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KEY WORDS

Adolescent nutrition, community-based interventions, obesity prevention, socioeconomic disparities in health, mixed methods, nutrition education

EDUCATION

2015	Ph.D.	Nutrition	University of Minnesota-Twin Cities	Saint Paul, MN
2010	M.S.	Nutrition	Meredith College	Raleigh, NC
2007	B.A.	Spanish	University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill	Chapel Hill, NC

POSTDOCTORAL TRAINING

2015-2017 Public Health Nutrition Program, School of Public Health, University of California, Berkeley. Berkeley, CA.

PROFESSIONAL POSITIONS

01/18- Assistant Professor of Nutrition Research in Medicine, Division of General Internal Medicine, Weill Cornell Medicine. New York, NY.

07/17- Lois and Mel Tukman Assistant Professor, Division of Nutritional Sciences, Cornell University. Ithaca, NY.

06/16-03/17 Adjunct Professor, California State University-East Bay. Hayward, CA.

06/15-07/15 Adjunct Professor, George Mason University. Fairfax, VA.

04/15-08/15 Nutrition Limited Authority (LA) Appointment, Food Survey Research Group, National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES), U.S. Department of Agriculture. Beltsville, MD.

09/12-05/15 Graduate Research Assistant, Food Science and Nutrition Department, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. Saint Paul, MN.

09/12-08/14 Research Project Manager, Eating at Home for Kids Study, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. Saint Paul, MN.

- 09/13-08/14 Pre-doctoral Fellow, Leadership, Education & Training (LET) Program in Maternal and Child Nutrition, School of Public Health, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. Minneapolis, MN.
- 11/11-08/12 Nutrition Research Associate, Voices Into Action: Families, Food, and Health Project, North Carolina State University. Raleigh, NC.
- 05/10-10/11 Nutritionist, The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), Lincoln Community Health Center. Durham, NC.
- 05/10-10/10 Research Coordinator, Health Opportunities Partnerships Empowerment (HOPE) Works Project, University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. Chapel Hill, NC.
- 05/07-08/08 Clinical Case Coordinator, Success in Mind. Durham, NC.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES/CERTIFICATIONS

- 2014- Registered Dietitian, The Commission on Dietetic Registration (CDR).
- 2013- Nutrition Data Systems for Research (NDSR) Certified, Nutrition Coordinating Center.

GRADUATE & OTHER PROGRAM MEMBERSHIPS (*Cornell University*)

- 2019- Faculty Affiliate, Center for the Study of Inequality.
- 2018- Faculty Affiliate, Bronfenbrenner Center for Translational Science.
- 2018- Faculty Affiliate, Cornell Population Center.
- 2018- Academic Member, Cornell Center for Health Equity.
- 2017- Faculty Affiliate, Cornell Institute of Health Economics, Health Behaviors and Disparities.
- 2017- Member, Graduate Field of Nutrition.

HONORS, AWARDS, & PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS

- 2016-2018 New Perspectives Fellow, Duke-UNC USDA Center for Behavioral Economics and Healthy Food Choice Research (BECR).
- 2016-2017 Visiting Scholar, Institute for Research on Poverty, University of Wisconsin-Madison.
- 2014-2015 Dietetic Internship Scholarship Recipient, Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics Foundation.
- 2014 Professional Development Scholarship, National Organization of Blacks in Dietetics and Nutrition (NOBIDAN), Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.
- 2014 Graduate Student Teaching Award, Council of Graduate Students, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities.

- 2014 Travel Award Recipient, Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB).
- 2014 Student Scholarship Recipient, Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior Foundation.
- 2013 Book Scholarship Recipient, Association for Black Women in Higher Education.
- 2010 Diversity Council Research Award, Meredith College.
- 2010 Member, Kappa Omicron Nu Honor Society.

FUNDING HISTORY

Current

Hatch/Smith Lever, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture Leak (PI)
 Amount: \$195,000 10/2018-09/2021
The Advanced Cooking Education (ACE) 4-H After School Club: Curriculum Development and Pilot Test
 Aim: Develop and pilot test the ACE Program, a 16-week culturally inclusive 4-H after school club that aims to improve overall diet quality and weight status among 8th grade students attending a NYC middle school that receives Title I funding.

