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EDUCATION

- 2013-2017 **University of Alabama at Birmingham**, Birmingham AL
Doctor of Philosophy, Health Education and Promotion
- 2010-2012 **University of South Carolina**, Columbia SC
Master of Public Health, Health Promotion, Education & Behavior
- 2004-2008 **Peking Union Medical College, Tsinghua University**, Beijing China
Bachelor of Science in Nursing

RESEARCH EXPERTISE AND INTEREST

My long-term research goal is to prevent chronic diseases, reduce health disparities, and improve holistic health and wellbeing through healthy lifestyle and life quality promoting interventions among populations, especially those underrepresented and underserved. To pursue this goal, my current research interests lie in using multidisciplinary and mixed methods to investigate health disparities (especially geospatially) and lifespan risk factors of chronic diseases (i.e. obesity, diabetes, heart diseases, mental disorders), and to develop evidence- and theory-based health behavior change strategies to prevent chronic diseases, improve overall quality of life, reduce health disparities, as well as advocate for improving health surveillance and services for underserved populations.

PROFESSIONAL AND RELATED WORKING EXPERIENCE

- 2021-present Senior Research Scientist, Global Health Research Center, DKU, China
- 2020-present Asst. Prof. of Health Policy, Division of Social Science, DKU, China
- 2017-2020 Asst. Professor, Department of Public Health, Cal State LA, CA, USA
- 2013-2016 Grad Research Assistant, Department of Health Behavior, UAB, AL
- 2014-2015 Grad Research Assistant, UAB Hospital Lung Health Center, UAB, AL
- 2013-2014 Graduate Teaching Assistant, Department of Health Behavior, UAB, AL
- 2013-2013 Health Educator II, SC DHEC, Charleston, SC
- 2013-2013 Chinese/English Interpreter, Lexington Medical Center, Lexington SC
- 2012-2012 Program evaluator, South Carolina Department of Public Safety, SC
- 2011-2013 Grad Assistant & staff, University of South Carolina, Columbia SC
- 2011-2013 Grad Assistant, Department of Health and Environmental Control, SC
- 2011-2012 Adjunct Instructor, Confucius Institute, University of South Carolina, SC
- 2008-2010 Registered Nurse, Peking Union Medical College Hospital, Beijing China

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2021-present GLHLTH303: Comparative Health Care Systems (BS-level), DKU, China
- 2020-present GLHLTH302: Social Determinant of Health (BS-level), DKU, China
- 2020-present GLHLTH203: Global Disease Control Programs and Policies (BS-level)

2021-present Mini-term: Where You Live Matters When It Comes to Obesity:
Health Disparities Through the Geospatial Lens, DKU, China

2019-2019 PH5110: Social and Behavioral Science (Master-level), Cal State LA

2019-2019 PH5220: Program Planning & Evaluation (Master-level), Cal State LA

2019-2019 PH4540I: Special Topics: International Program (BS-level), Cal State LA

2019-2019 PH4370: Proseminar (BS-level), Dept. of Public Health, Cal State LA

2018-2019 PH4990: Undergrad Directed Study (BS-level), Cal State LA

2017-2019 PH4340: Health Promotion (BS-level), Cal State LA

2017-2018 PH4320: International Health (BS-level), Cal State LA

2014-2014 HB624: Advanced Theory (Master-level), UAB

2013-2014 HB643: Health Program Evaluation (Master-level), UAB

2011-2012 CHIN221: Intermediate Mandarin Chinese I & II (BS-level), USC

MENTORSHIP

Student	Class	Project	Funding
Yutong Jiang, Yang Pei, Xuening Peng, Lorenzo Maggio Laquidara, Jiaqi Liu, Fei Wu	UG class of 2022, 2023,2024	Overview of Obesity in Mainland China: A Multidisciplinary Systematic Review Project	Summer Research Scholar Project Award by DKU
Erin Greig, Emma Guo, Mia Mamo, Yuqing Liu	UG class of 2022, 2023	Health Values Lab	Duke Kunshan University Health Humanities Lab funding
Ethan Fang, Honghao Bai, Bolu "Bella" Yang	UG class of 2023, MMS Class of 2022, MScGH Class of 2023	Student-led Evaluation of the Employee Health Management Program of KONE Corporation	Interdisciplinary Health Research by Global Health Research Center (awarded)
Tom Zhang, Jiahe Qian, Xiaoyu Duan, Yang Pei,	UG class of 2023 and 2024	Health Education, Promotion and Practice Programs at Canadian International School Kunshan (CISK Health Education Program, CHEP)	DKU Community Health Service Lab
Fei Wu	UG class of 2023	Associations between Romantic Relationship Factors and Obesity	
Yutong Jiang	UG class of 2023	Community-based Diabetes Prevention and Health Management	
Yunke Gu	UG class of 2022	Mental Health Education Curriculum: Development, Delivery, and Effectiveness	DKU the Student Experiential Learning Fellowship (SELF) program, Summer 2021

