The Nutrition Center Affiliated Scholars continue their streak of success during a tough funding climate, with even more grants being awarded.

- **Brie Turner-McGrievy, PhD**, was awarded the South Carolina Clinical and Translational Research Institute’s (SCTR) Pilot Project Program grant, for her proposal “Developing and Pilot Testing Agent-Mediated Social Networks for Modeling Healthy Behaviors”. This innovative research will be able to explore how social networks develop, support, and enhance healthy behaviors using collective data inputs.

- **Christine Blake, PhD**, was awarded a USC ASPIRE I proposal with co-investigators James Thrasher also from the department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior in the Arnold School of Public Health, Jiyeon Kim from Department of Retailing in the College of Hospitality, Retail & Sport Management, and Irmak Caglar from the Department of Marketing in Moore School of Business. It was funded by USC’s Vice President for Research’s office. The proposal entitled, “Using a novel experimental approach with eye tracking to examine how different front-of-package labels influence parents selection of foods and beverages for their children” will allow the team to develop, test, and refine an experimental protocol that will enable examination of the impact of different FOP nutrition rating systems on selection of healthier versus less healthy foods.

- **Angela Liese, PhD**, was awarded a USC ASPIRE II proposal; “Positioning USC for National Prominence in Food Security and Food Access Research”. It was also funded by USC’s Vice President for Research’s office. This grant aims to establish USC as a national thought-leader in policy-relevant research on childhood food security and food access.

**SNAP WAIVER DEBATE**

Dr. Ed Frongillo, Jr and Dr. Darcy Freedman have both played an active role in the SNAP waiver debate, at the State level.

**National Academy of Sciences Workshop on Research Opportunities for Child Hunger**

The National Research Council of the National Academies of Science Committee on Statistics Steering Committee for the Workshop, “Research Gaps and Opportunities on the Causes and Consequences of Child Hunger” invited both Dr. Sonya Jones and Dr. Edward Frongillo, Jr., to convene with other leaders in the field to set a direction for future child hunger research. The workshop was held 4/8 – 4/9 at the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, DC.

The Nutrition Center 3rd Annual Symposium as a tremendous success, thanks to sponsors, speakers, and attendees. Powerpoints should be available on the website, over the next few days.
Affiliated Scholar gave great representation again this year at the Experimental Biology Conference. For more abstracts, click here.


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