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RESEARCH INTERESTS	Oral health and child development, specifically academic achievement and psychosocial functioning, school-based health, intermittent fasting and oral health, statistical epidemiology, education policy	
EDUCATION	Harvard University , Cambridge, MA USA MPH in Epidemiology, May 2017 University of Virginia , Charlottesville, VA USA PhD in Research, Statistics, & Evaluation, December 2009 BAMT in Education, May 2005 Cambridge University , Cambridge, UK MPhil in Education, July 2010	
HONORS AND AWARDS	2020 Goddard Junior Faculty Fellowship 2020 Dean's Honor, NYU College of Dentistry (2020, 2018, and 2017) 2019 Paper selected as one of five "Highlights of 2018" in BMC Oral Health 2018 Delta Omega Honor Society, New York University 2018 NYU Faculty Honoree, New York University 2017 Elected to Academy of Distinguished Educators, NYU College of Dentistry 2012 Distinguished Service Award, NYC Department of Health 2008 DuPont Fellow, University of Virginia 2007 Doctoral Fellowship, University of Virginia (2007 and 2006)	
ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE	New York University College of Dentistry , New York, NY <i>Associate Professor (tenure track)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Co-Director, Oral Health Equity and Action Lab, 2019 - Pres• Director, Biostatistics Core, 2017 - Pres• Director, MS Program in Clinical Research, 2017 - Pres <i>Assistant Professor</i> <i>Research Assistant Professor</i>	2019 - Pres 2017 - 2019 2014 - 2017
	New York University School of Global Public Health , New York, NY <i>Associated Professor</i> <i>Adjunct Associate Professor</i>	2014 - Pres 2012 - 2014
PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE	Columbia University, Epidemiology & Health Institute , New York, NY <i>Instructor</i>	2012 - 2020

New York City Department of Health, New York, NY

Director, Research & Evaluation Unit

2011 - 2014

New York City Department of Education, New York, NY

Director of Research & Evaluation, New York, NY

2010 - 2011

**RESEARCH
EXPERIENCE**

Funded Research - As Principal Investigator

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| 2020 - 2021 | National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research #R56 DE028933, "The role of the oral microbiome in disparities in dental caries and responsiveness to caries prevention." \$517,296 |
| 2019 - 2020 | New York University Mega Grant Support Initiative #RA633, "The role of the oral microbiome in disparities in dental caries and responsiveness to caries prevention: A pilot study." \$15,000 |
| 2018 - 2023 | Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute #PCS160936724, "Comparative effectiveness of school-based caries prevention for children: A cluster randomized pragmatic clinical trial." \$13,352,988 |
| 2017 - 2022 | National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities #R01 MD011526, "Statewide implementation and evaluation of a rural caries prevention program." \$3,617,644 |
| 2016 - 2018 | National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research #R03 DE025289, "Analysis of longitudinal data from a school-based caries prevention program." \$317,000 |

As co-investigator or other role

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| 2015 - 2016 | National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research #R01 DE018729, "Quality of life in children with cleft." \$3,231,498 (Hillary Broder PI) |
| 2014 - 2015 | National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities #U24 MD006964, "Effectiveness and improvement of rural, school-based, caries prevention programs." \$7,100,000 (Richard Niederman PI) |
| 2013 - 2014 | NYU Community and Translational Science Institute, "Understanding obesity among public housing residents in NYC: A community-based geospatial project." \$35,000 (Dustin Duncan PI) |
| 2013 - 2014 | Robert Wood Johnson Foundation #71637, "Assessing the impact of food restrictions under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program on food choice by families." \$170,000 (Chen Zhen PI) |

Grants under review

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| Resubmitted | National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, "EPI-MOUTH: An epidemiologic dental model for simulating oral health interventions." (PI, \$304,629) |
| Resubmitted | National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, "The role of the oral microbiome in disparities in dental caries and responsiveness to caries prevention" (PI, \$3,384,191) |

Resubmitted National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research, “Intermittent fasting, dental health, and quality of life: The IFAD Study.” (PI, \$431,000)

Other funded research

New Hampshire Women, Infants, and Children Pay for Prevention Program
Epidemiologist/Biostatistician (\$9,125).

- Analyzed data from a longitudinal caries prevention program amongst pregnant women and children in rural NH counties, 2018

New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
Consultant (\$40,000).