Brooke Leath	UG class of 2022	That's On Period – Addressing Miseducation of Menstruation & Women's Health	
Yanfei Mao	UG class of 2022	Autistic Children and Their Caregivers: How Could Society Offer A Helping Hand?	
Xinyi Yan, May Thongthum, Junyu Shi, Jualin Li, Lisa Wu	UG class of 2022	The Health Education Project	Dr. Tom Hall Education Grant
Zhiyi Jiang	UG class of 2022	Elective egg freezing: the current status in China and the discussion on future policy change	

ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL HONORS

- 2022-2023 Awardee, Duke Data+ Project, Duke University
- 2022-2023 Awardee, Pilot Research Grant, the Center for the Study of Contemporary China (CSCC), DKU
- 2021-2022 Awardee, Faculty Learning Community of Active Learning Program, DKU
- 2019-2020 Awardee, Research Mini-grant Award, Cal State LA, CA
- 2018-2019 Awardee, Research Assigned Time Award, Cal State LA, CA
- 2018-2019 Awardee, Research Mini-grant Award, Cal State LA, CA
- 2018-2018 Awardee, Grant Proposal Development Program, Cal State LA, CA
- 2017-2017 Winner, 5th Annual Epidemiology Poster Award, Obesity Society Conference 2017, Washington DC
- 2016-2016 Awardee, Tuition scholarship, Department of Health Behavior, UAB
- 2016-2016 Awardee, Research grant award, the Mid-South Transdisciplinary Collaborative Center for Health Disparities Research, Birmingham, AL
- 2016-2016 Awardee, Tuition scholarship, CIRTL, UAB
- 2015-2015 Awardee, Student travel stipends, University of Alabama at Birmingham
- 2015-2015 Awardee, Public Health Scholarship, SC Public Health Association
- 2015-2016 Awardee, Graduate Research Assistant Fellowship, UAB
- 2014-2014 Awardee, Tuition Scholarship, Department of Health Behavior, UAB
- 2013-2014 Awardee, Graduate Trainee Fellowship, UAB
- 2005-2008 Awardee, First Class Scholarship for Outstanding Undergraduates, Peking Union Medical College, Tsinghua University, Beijing China

GRANTS & PROJECTS

Co-Principal Investigator

Co-Principal Investigators: Ivan Maru, DKU & Kishor Trivedi, Duke
Duke Bass Connections Project

2022-2023

Amount: \$25,000

Improving Cancer Control Equity in China: Visualizing and Analyzing the Gap

The project aims at advancing the practice of CEA in public health by taking advantage of the rich repertoire of analysis techniques, abstraction languages and automation tools developed in mathematics and engineering for Markov models.

Principal Investigator 2022-2023

Co-Principal Investigator: Shenglan Tang, Duke & Ivan Maru, DKU Amount: \$25,000
Duke Bass Connections Project

Improving Cancer Control Equity in China: Visualizing and Analyzing the Gap

The goal of this proposed digital visualization project is to design and develop an interactive, participatory and ever evolving website that presents an overall picture of cancer burden, disparities and state-of-the-art practices, and achieves up-to-date data and information for cancer prevention and control advocacy and research in China.

Principal Investigator 2022-2023

Co-Principal Investigator: Shenglan Tang, Duke & Ivan Maru, DKU
Duke Data+ Project

Analyzing the Gap in Cancer Control Equity in China

This proposed project aims to investigate the social determinants of cancers in local areas, examine the impact of personal behaviors and community characteristics on cancer-related outcomes, and conduct systematic review and meta-analysis to evaluate the effectiveness of the current cancer prevention and control policies and interventions in China.

