School Applicants and Matriculants in the United States from 2001 to 2015. American Society of Health Economists, 9th Annual Conference, St. Louis, MO, 2020
22. Zhang, D., H. Son, J. Thapa, Y. Li, Z. Chen, L. Mu, Y. Shen, A. Moran, and J. Pagan. Rural-Urban Trends in Access to Primary Care Providers in the United States, 2009-2017. Annual Research Meeting, Academy Health, 2020
 23. ⁺*Thapa, J., K. Thapa, D. Zhang, and J. Ingels. Self-reported Physical Activity and Vape Use among Adolescents. Academy Health National Policy Conference, 2020
 24. ⁺**Chung, S.R.*, and J. Thapa. Mental Health and Comorbidities in Opioid-Related Hospitalizations, Southeast Regional Clinical & Translational Science Conference, 2020
 25. ^{*}*Juneja, F.*, and J. Thapa. Efficacy of Nutrition and Physical Activity with Alternative Pain Management Methods among Patients with Chronic Condition, UGA CURO Symposium, 2019
 26. ^{*}*Thapa, K.*, and J. Thapa. Physical activity and alcohol use among middle and high school students in Georgia public schools. State of Public Health Conference, 2019
 27. ^{*}*Carruthers, H.*, and J. Thapa. Georgia Middle School Physical Education Participation and its Association with Measures of Physical Fitness. State of Public Health Conference, 2019
 28. *Mekonen, B.*, D. Zhang, J. Thapa. Stroke related in Hospital Mortality: Weekend Effect and Rural-Urban Differences. 6th Annual Health Services Research Day at Emory University, 2019
 29. ^{*}*Thapa, K.*, and J. Thapa. Physical Fitness and its Relationship with Adolescents' Alcohol Use in Georgia Public Schools. American Public Health Association, 2019
 30. ^{*}Thapa, J., D. Zhang, and *D. Schneider*. Obese individuals' insurance coverage before and after Medicaid expansion- a difference-in-difference approach. Obesity Week, 2019
 31. ^{*}*Chung S.R.*, S. Chatterjee, and J. Thapa. The Relationship between U.S. Households' Eating Behavior and Proportion of Health Expenditures over Other Expenditures. American Council on Consumer Interests, May 21-23, 2019
 32. ^{*}Thapa J., J. Sevilla, R. Nayga. Scarcity, Consumption, and Satiation: Results from a Controlled Experiment. Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Ga, July 21-23, 2019
 33. ^{*}*Thapa, K.*, R. Ghimire, J. Thapa. Do Physically Active Students Perform Better in Schools? The consortium of Universities for Global Health, Chicago, IL, March 8-10, 2019
 34. ^{*}Thapa, J., S. R. *Chung*, B. *Mekonnen*, F. *Pham*, and D. Zhang. Opioid-related hospitalizations, its association with comorbidities, and payer differences in rural and urban America. Academy Health - Annual Research Meeting, June 2-4, 2019
 35. ^{*}Thapa, J., D. Zhang, and S.R. *Chung*, Trends in Obesity Diagnosis and Treatment. Obesity Week 2018, Nashville, TN, November 11-15, 2018
 36. ^{*}Thapa, J., D. Zhang, S.R. *Chung*, F. *Pham*, and B. *Mekonnen*. Comorbidities and Payer Difference in Opioid-related Hospitalization. Interdisciplinary Opioid Epidemic Symposium, Athens, Ga, October 20, 2018
 37. Zhang, D., and J. Thapa, S.R. *Chung*, F. *Pham*, and B. *Mekonnen*. Rural-urban differences in opioid-related hospitalization. Interdisciplinary Opioid Epidemic Symposium, Athens, Ga. October 20, 2018
 38. ^{*}*Katapodis, N.*, D. Zhang, P. Giabbanelli, Y. Li, C. Lyford, and J. Thapa. An Agent-Based Simulation Model to Estimate the Impact of Improving Access on Healthy Food Intake in a Rural Community. Academy Health-Annual Research Meeting, Seattle, WA, June 24-26, 2018

39. *Thapa, K., R. Ghimire, J. Thapa, Do Physically Active Students Perform Better in School. Atlanta Studies Symposium, April 20, 2018
40. *S. Velasquez, T. Nguyen, J. Thapa, D. Zhang, E. B. Pullekines. Georgia Adult's Weight Status and association with Nutrition and Physical Activity. State of Public Health, Athens, Ga, Oct. 17, 2017
41. *Ladislac, A., Thapa, J., & Birch, L. *Messages About Energy Content of Snacks Affects Consumer Choices: A Pilot Study*. Poster session presented at the meeting of UGA CURO, 2016
42. *Thapa, J., Lyford, C., B. McCool, E. Belasco, B. Pence, and A. McCool. Improving Cancer Risk Awareness, including Obesity as a Risk Factor for Cancer from a Multi-Tiered Community-based Intervention in a Small US Community. ASHEcon Sixth Biennial Conference, New Frontiers in Health Policy and Health Care, Philadelphia, PA. June 12-15, 2016
43. *Matthew, S., and J. Thapa. Challenges and Opportunities in Healthcare Delivery Practices in Treatment of Patients with Obesity- A Systematic Review. ASHEcon Sixth Biennial Conference, New Frontiers in Health Policy and Health Care, Philadelphia, PA. June 12-15, 2016
44. *Panda, S., J. Thapa, Ko Otani. Patient Satisfaction in Relation to Weight Status and Access to Primary Care Provider across the U.S. Georgia Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Conference Understanding Public Health Research Evidence and Practice. Atlanta, Ga, March 22-23, 2016
45. *Thapa, J., and C. Lyford. Visual Nudges Can Change Children's Food Choice Decision: What Next? A Systematic Review. ASHEcon Fifth Biennial Conference, Health and Healthcare in America: From Economics to Policy. Los Angeles, CA, June 22-25, 2014
46. Lyford, C., J. Thapa, B. McCool, A. McCool, B.C., Pence. The Effect of a Multi-Tiered Model for Reducing Obesity Risk Factors: Attitude and Behavior Change in a Rural Community. Annual Research Conference on Food, Nutrition, Physical Activity and Cancer organized by the American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR), Bethesda, MD, Nov 7-8, 2013