- Subject-matter expert regarding an oral health data registry and survey system, 2017-2018

PUBLICATIONS

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[34] Ruff RR, Saxena D, Niederman R. School-based caries prevention and longitudinal trends in untreated decay: An updated analysis with Markov chains. BMC Research Notes. 2020;13(1). doi: 10.1186/s13104-020-4886-8.

[33] Ruff RR. Street-level research in public health nutrition: A cross-sectional study of dietary behavior in New York City. SAGE Research Methods Cases: Medicine & Health. 2020. doi: 10.4135/9781529709698.

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- [25] Ruff RR. Total observed caries experience: Assessing the effectiveness of community-based caries prevention. *Journal of Public Health Dentistry.* 2018;78(4):287-290. doi: 10.1111/jphd.12284.
- [24] Ruff RR, Niederman R. School-based caries prevention, tooth decay, and the community environment. *JDR Clinical & Translational Research.* 2018;3(2):180-187. doi: 10.1177/2380084417750612.
- [23] Ruff RR, Niederman R. Comparative effectiveness of school-based caries prevention: A prospective cohort study. *BMC Oral Health.* 2018;18(1):53. doi: 10.1186/s12903-018-0514-6. (*Recognized as one of five "Highlights of 2018" published in journal*).
- [22] Ruff RR, Crerand CE, Sischo L, et al. Surgical care for school-aged youth with cleft: Results from a multicenter, prospective observational study. *The Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Journal.* 2018;55(8):1166-1174. doi: 10.1177/1055665618765776.
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with poor sleep health in a pilot study of low-income housing residents in New York City. *Behavioral Medicine*. 2016;44(1). doi: 10.1080/08964289.2016.1203754.

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Aldosari MA, Bukhari OM, Ruff RR, Douglass CW, Niederman R, Starr JR. Comprehensive, school-based dentistry: Program details and students' unmet dental needs. Submitted, Journal of School Health.

Makram K, Ruff RR, et al. Anatomical challenges to an optimal lateral sinus lift in the context of implant surgery: a retrospective study.

Ruff RR, Whittemore R, Barry-Godin T. Systematic review and meta-analysis of dental caries and quality of life in children and adolescents.

Ruff RR, Niederman R. Silver diamine fluoride is non-inferior to therapeutic sealants in the two-year arrest of dental caries: Results from the CariedAway cluster randomized pragmatic trial.

Ruff RR, Niederman R. Silver diamine fluoride versus therapeutic sealants for the prevention of dental caries: Results from the CariedAway cluster randomized pragmatic trial.

Ruff RR. Nurses are non-inferior to hygienists in the retention and effectiveness of silver diamine fluoride for the arrest of dental caries in pragmatic settings.

Ruff RR. Oral health, academic achievement, and the impact of school-based caries prevention: Results from the CariedAway trial.

Ruff RR. Oral health, student attendance, and the impact of school-based caries prevention.

Ruff RR, Niederman R. Quality of life and dental caries in low-income minority children: Results from the CariedAway study.

Ruff RR, Niederman R. Semiannual versus annual treatment of silver diamine fluoride for the prevention of dental caries

Ruff RR, Niederman R. Quality of life and SAFE dentistry: A joint trajectory model.

Ruff RR. Group trajectories in dental caries in children: Results from the CariedAway trial.

Ruff RR, Barry-Godin T, Whittemore R, Santiago-Galvin N, Gibbs H, Niederman R. Implementation of a large cluster-randomized pragmatic trial for the prevention of dental caries in school-based settings: Lessons from the CariedAway study.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS	June 2020	Predicting treatment nonresponse in children receiving silver diamine fluoride: A pilot study. Oral presentation, 9th International Conference on Methodological Issues in Oral Health Research, New York, USA (canceled due to COVID-19)
	Sep 2019	Measuring responsiveness to preventative treatments for dental caries: Towards a predictive model using machine learning (Ruff RR, Saxena D). Oral presentation given at the CED-IADR Oral Health Research Congress, Madrid, Spain
	June 2018	Applications of virtual reality in training oral and maxillofacial surgery techniques (Ruff RR). NYU Academy of Distinguished Educators teaching and learning club, New York, USA