Principal Investigator 2022-2023

Principal Investigator: Meifang Chen, Duke Kunshan University, China Amount: \$5,000
DKU the Center for the Study of Contemporary China

Multisectoral Needs Assessment for Community-based Diabetes Management in China

This project uses mixed methods to investigate what are the current status, barriers, challenges and its causes in implementing high-quality continuous community-based diabetes care and management, especially with the use of mHealth in such care, in China.

Principal Investigator Summer 2021

Principal Investigator: Meifang Chen, Duke Kunshan University, China Amount: ¥ 76,800
DKU Undergraduate Office Summer Research Scholar Program

Overview of Obesity in Mainland China: A Multidisciplinary Systematic Review Project

This project aims to mentor undergraduate students to conduct systematic review on the current situation of obesity in Mainland China from various perspectives (e.g., built environment, food policy, GIS and AI application, community-based interventions, economics, mass media, educational curriculum, etc.).

Lab Director 2021

Principal Investigator: Meifang Chen, Duke Kunshan University, China Amount: ¥ 30,000
DKU Community Health Service Lab

This lab serves as a civic/service-learning center for our students and faculty who are interested in promoting holistic health in local, national, and international communities

Principal Investigator Aug 2021 – Jun 2022

Principal Investigator: Meifang Chen, Duke Kunshan University, China Amount: ¥ 15,000

DKU Teaching and Assessment Grant

How is our Global Health undergraduate program doing in the liberal arts and COVID-19 pandemic context?

This project aims to analyze the strengths and weakness of the liberal arts and team-based learning education approaches in achieving the GH undergraduate program learning outcomes and assess career development perception among the GH undergraduate students and their parents in China.

Co-Principal Investigator

Sept 2020 – Sept 2021

Principal Investigator: Daniel Weissglass, Duke Kunshan University, China

Amount: ¥ 25,000

DKU Health Humanities Laboratory project funding

Do health metrics capture actual health values? A cross-cultural investigation

2020-2021

This project aims to explore the dynamics of the actual health values of the general public and the health metrics used to guide health policy.

Principal Investigator

Aug 2019 – May 2020

Principal Investigator: Meifang Chen, California State university, CA

Amount: \$5,000

Research Mini-grant Award

Lifespan Risks of Disparity of Health Outcomes Among Different Ethnic Groups: From Early Childhood to Early Adulthood

2019-2020

This retrospective study, using mixed methods, is designed to explore how early childhood (0-10-year-old) food and social environment influence on early adulthood (20-35-year-old) eating habits and obesity-related outcomes.

Principal Investigator

Aug 2018 – July 2019

Principal Investigator: Meifang Chen, California State university, Los Angeles, CA

Research Assigned Time (one course release) Award

Associations of Dietary Pattern, Obesity and Breast Cancer among Women of different ethnicities: A Geographic Information System (GIS) analysis

2018-2019

This cross-sectional study uses a Geographic Information System (GIS) modeling and path analysis to examine the relationship between dietary pattern, obesity and breast cancer among women of different ethnicities in the Multiethnic Cohort (MEC) study.

Principal Investigator

Aug 2018 – July 2019

Principal Investigator: Meifang Chen, California State university, CA

Amount: \$5,000

Research Mini-grant Award

Racial disparity in the association of food environment, Mediterranean diet adherence and obesity in United States: A Geographic Information System (GIS) analysis

2018-2019

This cross-sectional study using a GIS techniques and path analysis is designed to explore how race influences on the relationship between food environment, MD adherence and obesity among US adults.

Principal Investigator

Jan – Jul 2016

Principal Investigator: Meifang Chen, University of Alabama at Birmingham

Amount: \$15,000

The Mid-South Transdisciplinary Collaborative Center for Health Disparities Research (U54MD008176)

Associations of food environment, Mediterranean diet adherence and obesity in United States: A Geographic Information System (GIS) analysis

This project is a secondary data analysis using GIS methods and models to identify the drivers of eating a Mediterranean diet and using path analysis to test if eating a Mediterranean diet can modify the effects of life-course food environment exposure on obesity outcomes among the Reasons for Geographic And Racial Differences in Stroke (REGARDS) study cohort.

