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EDUCATION

1985 BA Psychology, Minor Sociology
State University of New York at Geneseo

1992 MPH Health Promotion and Education
University of South Carolina, Columbia

1995 PhD Public Health, Health Promotion and Education
University of South Carolina, Columbia

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

2006-Present Associate Professor (Tenured)
Department of Community and Family Health
College of Public Health
University of South Florida

2004-2006 Associate Professor, Assistant Program Director MPH
Department of Community and Environmental Health
College of Health Sciences
Old Dominion University

1998-2004 Assistant to Associate Professor
Department of Health Behavior and Administration
College of Health and Human Services
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Awarded Promotion to Associate Professor and Permanent Tenure 2004

1995-1998 Assistant Professor, Tenure Track
Department of Health Sciences
College of Health Professions
Armstrong Atlantic State University, Savannah, Georgia

- 1995 Assistant Instructor, "Obesity and Eating Disorders"
Department of Health Promotion and Education
School of Public Health
University of South Carolina, Columbia
- 1992-1995 Instructor, "Personal and Community Health"
Department of Health Promotion and Education
School of Public Health
University of South Carolina, Columbia

OTHER EXPERIENCE

- 2000-2004 Endurance Nutrition Consultant
Leukemia Society, Team in Training
Charlotte, North Carolina
- 2001-Present Evaluator
Girls on the Run, Developmentally focused youth sport program
Charlotte, NC
- 2006-2007 Consultant
Evaluation of Hillsborough STEPS Program
Tampa, Florida

TEACHING

**University of North Carolina at Charlotte, College of Health and Human Services
Department of Health Behavior and Administration**

UNDERGRADUATE COURSES

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| 1. | HLED 2160 | Nutrition for Health Fitness |
| 2. | HLTH 4290 | Epidemiology |
| 3. | HPKD 2101 | Healthy Lifestyles |
| 4. | HPKD 3130 | Life-Time Weight Management |
| 5. | HPKD 3140 | Behavior Change for Health Fitness |
| 6. | HPKD 4660 | Practitioner Seminar |

GRADUATE COURSES

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| 7. | HLED 5130 | Applied Nutrition |
| 8. | HLED 6471 | Graduate Internship |
| 9. | HLTH 6899 | Evaluation of Community Health Programs |
| 10. | HPKD 6153 | Worksite Wellness |
| 11. | HPKD 6154 | Health Promotion Planning and Evaluation |
| 12. | HPKD 6250 | Health Promotion Methods |

**Old Dominion University, College of Health Sciences,
Department of Community and Environmental Health
Eastern Virginia Medical School, Joint Program in Public Health**

GRADUATE COURSES

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| 13. | HLSC 600 | Principles of Community Health |
| 14. | HLSC 814 | Theory in Health Sciences |
| 15. | MPH 722 | Methods of Program Evaluation |
| 16. | MPH 768 | MPH Practicum A |

**University of South Florida, College of Public Health
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GRADUATE COURSES

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| 17. | PHC 6508 | Case Studies in Health Education |
| 18. | PHC 6521 | Public Health Nutrition |
| 19. | PHC 6907 | Independent Study: Case Studies in Health Education: Lizbeth Reyes |
| 20. | PHC 6907 | Independent Study: Nutrition and Social Marketing: John Trainor, Cassandra Workman, Stephanie Melton |
| 21. | PHC 6907 | Independent Study: Public Health Nutrition, Suzanne Wright |
| 22. | PHC 6500 | Theoretical and Behavioral Basis of Health Education |
| 23. | PHC 6934 | Program Planning Methods in Community Health |
| 24. | PHC 6977 | Special Project: Andrea Batha |
| 25. | PHC 6977 | Special Project: Courtney Delmar |
| 26. | PHC 6977 | Special Project: Michael Burke |
| 27. | PHC 6977 | Special Project: Kendra Austin |
| 28. | PHC 7405 | Theoretical Foundations of Community and Family Health |
| 29. | PHC 7935 | Professional Foundations II: Teaching Methods |

STUDENT COMMITTEES/SUPERVISION

**University of North Carolina at Charlotte, College of Health and Human Services
Department of Health Behavior and Administration****MASTER THESIS COMMITTEES**

1. Student Name: Holly Wethington, MSPH
Title: Eating Attitudes, Body Image, and Nutrient Intake in Female Triathletes
Role: Thesis Committee Chair
Defense Year: 2000
2. Student Name: S. Leigha Jordan, MSPH
Title: Body Mass Index and Blood Pressure among Preschoolers
Implementation of University Demand Management Program
Role: Thesis Committee Member and Research Preceptor
Defense Year: 2000
3. Student Name: M.K. Knollmeyer, MSPH
Title: The Effect of Chair Massage on the Perception of Stress by Hospital Bedside Nurses
Role: Thesis Committee Chair
Defense Year: 2004

CAPSTONE PROJECTS

1. Student Name: Susan Bailey, MSPH
Title: Planned and developed Charlotte Area Worksite Wellness Resource Network website
Role: Capstone Project Preceptor and Faculty Advisor
Year: 1998-1999
2. Student Name: Jessica Ellis, MSPH
Title: Charlotte Worksite Wellness Website: Charlotte Area Worksite Health Promotion Resource Network
Conducted qualitative research analysis of focus groups, planned, and developed Charlotte Area Worksite Wellness Resource Network website
Role: Capstone Project Preceptor and Faculty Advisor
Year: 1998-1999
3. Student Name: Camina Davis, MSPH
Title: IMAGES: Issues Most Adolescent Guys and Girls Encounter in Society
Role: Capstone Project Preceptor and Faculty Advisor
Year: 2002-2003

4. Student Name: Audrea Moten, MSPH
Title: Soy Latinas
Role: Capstone Project Preceptor and Faculty Advisor
Year: 2003
5. Student Name: Toshia Davis, MSPH
Title: LEAP: Lifestyle Enhancement and Physical Activity among African American Women
Role: Capstone Project Preceptor and Faculty Advisor
Year: 2003

OTHER ROLES

1. Student Name: Liz Fassett, MSPH
Title: Research preceptor for grant entitled, "Implementation of University Demand Management Program"
Role: Faculty Advisor and Research Preceptor
Year: 2000
2. Student Name: Takiyya McKaskill, Undergraduate Student
Title: Eating and Exercise Attitudes and Beliefs Among African American College Students
Role: UNC Charlotte McNair Scholars Mentor
Year: 2001
3. Student Name: Tamara Watlington, Undergraduate Student
Title: Body-Image Perceptions Among African American College Students
Role: UNC Charlotte McNair Scholars Mentor
Year: 2002
4. Student Name: Angel Roberts, MSPH
Title: Research preceptor for NIH grant entitled, "Eating Disorders and Dental Practitioners"
Research preceptor for grant entitled, "Evaluation of Girls on the Run"
Role: Faculty Advisor and Research Preceptor
Year: 2003
5. Student Name: Nicole Dowsett, MSPH
Title: Research preceptor for grant entitled, "Disordered Eating Patterns in Female Triathletes: A Theoretically Based Exploration of its Causes"
Research preceptor for "Evaluation of Strive for 5"
Role: Faculty Advisor and Research Preceptor
Year: 2003

