

# Danielle R. Stevens

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## EDUCATION

2019      Ph.D. Epidemiology  
            Medical University of South Carolina  
            Charleston, SC

2013      B.S. Heath Sciences  
            Furman University  
            Greenville, SC

## PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

2021 -      IRTA Postdoctoral Fellow  
            Epidemiology Branch  
            National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences  
            Durham, NC

2019 - 2021    IRTA Postdoctoral Fellow  
            Epidemiology Branch  
            Division of Population Intramural Health  
            National Institute of Child Health and Human Development  
            Bethesda, MD

2015 – 2019    Research Assistant  
            Department of Public Health Sciences  
            Medical University of South Carolina  
            Charleston, SC

2013 – 2015    Research Assistant  
            Livewell Greenville  
            Furman University  
            Greenville, SC

## RESEARCH SUPPORT

1 K99 ES035107-01      April 2023 – Present  
National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences  
*Phthalates and Phthalate Alternatives and Early Human Cardiometabolic Development*  
Role: PI

No Grant Number April 2022 – Present  
Epidemiology Branch Research Award  
*Characterizing Fetal Organ and Fat Mass Development from Novel Three-Dimensional Ultrasound*  
Amount: \$100,000  
Role: PI

No Grant Number Nov 2020 – Nov 2021  
Office of Dietary Supplements  
*Maternal prenatal fatty acid supplementation and offspring immune dysregulation*  
Amount: \$100,000  
Role: PI

UL1 TR001450, TL1 TR001451 Halushka (PI) Oct 2016 – July 2018  
National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences  
*Prenatal and Early Life Exposures and Subsequent Cardiometabolic Risk*  
Role: Trainee

No Grant Number July 2018 – Sept 2018  
Pathways to Practice Scholars for Region IV Public Health Training Program  
*Associations between Pregnancy Intention and Maternal and Infant Health*  
Amount: \$3,500  
Role: Trainee

No Grant Number Mar 2015 – Aug 2015  
Medical University of South Carolina Centers for Global Health  
*Impact evaluation of an HIV self-testing kit intervention trial, Kenya*  
Amount: \$2,000  
Role: Trainee

## PUBLICATIONS

\* indicates co-first authorship. † indicates mentorship

Peer reviewed publications – published

1. Rohn MCH\*†, **Stevens DR\***, Grobman WA, Deshane J, Biggio JR, Subramaniam A, Grantz K, Sherman S, Kumar R, Chen Z, Mendola P. Periconceptional medication discontinuation in relation to maternal-fetal morbidity. 2023 March. *Am J Perinatol*.
2. Bommarito PA, **Stevens DR**, Welch BM, Weller D, Meeker JD, Cantonwine DE, McElrath TF, Ferguson KK. Temporal trends and predictors of exposure to phthalates, phthalate replacements, and phenols in the LIFECODES Fetal Growth Study. 2023 March. *Environ Int*.
3. **Stevens DR**, Yeung E, Williams A, Ouidir M, Grobman W, Kumar R, Rohn MCH, Hinkle S, Lipsky L, Kanner J, Sherman S, Chen Z, Mendola P. Maternal asthma associated with infant body composition. 2023 Feb. *JACI: Global*.
4. Bommarito PA, Cantonwine DE, **Stevens DR**, Welch BM, Davalos A, Zhao S, McElrath TF, Ferguson KK. Fetal growth trajectories of babies born large-for-gestational-age in the LIFECODES Fetal Growth Study. 2022 Sept. *Am J Obstet Gynecol*.