Graduate Research Assistant

Jan – Aug 2016

Principal investigator: Gareth R Dutton, University of Alabama at Birmingham Amount: \$602,170

National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) (1R01DK103863-01A1)

CARE Trial: Comparing Different Levels of Calorie Reduction for Weight Loss (Fixed Versus Variable Energy Reduction during Behavioral Obesity Treatment) 2015-2019

This is a randomized controlled trial (RCT) comparing lifestyle interventions with differing levels and schedules of energy reduction for weight loss and weight loss maintenance.

Graduate Research Assistant

Sept 2014 – Jul 2015

Principal investigator: Kathy F. Harrington, UAB, Birmingham AL Amount: \$387,916

National Institute on Drug Abuse, National Institutes of Health (NIDA 1u01da031515)

Web-based Smoking Cessation Intervention: Transition from Inpatient to Outpatient 2011-2015

This project tests a web-based intervention to support smoking cessation post-hospitalization among patients in an urban tertiary care hospital

Program Evaluator

Jun- Sept 2012

South Carolina Department of Public Safety, Columbia SC

Amount: \$2,500

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), U.S.

Department of Justice (DOJ)

Title V Incentive Grants for Local Delinquency Prevention Program

This grant program is to facilitate local efforts to reduce risk factors for juvenile delinquency, to enhance protective factors to prevent youth at risk of becoming delinquent from entering the juvenile justice system, and to intervene with first-time and non-serious offenders to keep them out of the juvenile justice system.

Program Assistant

Jan – May 2012

Principal Investigator: Scotty M. Buff, MUSC, Charleston SC

Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC)

Junior Doctors of Health

This program is to prevent childhood obesity in underserved populations by creating “Junior Doctors of Health”, in which youth are empowered to take control of their own health and educate their families, friends, and communities about healthy eating and exercise.

Graduate Assistant & temporary staff

Jul 2011- May 2013

South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) and USC, Columbia SC

Family & Youth Services Bureau, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

State Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP)

This federal grant program is to fund state agencies to educate young people on both abstinence and contraception to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections, including HIV/AIDS.

Graduate Assistant

Apr – Jul 2011

South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control and USC, Columbia SC

Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant Program

This federal program is to provide a foundation for ensuring the health of the Nation’s mothers, women, children and youth, including children and youth with special health care needs, and their families.

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-reviewed Publication

1. **Chen, M.**, Creger, T., Howard, V., Judd, S., Harrington, K., & Fontaine, K. (2021). Geospatial analysis of Mediterranean diet adherence in the United States. *Public Health Nutrition*, 24(10), 2920-2928. doi:10.1017/S1368980020001135
2. **Chen, M.**, Howard, V., Harrington, K. F., Creger, T., Judd, S. E., & Fontaine, K. R. (2020). Does Adherence to Mediterranean Diet Mediate the Association Between Food Environment and Obesity Among Non-Hispanic Black and White Older US Adults? A Path Analysis. *American journal of health promotion: AJHP*, 34(6), 652–658. doi:10.1177/0890117120905240
3. **Chen, M.**, Creger, T., Howard, V., Judd, S. E., Harrington, K. F., & Fontaine, K. R. (2019). Association of community food environment and obesity among US adults: a geographical information system analysis. *J Epidemiol Community Health*, 73(2), 148-155. DOI: 10.1136/jech-2018-210838.
4. **Chen, M.**, Creger, T., Howard, V.J., & Fontaine, K.R. (2018). Geospatial Analysis of Mediterranean Diet Adherence in the U.S. *Obesity Facts, The European Journal of Obesity*, 11(1), 154-155.
5. Harrington, K. F., Kim, Y. I., **Chen, M.**, Ramachandran, R., Pisu, M., Sadasivam, R. S., Huston, T.K., & Bailey, W. C. (2016). Web-based intervention for transitioning smokers from inpatient to outpatient care: an RCT. *American Journal of Preventive Medicine*, 51(4), 620-629. doi: 10.1016/j.amepre.2016.04.008.
6. Harrington, K.F., Bailey, W.C., Kim, Y., **Chen, M.**, & Ramachandran, R. (2015). What Predicts Smoking Cessation and Reduction among Smokers Enrolled in a Web-based Intervention Post-hospitalization. *American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine*, vol. 201: A5386
7. Qin, Y., **Chen, M.**, & Wang, Q. (2012). Accompany Nursing Staff's Hand Hygiene Condition in Mother-infant Ward. *Chinese Journal of Nosocomiology*, 22(6), 1222-1223.
8. Zhao, L.Y., **Chen, M.**, & Qin, Y. (2009). Reminder Cards Application in Comprehensive Obstetrics and Gynecology Ward in International Department. *Chinese Journal of Modern Nursing*, 15(31), 3297. doi.org/10.3760/cma.j.issn.1674-2907.2009.31.066.
9. **Chen, M.**, Gan, D.Z., Zhang, H., & Zhang, Y. (2009). Investigation on Occupational Exposure among Staff in Disinfected Supply Rooms from 11 Third Grade Class A Hospitals and Their Professional Prevention Conditions. *Chinese Journal of Modern Nursing*, 15(7), 632-634. Doi:10.3760/cma.j.issn.1674-2907.2009.07.011

