

Nicholas A. Younginer

Curriculum Vitae

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Education

- 2016 **PhD, Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior**
University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC
Dissertation: *The Roots of Perspective in the American Context: News Media Discourse and Stakeholder Perspectives About the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program*
- 2009 **MA, Anthropology**
University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC
Thesis: *(Re)Creating Community and Home in a New York Maronite Church*
- 2006 **BA, Anthropology**
University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC
Thesis: *Kibbeh and Collards: Lebanese Immigrant Identity in South Carolina Before and After 9/11*
- 2003 **AAS, Culinary Arts**
Johnson and Wales University, Charleston, SC

Academic Positions

- 2024-present **Clinical Assistant Professor**, Department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior
Arnold School of Public Health
University of South Carolina- Columbia, SC
- 2019- 2023 **Research Assistant Professor**, Department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior
Arnold School of Public Health
University of South Carolina- Columbia, SC
- 2018-2019 **Research Associate**, Department of Health Promotion, Education and Behavior
Arnold School of Public Health
University of South Carolina- Columbia, SC
- 2016-2018 **Postdoctoral Fellow**, Center for Research in Nutrition and Health Disparities
Arnold School of Public Health
University of South Carolina- Columbia, SC
- 2012-2019 **Adjunct Instructor**, Department of Anthropology
University of South Carolina-Columbia, SC

- 2015-2023 **Instructor**, Department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior
University of South Carolina- Columbia, SC
- 2011-2012 **Instructor**, Department of Sociology
University of South Carolina- Aiken, SC
- 2009- 2014 **Adjunct Instructor**, Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Midlands Technical College- Columbia, SC
- 2014-2015 **Teaching Assistant**, Department of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior Arnold School of Public Health, University of South Carolina- Columbia, SC
- 2007-2009 **Teaching Assistant**, Department of Anthropology
University of South Carolina-Columbia, SC

Courses Taught

Instructor

PUBH 726: Qualitative Methods for Public Health Practice

PUBH 735: Public Health Planning

HPEB 560: Cooking Up a Storm: Food, Globalization, Localization, and Health in the South

HPEB 752: Public Health Nutrition

HPEB 502: Applied Aspects of Human Nutrition

HPEB 771: Social Determinants of Health

SCHC 402: Food, Sustainability, and Health in the U.S. and Netherlands- study abroad

ANTH 102: Understanding Other Cultures

ANTH 101: Primates, People, and Prehistory

ANT 202: Introduction to Cultural Anthropology

ANT 201: General Anthropology

Teaching Assistant

HPEB 715: Qualitative Research Methods in Public Health

ANTH 238: Middle Eastern Cultures

ANTH 237: Cultures of Islam

ANTH 102: Understanding Other Cultures

Student Mentoring

Doctoral Committee Membership

- 2025 **Deepika Singapogu.** Examining the Relationships between Plant-Based Dietary Quality, Psychosocial Factors, and Dietary Beliefs Among Asian-Indian Women Living in the United States

2024 **Kimanh Lee.** Dissertation: Mission Possible: A Mixed-Methods Study of Improving Male Recruitment into Digital Physical Activity Promotion Research Using Social Media Advertisements

MPH Practice Experience Advisor

2026 **Anna Torres.** An Evaluation of User Need at the Gamecock Community Shop

2026 **Anni Crook.** Bringing Care Closer: Strengthening MHU Operations and Outreach in the Midlands Region

2025 **Ashley Thurber,** Practice Experience: FoodShare SC

2022 **Hannah Creasey,** Practice Experience: *Conceptualizing a Non-Profit to Reduce Food Insecurity.* Site: Feed the City

2022 **Taylor Herlich,** Practice Experience: *Revamping Resources in a Forensic Mental Health Setting.* Site: South Carolina Dept. of Mental Health- Bryan Psychiatric Hospital Forensics

2021 **Cini McLaughlin,** Practice Experience: *Promoting COVID-19 Vaccine Awareness Among Pastors, Other Faith-Based Leaders and Institutions to Increase Community Participation.* Site: Wright Wellness Center.