6. Student Names: Lakeshia Anders, Sophia Jordan-Marshall, Shelly Kay, MSPH Students
Title: Abstract entitled, "I Am My Sister's Keeper," accepted for presentation at 2003 American Public Health Association Meeting
Role: Faculty Advisor
Year: 2003
7. Student Names: Vanessa Perry, Arylette Brown, Antoinette Smith, MSPH and Ph.D. Students
Title: Abstract entitled, "Let's Talk About Sex," accepted for presentation at 2003 American Public Health Association Meeting
Role: Faculty Advisor
Year: 2003

**Old Dominion University, College of Health Sciences
Department of Community and Environmental Health
Eastern Virginia Medical School, Joint Program in Public Health**

DOCTORAL DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

1. Student Name: Susan Tweed, Ph.D. Candidate Health Services Research
Title: Union Supported Worksite Wellness: An application of the Precede/Proceed Model
Role: Dissertation Committee Chair
Year: 2006

MASTER THESIS COMMITTEES

1. Student Name: Leslie Smith, MS Community Health Graduate Student
Title: The relationship between the built environment and physical activity among middle school students
Role: Thesis Committee Chair
Year: 2005

CAPSTONE PROJECTS

1. Student Name: Camilla Buchanan, MPH Graduate Student
Title: Educational assessment of factors affecting hand washing behaviors of caregivers of children under five years of age in the village of Losho
Role: Practicum Advisor
Year: 2005
2. Student Name: Kevin Prince, MPH Graduate Student
Title: Patient education assessment: Chesapeake General Hospital
Role: Practicum Advisor
Year: 2006

INDEPENDENT STUDIES

1. Student Name: Ann Marie Kopitzki, Ph.D. Student
Title: Health Services Research
One abstract accepted for presentation at the 2005 Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association
Role: Faculty Advisor
Year: 2004-2005
2. Student Name: Yan Zhang, Ph.D. Graduate Health Services Research
Title: Health Services Research
Submitted two manuscripts currently under peer review, one manuscript in preparation
One abstract accepted for presentation at the 2005 Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association
Role: Faculty Advisor
Year: 2004-2005
3. Student Name: Camilla Buchanan, MD/MPH Graduate Student
Title: Program planning and evaluation of a public health program for the Maasi
Role: Independent Study Mentor
Year: 2005-2006

**University of South Florida, College of Public Health
Department of Community and Family Health**

DOCTORAL DISSERTATION COMMITTEES

1. Student Name: Guy Cafri, Ph.D. Candidate Psychology
Title: Investigating the role of appearance-based factors in predicting sunbathing and tanning salon use
Role: Committee Member (J. Kevin Thompson, Chair)
Year: 2007-2008
2. Student Name: Katherine Kelly, Ph.D. Candidate Anthropology
Title: An Anthropological Study: Does Intergenerational Perception of Body Image Satisfaction Lead to Eating Disorders?
Role: Committee Member (Nancy Romero-Daza, Chair)
Year: 2007-Present
3. Student Name: Jennifer Nickelson, Ph.D. Candidate Public Health
Title: A modified obesity proneness models in prediction of weight status among high school students
Role: Committee Member (Carol Bryant, Chair)
Year: 2007-2008
4. Student Name: Edgar Amador, Ph.D. Candidate Anthropology
Title: Acculturation, stress, and obesity (formal title TBD)
Role: Committee Member (David Himmelgreen, Chair)
Year: 2007-Present

5. Student Name: Elizabeth Danforth, Ph.D. Candidate Anthropology
Title: How does international nutrition policy reach adolescents at the local level?
Role: Committee Member (David Himmelgreen, Chair)
Year: 2007-Present
6. Student Name: Jason Miller, Ph.D. Candidate Anthropology
Title: TBD
Role: Committee Member (Kathryn Boarman, Chair)
Year: 2008-Present
7. Student Name: John Trainor, Ph.D. Candidate Anthropology
Title: TBD
Role: Committee Member (David Himmelgreen, Chair)
Year: 2008-Present
8. Student Name: Racine Brown, Ph.D. Candidate Anthropology
Title: An assessment of the co-occurrence of economic and dietary changes in a small island community (formal title TBD)
Role: Committee Member (David Himmelgreen, Chair)
Year: 2009-Present
9. Student Name: Deborah Cragan, Public Health
Title: TBD
Role: Chair
Year: 2009-Present
10. Student Name: Amanda Terry, Anthropology
Title: TBD
Role: Committee Member (David Himmelgreen, Chair)
Year: 2009-Present
11. Student Name: Airia Papodopoulos, Anthropology
Title: An examination of cultural variation among Black adolescent girls in the perception of obesity and weight-related depression through examining fat stigmatization.
Role: Committee Member (Roberta Baer, Chair)
Year: 2010-Present

MASTER THESIS COMMITTEES

1. Student Name: Claire Bell, MPH Candidate
Title: Factors that influence nutrition appointment and attendance
Role: Committee member (Carol Bryant, Chair)
Year: 2007-2009

2. Student Name: Jenna Brunaugh, MSPH Candidate
Title: Evaluation of the BMI Report Card in Hillsborough, Co
Role: Chair
Year: 2009-2010

HONORS THESIS COMMITTEES

1. Student Name: Melissa Lewis, BS Political Science Candidate
Title: An exploration of racial and gender differences in body image and body shape preferences among college students
Role: Committee Chair
Year: 2007

2. Student Name: Stephanie Hinton, BS Accounting
Title: A theory-based assessment of vitamin and mineral supplement use among college students
Role: Committee Chair
Year: 2008

3. Student Name: Chelsea Russell, BS Political Science
Title: Assessing the need for mandatory health programming among USF undergraduate college students
Role: Committee Chair
Year: 2011

CAPSTONE PROJECTS

1. Student Name: Courtney Delmar, MPH
Title: Relationship between physical activity, body image, and self-esteem among 3-5th graders
Role: Faculty Advisor
Year: 2006

2. Student Name: Michael Burke, MPH
Title: Evaluation of a developmentally focused youth sport program for 3rd to 5th grade girls
Role: Faculty Advisor
Year: 2006

INDEPENDENT STUDIES

1. Student Name: Suzanne Wright, MPH Candidate
Title: Public Health Nutrition
Role: Faculty Advisor
Year: 2006
2. Student Name: Lizbeth Reyes, MPH Candidate
Title: Case Studies in Health Education
Role: Faculty Advisor
Year: 2006
3. Student Name: John Trainor, Ph.D. Candidate
Title: Nutrition and Social Marketing
Role: Faculty Advisor
Year: 2007
4. Student Name: Cassandra Workman, Ph.D. Candidate
Title: Nutrition and Social Marketing
Role: Faculty Advisor
Year: 2007
5. Student Name: Stephanie Melton, Ph.D. Candidate
Title: Nutrition and Social Marketing
Role: Faculty Advisor
Year: 2007

RESEARCH: GRANTS AND CONTRACTS**CURRENT**

Title: Transforming Women's Health: Exploring the Oral/Systemic Connection as a New Paradigm to Improve Women's Health
Source: USF College of Public Health Interdisciplinary Grant
PIs: Dr. Ellen Daley and **Dr. Rita DiGioacchino DeBate**
Dates: April 2010 to August 2011
Amount: \$99,968
Role: Principal Investigator