Other Publication

1. Fact Sheet, “At a Glance: Late Preterm in South Carolina”, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, 2011

ABSTRACTS/PRESENTATIONS (*co-first author)

1. **Chen, M.**, & Lopez, E. (2021). *Childhood experience and obesity-related outcomes among 2nd generation Latino college students*. Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Meeting, New Orleans, LA. March 3-5, 2021. (under review)

2. Lopez, E. & **Chen, M.*** (2021). *Childhood food influences on college students' obesity and body image*. Society for Research on Adolescence Biennial Meeting, New Orleans, LA. March 3-5, 2021. (under review)
3. Pei, Y., Liu, Y., & **Chen, M.*** (2021). *The Effectiveness of Pre- and During-pregnancy Weight Management Interventions on During- and After-pregnancy Obesity Prevention Among Women in China: A Systematic Review*. APRU Global Health Conference 2021. Pokfulam, Hong ong. Nov 16-18, 2021.
4. Peng, X., Liu, J. & **Chen, M.*** (2021). *The Evolution of Mobile Health (mHealth) Application in Weight Management Among Overweight/Obese Population in China: A Systematic Review*. APRU Global Health Conference 2021. Pokfulam, Hong ong. Nov 16-18, 2021.
5. Jiang Y., & **Chen, M.*** (2021). *The Effects of Health Promotion Interventions via social media on Overweight/Obesity in China: A Systematical Review and Meta-analysis*. APRU Global Health Conference 2021. Pokfulam, Hong Kong. Nov 16-18, 2021.
6. Wu F, Duan X, Pei Y, Liu Y, Jiang Y., & **Chen, M.*** (2021). *The Association between Romantic Relationship and Obesity among Adults: A Systematic Review*. APRU Global Health Conference 2021. Pokfulam, Hong Kong. Nov 16-18, 2021.
7. **Chen, M.**, & Lopez, E. (2021). *The effects of early childhood family food and socioeconomic environment on obesity among second-generation Hispanic immigrant young adults*. World Obesity and Weight management Congress, Oct 18-20, 2021.
8. Lopez, E. & **Chen, M.*** (2021). *The effects of early childhood experiences on minority college students' eating and obesity outcomes: a qualitative study*. American Public Health Association 149th Annual Meeting and Expo, Denver, CO. Oct 24-27, 2021.
9. **Chen, M.**, Creger, T., Howard, V.J., Judd, S.E., Harrington, K.F., & Fontaine, K.R. (2019). *Does Adherence to Mediterranean Diet Mediate the Association Between Food Environment and Obesity? A Path Analysis*. American Public Health Association 147th Annual Meeting and Expo, Philadelphia, PA. Nov. 2-6, 2019.
10. **Chen, M.**, Creger, T., Howard, V.J., Judd, S.E., Harrington, K.F., & Fontaine, K.R. (2018). *Association of Community Food Environment and Adherence to a Mediterranean Diet among U.S. Adults: A Geographic Information System (GIS) Analysis*. American Public Health Association 146th Annual Meeting and Exposition, San Diego, CA. Nov. 10-14, 2018.
11. **Chen, M.**, Creger, T., Judd, S.E., Howard, V.J., Harrington, K.F., & Fontaine, K.R. (2018). *Geospatial Analysis of Mediterranean Diet Adherence in the U.S.* 25th European Congress on Obesity, Vienna, Austria. May 23-26, 2018.
12. **Chen, M.**, Creger, T., Judd, S.E., Howard, V.J., Harrington, K.F., & Fontaine, K.R. (2017). *Association of community food environment and obesity among the U.S. adults: a Geographic Information System (GIS) analysis*. ObesityWeek 2017, The Obesity Society & The American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery 2017 Annual Meeting, Washington DC. Oct 29-Nov 2, 2017.
13. **Chen, M.**, Judd S.E., & Fontaine, K.R. (2016). *Effects of Mediterranean Diet on body weight among the U.S. population: A systematic literature review*. ObesityWeek 2016, The Obesity Society & The American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery 2016 Annual Meeting, New Orleans, LA. Oct 31-Nov 4, 2016.