6. Service

6.1 Memberships: Associations/Society/Club

The Community of Practice in Health Food Choices in School (Member), *January 2, 2014–Present*

American Society for Health Economists (Member), *November 15, 2013–Present*

The Obesity Society (Member), *June 15, 2013–Present*

Agriculture and Applied Economics Association (Member), *January 15, 2012–Present*

6.2 Memberships: Committee

Regional

Agriculture, Food, and Humans Values Society Conference Planning Committee (Member), *January 2, 2019–Present*, Organize and host the conference at UGA in 2020 (post-COVID-19 date 2021)

State

Georgia Shape Data and Evaluation Sub Group (Member), *April 15, 2019–Present*

Women Infants and Children Working Group (Member), *January 4, 2016–Present*

Kitchen Cabinet-Task force on Healthcare (Member), *September 5, 2019-Present*
Resilient GA Education and Training Committee (Member), *March, 2020-Present*

University

Graduate Certificate in Obesity and Weight Management Steering Committee (Chair since March, 2019), *August 15, 2017–Present*
Universities Libraries Committee (Member), *January 15, 2017–Present*
Sustainable Food Systems Initiative (Executive Member), *January 2, 2015–Present*
UGA Obesity Initiative (Member), *August 14, 2014–Present*
UGA Owens Institute for Behavioral Research (Affiliate), *2017–present*
UGA Opioid Working Group (Member), *2018–present*
HPAM Service Learning Group, *2014–2016*
CPH Online Course Development Cohort, *2016–2017*

School/College

CPH Program and Economic Evaluation Research Group (Co-chair), *December, 2020*
CPH Graduate Education Committee (Member), *August 31, 2020–present*
CPH Awards Committee (Member), *January 1, 2018–May 2018*
Ph.D. in HPAM Committee, CPH/UGA (Member), *January 6, 2017–December 2018*
Ph.D. in Health Services Research (Co, Chair), *Fall 2019 – present*
CPH Diversity Committee (Member), *January 2, 2017–December 2019*
CPH Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (Member), *January 2020–December 2020*
CPH Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (Chair), *January 2021–December 2021*
CPH Research Advisory Committee (Member), *January 2, 2017–Present*

Department

MHA Program Committee (Member), *August 15, 2020–present*
DrPH Program Committee (Member), *October 10, 2020–present*
Don Lloyd Scholarship Committee (Member), *April 1, 2016–May 5, 2016*
MPH Curriculum Revision Committee (Member), *January 2, 2015–December 2015*

Others

Educate the Children (International nonprofit working in women empowerment) (Board Member), *October 15, 2019 – Present*

Other regular attendance

Attendee: The College of Education Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Conference, February 14, 2020
Attendee: State of Public Health Conference 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2021
Attendee: South Eastern Conference Symposium, Atlanta, GA, September 20-22, 2014

6.3 Faculty Recruitment

FACS Clinical Assistant/Associate Professor Search Committee, *March, 2021, member*
HPAM Tenure Track Faculty Search Committee, *December, 2020, Chair Janani Thapa*
HPAM Clinical Faculty Search Committee, *September, 2020, member*

HPAM Department Head Search Committee, *January 8, 2018–July 2018, member*
HPAM Department Head Search Committee, *January 3, 2016–July 2016, member*
HPAM Department Head Search Committee, *August 20, 2015–December 2015, member*

6.4 Reviewing/Refereeing

Conferences

American Public Health Association, *August 14, 2014–Present*
Agricultural and Applied Economics, *August 14, 2014–Present*
Active Living Research, *2020*
Georgia Junior Science & Humanities Symposium Student research papers, *S2020*

Grant proposals

RCMI Pilot Research Grants, Clarke Atlanta University, *January 15, 2021*
NIH, *January 1, 2019–Present*, Early Career Reviewer
Ohio State University, Internal Awards, *December 2019*
Sustainable Food System Initiative, Internal Awards, *Spring 2017*

Journals

Public Administration Review, British Food Journal, Journal of Rural Health, Journal of Rural Health, Health Education and Behavior, American Journal of Health Promotion, Obesity, Health Equity, Public Health Nutrition, American Journal of Preventive Medicine, Georgia Journal of Public Health, Journal of Public Health, Interventions in Aging, Social Science Quarterly, American Journal of Preventive Medicine, Journal of Rural Mental Health, Journal of Aging and Health, American Journal of College Health

Editorial service

Review Editor, Frontiers in Public Health-Public Health and Nutrition

Awards Review Committee

2020 HERG Impact Award invited by the CDC Health Economics Research Group Steering Committee (HERG SC). The HERG Impact award recognizes a significant public health or prevention issue using a state-of-the-art economic method, including economic evaluation. It offers information to public health programs, interventions, or policies. Papers published in peer-reviewed journals in the calendar year 2019 are eligible for the 2020 HERG Impact Award.