Community Partnership Building Grant, Cornell Center for Health Equity Leak (PI)
 Amount: \$5,000 03/2020-03/2021
Addressing Chronic Disease Risk Factors Among Racially Diverse Girls and Women Participating in YWCA Programming in Brooklyn, NY: A Planning Grant
 Aim: To conduct focus groups and collect survey data from adolescent girls and women affiliated with the YWCA Brooklyn to explore their perspectives about what should be included in the program

Engaged Curriculum Grant, Engaged Cornell, Cornell University Leak (PI)
 Amount: \$60,000 06/2018- 07/2020
Global Public Health Science Major
 Aim: Increase the number of experiential learning opportunity (ELO) sites for undergraduate students majoring in Global and Public Health Sciences in the Division of Nutritional Sciences, and evaluate the effectiveness of these experiences on identified learning outcomes.

Engaged Undergraduate Research Grant, Engaged Cornell, Cornell University Leak (PI)
 Amount: \$25,000 04/2019- 06/2020
Community Engaged Undergraduate Research Opportunities with the Advanced Cooking Education (ACE) Program
 Aim: Examine whether providing undergraduate students with community-engaged research opportunities with the ACE Program will improve their intercultural competence, an understanding of integrative learning, and critical reflective skills.

Institute for the Social Sciences Small Grants Program, Cornell University Leak (PI)
 Amount: \$4,000 04/2018 – 04/2020
A Critical Examination of After School Programming at Racially Diverse, Title I Middle Schools in Urban Communities
 Aim: Qualitative interviews were conducted with principals and teachers at 3 NYC middle schools that receive Title I funding in order to explore factors that influence what after school activities are offered at the school, as well as to get feedback on the proposed components of a new after 4-H afterschool club called the Advanced

Cooking Education (ACE) Program.

Completed

President's Council of Cornell Women Affinito-Stewart Grant, Cornell University Leak (PI)
Amount: \$10,000 07/2018-06/2019
Facilitators and Barriers to Participating in After School Activities: Perspectives of Low-Income Urban Youth
Aim: Surveys and focus groups were conducted with 8th grade students at 3 NYC middle schools that receive Title I funding in order to get understand factors that influence participation in after school activities, as well as to get feedback on the proposed components of a new after 4-H afterschool club called the Advanced Cooking Education (ACE) Program.

Duke-UNC USDA Center for Behavioral Economics and Healthy Food Choice Research Leak (PI)
Amount: \$15,000 09/2016-09/2018
Examining the feasibility of altering the food choice architecture in corner stores
Aim: A cross-sectional study where surveys were conducted with NYC corner store owners and youth visiting the corner stores in order to examine willingness to sell and purchase whole grain snack packs (i.e., a whole grain snack, fruit or vegetable, and dip).

National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences of the National Institutes for Health Leak (PI)
Amount: \$5,000 03/2018-06/2018
Unlocking the Potential of Science Knowledge with Hands-On Teaching in Food and Nutrition (UPSHOT)
Aim: A cross-sectional study that examined parent perceptions about the development of an integrated nutritional sciences and health curriculum for K-5 students attending an elementary school located in North Central Brooklyn.

UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland Leak (Co-I)
Amount: \$217,516 09/2016-11/2017
Food Overcoming our Diabetes Risk (FoodRx) pilot study
Aim: A 16-week pilot intervention study that examined whether home deliveries of whole grains and fresh vegetables decreased hemoglobin A1C levels and improved diet quality among Hispanic and Black children who were obese and diagnosed with prediabetes.

Healthy Foods, Healthy Lives Institute, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities Leak (PI)
Amount: \$5,000 07/2013-11/2014
Familial consequences of an intervention to increase vegetable intake among young children
Aim: Qualitative interviews were conducted with culturally diverse adolescents residing low-income households in order to explore their role in home food preparation.