Title: Adapting a web-based eating disorder program for oral health training
Source: **NIH: 1 RC1 DE020274-01**
PI: **Dr. Rita DiGioacchino DeBate**
Dates: September 2009-August 2011
Amount: \$1,258,454 (with indirects)
Role: Principal Investigator

Title: Teen Outreach Program replication project: A randomized control trial of the TOP in 26 non-metropolitan Florida counties
 Source: Office of Adolescent Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
 PI: Dr. Eric Buhi
 Dates: 12/2010-2015
 Amount: \$2,5000,000
 Role: Co-Investigator

Title: Assessment of self-esteem, eating behaviors, body-image and physical activity attitudes and behaviors among 3-5th grade girls
 Source: Girls on the Run International
 PI: **Dr. Rita DiGiacchino DeBate**; Dr. Elizabeth Racine
 Dates: March 2008 to August 2009
 Amount: \$45,000 (with indirect)
 Role: Co-Principal Investigator

NEW SUBMISSIONS:

Title: Analysis of a theory-based program for secondary prevention of eating disorders (R01)
 Source: NIH, NIDCR
 PI: **Dr. Rita DiGiacchino DeBate**
 Dates: Submission date, February 2011
 Amount: \$2,654,502 (with indirect)
 Role: PI with Dr. Herb Severson (MPI)

RESUBMISSIONS

Title: Girls on the Run: Evaluating a physical activity youth development program (R01)
 Source: NIH, NICHD
 PI: **Dr. Rita DiGiacchino DeBate**
 Dates: Re-submission date: June 2011
 Amount: \$2,816,236 (with indirect)
 Role: PI with Dr. Maureen Weiss (MPI)

Title: We Run this City (R21)
 Source: NIH, NICHD
 PI: Dr. Elaine Borawski
 Dates: Re-submission date, March 2011
 Amount: \$ 250,000 (without indirect)
 Role: Consultant

Title: Exploring Intentions among Oral Health Providers to Discuss HPV-related Oral Cancer with Patients (R21)
 Source: NIH, NIDCR
 PI: Dr. Ellen Daley
 Dates: Re-submission date: June 2011
 Amount: \$385,843 (with indirect)
 Role: Co-Investigator

PREVIOUSLY FUNDED GRANTS

Title: Triggers to Binge Eating
Source: Hilton Head Health Institute
PI: Dr. Rita DiGioacchino
Year: 1994
Amount: \$10,000 (no indirect)
Role: Principal Investigator

Title: Growing Healthy
Source: Memorial Medical Center, Savannah, Georgia
PI: Dr. Camille Stern
Year: 1998
Amount: \$10,000(no indirect)
Role: Co-Principal Evaluator

Title: Extending Experiential Learning through State of the Art Technology
Source: Georgia Regents Opportunity Grant
Armstrong Atlantic State University, Savannah, Georgia
PI: Dr. Rita DiGioacchino
Year: 1998
Amount: \$9,522(no indirect)
Role: Principal Investigator

Title: HealthyStart: Formative Evaluation
Source: Healthy Start Initiative, Savannah, Georgia
PI: Dr. Robert LeFavi
Year: 1998
Amount: \$20,000(no indirect)
Role: Co-Principal Investigator

Title: St. Joseph's Women's Center Evaluation
Source: St. Joseph's Hospital, Savannah, Georgia
PI: Dr. Rita DiGioacchino
Year: 1998
Amount: \$15,000(no indirect)
Role: Principal Investigator

Title: Assessment of Practitioners' Knowledge and Skill in the Identification, Treatment, and Referral of Eating Disorders
Source: UNC Charlotte Faculty Research Grant, Charlotte, North Carolina
PI: Dr. Rita DiGioacchino
Year: 1998
Amount: \$3,500(no indirect)
Role: Principal Investigator

Title: Readiness to Learn Assessment
Source: SmartStart, Gaston and Lincoln Counties, North Carolina
PI: Dr. Gerald Pyle
Year: 1999
Amount: \$98,000 (with indirect)
Role: Co-Principal Investigator

Title: Assessment of Needs for Child Care: Partnership for Children of Lincoln and Gaston Counties
Source: SmartStart of Gaston and Lincoln Counties, North Carolina
PI: Dr. Gerald Pyle
Year: 1999
Amount: \$9,800 (with indirect)
Role: Co-Principal Investigator

Title: The Implementation and Evaluation of a University Demand Management Program: A Cost Effectiveness Analysis and Utilization of Services Review
Source: UNC Charlotte Summer Faculty Research Grant
PI: Dr. Lynne Robinson
Year: 1999
Amount: \$4,700 (no indirect)
Role: Co-Principal Investigator

Title: SmartStart Community Health and Family Support Assessment
Source: SmartStart Gaston and Lincoln Counties, North Carolina
PI: Dr. Gerald Pyle
Year: 2000
Amount: \$237,702(with indirect)
Role: Co-Principal Investigator

Title: Eating Disorders and Impact on Performance
Phase 1: An Assessment of Male and Female Triathletes
Source: UNC Charlotte Faculty Grant
PI: Dr. Rita DiGiacchino
Year: 2000
Amount: \$4,694(no indirect)

Role: Principal Investigator
Title: Disordered Eating Patterns in Female Triathletes: A Theoretically Based Exploration of its Causes
Source: UNC Charlotte Junior Faculty Research Grant
PI: Dr. Rita DiGiacchino
Year: 2001
Amount: \$5,998(no indirect)
Role: Principal Investigator

- Title: Interdisciplinary Community Engagement and Service Learning
Source: UNC Charlotte Academic Program Improvement Grant
PI: Susan Rogers
Year: 2001
Amount: \$15,400(no indirect)
Role: Co-Principal Investigator
- Title: IMAGES: Issues Most Adolescent Girls/Guys Encounter in Society
Source: Carolinas Community Health Institute, Charlotte, North Carolina
PI: Dr. Rita DiGiacchino
Year: 2001
Amount: \$12,863(no indirect)
Role: Principal Investigator
- Title: Dental Practitioners and Eating Disorders Prevention
Source: **NIH/NIDCR: 1 R15 DE13963-01A1**
PI: **Dr. Rita DiGiacchino DeBate**
Dates: July 2001 to June 2005
Amount: \$207,000 (with indirect)
Role: Principal Investigator
- Title: IMAGES: Issues Most Adolescent Girls/Guys Encounter in Society
Source: Carolinas Community Health Institute, Charlotte, North Carolina
PI: Dr. Rita DiGiacchino
Year: 2002
Amount: \$8,110 (Continuation)
Role: Principal Investigator
- Title: The Effect of Chair Massage on Stress Perception Among Hospital Bedside Nurses
Source: American Massage Therapy Association Foundation
PI: M.K. Knollmeyer
Year: 2002
Amount: \$3,900(no indirect)
Role: Co-Principal Investigator
- Title: Eating Attitudes and Body Image Among Female Adolescent Athletes Participating in a Running Program
Source: Girls on the Run International
PI: Dr. Rita DiGiacchino
Year: 2002
Amount: \$10,000 (with indirect)
Role: Principal Investigator
- Title: Formative Evaluation: WIC
Source: Gaston County Health Department, Gaston, North Carolina

PI: Dr. Rita DiGiacchino DeBate
Year: 2002
Amount: \$15,000 (with indirect)
Role: Principal Investigator