5. Bommarito PA, Cantonwine DE, **Stevens DR**, Welch BM, Davalos A, Zhao S, McElrath TF, Ferguson KK. An application of group-based trajectory modeling to define fetal growth phenotypes among SGA births in the LIFECODES Fetal Growth Study. 2022 Aug. *Am J Obstet Gynecol*.
6. Zhao S, Yeung E, Ouidir M, Hinkle SN, Grantz K, Grewal J, Mitro SD, Wu J, **Stevens DR**, Chatterjee S, Tekola-Ayele F, Zhang C. Recreational physical activity before and during pregnancy and placental DNA methylation - an epigenome-wide association study. 2022 April. *Am J Clin Nutr*
7. **Stevens DR**, Bommarito P, Keil AP, McElrath T, Trasande L, Barrett ES, Bush NR, Nguyen RHN, Sathyanarayana S, Swan S, Ferguson K. Urinary Phthalate Metabolite Mixtures in Pregnancy and Fetal Growth: Findings from The Infant Development and the Environment Study. 2022 April. *Environ Int*
8. **Stevens DR**, Rohn MCH, Hinkle S, Williams A, Kumar R, Grobman W, Lipsky LM, Sherman S, Kanner J, Chen Z, Mendola P. Maternal Body Composition and Gestational Weight Gain in Relation to Asthma Control During Pregnancy. 2022 April. *PLOS ONE*
9. **Stevens DR\***, Polinski K\*, Mendola P, Bell E, Lin T, Bell G, Louis GB, Adeyeye T, Stern J, Yeung E. Infertility treatment associated with childhood asthma and atopy. 2022 Mar. *Hum Reprod*
10. Newman R, **Stevens DR**, Hunt K, Grobman W, Owen J, Sciscione A, Wapner RJ, Skupski D, Chien ED, Wing DA, Ranzini AC, Porto M, Grantz K. Fetal Growth Biometry as Predictors of Shoulder Dystocia in a Low Risk Obstetrical Population. 2022 Feb. *Am J Perinatol*
11. Robinson SL, Sundaram R, Putnick DL, Gleason JL, Ghassabian A, **Stevens D**, Bell EM, Yeung EH. Age of juice introduction and child anthropometry at 2-3 and 7-9 years. 2022 Feb. *J Pediatrics*
12. **Stevens DR**, Perkins N, Chen Z, Kumar R, Grobman W, Subramaniam A, Biggio J, Grantz K, Sherman S, Rohn MCH, Mendola P. Determining the Clinical Course of Asthma During Pregnancy. 2021 Oct. *JACI: In Practice*
13. Kanner J<sup>†</sup>, **Stevens DR**, Nobles C, Rohn MCH, Ha S, Mannisto T, Ouidir M, Mendola P. Risk of Cardiovascular Events During Labor and Delivery Associated with Acute Ambient Temperature Changes. 2021 Aug. *Clim Change*
14. Ouidir M, Tekola-Ayele F, Canty T, Grantz K, Sciscione A, Tong D, Jones RR, Sundaram R, Williams A, **Stevens DR**, Mendola P. Acute Ambient Air Pollution Exposure and Fetoplacental Doppler Results in the NICHD Fetal Growth Studies – Singleton Cohort. 2021 July. *Environ Res*
15. Rohn MCH<sup>†</sup>, **Stevens DR**, Kanner J, Nobles C, Chen Z, Grantz KL, Sherman S, Grobman W, Kumar R, Biggio J, Mendola P. Asthma Medication Regimens in Pregnancy – Longitudinal Changes in Symptoms, Lung Function and Inflammation. 2021 Mar. *Am J Perinatol*
16. Kanner J<sup>†</sup>, Pollack AZ, Ranasinghe S, **Stevens DR**, Nobles C, Rohn MCH, Sherman S, Mendola P. Chronic Exposure to Air Pollution and Risk of Mental Health Disorders Complicating Pregnancy. 2021 Feb. *Environ Res*
17. **Stevens DR**, Grobman W, Kumar R, Lipsky L, Hinkle S, Chen Z, Williams A, Rohn M, Kanner J, Sherman S, Mendola P. Gestational and Postpartum Weight Trajectories among Women With and Without Asthma. 2020 Nov. *Am J Epidemiology*