2021 **Audrey Auen,** Practice Experience: *Addressing Health Disparities Through Physical Activity and Access to Care.* Site: Tri-County Health Network

Undergraduate Honors Senior Thesis Advisor

2025 **Kai Goode.** Availability v Appealing: USC Student's Dietary Habits

2025 **Rylyn Reynolds.** An Understanding and Assessment of the Capacity and Sustainability of the Community Shop in Response to Growing Demand Among Students

2024 **Kayla Davenport.** Thesis: *Hungry Minds: Analyzing the Impact of Food Insecurity and Food Assistance Programs on Neurocognitive Development and Childhood Mental Health*

2024 **Lauren McClure.** Thesis: *The Effects of Caffeine Consumption and Marketing on Middle-School Aged Children*

2024 **Victoria Westra.** Thesis: *Hunger in South Carolina Colleges on Academic Success: Investigating Interventions and Barriers Associated with the Stigma and Shame of Food Insecurity*

2023 **Rohita Patil.** Thesis: *Differences Between Organic and Conventionally Farmed "Dirt Dozen" Produce: How Impacts on Food Safety and the Environment Affect Human*

Health

Undergraduate Honors Senior Thesis 2nd Reader

- 2024 **Alex Khemsara**. Thesis: *Unveiling the Nexus of Glyphosate, Diet, and Gut Microbiota: Implications for Human Health and Intervention Strategies*
- 2019 **Taylor Herlich**. Thesis: *Food Waste Redistribution to End Hunger: A Pilot Study of Waste and Donations in Columbia, SC*
- 2016 **Alexa Black**. Thesis: *What Do We Know About GMOS: A Comparison of Regulation and Labeling in the United States and The Netherlands*

High School Senior Exhibition Committee Membership

- 2024 **Samuel Munson**. Heathwood Hall Episcopal School. Project Title: *An Examination of North Columbia's Poor Food Related Health Outcomes; Lack of Access to Healthy Food and Over Access to Unhealthy Food: Causes, Results, and Solutions*
- 2024 **Zane Truesdale**. Heathwood Hall Episcopal School. Project Title: *Poisoning From Within: A Study of the Excessive Use of Harmful Ingredients Allowed in the Food Consumed by Citizens of the United States*

Research and Evaluation Areas

- Household and College Food Security
- USA Federal food assistance programs (SNAP, SNAP-Ed)
- Food systems
- Nutrition incentive programs
- Poverty and stigma
- Language and food

Selected Research and Evaluation Experience

2015- 2024 Title: South Carolina SNAP-Ed Program Evaluation

Funding Source: USDA, Food and Nutrition Service

Role: Co-Investigator

Projects: Assessing the South Carolina SNAP-Ed program's capacity to implement required federal changes to the program that focus on policy, system, and environmental initiatives. Evaluation includes in-depth interviews, focus groups, and environmental assessments with program stakeholders, administrators, sites and participants across South Carolina.

2022-present Title: Food is Medicine SC Landscape Assessment and Evaluation Capacity Building

Funding Source: Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation

Role: Co-Investigator

Project: Mixed methods evaluation of a produce prescription program in health clinics

across the state and a landscape assessment of Food Is Medicine Interventions across the state

2017- 2019 Title: South Carolina Community Loan Fund Evaluation

Funding Source: South Carolina Community Loan Fund

Role: Evaluator

Project: Showcase the economic and health impacts that each Blue Cross Blue Shield HFFI Loan project has had in its community.

2013-2015 Title: Snacking in Young Children: Parental Definitions, Goals, and Feeding Practices.

Funding Source: National Institutes of Health's National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.

Role: Qualitative Data Manager

Project: Conduct interviews and card sorting procedures with caregivers of young children regarding their perspectives of the concept and practices of snacks for their children.

2013- 2014 Title: "How Can South Carolina Communities Eliminate Child Hunger: An Insider's View".

Funding Source: Initiative for South Carolina's Future's University-Community Initiative Research Award

Role: Co-Investigator

Project: Cultivate advocacy, awareness, and community change of household experiences of food insecurity and hunger in South Carolina using voice methodology with four households in South Carolina.

2012-2013 Title: "How can communities and households protect children from very low food security?"

Funding source: US Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service/University of Kentucky Poverty Research Center

Role: Data collector

Project: Develop recommendations for how communities and households can eliminate child hunger based on interviews with community organizations and households in South Carolina.

Peer-Reviewed Publications

1. Draper C and **Younginer N**. Exploring Capacity for Future Sustainability of Healthy Eating Policy, Systems, and Environmental Change Strategies Implemented Through SNAP-Ed Programming. (in press, 2026). *Journal of Nutrition, Education, and Behavior*.
2. Draper C, **Younginer N**, Rodriguez K, Bruno P, Balestracci K, Samin S. Impacts, Adaptations, and Preparedness Among SNAP-Ed Implementers During the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Multistate Study. (2025). *Journal of Public Health Management and Practice* 31(3), 414-422.
3. Monroe C, Zozel K, Stansbury M, **Younginer N**, David R, Dutton G, Newton R, Cai B, West DS. A Focus Group Study Among Insufficiently Physically Active African American Adults Regarding Technology-Delivered Team-Based Gamification for Physical Activity Promotion (2024). *mHealth* 10.