ABSTRACTS

- May 2018 Research to optimize school-based caries prevention (Ruff RR). Oral presentation given at the 8th International Conference on Methodological Issues in Oral Health Research, Hong Kong
- Oct 2017 Assessing additional options for school-based caries prevention (“Improving determinants of child development” Symposium). Presented at the IADR World Congress on Preventive Dentistry, New Delhi, India
- Oct 2018 Should dental insurers implement comprehensive school-based caries prevention programs? (Huang S, Ruff RR, Niederman R). 41st Annual Meeting of the Society for Medical Decision Making
- Apr 2018 Development and validation of the Child Oral Health Impact Profile Preschool Version (Broder HL, Sischo L, Ruff RR, et al). 75th Meeting of the American Cleft Palate Craniofacial Association
- Apr 2018 Development and validation of the Child Oral Health Impact Profile Preschool Version (Broder HL, Sischo L, Ruff RR, et al). 75th Meeting of the American Cleft Palate Craniofacial Association
- Apr 2017 Analysis of school-based caries prevention programs (Ruff RR). New York University Faculty Research Symposium, New York, USA
- Mar 2017 Patient-centered outcomes in periodontitis patients (Rego R, Russell S, Burukunte S, Ruff RR, et al). 95th General Session of the IADR, California, USA
- Mar 2017 CariedAway: Outcomes of school-based caries prevention (Ruff RR, Niederman R). 95th General Session of the IADR, California, USA
- Mar 2017 SDF for Caries Prevention Primary Teeth: A systematic review (Oliveira B, Rajendra A, Keenan A, Ruff RR, Niederman R). 95th General Session of the IADR, California, USA
- Feb 2015 Spatial stigma and drug use among low-income housing residents in NYC (Ruff RR, Duncan DT). New York City Epidemiology Forum, New York, NY
- Sep 2014 Estimating the effects of sugar-sweetened beverage taxes on weight and obesity in NYC (Ruff RR, Zhen C). American College of Epidemiology annual meeting, Maryland, USA
- Feb 2014 Dietary sources of sugar and drink-specific calorie intake in New York City Adults (Adjoian T, Ruff RR, Akhund A). New York City Epidemiology Forum

SERVICE & COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

New York University

Spring 2018 College faculty representative, NYU Faculty Urban Research Day

2014-2016 Teaching fellow, Center for the Promotion of Research Involving Innovative Statistical Methodology (PRIISM)

College

2019-Pres Faculty Council Representative

Cont.

2016-Pres Director, MS Program in Clinical Research

2016-Pres Director, Biostatistics Core

2017-Pres Member, NYU Academy of Distinguished Educators

2018-2022 Member, Curriculum Committee

2016-Pres Member, Graduate Council on Ethics and Professionalism

2016-2019 Member, Council on Humanitarianism and Culture Change

2017-2018 Mentor, Summer D1 Research Experience

2014-2015 Teaching and Learning Club

2014-2015 Statistics Unit Head, College of Dentistry and School of Nursing

2014-2016 Technology Enhanced Learning Committee (NYU SGPH)

Department

2019 Planning Committee, 2020 Methodology in Oral Health Research Conference

Spring 2017 Hiring Committee

2015-2016 Chair, Curriculum Committee, MS Program in Clinical Research

2015-2016 Admissions Committee

2014-2015 Curriculum Committee

Other

2011-2014 Surveillance and Epidemiology Unit, NYC Incident Command System

2010-2011 Member, NYC Department of Education Institutional Review Board

Student Advising

Analyzing the impact of prevention on new dental caries over time in schoolchildren with preexisting untreated decay: The Forsyth Study (Kajal Desai, MPH thesis - 2019)

The comparative performance and appropriateness of caries indices for use in oral epidemiology research: a prospective cohort example (Dhawani Shah, MPH thesis - 2019)

Factors related to periodontitis prevalence and dental care utilization in US Hispanic women with changes in progesterone and estrogen levels (Ifrah Choudhary, MPH thesis - 2017)

Periodontitis and the risk of psoriasis in the US population using the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, 2009-2012 (Zhen Li, MS capstone - 2016)

Peer and Editorial Review

Reviewer: PLOS One, BMJ Open, Preventive Medicine, JDR Clinical and Translational Research, BMC Oral Health, Journal of Public Health Dentistry, Community Dentistry & Oral Epidemiology, Evidence-Based Medicine, BMC Public Health, Journal of Clinical Periodontology, Journal of the American Dental Association, Medicine, International Dental Journal, Clinical Implant Dentistry and Related Research, Pediatrics

Editor: Medicine

Community Service

2017 Grant Reviewer, Oral Disease and Dental Health Review Committee, California Tobacco-Related Research Program (TRDRP). Content expert for oral disease epidemiology and biostatistics.