14. **Chen, M.** (2016). *Health reconstruction in the U.S. society*. the Sixth Annual West Michigan University Medical Humanities Conference, Kalamazoo, MI. Sept 15-16, 2016.
15. **Chen, M.**, Fontaine, K.R., & Dhurandhar, E.J. (2015). *Does Childhood Food Insecurity Predict Weight Status in Later Life? A Systematic Literature Review*. ObesityWeek2015, the Obesity Society and The American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery 2015 Annual Scientific Meeting, Los Angeles, CA. Nov 2-7, 2015.
16. Harrington, K.F., **Chen, M.**, Kim, Y., Ramachandran, R., & Bailey, W.C. (2015). *What Predicts Smoking Cessation and Reduction among Smokers Enrolled in a Web-based Intervention Post-hospitalization*. American Thoracic Society 2015 International Conference. Denver, CO, May 15-20, 2015.
17. **Chen, M.**, Davies, S.L., Snyder, S., & Lanzi, R.G. (2015). *Risk Factors of Maternal Mental Health and Parenting functioning: My Sister's Keeper*. American Public Health Association 143rd Annual Meeting and Exposition, Chicago, IL. Oct. 31 - Nov. 4, 2015.
18. **Chen, M.**, Harrington, K.F., Kim, Y-il, Kohler, C., & Bailey, W.C. (2015). *Are there gender differences in electronic cigarette advertising exposure and use among hospitalized smokers?* Annual Public Health Research and Practice Day, University of Alabama at Birmingham. April 9, 2015.
19. **Chen, M.**, & Creger, T. (2015). *Is there an association between low food access and adult obesity in Alabama?* Annual Public Health Research and Practice Day, University of Alabama at Birmingham. April 9, 2015.
20. **Chen, M.**, Harrington, K.F., Hendricks, P.S. Kohler, C., & Bailey, W.C. (2015). *Changes in electronic cigarette use, regular cigarette use, and exposure to e-cigarette advertising among smokers after a hospitalization*. Annual Public Health Research and Practice Day, University of Alabama at Birmingham. April 9, 2015.
21. Khan, M., Heboyan, V., & **Chen, M.** (2013). *Determinants of Patient Satisfaction at Public Sector Health Facilities in Bangladesh*. American Public Health Association 141st Annual Meeting and Exposition, Boston, MA. Nov. 2-6, 2013.

NEWS

1. Mediterranean Diet Most Popular on U.S. Coasts. (2018). *American Heart Association News Archive*. <https://newsarchive.heart.org/news/mediterranean-diet-most-popular-on-u-s-coasts/>
2. Mediterranean Diet Most Popular on U.S. Coasts. (2018). *U.S. News*. <https://health.usnews.com/health-care/articles/2018-05-23/mediterranean-diet-most-popular-on-us-coasts>
3. Mediterranean Diet Most Popular on U.S. Coasts. (2018). *United Press International*. https://www.upi.com/Health_News/2018/05/23/Mediterranean-diet-most-popular-on-US-coasts/9901527131742/
4. Adoption of 'healthier' Mediterranean-style diet varies considerably across US states. (2018). *MedicalExpress.com*. <https://medicalxpress.com/news/2018-05-healthier-mediterranean-style-diet-varies-considerably.html>
5. Identifying Mediterranean-diet adhering populations may temper obesity crisis. (2018). *Healio.com*. <https://www.healio.com/endocrinology/obesity/news/online/%7B6493965d-fd68-40bd-89b6-39ae9565ef39%7D/identifying-mediterranean-diet-adhering-populations-may-temper-obesity-crisis>