4. **Younginer N** and Draper C. Capacity, communication, and coordination are key to successful implementation of policy, systems, and environmental strategies at SNAP-Ed partner sites in one Southeastern US State: A qualitative approach (2024). *Journal of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics* 124 (2), 169-180.
5. Zozel KL, **Younginer N**, West DS, Dutton G, Davis RE, Cai , Newton RL, Monroe CM. Leveraging Social Ties Via Gamification and Technology to Promote Physical Activity: Perspectives Among African Americans (2022). *Annals of Behavioral Medicine* 56 (SUPP1) S387.
6. Draper CL, **Younginer N**. Readiness of SNAP-Ed Implementers to Incorporate Policy, Systems, and Environmental Approaches into Programming (2021). *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior* 53(9), 751-758.
7. Draper CL, Morrissey E, **Younginer N**. Health Clinic Readiness to Implement Nutrition Supports in Partnership with SNAP-Ed (2021). *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior* 53(10), 843-850.
8. Crimarco A, Turner-McGrievy GM, Macaуда M, Botchway M, Adams S, Blake C, **Younginer, N**. “We’re not meat shamers. We’re plant pushers.” (2020) How Owners of Local Vegan Soul Food Restaurants Promote Healthy Eating in the African American Community. *Journal of Black Studies* 51(2), 512-521.
9. Jones S, Craig J, **Younginer N**, Whitt O, Childers C, Draper C, Freedman D, Blake C, Liese A. How Cultural Frames Guide Strategies to Eliminate Child Hunger. (2020) *Journal of Poverty* 24 (1), 1-23.
10. Pope H, Draper C, **Younginer N**, Whitt O, Paget C. Exploring the Use of Decision Cases for Building SNAP-Ed Implementers’ Capacities to Realize Policy, Systems, and Environmental Strategies (2020). *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior* 52 (5), 512-521.
11. Crimarco A, Turner-McGrievy GM, Adams S, Macaуда M, Blake C, **Younginer, N**. (2019). Examining demographic characteristics and food access indicators from the location of vegan soul food restaurants in the south. *Ethnicity and Health*, 1-16.
12. Crimarco A, Dias CH, Turner-McGrievy GM, Wilson M, Adams S, Macaуда M, Blake C, **Younginer N**. (2020). Outcomes of a short-term dietary intervention involving vegan soul food restaurants on African American adults’ perceived barriers, benefits, and dietary acceptability of adopting a plant-based diet. *Food Quality and Preference*, 79, 103788.
13. Davison KK, Blake CE, Kachurak A, Lumeng JC, Coffman DL, Miller AL, Hughes SO, Power TG, Vaughn AF, Blaine RE, **Younginer N**, Fisher JO (2018). Development and preliminary validation of the Parenting around SNacking Questionnaire (P-SNAQ). *Appetite*, 125, 323-332.
14. Jones S, Draper C, Bell B, Burke M, Martini L, **Younginer NA**, Blake C, Probst J, Freedman D, Liese A (2018). Child Hunger from a Family Resilience Perspective. *Journal of Hunger and Environmental Nutrition*, 1-22.
15. Burke MP, Martini LM, Blake CE, **Younginer NA**, Draper CL, Bell BA, Liese AD,

Jones SJ. (2017). "Stretching" Food and Being Creative: Caregiver Responses to Child Food Insecurity. Revise and Resubmit, *Journal of Nutrition, Education, and Behavior*, 49(4), 296-303.

16. Blaine, R.E., Fisher, J.O., Blake, C.E., Orloski, A., **Younginer, NA**, Bruton, Y., Ganter, C., Rimm, E., Geller, A., Davison, K.K. (2016). Conditioned to eat while watching TV? Low-income caregivers' perspectives on the role of snacking and TV viewing among preschoolers. *Public Health Nutrition*, 19(9), 1598-1605.

17. **Younginer NA**, Blake CE, Davison KK, Blaine, RE, Ganter C, Orloski A, Orlet Fisher, J.(2016) "What Do You Think of When I Say the Word 'Snack'?" Towards a Cohesive Definition among Low-Income Caregivers of Preschool-Age Children. *Appetite*, 98(1): 35-40.

18. Liese AD, Draper CL, Martini L, Burke MP, **Younginer NA**, Probst J, Blake CE, Bell BA, Freedman D, Jones SJ. (2017). Recruitment Strategies and Participation in a Study of Childhood Hunger. *Journal of Hunger and Environmental Nutrition*, 12(2), 251-268.