18. **Stevens DR**, Neelon B, Roberts JR, Taylor SN, Newman RB, Vena JE, Hunt KJ. Mediation of the Association between Maternal Pre-pregnancy Overweight/Obesity and Childhood Overweight/Obesity by Birth Anthropometry. 2020 Feb. *J Dev Orig Health Dis*
19. **Stevens DR**, Taylor SN, Roberts JR, Neelon B, Newman RB, Vena JE, Hunt KJ. Breastfeeding Initiation as Related to the Interaction of Race/Ethnicity and Maternal Diabetes. 2019 July. *Breastfeed Med*
20. Hunt KJ, Jenkins AJ, Fu D, **Stevens D**, Ma JX, Klein RL, Azar M4, Zhang SX, Lopes-Virella MF, Lyons TJ, VADT Investigators. Serum Pigment Epithelium-Derived Factor: Relationships with Cardiovascular Events, Renal Dysfunction, and Mortality in the Veterans Affairs Diabetes Trial (VADT) Cohort. 2019 July. *J Diabetes Complications*
21. Vrana-Diaz CJ, **Stevens DR**, Ndeche E, Korte JE. HIV Self-testing Knowledge and Attitudes at Sports-based HIV Prevention Tournaments in Nairobi, Kenya. 2019 June. *J HIV AIDS Soc Serv*
22. Gichangi A, Wambua J, Mutwiwa S, Njogu R, Bazant E, Wamicwe J, Wafula R, Vrana C, **Stevens D**, Mudany M, Korte J. Impact of HIV Self-Test Distribution to Male Partners of ANC Clients: Results of a Randomized Controlled Trial in Kenya. 2018 Dec. *J Acquir Immune Defic Syndr*
23. **Stevens DR**, Malek AM, Laggis C, Hunt KJ. In Utero Exposure to Tobacco Smoke, Subsequent Cardiometabolic Risks, and Metabolic Syndrome Among U.S. Adolescents. 2018 Sep. *Ann Epidemiol*
24. **Stevens DR**, Vrana CJ, Dlin RE†, Korte JE. A Global Review of HIV Self-testing: Themes and Implications. 2018 Feb. *AIDS Behav*
25. Baker NL, Hunt KJ, **Stevens DR**, Jarai G, Rosen GD, Klein RL, Virella G, Lopes-Virella MF, DCCT/EDIC Research Group. Association Between Inflammatory Markers and Progression to Kidney Dysfunction: Examining Different Assessment Windows in Patients With Type 1 Diabetes. 2018 Jan. *Diabetes Care*

Non-referred publications – published

1. Gichangi A, Korte JE, Wambua J, Vrana C, **Stevens D**. (2017). Increasing Male Partner HIV Testing Using Self-test Kits in Kenya, 3ie Impact Evaluation Report 62. New Delhi: International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie)

Peer reviewed publications – under review or drafts in progress

1. **Stevens DR**, Starling A, Bommarito P, Keil AP, Nakiwala D, Calafat AM, Dabelea D, Ferguson K. Mid-pregnancy phthalate metabolites and phenols in relation to infant body composition: the Healthy Start study. *Environ Health Perspect*. [Under review]
2. **Stevens DR**, Rosen EM, Van Wickle K, McNell EE, Bommarito PA, Calafat AM, Botelho JC, Sinkovskaya E, Przybylska A, Abuhamad A, Saade G, Ferguson KK. Early pregnancy phthalates and replacements in relation to fetal growth: The Human Placenta and Phthalates Study. *Environ Res*. [Under review]
3. Rohn MCH\*†, **Stevens DR\***, Grobman WA, Deshane J, Biggio JR, Subramaniam A, Grantz K, Sherman S, Kumar R, Chen Z, Mendola P. Periconceptional medication discontinuation in relation to maternal-fetal morbidity. *Am J Perinatol*. [Under review]