Title: Project REST
Source: Funded as part of REST NIH (Grant # RO1 AT0100601A2)
PI: Jean Kutner, MD, MSPH
Year: 2003
Amount: \$3,750 (with indirect)
Role: Site Evaluator

Title: Formative Evaluation: Girls on the Run
Source: Girls on the Run International
PI: Dr. Rita DiGiacchino DeBate
Year: 2003
Amount: \$11,000 (Continuation)
Role: Principal Investigator

Title: Charlotte REACH 2010: Qualitative Assessment
Source: Carolinas Healthcare System: Community Health Institute
Funded as part of REACH 2010 Cooperative Agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
PI: Dr. Marcus Plescia
Year: 2003 (with indirect)
Amount: \$970,000 for 4 years, \$16,000
Role: Principal Investigator

Title: Male Involvement Pregnancy Prevention Project: Impact evaluation
Source: Mecklenburg County Health Department
PI: Dr. Rita DiGiacchino DeBate
Year: 2004
Amount: \$13,000(no indirect)
Role: Principal Investigator

Title: Dental Practitioners and Eating Disorders Prevention
Source: **NIH/NIDCR: 1 R15 DE13963-01A1**
PI: **Dr. Rita DiGiacchino DeBate**
Year: 2004
Amount: \$64,000 (direct-transfer)
Role: Principal Investigator

Title: Assessment of self-esteem, eating behaviors, body-image and physical activity attitudes and behaviors among 3-5th grade girls
Source: Girls on the Run International
PI: Dr. Rita DiGiacchino DeBate
Year: 2004

Amount: \$14,000 (continuation)
 Role: Principal Investigator

Title: Increasing Behavioral Capacity among Dental Practitioners via a Web-Based Secondary Prevention Toolkit
 Source: Old Dominion University Collaborative Research Grants
 PI: Dr. Rita DiGiacchino DeBate
 Year: 2005
 Amount: \$17,000(no indirect)
 Role: Principal Investigator

Title: Assessment of Eating Disorder Secondary Prevention Curriculum in Dental and Dental Hygiene Schools
 Source: Old Dominion University Multidisciplinary Research Grant
 PI: Dr. Rita DiGiacchino DeBate
 Year: 2005
 Amount: \$3,000(no indirect)
 Role: Principal Investigator

Title: Computer-Assisted Assessment of the Intra-Individual Variability and Level of Real-Life Body Image Experiences
 Source: Old Dominion Research Foundation
 PI: Dr. Rita DiGiacchino DeBate; Dr. Tom Cash
 Dates: June 2006 to January 2007
 Amount: \$19,500(no indirect)
 Role: Co-Principal Investigator

Title: Web-based Training for Secondary Prevention of Eating Disorders
 Source: **NIH, NIMH; 1R43MH080474-01**
 PI: **Dr. Rita DiGiacchino DeBate; Dr. Herb Severson**
 Dates: August 2007 to October 2008
 Amount: \$186,247 (with indirect)
 Role: Co-Principal Investigator

Title: Linking Work with Family Health: The Importance of the Family Dinner
 Source: USF Interdisciplinary Initiative on Sustainable Community in the Humanities and Social Sciences
 PI: Dr. Tammy Allen
 Dates: 2007-2009
 Amount: \$142,497 (no indirect)
 Role: Co-Investigator

Title: Community-Based Prevention Marketing: Building Local Capacity for Disease Prevention and Health Promotion
 Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
 PI: Dr. Carol Bryant

Dates: September 29, 2004 – September 30, 2006
Amount: \$2,479,703 (with indirect)
Role: Co-Investigator

Title: Florida Childhood Obesity Prevention (FCOP)
Source: CDC: 1H75DP001733-01
PI: Dr. Robert McDermott
Dates: August 2008 to July 2009
Amount: \$526,636 (with indirect)
Role: Co-Principal Investigator

PUBLICATIONS

PEER REVIEWED

1. **DIGIOACCHINO RF**, Sargent R, Rankin HJ, Sharpe P, Miller P, Hussey JR, Tavakoli AS (1997). Factors Associated with Weight Change Among Clients of a Residential Weight Control Program Indicating Binge and Non-Binge Traits. *Addictive Behaviors*, 22 (3), 293-303.
2. **DIGIOACCHINO, RF**, Sargent RG (1999) Binge Eating and its Relationship to Multiple Weight Control Program Attendance and Alternative Methods of Weight Control. *Journal of Eating and Weight Disorders*, 3(4), 173-178.
3. **DIGIOACCHINO RF**, Sargent R, Sharpe PA, Miller P (1999) Gender Differences Among Those Exhibiting Characteristics of Binge Eating Disorder. *Journal of Eating and Weight Disorders*, 4,76-80.
4. **DIGIOACCHINO RF** (2000). Eating Disorders: A Reference Sourcebook. [Book Review]*Social Science and Medicine*, 50(3), 447.
5. Sargent RG, **DIGIOACCHINO RF**, Miller PM, Rankin HH, Sharpe PA, Hussey JR (2000) Expanding the Criteria for Defining Success when Evaluating Weight Loss Intervention Programs. *Eating Behaviors*, 1,137-144.
6. **DIGIOACCHINO RF**, Keenan MF, Sargent RG (2000). Assessment of Dental Practitioners in the Secondary and Tertiary Prevention of Eating Disorders. *Eating Behaviors*, 1, 79-91.
7. Gromel K, Sargent RG, Watkins J, Shoob HD, Miller P, **DIGIOACCHINO RF**, Malin A. (2000). Measurements of Body Image in Clinical Weight Loss Participants with and Without Binge-Eating Traits. *Eating Behaviors*, 1, 191-202.
8. **DIGIOACCHINO RF**, Sargent RG, Topping M (2001) Body Dissatisfaction among White and African-American Male and Female College Students. *Eating Behaviors*, 2, 39-50.
9. **DIGIOACCHINO RF** (2001). Community Worksite Wellness Website: Charlotte Area Worksite Health Promotion Resource Network. *Health Education & Behavior*, 28 (4), 398-399.