19. Davison KK, Blake CE, Blaine RE, **Younginer N**, Orloski A, Ganter C, Bruton YP, Vaughn A, & Fisher JO. (2015). Parenting around child snacking: development of a theoretically-guided empirically informed conceptual model. *International Journal of Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity*, 12:109.

20. **Younginer N**, Blake CE, Draper C, Jones S. (2015). Resilience and Hope: Identifying Trajectories and Contexts of Household Food Insecurity. *Journal of Hunger and Environmental Nutrition*, 10(2):230-258.

21. Blake CE, Fisher JO, Gehre C, **Younginer NA**, Orloski A, Blaine RE, Bruton Y, Davison KK. (2015). A Qualitative Study of Parents' Perceptions and Use of Portion Size Strategies for Preschool Children's Snacks. *Appetite*, 88, 17-23.

Selected Evaluation Reports and Practice Materials

Evaluation Reports

1. Draper C, **Younginer N**, Fillo J, King M, Young G. Improving Food Security and Dietary Intake Among FoodShare South Carolina Produce Box Customers. FY 2022 South Carolina SNAP-Ed Evaluation Report.
2. Draper C, **Younginer N**, Fillo J, King M, Young G. Exploring Dimensions of Nutritious Food Access in South Carolina FoodShare. FY 2022 South Carolina SNAP-Ed Evaluation Report.
3. Draper C, **Younginer N**, Fillo J, King M, Young G. The Effects of COVID-19 on the Food and Financial Situations of South Carolinians Participating in FoodShare. FY 2022 South Carolina SNAP-Ed Evaluation Report.
4. Draper C, **Younginer N**, Herrstadt Z, Page A. Readiness and Outcomes of Groups in Starting or Expanding a Local Food Policy Council in Partnership with SNAP-Ed. FY 2021 South Carolina SNAP-Ed Evaluation Report.

5. Draper C, **Younginer N**, Herrnstadt Z, Page A. Mapping Rapid Response: Process, Outcomes, and Future Planning of the Columbia Food Policy Committee Network in the Time of COVID-19. FY 2021 South Carolina SNAP-Ed Evaluation Report.
6. Draper C, **Younginer N**, Herrnstadt Z, Page A. South Carolina SNAP-Ed Implementer End of Year Reflections. FY 2021 South Carolina SNAP-Ed Evaluation Report.
7. Draper C, **Younginer N**, Paget C, Welborn K, Dreyer E, Herrnstadt Z, Page A, Weaver A. FoodShare Spartanburg Outcomes Evaluation: Preliminary Results. FY 2020 South Carolina SNAP-Ed Evaluation Report.
8. Draper C, **Younginer N**, Paget C, Welborn K, Dreyer E, Herrnstadt Z, Page A, Weaver A. Impact and Adaptations to COVID-19 Among University of South Carolina Implementing Agency SNAP-Ed Partners. FY 2020 South Carolina SNAP-Ed Evaluation Report.
9. Draper C, **Younginer N**, Paget C, Welborn K, Dreyer E, Herrnstadt Z, Page A, Weaver A. South Carolina Programming Impacts and Adaptations Made During COVID-19. FY 2020 South Carolina SNAP-Ed Evaluation Report.
10. Draper C, **Younginer N**, Paget C, Welborn K, Dreyer E, Herrnstadt Z, Page A, Weaver A. Integration of Intervention Types and Complementary Components of Implemented Policy, Systems, and Environmental Change Strategies. FY 2020 South Carolina SNAP-Ed Evaluation Report.
11. Draper C, **Younginer N**, Paget C, Welborn K, Dreyer E, Herrnstadt Z, Page A, Weaver A. Inequities in Local Food Options Promoted During COVID-19 in South Carolina Based on Form of Payments Accepted. FY 2020 South Carolina SNAP-Ed Evaluation Report.
12. Draper C, **Younginer N**, Pope H, Paget C. Expanding Physical Activity Programming in SC SNAP-Ed. FY 2019 South Carolina SNAP-Ed Evaluation Report.
13. Draper C, **Younginer N**, Pope H, Paget C. Expanding and Strengthening Transportation to and from SNAP-Ed Programming Sites. FY 2019 South Carolina SNAP-Ed Evaluation Report.
14. Draper C, **Younginer N**, Pope H, Paget C. Reaching Front-Line Food Workers through SNAP-Ed Programming. FY 2019 South Carolina SNAP-Ed Evaluation Report.
15. Draper C, **Younginer N**, Pope H, Paget C. Current and Project Partnerships with Sectors of Influence within the SC SNAP-Ed Program. FY 2019 South Carolina SNAP-Ed Evaluation Report.
16. Draper C, **Younginer N**, Pope H, Paget C. Expanding SNAP-ED Program Capacity to Work with Sites and Partners on Implementing Policy, Systems, and Environmental Change Strategies in Conjunction with Delivering Direct Education. FY 2019 South Carolina SNAP-Ed Evaluation Report.
17. Draper C, and **Younginer N**. Feeding Innovation Health Food Financing Initiative Program Evaluation Report. South Carolina Community Loan Fund 2018.