4. Blaauwendraad SM, **Stevens DR**, van der Dries M, Gaillart R, Ferguson KK, Jaddoe VVW. Fetal organophosphate exposure and childhood adiposity measures in the general population. *Environ Health Perspect.* [Under review]
5. Bommarito PA, **Stevens DR**, Welch BM, Weller D, Meeker JD, Cantonwine DE, McElrath TF, Ferguson KK. Temporal trends and predictors of exposure to phthalates, phthalate replacements, and phenols in the LIFECODES Fetal Growth Study. *Environ Int.* [Under review]
6. Saizy S, Mendola P, Grobman W, Subramaniam, **Stevens DR**, Mumford SL, Larson K, Chen Z, Messer LC, Duncan V, Faye-Petersen O, Kumar R, Williams A. Prenatal exposure to perceived stress, maternal asthma, and placental size. *Placenta.* [Under review]
7. **Stevens DR**, Rosen EM, Welch B, Calafat AM, Keil AP, Landstrom A, Sinkovskaya E, Przybylska A, Abuhamad A, Saade G, Ferguson K. Phthalates and phthalate alternatives in relation to fetal cardiac development. [In progress]
8. **Stevens DR**, Rosen EM, McNell EE, Calafat AM, Botelho JC, Sinkovskaya E, Przybylska A, Abuhamad A, Saade G, Ferguson KK. Considerations for analysis of nonpersistent urinary biomarkers collected during pregnancy. [In progress]
9. **Stevens DR**, Martinez-Steele E, Bommarito P, Buckley J, Ferguson KK. Poly- and Perfluoroalkyl substances in relation to ultra-processed food intake. [In progress]
10. **Stevens DR**, Goldberg M, Adgent M, Chin H, Baird D, Stallings V, Rogan W, Umbach DM, Ferguson KK. Infant phenol exposure and growth: the Infant Feeding and Early Development Study. [In progress]
11. Rosen EM†, **Stevens DR**, McNell EE, Wood ME, Engel SM, Keil AP, Calafat AM, Botelho JC, Sinkovskaya E, Przybylska A, Abuhamad A, Saade G, Ferguson KK. Variability and longitudinal trajectories of phthalate and phthalate replacement biomarkers across pregnancy in the Human Placenta and Phthalates Study. [In progress]
12. Mateus J, **Stevens DR**, Grantz KL, Zhang Cuilin, Grewal J, Grobman WA, Owen J, Sciscione AC, Wapner RJ, Skupski D, Chien E, Wing DA, Ranzini AC, Nageotte MP, Albert PS, Newman RB. Fetal Biometry and Maternal Antenatal Factors Predictive of Labor Dystocia - Indicated Primary Cesarean Delivery at Term: NICHD Fetal Growth Studies. [In progress]

## SELECTED SCIENTIFIC PRESENTATIONS

Selected peer reviewed presentations

1. **Stevens DR**, Rosen EM, Welch B, Keil AP, Abuhamad A, Saade G, Ferguson K. (September 2022) Early pregnancy phthalate and phthalate alternative biomarkers in relation to fetal cardiac development. Poster presentation for the International Society for Environmental Epidemiology, Athens, Greece
2. Quiñones S†, **Stevens DR**, Ha S, Seeni I, Grantz KL, Mendola P. (September 2022) Association of acute ambient temperature with neonatal intensive care unit admissions: results of a case-crossover analysis. Poster presentation for the International Society for Environmental Epidemiology, Athens, Greece