10. **DIGIOACCHINO RF**, Topping M, Sargent R (2001). Racial and Gender Differences in Weight Status and Dietary Practices Among College Students. *ADOLESCENCE*, 36 (144), 819-834.
11. **DEBATE RD**, Wethington, H., Sargent, R.G. (2001). Subclinical Eating Disorder Characteristics Among Male and Female Triathletes. *International Journal of Eating and Weight Disorders*, 7(3), 210-220.
12. **DEBATE RD**, Wethington H, Sargent RG (2001). Body Size Dissatisfaction Among Male and Female Triathletes. *International Journal of Eating and Weight Disorders*, 7(4), 316-323.
13. Wethington H, **DEBATE RD**, Flowers C, Turner M. (2002). Eating Attitudes, Body Image, and Nutrient Intake in Female Triathletes. *Women in Sport and Physical Activity Journal*. 11(2)Fall, 115-139.
14. **DEBATE RD** (2003). Oxford Textbook of Public Health: The Scope of Public Health (4th Edition) edited by Roger Detels, James McEwen, Robert Beaglehole and Heizo Tanaka. [Book Review] *Social Science and Medicine*, 57(8), 1527.
15. **DEBATE RD**, Davis T (2004). LEAP: Lifestyle Enhancement for African-American Women Population. *Journal of Health Education & Behavior*, 31(6).
16. Knollmeyer, MK & **DEBATE RD** (2004). The Effects of Chair Massage on the Stress Perception of Hospital Bedside Nurses. *Massage Therapy Journal*, 43(1), 77-86.
17. **DEBATE RD**, Plescia M, Joyner D, Spann L (2004). A Qualitative Assessment of Charlotte REACH: An Ecological Perspective for Decreasing CVD and Diabetes Among African-Americans. *Ethnicity and Disease*, 14, 77-82.
18. Thompson SH, Smith P, **DIGIOACCHINO DEBATE R** (2004). Performance-Related Injuries and Exercise Orientation of National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I, II, and III Female Collegiate Cross Country Runners. *Women in Sport and Physical Activity Journal*, 13(2), 17-26.
19. **DEBATE RD**, Tedesco LA, Kerschbaum WE (2005) Knowledge of Oral and Physical Manifestations of Anorexia and Bulimia Nervosa among Dentists and Dental Hygienists. *Journal of Dental Education*, 69: 346-354
20. **DEBATE RD**, Thompson S (2005). Girls on the Run: Improvements in Self-esteem, Body size satisfaction and Eating Attitudes/Behaviors. *International Journal of Eating and Weight Disorders*, 10 March: 25-32.
21. **DEBATE RD** & Plescia M (2005). I Could Live Other Places, but This is Where I Want to Be: Support for Natural Helper Initiatives. *International Quarterly of Community Health Education*, 23(4), 343-355.
22. **DEBATE RD**, Tedesco LA, Kerschbaum WE (2005). Oral Health Providers and Secondary Prevention of Disordered Eating: An Application of the Transtheoretical Model. *Journal of Dental*

- Hygiene*, 79(4), p 10-10(1).
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4. DEBATE RD & Pyle GF (2003) Gaston County WIC: Identifiers for Early Entry, Gaston County Health Department, Gaston, NC.
5. DEBATE RD (2003). A Qualitative Assessment of Charlotte REACH: An Ecological Perspective for Decreasing CVD and Diabetes Among African-Americans. Charlotte REACH Coalition, Charlotte, NC.
6. DEBATE RD (2004). Social Capital and Health: A Qualitative Assessment of UNC Charlotte College Students. University of North Carolina Charlotte, Charlotte, NC.
7. DEBATE RD (2005). Male Involvement Pregnancy Prevention Program: Qualitative Evaluation Findings. Mecklenburg County Health Department, Charlotte, NC.
8. DEBATE RD, Otero, K. (2005). Girls on the Run: 2005 Formative Evaluation Results. Girls on the Run, Charlotte, NC.
9. DEBATE RD, August, E. (2006) Girls on the Run: 2006 Spring Evaluation Results. Girls on the Run, Charlotte, NC.
10. DEBATE RD, Delmar, C. (2007) Girls on the Run: 2006 Fall Evaluation Results. Girls on the Run. Charlotte, NC.
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1. DIGIOACCHINO RF. Factors Associated with Post-Intervention Weight Change Among Individuals Indicating Binge and Non-Binge Eating Traits
Seventh New York International Conference on Eating Disorders
New York, NY – April 1996
2. *DIGIOACCHINO RF. Midday Show (Local Community Talk Show, ABC affiliate, Guest host presenting Armstrong State College's focus on health promotion and wellness programs with emphasis on "Pace the Nation"
Savannah, GA – April 1996
3. DIGIOACCHINO RF. Factors Associated with Post-Intervention Weight Change Among Individuals Indicating Binge and Non-Binge Eating Traits
International Symposium: Addictions '96
Hilton Head, SC – September 1996
4. *DIGIOACCHINO RF. Redefining the Criteria for Success When Evaluating Long-Term Compliance Interventions Involving Weight Loss, Diet, and Exercise
American Public Health Association Annual Meeting
New York, NY – November 1996
5. *DIGIOACCHINO RF. Nutrition and the Elderly, Presented relevant nutritional information to service providers as part of a training seminar
Department of Family and Children's Services
Savannah, GA – 1997
6. *DIGIOACCHINO RF. Eating Disorders
"Let's Talk" with Linda Ginsburg
Public Television -- February 1997
7. DIGIOACCHINO RF. Connecting Health Issues to the Academic Mission: Using Media Generated Promotional Strategies to Enhance Collaboration of Faculty, Staff, and Students in a Campus Wide Fitness Program
Wellness '97 Conference
Myrtle Beach, SC – March 1997
8. DIGIOACCHINO RF. Redefining Criteria for Success when Evaluating Long-Term Compliance in Interventions Involving Weight Loss, Diet, and Exercise
American Journal of Health Promotion 8th Annual Art & Science of Health Promotion Conference
Hilton Head, SC – May 1997

9. DIGIOACCHINO RF. Redefining Criteria for Success when Evaluating Long-Term Compliance in Interventions Involving Weight Loss, Diet, and Exercise
Georgia Public Health Association Annual Conference
Jekyll Island, GA – May 1997
10. *DIGIOACCHINO RF. Healthy Start Evaluation Results 1997, Chatham-Savannah
Healthy Start
Savannah, GA – June 1997
11. DIGIOACCHINO RF. Healthy Start Chatham, Savannah Evaluation Model
National Healthy Start Annual Meeting
Bethesda, MD – September 1997
12. DIGIOACCHINO RF. The Development of a Worksite Walking Program Based on Stages of Change
American Public Health Association Annual Conference
Indianapolis, IN – November 1997
13. *DIGIOACCHINO RF. Gender Differences in Binge Eating Characteristics Among Clients of a Residential Weight Control Program
American Public Health Association Annual Conference
Indianapolis, IN – November 1997
14. *DIGIOACCHINO RF. Assessment of Binge Eating Characteristics Among Clients of a Residential Weight Control Program
American Public Health Association Annual Conference
Indianapolis, IN – November 1997
15. *DIGIOACCHINO RF. Women's Health Issues: A Global Perspective
Distance learning class in collaboration with Georgia College. Course focused on the health related issues regarding women here in the US and around the world
Savannah, GA – March 1998
16. *DIGIOACCHINO RF. The Missing Link: Secondary and Tertiary Prevention of Eating Disorders Among Dental Practitioners
American Public Health Dentistry, Annual Conference
San Francisco, CA – October 1998
17. DIGIOACCHINO RF. Nightmare on Science Drive: A Collaborative Multimedia Simulation Project
American Public Health Association Annual Conference
Washington, DC – November 1998
18. *DIGIOACCHINO RF. Project MIND: An Innovative Approach to Teen Pregnancy and Infant Mortality
American Public Health Association Annual Conference
Washington, DC – November 1998