18. Draper C, Pope H, **Younginer N**, Paget C, Whitt O, Lyle M, Hardin J. Statewide Priority Indicator Objectives and Key Findings. FY 2018 South Carolina SNAP-Ed Evaluation Report.
19. Draper C, Pope H, **Younginer N**, Paget C, Whitt O, Lyle M, Hardin J. Sustainability of Implemented Policy, Systems, and Environmental Supports at SNAP-Ed Partner Sites. FY 2018 South Carolina SNAP-Ed Evaluation Report.
20. Draper C, Pope H, **Younginer N**, Paget C, Whitt O, Lyle M, Hardin J. Assessing the Familiarity and Experiences with SNAP-Ed Among South Carolina SNAP Participants. FY 2018 South Carolina SNAP-Ed Evaluation Report.
21. Draper C, Pope H, **Younginer N**, Paget C, Whitt O. FreshEBT app and Fuel Up! Campaign. FY 2017 South Carolina SNAP-Ed Evaluation Report.
22. Draper C, Pope H, **Younginer N**, Paget C, Whitt O. Adoption and Promotion of Nutrition-Related Supports. FY 2017 South Carolina SNAP-Ed Evaluation Report.
23. Draper C, Pope H, **Younginer N**, Paget C, Whitt O. Healthy Eating (MT1) and Food Resource Management (MT2) Behaviors. FY 2017 South Carolina SNAP-Ed Evaluation Report.
24. SC SNAP-Ed Program Capacity to Implement Policy, Systems, and Environmental Strategies for Healthy Eating and Active Living. FY 2017 South Carolina SNAP-Ed Evaluation Report.
25. Draper C, Pope H, **Younginer N**, Paget C, Carde H, Mattison A, Jones S. Assessing the Barriers and Opportunities for Increasing the Capacity of Implementing Agencies to Guide Policy, Systems, and Environmental Change Strategies for Healthy Eating and Active Living in Conjunction with Delivering Direct Nutrition Education. FY 2016 South Carolina SNAP-Ed Evaluation Report.

Practice Materials

1. Alihonou S, Balestracci K, Bruno P, Draper C, Fuller C, Keller K, Markworth A, Misyak S, Rose C, Tyler A, Walker N, **Younginer N**. Asset-Framing and Ethical Storytelling: A Toolkit for Centering Equity when Communicating Programmatic Success. 2023.
2. Balestracci K, Bruno P, Draper C, Earnesty D, Foerster S, Franck K, Hancock S, Sherman S, Souvenir B, Wolf T, Young M, **Younginer N**. Guide to Coordination and Collaboration Among SNAP-Ed and Other Federal Programs. SNAP-Ed Connection Website, 2023.
3. Draper C, Page C, Pope H, Dreyer E, **Younginer N**, Whitt O, Wang K, Wilson M. Nutrition Supports for Health Clinics: A Toolkit of Healthy Eating Policy, Systems, and Environmental Change Strategies Encouraged by the National SNAP-Ed Program for Obesity Prevention and Addressing Food Insecurity. 2019.

Other Publications

1. **Younginer NA** and Fogle JR. Hobby Farms Magazine Special Issue: Cooking with Eggs. Volume 14k. January 2015
2. **Younginer NA** and Fogle KR. Side Dishes Recipes. Hobby Farms Magazine Special Issue: Bacon. Volume 11k. June 2014.
3. **Younginer NA** and Fogle KR. Classic Dishes Recipes. Hobby Farms Magazine Special Issue: Halloween. Volume 12k. September 2014.
4. Ferguson, Leland 2011. Line art illustrations by **Younginer N**. *God's Fields: Landscape, Religion, and Race in Moravian Wachovia*. University Press of Florida; Gainesville, FL.
5. Ferguson, Leland. Line art illustrations by **Nick Younginer**. From the Earth: Nature Spirits, Medicine Vessels and Consecrated Bowls as Responses to Slavery in the South Carolina Lowcountry. *South Carolina Archaeology Review*, 2015.