3. Van Wickle K<sup>†</sup>, **Stevens DR**, Sinkovskaya E, Przybylska A, Abuhamad A, Saade G, Ferguson K. (July 2022) Gestational weight gain and phthalate exposure. Oral poster presentation for NIEHS Summer Internship Program, Durham, NC, US  
★ Awarded second place NIEHS Graduate Summer Internship Program poster, 2022
4. **Stevens DR**, Starling A, Bommarito P, Keil AP, Nakiwala D, Calafat AM, Dabelea D, Ferguson K. (June 2022) Mid-pregnancy phthalate metabolites and phenols in relation to infant body composition: the Healthy Start study. Poster presentation for the Society for Pediatric and Perinatal Epidemiologic Research 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting, Chicago, IL, US
5. **Stevens DR**, Keil AP, Bommarito P, McElrath T, Barrett ES, Bush N, Nguyen R, Sathyanarayana S, Swan S, Ferguson K. (November 2021) Urinary phthalate metabolite mixtures in pregnancy, omega-3s, and fetal growth. Oral presentation for the US Developmental Origins of Health and Disease 2021, Chapel Hill, NC, US
6. **Stevens DR**, Yeung E, Williams A, Hinkle S, Lipsky L, Ouidir M, Kanner J, Sherman S, Rohn MCH, Grobman W, Chen Z, Mendola P. (June 2021) Maternal asthma in relation to infant adiposity and growth. Speed talk for the Society for Pediatric and Perinatal Epidemiologic Research 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting, held virtually
7. **Stevens DR**, Perkins N, Chen Z, Kumar R, Grobman W, Subramaniam A, Grantz K, Rohn M, Williams A, Sherman S, Mendola P. (September 2020). Racial disparities in asthma control during pregnancy. Poster presentation at the American College of Epidemiology 2020 Annual Meeting, held virtually
8. **Stevens DR**, Ferguson PL, Commodore A, Cobbs, JR, Vena JE, Hunt KJ. (June 2019). The Association between a Child's Built Environment, Activity Levels, and Adiposity: A Multi-Racial Cohort of Children. Poster presentation at the Society for Epidemiologic Research 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, US
9. **Stevens DR**, Richard CL, Davis HT, Hunt KJ. (June 2019). Associations between Pregnancy Intention and Maternal and Offspring Health: A 2012-2015 South Carolina PRAMS Analysis. Poster presentation at the Society for Pediatric and Perinatal Epidemiologic Research 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, US
10. **Stevens DR**, Newman R, Taylor S, Roberts J, Vena J, Neelon B, Hunt KJ. (June 2018). The Effect of Intrauterine Exposure to Maternal Metabolic Disorders on Offspring Anthropometry in a Predominantly African American Cohort. Oral presentation at the Canadian Society for Epidemiology and Biostatistics National Student Conference, Thunder Bay, Ontario, CA
11. **Stevens DR**, Hunt KJ, Newman R, Monk C, Wapner R, Vena J. (May 2018). ECHO Originating from the NICHD Fetal Growth Studies. Poster presentation at Prenatal Programming & Toxicity VI, Faroe Islands
12. **Stevens DR**, Malek A, Laggis C, Hunt KJ. (September 2016). In Utero Exposure to Tobacco Smoke, Subsequent Cardiometabolic Risks and Metabolic Syndrome among U.S. Adolescents. Poster presentation for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Diabetes Fall Symposium for Primary Health Care Professionals, Charleston, SC, US
13. **Stevens, D**, The, N, Powers, AR, & Fair, ML (July 2015). Culinary Creations: A community-based support for policy change in the elementary school nutrition environment. Poster presentation for the Society of Nutrition Education and Behavior Annual Conference, Pittsburgh, PA.

## Selected non-referred presentations

1. **Stevens DR.** (November 2022). Environmental chemical exposures associated with fetal and pediatric growth. Oral presentation for the Region IV Public Health Training Center at the Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC, US
2. **Stevens DR.** (February 2022). Maternal prenatal omega-3 supplementation and infant obesity and atopic outcomes. Oral presentation for Office of Dietary Supplements, Virtual
3. **Stevens DR.** (December 2020). Obesity & Asthma in the B-WELL-Mom Cohort. Oral presentation for National Institute for Environmental Health Sciences, Virtual
4. **Stevens DR.** (March 2019). The Association between Maternal Metabolic Disorders during Pregnancy and Offspring Overweight/Obesity in Childhood. Oral presentation for Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, Baltimore, MD, US
5. **Stevens DR.** (February 2019). *Impact of Pregnancy Intention on Maternal and Infant Health.* Oral presentation for South Carolina Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System Quarterly Webinars, Charleston, SC, US
6. **Stevens DR.** (February 2017). *An Epidemiologic Examination of the Developmental Origins of Obesity.* Oral presentation for the MUSC Department of Public Health Sciences Brown Bag Lecture Series, Charleston, SC, US
7. **Stevens DR,** Vrana-Diaz CJ, Ndeche E, Korte JK, DeCelles J. (March 2018). *Soccer as a Grassroots Intervention to Tackle HIV/AIDS.* Oral presentation for the MUSC Global Health Week 2018, Charleston, SC, US
8. **Stevens DR,** Segars M, Beauclair B, Maxam M, Elam S, Rackley E. (March 2016). *Student Engagement in Global Health.* Oral presentation for the MUSC Global & Public Health Week 2016, Charleston, SC, US
9. **Stevens DR,** Vrana-Diaz CJ. (November 2015). *Implementation of an HIV Self-testing Intervention among ANC Patients.* Oral presentation for Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, SC, US