Food Policy Research Center, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities Leak (Co-I)
Amount: \$5,000 10/2013-04/2014
School meal regulations and child nutrition: environmental approaches to improve intake
Aim: A narrative review that critically assessed changes to the School Breakfast Program and National School Lunch Program after the implementation of the Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, as well as outlined ways in which behavioral economic strategies could be implemented during school meals in order to improve child and adolescent dietary behaviors.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Undergraduate Courses

- 08/19-12/19 Introduction to Public Health (NS 1600), Professor
Division of Nutritional Sciences, Cornell University. Ithaca, NY.
- 08/18-12/18 Introduction to Public Health (NS 1600), Professor
Division of Nutritional Sciences, Cornell University. Ithaca, NY.
- 09/16-03/17 Supervised Field Training and Report Writing (HSC 4500), Adjunct Professor
Nursing and Health Science Department, California State University-East Bay. Hayward, CA.
- 06/16-08/16 Health Behavior and Health Education Theories (HSC 3700), Adjunct Professor
Nursing and Health Science Department, California State University-East Bay. Hayward, CA.
- 06/15-07/15 Introduction to Nutrition (Nutr 295), Adjunct Professor
Nutrition and Food Studies Department, George Mason University. Fairfax, VA.
- 09/13-12/13 Food Operations Management (FScN 4732), Teaching Assistant
Food Science and Nutrition Department, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. Saint Paul, MN.
- 01/13-05/13 Community Nutrition (FScN 4614), Teaching Assistant
Food Science and Nutrition Department, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. Saint Paul, MN.

Graduate Courses

- 09/13-12/13 Child and Adolescent Nutrition (Pubh 6903), Teaching Assistant
School of Public Health, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. Minneapolis, MN.

Guest Lectures

- Fall 2019 Professor: Nancy Wells, PhD. Healthy Places: Design, Planning, and Public Health (DEA 2700).
Healthy Environments for Urban Youth. Department of Design and Environmental Analysis,
Cornell University. Ithaca, NY.
- Spring 2019 Professor: Kathleen Rasmussen, ScD. Public Health Nutrition (NS 4500). *Racial and Ethnic
Health Disparities* (Lecture 1) and *The Farm Bill* (Lecture 2). Division of Nutritional Sciences,
Cornell University. Ithaca, NY.
- Fall 2018 Professors: Katie Fiorella, MPH, PhD & Rebecca Nelson, PhD. Food Systems and Health
(VTPMD 6121). *Intervening to Change Eating Patterns*. Cornell University Public Health.
Ithaca, NY.
- Fall 2018 Professor: Nancy Wells, PhD. Healthy Places: Design, Planning, and Public Health (DEA 2700).
Healthy Environments for Urban Youth. Department of Design and Environmental Analysis,
Cornell University. Ithaca, NY.

Spring 2018 Professor: Kathleen Rasmussen, ScD. Public Health Nutrition (NS 4500). *Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities* (Lecture 1), *Dietary Guidelines for Americans* (Lecture 2), *The Farm Bill* (Lecture 3). Division of Nutritional Sciences, Cornell University. Ithaca, NY.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

Grant Review Service

- 2018 Higher Education Challenge Grants Program, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture.
- 2015 Higher Education Challenge Grants Program, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, U.S. Department of Agriculture.
- 2014 Healthy Foods Healthy Lives Institute Grant Proposals, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities.

Cornell University Service

- 2019- Member, Search Committee for the Faculty Cluster Hire (3) in Nutrition and Health Disparities, Division of Nutritional Sciences.
- 2019- Trainer, National Institutes of Health (NIH) National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) T32 *Training in Maternal and Child Nutrition* grant, Division of Nutritional Sciences.
- 2019- Faculty Mentor, Human Ecology Partnership Program, College of Human Ecology.
- 2019-2019 Member, Search Committee for the Postdoctoral Teaching & Research Fellow Positions (2), Division of Nutritional Sciences.
- 2018- Chair, Global and Public Health Sciences Major Committee, Division of Nutritional Sciences.
- 2018- Member, Nominations Committee, College of Human Ecology.
- 2018- Member, Diversity Committee, College of Human Ecology.
- 2018- Faculty Mentor, Nutrition Graduate Student Organization, Division of Nutritional Sciences.
- 2018- Faculty Fellow, Faculty Living-Learning Program, Office of the Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education.
- 2018-2018 Faculty Guest, Biology Scholars Program, Office of Undergraduate Biology.

University of California, Berkeley Service

- 2016-2017 Member, Public Health Nutrition Program Graduate Admission Committee.
- 2016-2017 Member, Network on Adolescent Wellbeing & Development Faculty Committee.