Presentations

1. **Younginer N**, Misyak S. SNAP-Ed Reporting on COVID-19 Approaches, Outcomes, and Impact Using an Infographic Template. Annual meeting. Association of SNAP Nutrition Education Administrators. Arlington, VA 2022.
2. **Younginer N**, Misyak S. Keeping the SNAP-Ed Evaluation Framework on the Leading Edge: How ASNNA Can Influence Excellence in SNAP-Ed Planning. Annual meeting. Association of SNAP Nutrition Education Administrators. Arlington, VA 2022.
3. **Younginer N**, Draper C. Upstream Partners: Identifying SNAP-Ed Sectoral Collaborations Towards Meaningful Policy, Systems, and Environmental Change. Annual Meeting. Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior, Orlando, FL. 2019.
4. **Younginer N**, Blake C, Jones S, Kim S, Kingsolver A. Roots of Perspective in the American Context: News Media Discourse and Stakeholder Perspectives About the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association. Atlanta GA, 2017.
5. **Younginer, N**. Conflicting Perspectives on the SNAP Program and Its Participants: Cost, Health, Individualism, and Fraud. Annual Meeting of the Society for Nutrition, Education, and Behavior. San Diego, CA. 2016.
6. **Younginer, N** and Reynolds, J. Lobster Boy Binges on SNAP: The Rebranding of Food Stamps and Welfare Queens for the New Millennium. Annual Meeting of the American Anthropological Association. Denver, CO. 2015
7. **Younginer N**, Blake C, Davison K, Orloski A, Blaine R, Gehre C, Adler R, Orlet Fisher J. Is a Burger a Snack? Conceptualization and Nutritional Value of Foods Identified as Snacks among Low-Income Caregivers of Preschool-age Children. International Society for Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity Annual Meeting. San Diego, CA. 2014.
8. **Younginer N**, Draper C, Craig J. Three Women with Video Cameras: Insiders' Perspectives on Food Insecurity. University of South Carolina Center for Research in

Nutrition and Health Disparities Annual Symposium, Columbia, SC, 2014.

9. **Younginer N**, Blake, CE, Jones, SJ, Draper C. Context Shaping Meaning in Experiences of Household Food Insecurity. International Society for Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity Annual Conference. San Diego, CA. 2014.

10. **Younginer N**, Blake CE, Jones SJ, Draper C. Resilience and Hope: Identifying Trajectories and Contexts of Household Food Insecurity in South Carolina. University of South Carolina Center for Research in Nutrition and Health Disparities Annual Symposium, 2013.

11. **Younginer N**, Comparing Communities: Lebanese Maronite Immigrants and Their Descendants in Two Cities. Meeting of the Southern Anthropological Association, Wilmington, NC, 2008.

12. **Younginer N**, Melting in the Melting Pot: Lebanese Immigrant Identity After 9/11. University of South Carolina Department of Anthropology Colloquium Series, 2006

13. **Younginer N**, Lebanese Immigrant Identity After 9/11. South Carolina Anthropology Student Conference, Clemson University, 2006.

Presentations (not presenter)

1. Bruno P, Fuller C, Draper C, Keller K, Rose C, Balestracci K, Misyak S, **Younginer N**. Asset Framing and Ethical Storytelling: A Practical Workshop to Advance Equity Through Inclusive Narrative. Annual Meeting American Evaluation Association. Indianapolis, IN 2023.

2. Draper C, **Younginer N**, Young G. COVID-19 Impact on the Food and Financial Situations of South Carolinians Participating in a SNAP-Ed Produce Box Intervention. Annual Meeting. Society for Nutrition, Education, and Behavior. Washington, DC 2023.

3. Misyak S, Whetstone L, **Younginer N**, LeBlanc H, Sherman S, Kim H, Draper C, Foerster S. Centering Equity in SNAP-Ed Evaluation. Annual meeting. Association of SNAP Nutrition Education Administrators. Arlington, VA 2023

4. Misyak S, Rose C, Keller K, Bruno P, **Younginer N**, Lim SS, Balestracci K, Draper C, Markworth A. Asset Framing to Promote Equity and Inclusion Through SNAP-Ed Evaluation. Annual meeting. Association of SNAP Nutrition Education Administrators. Arlington, VA 2023

5. Draper C, **Younginer N**. Exploring Dimensions of Equitable Food Access in FoodShare SC: An Emerging Evidence-Based SNAP-Ed Intervention. Annual Meeting. Association of SNAP Nutrition Education Administrators. Arlington, VA 2023.