6. Why Don't More Americans Eat the Mediterranean Diet? (2018). *The California State University News*. <https://www2.calstate.edu/csu-system/news/Pages/Why-Don%E2%80%99t-More-Americans-Eat-the-Mediterranean-Diet.aspx>
7. Adoption of 'healthier' Mediterranean-style diet varies considerably across US states. (2018). European Association for the Study of Obesity. American Association for the Advancement of Science. https://eurekalert.org/pub_releases/2018-05/eaft-ao052118.php

GUEST SPEAKER

1. **Chen, M.** *Deciphering the influence of the food environment on obesity in the U.S.* Wuhan University, Wuhan, China, May 13, 2021
2. **Chen, M.** Obesity and Woman's Health. Chinatown Health Center, Los Angeles, 2018.

MEMBERSHIPS IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

American Public Health Association
 Alabama Public Health Association
 South Carolina Public Health Association
 The Obesity Society
 National Association of Chronic Disease Directors
 Society of Public Health Education

SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

2021-present Co-Director, DKU Health Humanity Lab, DKU, China
 2021-present Director, DKU Community Health Service Lab, DKU, China
 2021-present Faculty member, Global Health Research Center, DKU, China
 2020-present Academic advisor and Signature Work advisor, DKU, China
 2020-present Review board member, American Journal of Health Behavior, PNG Publications, NC
 2020-2020 Faculty member, Health Humanities Lab, DKU, China
 2019-present Member, the Mark Keppel/San Gabriel High School Healthcare Advisory Board, CA
 2019-present Editorial board member, Journal of Geographical Research, Singapore
 2019-2020 Leading faculty, exchange program with Dept of Nursing, Shandong University, China
 2019-2020 Director, "Obesity and Lifestyle" Lab, Dept. of Public Health, Cal State LA
 2018-2020 Guest speaker, Chinatown Service Center, Los Angeles, CA
 2018-2020 Leading faculty, Xu Scholar program, CSULA and Mebo Groups, Los Angeles, CA
 2018-2020 Leader, Program Review, Department of Public Health, Cal State LA
 2018-2020 Member, College of HHS Graduate Curriculum Committee, Cal State LA
 2018-2020 Chair, Department assessment committee, Dept. of PH, Cal State LA
 2018-2020 Member, Thesis Committee, Graduate Studies, Cal State LA
 2017-2020 Contact person for Global Studies, Department of Public Health, CSULA
 2017-2020 Member, College RTP taskforce, College of HHS, Cal State LA
 2017-2020 Member, Department Curriculum Committee, Dept. of PH, Cal State LA

2017-2020 Member, Master of Public Health committee, Dept. of PH, Cal State LA
2016-present Reviewer, Health Education & Behavior Journal, SAGE
2015-2017 Senator, Graduate Student Government, UAB, Birmingham AL
2014-present Advisory Board member, Healing Species, Inc.
2014-2017 Campus Liaison, American Public Health Association-Student Assembly
2013-present Abstract Reviewer, the 142nd-149th APHA Annual Meeting and Expo

CERTIFICATIONS

2018-2023 Master Certified Health Education Specialist (MCHES), National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc.
2013-present Professional Medical Interpreter Certificate, the Cross-Culture Health Care Program, Seattle, WA
2012-2018 Certified Health Education Specialist (CHES), National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc.
2009-2014 Registered Nurse License, Beijing Municipal Health Bureau of Public Health

TECHNICAL & SPECIALIZED SKILLS

Statistics **SPSS:** Practical knowledge of correlations, linear/logistic regression, hierarchical regression, discriminate function analysis, cluster analysis, factor analysis, path analysis.
 SAS: Practical knowledge of writing and running codes to datasets management, generate descriptive statistics, correlation, linear/logistic regression, and path analysis.
 JMP: Practical knowledge of descriptive statistics, correlations, and linear/logistic regression.

Other software applications

Nvivo, ArcGIS software, GeoDa, GWR4, EndNote, RefWorks, Mendeley, Word, Excel, Publisher, Access, Outlook, PowerPoint, Dropbox

Language **Chinese,** native
 English, full professional proficiency