University of Minnesota-Twin Cities Service

- 2013-2014 Graduate Student Representative, Food Science and Nutrition Department.
- 2013-2014 Member and Co-Founder, Nutrition Graduate Student Council, Food Science and Nutrition Department.

Professional Affiliation & Related Activities

- 2018- Member, American Public Health Association
- 2016- Member, International Society of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity
- 2014- Member, Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics
Research Committee Member, National Organization of Blacks in Dietetics and Nutrition
Member Interest Group (2014-2015)
- 2013- Member, American Society for Nutrition
Social Media Committee Chair and Graduate Student Representative, Nutrition Education
Research Interest Section (2013-2014)
- 2012- Member, Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior
Conference Abstract Reviewer (2019)
Program Planning Committee and Abstract Reviewer (2015)
Chair of the Issues and Resolutions Committee and Conference Planning Committee
Liaison, Higher Education Division (2015)
Graduate Student Representative, Higher Education Division (2013-2015)

Journal Review Service (Ad Hoc)

Public Health Nutrition; Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior; Journal of Nutritional Science; Health Promotion Practice; International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health.

ACADEMIC TRAINEES

Postdoctoral Scholars

- 2019- Alexandra Uribe, Maternal and Child Nutrition Postdoctoral Fellow (NIH NICHD T32 grant), Division of Nutritional Sciences, Cornell University. Ithaca, NY.
- 2019- Deena Thomas, Postdoctoral Research & Teaching Fellow, Division of Nutritional Sciences, Cornell University. Ithaca, NY.

Doctoral Student (Chair)

- 2019- Felicia Setiono, Division of Nutritional Sciences (Community Nutrition), Cornell University. Ithaca, NY.

2017- Navika Gangrade, Division of Nutritional Sciences (Community Nutrition), Cornell University. Ithaca, NY.
Maternal and Child Nutrition Predoctoral Fellow (NIH NICHD T32 grant; 2019-2021)

Doctoral Student (Committee Member)

2019- Benjamin Steiner, Division of Nutritional Sciences (Molecular Nutrition), Cornell University. Ithaca, NY.

2018- Yuuki Nakayachi, Division of Nutritional Sciences (International Nutrition), Cornell University. Ithaca, NY.

Undergraduate Division of Nutritional Sciences Honor's Program (Advisor)

2019- Elizabeth Kane, Division of Nutritional Sciences (Global and Public Health Science-Major), Cornell University. Ithaca, NY.

PUBLICATIONS

Refereed Journal Articles

Leak TM, Setiono F, Gangrade N, Mudrak E. Youth Willingness to Purchase Whole Grain Snack Packs from New York City Corner Stores Participating in a Healthy Retail Program. *Int J Environ Res and Public Health*. 2019; 16 (3233): 1-12.

Overcash F, Reicks M, Ritter A, **Leak T**, Swenson A, Vickers Z. Children residing in low-income households like a variety of vegetables. *Foods*. 2018; 7, 1-9.

Leak TM, Aasand TA, Vickers Z, Reicks M. The Role of Adolescents From A Low Socioeconomic Background in Household Food Preparation: A Qualitative Study. *Health Promot Prac*. 2018. [Epub]

Tester J, Leung C, **Leak TM**, Laraia B. Recent trend towards increased intake of whole grains is not seen in lower-income adolescents: NHANES 2005-2012. *Prev Chron Dis*. 2017; E55 (14): E1-8.

Leak TM, Swenson A, Vickers Z, Mann T, Mykerezi E, Redden J, Rendahl A, Reicks M. Identifying feasible behavioral economics strategies that encourage home dinner vegetable consumption among low-income children. *Public Health Nutr*. 2017; 20 (8): 1388-1392.

Laraia B, **Leak TM**, Tester J, Leung C. Biobehavioral factors that shape nutrition in low-income populations: A narrative review. *Am J Prev Med*. 2017; 52 (2S2): S118-S126.

Leak TM, Swenson A, Vickers Z, Mann T, Mykerezi E, Redden JP, Rendahl J, Reicks M. Testing the effectiveness of in-home behavioral economics strategies to increase vegetable intake, liking and variety among children residing in households that receive food assistance. *J Nut Educ Behav*. 2015; 47(2): e1-e9.