19. *DIGIOACCHINO RF. Eating Disorder Awareness Week, implemented and evaluated first annual eating disorder week on UNC-Charlotte campus
UNC-Charlotte in conjunction with Brocker Student Health center
Charlotte, NC – February 1999
20. *DIGIOACCHINO RF. Childhood Obesity and Eating Disorders
Facilitated day-long workshop to area health educators on childhood obesity (prevalence, significance, etiology, risk factors and treatment) and presented information on eating disorders (risk factors, signs and symptoms, and treatment)
Charlotte Area Health Education Center (AHEC)
Charlotte, NC – March 1999
21. *DIGIOACCHINO RF. Eating Disorders and Athletes
Presented seminar to UNC-Charlotte athletic coaches regarding eating disorders among athletes
Charlotte, NC – March 1999
22. *DIGIOACCHINO RF. UNC Charlotte Student Weight and Nutritional Status
In-service training for the staff at UNC-Charlotte Brocker Student Health Center
Charlotte, NC – May 1999
23. *DIGIOACCHINO RF. Eating Disorders, Obesity and Fad Diets
Presented a one-day workshop for local health educators on obesity management, eating disorders and fad diets sponsored by Charlotte Area Health Education Center
Charlotte, NC – May 1999
24. *DIGIOACCHINO RF. Assessment of Needs of Teen Parents in Gaston and Lincoln Counties
SmartStart Partnerships of Lincoln and Gaston Counties, NC
Gaston, NC – February 2000
25. *DIGIOACCHINO RF. Swinging Local Support for Programs that Work
Co-facilitator of a one-day workshop for those involved in developing programming for teen pregnancy and related issues
Planned Parenthood of the Central Carolinas
Columbia, SC – March 2000
26. *DIGIOACCHINO RF. Eating Disorder Awareness Among Dental Practitioners: The Missing Link in Secondary and Tertiary Prevention
International Conference on Eating Disorders
New York, NY – May 2000
27. *DIGIOACCHINO RF. Triathlon Training Workshop
Presented proper pre/post nutritional workshop for first time participants in the sport of triathlon
Charlotte, NC – June 2000
28. *DIGIOACCHINO RF. Freshman Seminar: Nutrition and Eating Disorders
Presented a short course on health nutrition and eating disorder characteristics to dance and theater students enrolled in Freshman Seminar Course

- Charlotte, NC – October 2000
29. *DIGIOACCHINO RF. The Internet as a Vehicle to Promote Worksite Health Promotion in Your Community
Society of Public Health Educators Annual Conference
Boston, MA – November 2000
 30. *DEBATE RD. Nutrition and Endurance Sport Training Workshop
Leukemia Society's Team in Training Program
Charlotte, NC – January and June 2001
 31. DEBATE, RD. Building Confidence: The Relationship Between Body Image & Self-Esteem
Women's Leadership Celebration
Charlotte, NC – March 2001
 32. *DEBATE RD. Self-Esteem and Self-Confidence
"100 Black Women"
Charlotte, NC – April 2001
 33. *DEBATE RD. Body Image and Self-Esteem, Facilitated discussion groups on Body Image and Impact on Self-Esteem
Women's Leadership Conference
Charlotte, NC – April 2001
 34. DEBATE RD & Topping M. Body Dissatisfaction Among White and African-American Male and Female College Students
American College Health Association Annual Meeting
Las Vegas, NV – June 2001
 35. DEBATE RD, Fassett, E & Jordan SL. College Health Service Utilization: Is Demand Management Effective?
American College Health Association Annual Meeting
Las Vegas, NV – June 2001
 36. *DEBATE, RD, Cook J, Rogers S, Hawthorne F & Davis C. The Community SUPPORT Project: Solving Urban Problems through Partnerships of Research and Training
Society of Public Health Educators Annual Meeting
Atlanta, GA – October 2001
 37. *DEBATE RD. Nutrition and Endurance Sports Training Workshop
Leukemia Society's Team in Training Program
Charlotte, NC – January and July 2002
 38. *DEBATE RD. Eating Disorders Awareness Week
Developed, implemented and evaluated Eating Disorders Week on UNC Charlotte campus. Activities included body image workshop, support group, body image activities, and eating disorders awareness, prevention and referral activities

- Charlotte, NC – February 2002
39. *DEBATE RD. Body Image and Self-Confidence
Conducted seminar on the influence of body image on self-confidence and self-esteem
UNC Charlotte's 100 Black Women
Charlotte, NC – April 2002
 40. DEBATE RD. Subclinical Eating Disorder Characteristics Among Male and Female Triathletes
International Conference on Eating Disorders
Annual Meeting of the Academy of Eating Disorders
Boston, MA – April 2002
 41. DEBATE RD. Body Size Dissatisfaction Among Male and Female Triathletes, International
Conference on Eating Disorders
Annual Meeting of the Academy of Eating Disorders
Boston, MA – April 2002
 42. *DEBATE RD. Triathlon Training Workshop
Co-facilitated workshop with Karl DeBate, MS, for members of the Pan American Sports
Organization. This international workshop included sport specific training, sport nutrition, strength
conditioning, and stretching.
Olympic Committee and the Pan American Sports Organization
St. Martin – July 2002
 43. *DEBATE RD. Eating Disorders and College Students Workshop
Conducted workshop for UNC Charlotte Residence Life Staff on signs and symptoms of eating
disorders, how to approach someone with eating disorder symptoms, and referral procedures
Charlotte, NC – September 2002
 44. DEBATE RD. Girls on the Run: An Evaluation of Self-Esteem, Body Image, and Eating Behaviors
Eating Disorder Research Academy Annual Meeting
Charleston, SC – November 2002
 45. Pyle G & DEBATE RD. Perceptions of Quality and Access to Healthcare Issues in Two NC Textile
Production Areas
Nashville, TN – 2002
 46. *DEBATE RD. Girls on the Run: Improvements in Self-Esteem, Eating Attitudes, and Body Image
Girls on the Run International Annual Summit
Charlotte, NC – January 2003
 47. *DEBATE RD. Nutrition and Endurance Sports Training Workshop
Leukemia Society's Team in Training Program
Charlotte, NC – January and July 2003

48. DEBATE RD. Social Ecological Approach to College Health Programming
Southern College Health Association Annual Conference
Charlotte, NC – March 2003
49. DEBATE RD. Evaluation: The Road to Successful College Health Programming
Southern College Health Association Annual Conference
Charlotte, NC – March 2003
50. *DEBATE RD. Body Image and Self-Esteem: The Key to Success
Facilitated workshop on the links between self-esteem and body image for middle school girls at
Ranson Middle School
Charlotte, NC – April 2003
51. DEBATE RD & Pyle G. Early Entry into WIC: Ethnic Perceptions and Cues to Action
Academy Health
Nashville, TN – June 2003
52. Davis T & DEBATE RD. LEAP: Lifestyle Enhancement for African-American Women Population
Society of Public Health Educators Midyear Conference
Las Cruces, NM – June 2003
53. Moten A & DEBATE RD. Soy Latino
Society of Public Health Educators Midyear Conference
Las Cruces, NM – June 2003
54. *DEBATE RD. Girls on the Run: More than just a running program
Academy of Eating Disorders Athletes Special Interest Group Conference
Indianapolis, IN – September 2003
55. *DEBATE RD. Characteristics of Subclinical Eating Disorders Among Male and Female Triathletes
UNC Charlotte Spotlight on Research at University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Charlotte, NC – October 2003
56. *DEBATE RD. Building Better Body Image
UNC Charlotte Student Affairs Workshop, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Charlotte, NC – October 2003
57. Pyle G & DEBATE RD. A Qualitative Assessment Regarding Perceptions of Quality and Access to
Healthcare in two NC Textile Production Areas
American Public Health Association Annual Conference
San Francisco, CA – November 2003
58. *DEBATE RD. Girls on the Run: Improvements in Self-Esteem, Body Image, and Eating Attitudes
Conference on Athletes and Eating Disorders
Indianapolis, IN – October 2004