2014 Consulting, Fiji National University, for the 2014 Fijian Oral Health Survey. Sampling procedures, data management and analysis, and reporting for government release.

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Courses Taught

Scientific Writing (MS)

Epidemiology of Dental Caries (DDS, "Diagnosis and Treatment of Oral Disease" course)

Biostatistics for Public Health (MPH/PhD/DDS)

Data Management using SAS I (MS)

Data Management using SAS II (MS)

Clinical Research Practicum I (MS)

Clinical Research Practicum II (MS)

Biostatistics I (MPH/PhD)

Biostatistics II (MPH/PhD)

Propensity Score Matching (Post-graduate)

Methods of Causal Inference (Post-graduate)

Survey Research (Post-graduate, co-taught)

Qualitative Data Analysis (PhD)

Educational Materials Developed

MS Program in Clinical Research, 2016

In 2016 I was asked to assume the role of Director of the MS Program in Clinical Research in the department of Epidemiology and Health Promotion. In so doing, I evaluated and revised the program curriculum, moving from 50 credits to 30, updated all syllabi for new competencies and state requirements, and successfully applied for state approval. I am responsible for reviewing and admitting outstanding applicants and developing new educational materials each year including advertising and new program options, such as a dual MS/MS with Biomaterials and a joint BS/MS with the NYU College of Arts and Sciences.

Biostatistics for Public Health, 2014

In collaboration with the NYU Global Technology Service and the College of Global Public Health, I created a fully-online course in Biostatistics to be offered to students at CGPH, the College of Dentistry, and the School of Medicine. This project required creating a new syllabus, all educational materials (including lessons, datasets, problem sets, and lab sheets), writing lecture scripts, and recording professional-quality videos for use in the online classroom.

Data Management II, 2014

For Data Management II, I created a new syllabus with updated competencies and focused the core course on a set of skills necessary for students pursuing careers in Clinical Research. Development for this course included a new syllabus, writing new SAS code for every course module, and creating problem sets/projects for student assessment.

Propensity Score Matching, 2012

The PSM course is a fully online course using the Canvas Instructure framework. It is a five-module course on the theory and practice of causal inference and propensity scores to analyze epidemiologic

data. Development included syllabus, lessons, lecture videos, datasets, laboratory problem sets, and worksheets.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Member, Cochrane Collaboration
- Fellow, Royal Society of Medicine
- Member, New York Academy of Sciences
- Fellow, Royal Society of Public Health
- Member, International Association of Dental Research
- Member, American Dental Education Association

SOFTWARE

- Statistical Packages: R, Stata, LISREL, AMOS, BUGS; SAS (rusty), SPSS.
- Applications: EpiMouth (built in R Shiny), L^AT_EX, N'Vivo, EndNote, JMP, common Windows database, spreadsheet, and presentation software

BRIEF RESEARCH STATEMENT

My research in oral epidemiology explores (1) oral health and child development and (2) intermittent fasting, oral health, and quality of life. In oral health and child development, I primarily study the association between school-based caries prevention and student academic achievement. This has included serving as principal investigator for several mega-grant initiatives conducting pragmatic cluster randomized trials on the non- inferiority of silver diamine fluoride for the arrest and prevention of dental caries. It also includes partnering with microbiologists to study the multilevel determinants of non- responsiveness to caries prevention. Additional areas of research in this field include the psychosocial development of children with cleft lip and palate and the measurement of oral health-related quality of life in children.

While intermittent fasting has been studied extensively in relation to obesity and cardiometabolic outcomes, research on fasting and oral health or quality of life is virtually nonexistent. In this line of inquiry, my research focuses on the changes in oral health-related quality of life in response to calorie restricted feeding, the changes experienced in the oral microbiome, and the incidence of caries and periodontitis in long-term fasters. This research connects my prior experience as a research scientist at the NYC Department of Health, where I focused on chronic disease prevention and obesity research.