Leak TM, Benavente L, Goodell LS, Lassiter A, Lorelei Jones L, Bowen S. EFNEP graduates' perspectives on the use of social media to supplement nutrition education: focus group findings. *J Nut Educ Behav*. 2014; 46 (3): 203-208.

Refereed Journal Articles Under Review

Leak TM, Gangrade N, Setiono F, Mudrak E. Facilitators and Barriers to Selling Whole Grain Snack Packs in New York City Corner Stores Participating in a Healthy Retail Program. *Journal of Hunger and Environmental Nutrition*.

Leak TM, Gangrade N, Tester J. Facilitators and Barriers to Preparing and Offering Whole Grains to Children Diagnosed with Prediabetes: Qualitative Interviews with Low-Income Caregivers. *BMC Public Health*.

Tester J, **Leak TM**. Increased whole grain liking and intake in low-income youth with prediabetes: A food delivery pilot study. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*.

Fuster M, **Leak TM**, Galitzdorfer L. Barriers and Facilitators to Promoting Healthy Dietary Behaviors Among Hispanic Caribbean Populations: Dietitians' Perspectives. *Health Promotion Practice*.

Manuscripts In Preparation

Leak TM, Uribe-MacMillan L, Setiono F, Gangrade N. A formative study to inform the development of the Advanced Cooking Education (ACE) Program: A culturally inclusive 4-H after school club.

Leak TM, Jung YJ, Hwang S, Loss C. Developing culturally inclusive cooking labs for the Advanced Cooking Education (ACE) Program.

Leak TM, Kane E, Overcash F. Associations between nutrients consumed from snacks and weight status among U.S. adolescents (12-19 years).

Locus C, **Leak TM**. Youth perceptions of the Blank Plate Program: A culturally inclusive cooking program in the Bronx, NY.

Uribe-MacMillan L, **Leak TM**. Associations between diet quality and weight status among adolescents: Data from the 2005-2016 National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.

Setiono F, **Leak TM**. Body mass index by sociodemographic factors in a nationally representative sample of U.S. children and adolescent.

Tester J, **Leak TM**. Improvements in cardiovascular risk factors among obese youth with prediabetes: Food as Medicine pilot study.

Leak TM, Overcash F, Reicks M. Associations between prediabetes and healthy eating index scores in a representative sample of U.S. adolescents (NHANES 2005-2016).

Leak TM, Overcash F, Reicks M. Adolescent prediabetes and weight status: National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (2005-2016).

Textbook Chapters

Larson N, Stang J, **Leak TM**. Nutrition in Adolescence. In: Mahan LK, Escott-Stump S, Raymond JL, eds. *Krause's Food & the Nutrition Care Process*. 15th ed. St. Louis, MO: Elsevier; 2020. (Forthcoming).

Larson N, Stang J, **Leak TM**. Nutrition in Adolescence. In: Mahan LK, Escott-Stump S, Raymond JL, eds. *Krause's Food & the Nutrition Care Process*. 14th ed. St. Louis, MO: Elsevier; 2016.

Policy Briefs

Laraia B, **Leak TM**. SNAP Can Support Health: Lessons for California and the Nation. Berkeley Food Institute. September 2016.

Berkowitz S, Coborn J, **Leak TM**, Lim SS, Swenson A, Zahid A, Reicks M. School meal regulations and child nutrition: environmental approaches to improve intake. University of Minnesota Food Policy Research Center Issue Brief. April 2014.

Dissertation/Thesis

Leak TM. Behavioral economic strategies and vegetable consumption among low-income children (Published Dissertation). University of Minnesota, Saint Paul, MN.

Leak TM. Environmental influences on the food choices of rural dwelling African American adolescent girls (Published Master's Thesis). Meredith College, Raleigh, NC.

Published Abstracts

Gangrade N, Setiono F, **Leak TM**. Examining the Feasibility of Selling Whole Grain Snack Packs in New York City Corner Stores Participating in a Healthy Retail Program. *J Nutr Educ Behav*, 2019; 51 (7): S48.

Setiono F, Gangrade N, **Leak TM**. New York City Youth Liking of Fruits, Vegetables, and Whole Grains Snacks and Corner Store Purchasing Behaviors are Associated with Willingness to Buy Whole Grain Snack Packs. *Curr Dev Nutr*, 2019; 3 (suppl. 1).