59. *DEBATE RD. Dental Practitioners and Eating Disorders
Eating Disorder Research Society Annual Meeting
Amsterdam, Netherlands – October 2004
60. *DEBATE RD, Thompson, S. Girls on the Run: Improvements in Self-Esteem, Body Image, and Eating Attitudes
Eating Disorder Research Society Annual Meeting
Amsterdam, Netherlands – October 2004
61. DEBATE RD, Plescia M, Joyner D, & Spann L. A Qualitative Assessment of Charlotte REACH: An Ecological Perspective for Decreasing CVD and Diabetes Among African-Americans
American Academy of Health Behavior
Charleston, SC – February 2005
62. DEBATE RD, Plescia, M. I Could Live Other Places, but this is Where I want to be: Support for a Natural Helper initiative
American Academy of Health Behavior
Charleston, SC – February 2005
63. DEBATE RD, Tedesco LA, Kerschbaum WE. Oral Health Providers and Secondary Prevention of Disordered Eating: An Application of the Transtheoretical Model
American Dental Education Association Annual Meeting
Baltimore, MD – March 2005
64. DEBATE RD, Tedesco LA, Kerschbaum WE. An Assessment of Oral Health Practitioners' Knowledge of Oral and Physical Manifestations of Disordered Eating
American Dental Education Association Annual Meeting
Baltimore, MD – March 2005
65. DEBATE RD, Tedesco LA, Kerschbaum WE. Like a An Assessment of Dental Practitioners' Readiness and Capacity for Secondary Prevention of Eating Disorders
International Association of Dental Research
Baltimore, MD – March 2005
66. DEBATE RD, Tedesco LA, Kerschbaum WE. Like a Bridge Over Troubled Waters: An Assessment of Dental Hygienists' Readiness and Capacity for Secondary Prevention of Eating Disorders
Academy of Eating Disorders Annual Meeting
Montreal, Quebec, Canada – April 2005
67. DEBATE RD, Plescia M, Joyner D & Spann L. A Qualitative Assessment of Charlotte REACH: An Ecological Perspective for Decreasing CVD and Diabetes Among African-Americans
Academy Health
San Diego, CA – May 2005

68. *DEBATE RD. Dental Professionals and Eating Disorders
Virginia Dental Association
Newport News, VA – November 2005
69. DEBATE RD, Tedesco LA, Kerschbaum WE, Plichta, S. Integration of oral health care and mental health services: Dental Hygienists' readiness and capacity for Secondary Prevention of Eating Disorders
American Public Health Association Annual Meeting
Philadelphia, PA – December 2005
70. DEBATE RD, Thompson S. Girls on the Run: Improvements in self-esteem, body size satisfaction, and eating attitudes and behaviors
American Public Health Association Annual Meeting
Philadelphia, PA – December 2005
71. DEBATE RD, Tedesco LA, Kerschbaum WE. Knowledge of oral and physical manifestations of anorexia nervosa and bulimia nervosa among dentists and dental hygienists
American Public Health Association Annual Meeting
Philadelphia, PA – December 2005
72. DEBATE RD, Zhang Y, Kopitzke AM. Changes in Motivations to participate in physical activity among girls aged 8-11
American Public Health Association Annual Meeting
Philadelphia, PA – December 2005
73. *DEBATE RD. Putting the INK in THINK: How to get your research ideas on paper
PRIDE Research Seminar, Eastern Virginia Medical School
Norfolk, VA – January 2006
74. DEBATE RD, Tedesco LA. Gender differences among dentists regarding secondary prevention of eating disorders
International Association for Dental Research & American Association for Dental Research
Orlando, FL – March 2006
75. DEBATE RD, Darby M, Tedesco LA. Eating disorder secondary prevention resource for oral health care professionals
International Association for Dental Research & American Association for Dental Research
Orlando, FL – March 2006
76. DEBATE RD. From research to practice: Development of a web-based secondary prevention toolkit for oral health professionals
International Conference on Eating Disorders
Barcelona, Spain – June 2006
77. DEBATE RD. Eating disorder secondary prevention web resource for dental practitioners
Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE)

- Boston, MA – November 2006
78. DEBATE RD, Tedesco LA, Darby M. Using a web-based resource kit to increase capacity for eating disorder secondary prevention among dentists
American Public Health Association (APHA)
Boston, MA – November 2006
 79. DEBATE RD, Tedesco LA. Increasing secondary prevention of eating disorders among dental professionals: Research to Practice
American Public Health Association (APHA)
Boston, MA – November 2006
 80. *DEBATE RD. Evaluation 101: Paving the road to success
Girls on the Run Annual Summit
Orlando, FL – January 2007
 81. *DEBATE RD. Using BMI to change BMI: An Introduction to Brief Motivational Interviewing. Obesity Prevention and Treatment: Practical Approaches to Obesity Management in Adults
USF Health Continuing Education
Tampa, FL – March 2007
 82. DEBATE RD, Zhang Y, Thompson S. Changes in motivation to participate in physical activity among 8-11 year old girls
American Academy for Health Behavior (AAHB) annual meeting
Savannah, GA – March 2007
 83. *DEBATE RD. Using BMI to change BMI: An Introduction to Brief Motivational Interviewing. Obesity Prevention and Treatment: Practical Approaches to Obesity Management in Children and Adolescents
USF Health Continuing Education
Tampa, FL – March 2007
 84. *DEBATE RD. An Introduction to Brief Motivational Interviewing for Obesity Management in Children and Adolescents
USF Health Continuing Education
Tampa, FL – September 2007
 85. DEBATE RD. Brief Motivational Interviewing and Obesity Management
8th Annual Conference on Obesity Management
Sand Key, FL – September 2007
 86. DEBATE RD, Tedesco LA, Darby M. From Research to Practice: A web-based resource kit to increase capacity for eating disorder secondary prevention
3rd Annual Symposium on Addictive & Health Behaviors Research
Amelia Island, FL – September 2007
 87. Lews M, Blunt H, DEBATE RD. Socio-cultural attitudes towards appearance and body