6. Draper C, **Younginer N**., Herrnstadt Z, Bookhart A, Sprouse G. Mapping Rapid Response: Process, outcomes, and future planning of the Columbia Food Policy Committee network in the time of COVID-19. Annual Meeting. American Public Health Association. Denver, CO. 2021.

7. Misyak S, Lim SS, LaFleche M, Bruno P, Draper C, **Younginer N**. Providing Recommendations for Standardized Reporting Through the Analysis of State Impact Reports. Annual Meeting. Association of SNAP Nutrition Education Administrators, Arlington, VA 2020.
8. Pope H, Draper C, Paget C, **Younginer N**. Exploring the Use of Decision Cases for Policy, Systems, and Environmental Trainings. Annual Meeting. Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior, Orlando, FL. 2019.
9. Draper C, Whitt O, **Younginer N**, Pope H, Paget C. The Sustainability of Policy, Systems, and Environmental Change Strategies Implemented in Partnership with the South Carolina SNAP-Ed Program. Annual Meeting. Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior, Orlando, FL. 2019.
10. Jones S, Craig J, Burke M, **Younginer N**. Reframing hunger: Structuralism, structural violence, and food insecurity in the US. Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association. San Diego CA, 2018.
11. Draper C, **Younginer N**, Pope H, Mattison-Faye A, Paget C. Using Participatory Evaluation to Lessen the Gap Between Policy and Implementation within the South Carolina SNAP-Ed Program. Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association. Atlanta GA, 2017.
12. Draper C, **Younginer N**, Pope H, Paget P. Building Capacity of the South Carolina SNAP-Ed Program to Implement Policy, Systems, and Environmental Strategies for Healthy Eating and Active Living in Conjunction with Delivery of Direct Nutrition Education. Annual Meeting of the Society for Nutrition, Education, and Behavior. Washington DC, 2017.
13. Bruton, YP., Blake, CE., Davison, KK., Orloski, A., Blaine, RE., **Younginer, N.**, Jones, N., Fisher, JO. (2015). Grandma Knows Best: Maternal perceptions of grandparents' influence on child snacking and parental feeding authority. Accepted for presentation at The Annual Meeting of The Obesity Society, Los Angeles CA. 2015.
14. Martini L, Burke M, and **Younginer N**. Neighborhood Social Cohesion is Associated with Food Security Status in Households with and Without Children in the U.S. *The FASEB Journal* 29.1 Supplement (2015): 903-23. Annual Meeting, Experimental Biology, San Diego, 2015.
15. Craig J, **Younginer N**, and Draper C. Feeding Our Families and Feeding Our Communities: Benefits and Challenges of Using Video in Participatory Action Research. Annual Meeting of the Society for Applied Anthropology, Pittsburgh, PA. 2015.
16. Blake CE, **Nicholas Younginer NA**, Davison KK, Orleski A, Blaine R, Gehre C, Orlet Fisher JO. What makes a food a snack? Snack definitions among low-income caregivers of preschool-age children. The Obesity Society, Obesity Week Conference, 2014.
17. Alexandria Orloski, Christine E. Blake, Kirsten K. Davison, **Nicholas Younginer**, Claudia Gehre, Rachel E. Blaine, Colleen Tewksbury, Yasmeen Bruton, Jennifer Orlet Fisher. Associations of caregiver demographics with the types and quality of snacks offered to low-income preschoolers. The Obesity Society, Obesity Week Conference, 2014.

18. Davison, K. K., Blake, C. E., Blaine, R. E., **Younginer, N.**, Gehre, C., Bruton, Y., et al. Anything to make her smile. A conceptual framework for parenting practices around child snacking for low-income caregivers of preschool-aged children. Annual conference for the International Society for Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity. San Diego, CA. 2014
19. Blake C, **Younginer N**, Orlet Fisher J, Blaine R, Orloski A, Adler R, Bruton Y. Child snacking contexts and purposes and their associated nutritional quality among Low income caregivers of preschoolers. Annual Meeting of the International Society for Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity Annual Conference. San Diego, CA. 2014
20. Blaine R, Orlet Fisher J, Blake C, **Younginer N**, Orloski A, Gehre C, Bruton Y, Davison K. Conditioned to eat while watching TV? Low-Income caregivers' perspectives on the role of television and snacking behaviors among preschoolers. International Society for Behavioral Nutrition and Physical Activity Annual Conference. San Diego, CA. 2014
21. Blake CE, Fisher JO, **Younginer N**, Orloski A, Blaine R, Hamtil H, Bruyton Y, Davison KK. Integrating Card-sort and Qualitative Interview Methods to Understand Parents' Child-snack Schemas. Annual Symposium of the University of South Carolina Center for Research in Nutrition and Health Disparities. Columbia, SC, 2014
22. Liese AD, Martini L, Draper C, Burke M, **Younginer N**, Probst J, Blake C, Freedman D, Bell B, Jones S. Recruitment Strategies and Participation in a Case Control Study on Childhood Hunger. Annual Meeting of the American College of Epidemiology, 2013.