Overcash FM, Reicks M, Ritter A, **Leak TM**, Swenson A, Vickers Z. Children residing in low-income households report they like a wide variety of vegetables. *J Nutr Educ Behav*, 2018; 50 (7S): S18.

Leak T, Aasand T, Vickers Z, Reicks M. Exploring adolescent involvement in home meal preparation. *Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology Journal*. 2015; 29 (1 suppl.), 135-7.

Reicks M, **Leak T**, Swenson A, Vickers Z. Using in-home behavioral economic strategies and enhanced food preparation skills to increase vegetable intake and variety among children. *J Nutr Educ Behav*. 2014; 46 (4), S197.

Swenson A, **Leak T**, Vickers Z, Reicks M. An observational analysis of dinner meals to identify factors that influence vegetable intake in children. *J Nutr Educ Behav*. 2014; 46 (4), S100.

Leak T, Swenson A, Vickers Z, Reicks M. Feasibility and effectiveness of in-home behavioral economic strategies to increase vegetable intake among low-income children. *Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology Journal*. 2014; 28 (1 suppl.), 808-18.

Reicks M, Vickers Z, **Leak T**, Swenson A. Using in-home behavioral economic strategies and enhanced food preparation skills to increase vegetable intake and variety among children. *J Nutr Educ Behav*. 2013; 45 (4): S88.

Bowen S, Elliott S, Hardison-Moody A, **Leak T**. Community and family food environments: a qualitative approach to childhood obesity research. *J Nutr Educ Behav*. 2013; 45 (4): S78-79.

Bowen S, **Leak T**, Jones L. Assessing the viability of social media as a tool to communicate nutrition information. *J Nutr Educ Behav*. 2012; 44(4): S89.

PRESENTATIONS

Conferences

Leak TM, Gangrade N, Tester J. Exploring Low-Income Caregivers Intentions to Prepare Whole Grain Foods for Prediabetic Children. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting. 2018. (Poster)

Leak TM, Tester J. Whole grain knowledge and perceptions among low-income caregivers: findings from a pilot study. International Society of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity Annual Meeting. 2018. (Poster)

Tester J, **Leak TM**. Increased consumption of whole grains in low-income children after a 4-month home delivery intervention. International Society of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity Annual Meeting. 2018. (Oral)

Leak T, Swenson A, Vickers Z, Reicks M. Behavioral economics strategies and home dinner vegetable intake among low-income children. International Society of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity Annual Meeting. 2016. (Oral)

Tester J, **Leak TM**, Leung C, Laraia B. Trend towards increased intake of whole grains is not seen in lower-income adolescents (NHANES 2005-2012). Obesity Week Annual Meeting. 2016. (Poster)

Leak T, Aasand T, Vickers Z, Reicks M. Exploring adolescent involvement in home meal preparation. Experimental Biology Conference. 2015. (Oral)

Leak T, Swenson A, Vickers Z, Reicks M. Feasibility and effectiveness of in-home behavioral economic strategies to increase vegetable intake among low-income children. Experimental Biology Conference. 2014. (Poster)

Leak TM. Environmental influences on the food choices of African American adolescent girls. Meredith College Research Conference. 2010. (Oral)

Invited Talks

11/19 *Addressing Disparities in Minority Adolescent Health Through Nutrition Interventions*. School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine. Tulane University. New Orleans, LA.

05/19 *An Adolescent Nutrition and Culinary After School Program: Potential Health and Policy Implications*. David Rogers Health Policy Colloquium. Weill Cornell Medicine. Manhattan, NY.

01/19 *Public Health Interventions that Address Disparities in Adolescent Dietary Behaviors and Poor Health Outcomes*. Cornell Center for Health Equity. Weill Cornell Medicine. Manhattan, NY.

11/18 *Culturally Relevant Interventions To Improve Youth Dietary Behaviors*. Public Health Symposium. Cornell University. Ithaca, NY.

- 04/17 *Disparities in Nutrition and Health: Nudging Towards Equitable and Just Food Environments.*
Institute for Research on Poverty Monthly Seminar. University of Wisconsin, Madison. Madison, WI.
- 02/17 *Disparities in Nutrition and Health: Nudging Towards Equitable and Just Food Environments.*
Department of International Health, Program in Human Nutrition Weekly Seminar. Johns Hopkins University. Baltimore, MD.