## MENTORING

NIEHS Summer Internship Program career panel | 2022

NIH Research Mentor Training course | 2022

Mentor for the Social Scientist | 2019-2020

Mentor for Letters to a Pre-Scientist program | 2019-2020

Mentor for Furman University's Engaging the Younger Public Health Generation | 2019

Informal mentor for high school through postdoctoral students and fellows | 2014 - Present

## TEACHING

Oregon State University

Guest lecturer for Advanced Epidemiologic Methods | 2023

Duke University

Guest lecturer for Environmental Health and Epidemiology | 2023

Xavier University

Guest lecturer for Intro to Public Health | 2022

Medical University of South Carolina

Teaching Assistant for Epidemiology III | 2018

Teaching Assistant for Epidemiology I | 2016

Teaching Assistant for Design & Conduct of Epidemiologic Studies | 2016

NIH's Scientists Teaching Science course | 2019

MUSC Graduate Students Reaching Out With Science | 2015

## **HONORS & AWARDS**

NIH Fellows Award for Research Excellence (FARE) Award | 2022

NIEHS June's Intramural Paper of the Month | 2022

US DOHAD Conference 2021 Trainee Travel Award | 2021

SER Lilienfeld Postdoctoral Prize Paper Award Finalist | 2021

MUSC College of Medicine High Impact Scientific Publication Award | 2018

First place student poster for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Diabetes Fall Symposium for Primary Health Care Professionals | 2016

Furman University Health Sciences Schonmeyer Scholarship Recipient | 2013

Furman University Sportsmedicine Scholarship Recipient | 2012

Furman University Achiever's Scholarship Recipient | 2010

## **CONTINUING EDUCATION**

Columbia Mixtures Bootcamp | 2022

NIH Grant Writing workshop | 2022

SPER Time-Varying G-Formula workshop (co-coordinator and attendee) | 2021

SER Causal Inference for Longitudinal Exposures workshop | 2020

SER Causal Inference workshop | 2018

## **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

Society for Epidemiologic Research (SER)

Society for Pediatric and Perinatal Epidemiologic Research (SPER)

International Society for Environmental Epidemiology (ISEE)

American College of Epidemiology (ACE)

American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS)

## **PROFESSIONAL SERVICE**

NIEHS Fellows Grant Peer Review Board

Co-chair, grant reviewer, and panelist. Responsible for organizing speakers and sessions on grant writing for NIEHS fellows (2021-Present)

Journal Club Coordinator

NIEHS Repro Lunch (2022-Present), NICHD Maternal Fetal Medicine (2019-2021)

Committees



NIEHS Epidemiology Branch Fellows' Professional Development (2022 – Present), SER Communications (2022 – Present), SPER Communications (2019 – Present), SPER Outreach (2022 – Present), SPER Trainee committee (2020 – 2022)

#### Poster Judge

NIH Annual Graduate Student Research Symposium (2019 – Present), NIH Postbachelorette Poster Day (2020)

#### Peer Reviewer

Paediatr Perinat Epidemiol, Am J Obstet Gynecol, Matern Child Health J, Early Hum Dev, Environ Res, Environ Health, Environ Int, Int J Environ Res Public Health, Sci Total Environ, Obes Sci Pract, Childhood Obesity, Public Health Nutr, Eur J Clin Nutr, Nutrients, Int J Epidemiol, Ann Epidemiol, PLOS One, BMJ Open, BMC Public Health

#### Abstract Reviewer

ISEE (2019, 2022), ISEE-NAC (2023), SPER (2020-2023), SER (2019-2023)

#### Grant/Application Reviewer

UKRI Future Leaders Fellowship Grant (2023), Asthma + Lung UK Research Grant (2022), ISEE Short Course (2020), MUSC Global Health Case Competition (2019), MUSC Global Health Trainee Travel Grant (2016)

#### Moderator

SPER “Pregnancy Outcomes” Speed Talks (2021), Canadian Society for Epidemiology and Biostatistics National Student Conference (2018)