- dissatisfaction
Annual Meeting of the Eating Disorders Research Society
Pittsburgh, PA – October 2007
88. DEBATE RD & Wethington H. Changes in self-esteem and body image among 8-11 year old girls participating in a curriculum-based running program
Annual Meeting of the Eating Disorders Research Society
Pittsburgh, PA – October 2007
89. DEBATE RD, Darby M, Tedesco L. From research to practice: Using technology to increase secondary prevention of eating disorders
Annual Meeting of the Eating Disorders Research Society
Pittsburgh, PA – October 2007
90. DEBATE RD & Tedesco L. Linking oral, systemic, and mental health: Increasing dental professionals' capacity for secondary prevention of eating disorders
Annual Meeting of the Eating Disorders Research Society
Pittsburgh, PA – October 2007
91. *DEBATE RD. Girls on the Run: Short-term impacts and next steps
Girls on the Run Annual Summit
San Diego, CA – January 2008
92. Lewis M, Blunt H, DEBATE RD. Similar but Different: Gender differences in socio-cultural attitudes towards appearance and body dissatisfaction
Annual Meeting of the Academy of Eating Disorders
Oxnard, CA – March 2008
93. DeBate RD, McDermott RJ, Affonso ML, Baldwin JA, Bryant CA, Courtney AH, Hogeboom DL, Nickelson JE, Phillips LM. TWEENS' INTENTIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN A COMMUNITY-BASED PHYSICAL ACTIVITY PROMOTION PROGRAM
Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Health Behavior
Oxnard, CA – March 2008
94. DEBATE RD, Lewis M, Blunt H, Zhang Y, Thompson S. Gender Differences in Socio-cultural Attitudes towards Appearance, Body Shape Dissatisfaction, and Weight change behaviors.
2008 International Conference on Eating Disorders
Seattle, WA-May 2008
95. Thompson S, & DEBATE RD. Examining Night Eating Syndrome and depression among college students.
2008 International Conference on Eating Disorders
Seattle, WA-May 2008
96. Nickelson J, Bryant C, Buhi E, DEBATE R, McDermott R, O'Rourke K, Eichler D. A Modified Obesity Proneness Model Describes How Mothers May Influence The Development Of Disordered Eating Behaviors And Obesity

- 2008 Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo
Chicago, IL-Oct 2008
97. DeBate RD, McDermott R, Baldwin J, Bryant C, Courtney A, Hogeboom D, Nickelson J, Phillips L, Alfonso M. Factors associated with tweens' intentions for sustaining participation in an innovative physical activity program is scheduled for session.
2008 Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association
San Diego, CA—November 2008
 98. Nickelson J, Alfonso M, Baldwin J, Bryant C, DeBate R, Hogeboom D, McDermott R, Phillips L, Thompson Z, Zhu Y. Influences of a community-based intervention to promote physical activity among youth ages 9-13.
2008 Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association
San Diego, CA—November 2008
 99. DeBate RD, Severson H, Zwald M, Shaw T, Christiansen S, Koerber A, Tomar S, McCormack Brown K, Tedesco L. Eating Disorders & Oral Health: Training for Dental Professionals.
2009 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Health Behavior
Hilton Head, SC—March 2009
 100. DeBate RD, Severson H, Zwald M, Shaw T, Christiansen S, Koerber A, Tomar S, McCormack Brown K, Tedesco L. Eating Disorders & Oral Health: Training for Dental Professionals.
2009 Annual Meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine
Montreal, CA—April 2009
 101. DeBate RD, Huberty J, Pettee K. Psychometric Properties of the Commitment to Physical Activity Scale.
2009 Annual Meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine
Montreal, CA—April 2009
 102. DeBate RD, Pettee K, Zwald M, Huberty J, Zhang Y. Changes in psychosocial factors and physical activity frequency among 3rd to 8th grade girls who participated in a developmentally focused youth sport.
2009 Annual Meeting of the Society of Behavioral Medicine
Montreal, CA—April 2009
 103. DeBate RD, Severson H, Zwald M, Shaw T, Christiansen S, Koerber A, Tomar S, McCormack Brown K, Tedesco L. Eating Disorders & Oral Health: Training for Dental Professionals.
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Cancun, Mexico—April 2009

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SERVICE

University Service

- 2006-Present Co-Chair, Curriculum Committee for Department of Community and Family Health at USF
- 2006-Present Curriculum Committee, USF College of Public Health
- 2007-2010 Publications Council, USF Faculty Senate

Professional Service

- 1996 Advisory Board Member, LifeSystems of Hilton Head, South Carolina
- 2004-2005 Abstract Chair for 2005 Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Health Behavior
- 2005-2006 Program Director, Virginia Public Health Association 2005 Annual Meeting
- 2006-Present Board Member, American Academy of Health Behavior
- 2000-Present Ad Hoc Reviewer, American Journal of Health Behavior
- 2002-Present Ad Hoc Reviewer, Health Promotion Practice
- 2002-Present Ad Hoc Reviewer, Journal of Eating and Weight Behaviors
- 2005-Present Ad Hoc Reviewer, Body Image: An International Journal of Research
- 2004-Present Co-Chair, Males and Eating Disorders Special Interest Group, Academy for Eating Disorders
- 2005-Present Co-Editor, American Academy of Health Behavior Newsletter
- 2006-Present Ad Hoc Reviewer, American Journal of Health Education
- 2007-2010 Member: Academy for Eating Disorders Website Committee
- 2007-2010 Continuing Education Coordinator and member of Website Committee, Academy for Eating Disorders
- 2007-Present Member, Physical Activity Policy Research Network
- 2008-Present Program Chair, 10th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Health Behavior

Community Service

- 1994-1995 Counselor and Patient Advocate, Planned Parenthood of Columbia, South

	Carolina
1996-1998	Program Developer and Facilitator: "Pace the Nation", a fitness program involving faculty, staff and students. Savannah, GA
2000-2002	Board Member, Kinetic Works of Charlotte, North Carolina
2002-2004	Board Member, Co-Chair Career Compass Program Advisory Committee, ADA Jenkins Center of Charlotte, North Carolina
2004-2006	Founding board member, Girls on the Run of Hampton Roads
2007	Co-Founder, Girls on the Run of Tampa
2007-2009	Mentor, Young Women's Leadership Board for Ophelia Project of Tampa, Florida
1986-Present	Nationally Certified Aerobic Instructor
2000-Present	Evaluator, Girls on the Run of Charlotte, North Carolina
2006-Present	Tampa Bay Eating Disorders Task Force, Tampa, Florida
2008-Present	Research Task Force, Tampa Bay Girls Network
2010-Present	Board Member Ophelia Project and Boys Initiative of Tampa, Florida

HONORS & AWARDS

1998	Recognition of Research Armstrong Atlantic State University
2000	Excellence in Graduate Teaching Award UNC Charlotte College of Nursing and Health Professions
2001	Named to Academy of Eating Disorders
2003	Junior Investigator Award UNC Charlotte Health Services Research Academy
2003	Named to Eating Disorders Research Society
2004	Promoted to Associate Professor and awarded Permanent Tenure University of North Carolina, Charlotte
2004	2005 Abstract Chair Academy of Health Behavior
2004	Co-Editor American Academy of Health Behavior Newsletter
2004	Co-Chair Males and Eating Disorders Special Interest Group Academy of Eating Disorders
2005	Program Director

	2005 Virginia Public Health Association Annual Conference
2005	Elected to Board American Academy of Health Behavior
2006	Excellence in Teaching Award Eastern Virginia Medical School and Old Dominion University joint MPH program
2007	Selected, Public Health Physical Activity Research Course Fellowship
2009	Awarded Tenure, University of South Florida, College of Public Health Department of Community and Family Health.
2011	Elected Fellow, Academy of Eating Disorders

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

1998-2004	North Carolina Society of Public Health Educators
2004-2006	Virginia Public Health Association
1994-Present	American Public Health Association
1995-Present	Society of Public Health Educators
1996-Present	CHES (Certified Health Education Specialist)
2001- Present	American Academy of Health Behavior
2001-Present	Eating Disorder Research Society
2001-Present	Academy of Eating Disorders
2007-Present	Florida Public Health Association

REFERENCES

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