Grant Activity

1. SNAP-Ed Program Implementation and Evaluation

Organization: United States Dept. of Agriculture
 Amount requested: ~\$1,000,000
 Period: 1 year, reapplied for and renewed yearly (2015-2023)
 Title: SNAP-Ed Program Evaluation
 Role: Co- Investigator
 Award status: Awarded

2. Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation South Carolina Planning Grant

Organization: Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation of South Carolina
 Amount requested: \$200,000
 Period: 1.5 years
 Title: Food is Medicine SC Landscape Assessment and Evaluation Capacity Building
 Role: Co-Investigator
 Award status: Awarded

3. Equity-Focused Policy Research: Building Evidence on Nutrition Supports for Low-Income Families with Young Children

Organization: Robert Wood Johnson
 Foundation Amount requested: \$250,000
 Period: 2 years
 Title: Informing Inclusive Transportation Systems to Lessen Nutrition Support Disparities for Families with Young Children
 Role: Co-Principal Investigator

Award status: Not awarded

4. Cultural Anthropology Program- Doctoral Dissertation Research Improvement Grant

Organization: National Science

Foundation Amount requested:

\$28,000

Period: 1 year

Title: Investigating Perspectives of the SNAP Program and Participants Through the Use of Media Narratives

Role: Co-Principal Investigator

Award status: Not awarded

5. Doctoral Dissertation Research Grant Program

Organization: RIDGE Center for Targeted Studies

Amount requested: \$17,500

Period: 1 year

Title: Investigating Perspectives of the SNAP Program and Participants Through the Use of Media Narratives

Role: Co-Principal Investigator

Award status: Not awarded

Professional Memberships

- American Anthropological Association
- American Evaluation Association
- American Public Health Association
- Association of SNAP-Ed Nutr. Ed. Administrators
- Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior
- Southern Anthropological Society

Service

Journal Article Reviewer

- Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior
- Appetite
- PLOS One
- International Journal of Gastronomy and Food Science
- Journal of Community Practice

Department, School, And University Service

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| 2025 | Director, HPEB Nutrition and Food Systems Minor |
| 2025 | Member, HPEB Master's Committee |
| 2025 | Faculty Member, Arnold School of Public Health MPH Core |

- 2025 Member, M.S. In Performance Nutrition and Dietetics Program Advisory Board
- 2025 Member, Ad Hoc Committee on Student Food Access
- 2024 Member, Clinical Faculty Search Committee, Dept. of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior
- 2024 Member, Doctoral Admissions Committee. Dept. of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior
- 2022-present Member, College Food Insecurity Committee. Dept. of Health, Promotion, Education, and Behavior
- 2020 Member, Dept. of Health Promotion, Education, and Behavior Research Faculty Search Committee
- 2019-present Member, Arnold School of Public Health's Nutrition Consortium Steering Committee
- 2014-2017 Staff, Annual Symposium of the Center for Research in Nutrition and Health Disparities- Healthy Eating in Context: Building and Strengthening Collaborations to Address Hunger, Poverty, and Nutrition in the Southeast
- 2013 Judge, Social Sciences and Humanities Poster Presentations Discover Day Forum for Student Ingenuity University of South Carolina- Columbia
- 2012 Member, Sociology Tenure Track Faculty Search Committee, University of South Carolina-Aiken
- 2012 Member, Criminal Justice Tenure Track Faculty Search Committee, University of South Carolina-Aiken
- 2012 Member, Anthropology Tenure Track Faculty Search Committee, University of South Carolina-Aiken
- 2009 Conference Organizer, South Carolina Anthropology Student Conference University of South Carolina-Columbia
- 2008-2009 Co-president, Anthropology Graduate Organization for Research, Action, and Ethics (AGORAE)

Professional Service

- 2018- 2024 Co-Chair, Evaluation and Reporting Subcommittee of the ASNNA Evaluation Committee
- 2017- 2024 Member, ASNNA Evaluation Committee
- 2022- present Advisor, Mathematica funded study for the United States Dept. of Agriculture, Understanding the Relationship between Poverty, Well-Being, and Food Security

Status Study