Faculty, staff, students, and community members are invited to the 2nd Annual Symposium, “Healthy Eating in Context: Local Solutions, Global Challenges.” This year, The Center for Research in Nutrition and Health Disparities has teamed up with the Environment and Sustainability Program to host the symposium. It will be held on Friday, March 30, 2012 at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center.

The morning will begin with keynote speaker, Roni Neff, and follow with oral and poster presentations. The event is expected to start around 8:30am and end by 4:00pm. Details of exact times will be released closer to the time of the event. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

The symposium will serve to convene researchers and community members to encourage collaboration and cross-fertilization of ideas for the sustainable food system development for the health of people and planet.

Communities and policy makers across the nation are working to identify ways to build sustainable food systems. The motivations for building a sustainable food system vary and include desires to increase access to healthy food, provide adaptive responses to climate change, improve economic opportunity for rural and urban food producers, and address concerns about the environmental impacts of the globalized food system. This symposium will highlight the challenges facing the food system and the innovations being developed in communities.

Please visit http://nutritioncenter.sph.sc.edu/symposium.shtml for more information, to upload abstracts, and to register. Abstracts for this event are open to faculty members, staff, students, and community members and are due on February 29, 2012. Community members are also invited to display a community exhibit.

To receive symposium materials at registration, please register by March 23, 2012. Late registration and walk-ins will be accepted as space allows, and symposium materials will be distributed as available.

For more details or questions, contact, Holly Pope, PhD, MSPH, Director of Communications, Center for Research in Nutrition and Health Disparities, Arnold School of Public Health, USC, hpope@mailbox.sc.edu, 803.556.1122
Nutrition Center Affiliated Scholars Recent Publications:


Dr. Orgul Demet Ozturk is an Assistant Professor of Economics in the Darla Moore School of Business at the University of South Carolina. She received her Ph.D. from University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2006.

Dr. Ozturk’s academic research interests are in Applied Microeconomics fields, specifically in Labor Economics and Health Economics. Dr. Ozturk has written articles on effects of labor market regulations and minimum wages on female employment, effectiveness of supported employment programs for developmentally disabled, relationship between occupation choice and welfare independence, and effects of maternal employment and welfare use on children’s cognitive outcomes appearing in journals such as the Journal of Policy Analysis and Management, Economic Inquiry, Industrial and Labor Relations Review and Journal of Managerial and Decision Economics. She is currently working on projects on childhood nutrition, female career development and rare conditions observed among developmentally disabled.

Dr. Ozturk has received the following grants:

- DHHS CDC Grant for “South Carolina Study of Persons with Rare Disorders” Co-Investigator, with Suzanne McDermott, Joshua Mann and James Harden
- USDA-ERS FANRP Grant for “Children’s Food Choices: Understanding Defaults” with Melayne McInnes, Edward Frangillo, Sonya Jones, Cristina Blake
- SC Developmental Disabilities Council grant for “Maximizing the Effectiveness of Supported Employment for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities” with Melayne Morgan McInnes.

She has professional affiliations with the Society of Labor Economists, International Health Economics Association and the American Economic Association.


OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

March 23, 2012 Nutrition Center Seminar Series, HESC 104, 2:00 – 3:00, Phoenix Do, PhD. Speaking on “Investigating the connection between neighborhoods and health: a longitudinal perspective”

April 6, 2012 Nutrition Center Seminar Series, HESC 104, 2:00 – 3:00, Justin Moore, PhD. Speaking on “Association of the built environment with physical activity and adiposity in rural and urban children”

March is National Nutrition Month.
The theme for March 2012 is "Get Your Plate in Shape."

National Nutrition Month® is a nutrition education and information campaign created annually in March by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. The campaign focuses attention on the importance of making informed food choices and developing sound eating and physical activity habits. The key messages are featured in the "Get Your Plate in Shape" Nutrition Tip Sheet. Information can be found on the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics website (formerly the American Dietetic Association) at http://www.eatright.org/nnm/

New Grant Funding Opportunities:

- Public Health Traineeships, HRSA-12-005, Due: March 5, 2012
- Public Health Services and Systems Research: Building Evidence for Decision-Making, RWJF, Due: March 6, 2012
- Leadership Education in Adolescent Health, HRSA-12-015, Due: March 16, 2012
- PAR-12-102, Academic-Community Partnership Conference Series (R13), Due: April 4, 2012
- RFA-MD-12-003, NIMHD Social, Behavioral, Health Services, and Policy Research on Minority Health and Health Disparities (R01), NIH, Due: June 04, 2012
- RFA-MD-12-004, NIMHD Basic and Applied Biomedical Research on Minority Health and Health Disparities (R01), NIH, Due: June 11, 2012
- PA-12-100, Administrative Supplements to Existing NIH Grants and Cooperative Agreements(Parent Admin Supp), NIH, due date vary based on IC.
- PAR-12-094, Exploratory/Developmental Grants Program for Basic Cancer Research in Cancer Health Disparities (R21), NIH, Due: June 20, 2012
- RFA-DK-12-004, Nutrition Obesity Research Centers (P30), NIH, June 29, 2012

If you would like submission assistance with the above announcements, or any others, please contact Sarah Epting at srgause@mailbox.sc.edu or 777-6363.

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