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1. Appointments

Academic

Associate Professor: Department of Health Policy and Management
August 2021 onwards, promoted and tenured in 2021
Courtesy appointment: Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics (F2020 onwards)
Courtesy appointment: Department of Nutritional Sciences (F2021 onwards)
Assistant Professor: August 2014 to July 2021
Director: UGA Obesity and Weight Management Certificate
Grad. Program Faculty: Full member since September 22, 2014

Administrative

Director: August 2021 onwards, Director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion,
College of Public Health

Research

Director: Economic Evaluation Research Group, UGA, February 2019-present
Affiliate: William A. and Barbara R. Owens Institute for Behavioral Research,
UGA, August 19, 2015-present
Member: Obesity Initiative, UGA, August 18, 2014-present

Professional

Associate Editor-in-Chief: American Journal of Health Promotion, Spring 2022 onwards
Treasurer: Food Safety and Nutrition – Agricultural and Applied Economic
Association Executive Committee,

Education

2014 Ph.D. Applied Economics, Texas Tech University (TTU), TX
2011 M.P.A. Int. Development, Cornell University (CU), NY
2007 M.S. Agricultural and Applied Economics, Nepal
2005 B.S. Agricultural and Applied Economics, Nepal

2. Instruction

2.1 Graduate Courses Taught at UGA (*indicates newly developed course for the Department)

Course title and semesters taught
*HPAM 7050E Obesity Policy online (Instructor of Record, 100%) Fall(F)2017,F2018, Spring(S)/F2019, S/F2020, S/F2021, F2022
*HPAM 7050 Obesity Policy (Instructor of Record, 100%) S/F2015, S/F2016, S2017, S2018
HPAM 8600 Health Economics (Instructor of Record, 100%) S/F2016, S/F2017, S/F2018, S/F2019, S/F2020, S2021, S2022
*HPAM 8010S Advanced Service Learning (Instructor of Record, 100%) S2015
*HPAM 7001 Foundations in HPAM (Partial, 14%) F2016, F2017

HPAM 8000 Directed Research
F2015, F2016, S2017, S/Summer(Su) 2018, S2019, S2020, S/F2021, S2022, S2023
PBHL 7800 Capstone in Public Health
F2015, S/F2016, S/F2017, S/F2018, S/F2019, S/F2020, S/F2021, S2022
PBHL 7560 Internship in Public Health
Su2016, F2016, S2017, S2020, F2022, S2023
HPAM 9300 Doctoral Dissertation
S/Su/F2019, S/F2020, S/F2021, S2022, F2022, S2023
HPAM 7005 Grad. Student Seminar
F2015, S/F2016, F2017, S/Su/F2018, S/Su2019, S/F2021, S2022
HPAM 9005 Doctoral Grad. Student Seminar
F2019, S2020, S/F2021, S2022, F2022
GLOB 4960 Global Health Undergraduate Research
S2020
HPAM 8910 Problems in HPAM
EPID 9000 Doctoral Dissertation in Epidemiology and Biostatistics

2.2 Invited Guest Lectures

F2014	Evidence-based policy <i>HPAM 7010 Introduction to Health Policy and Management</i>
F2014, F2019	Behavioral Economics in Public Health <i>HPRB 7600 Public Health, Physical Activity, and Nutrition Interventions</i>
S2015	Community-based Behavior Change Interventions for Obesity Prevention <i>PHRM 8620 Pharmacy Care Administration Special Topics Seminar</i>
S2015	Behavioral Economics in the National School Lunch Program <i>FDNS 4540/6540 Public Health Dietetics</i>
S2016, F2017	Behavioral Economics in Public Health <i>HPAM 3600 Introduction to Health Policy and Management</i>
F2016	Introduction to Health Economics <i>HPAM 7001 Foundations in Health Policy and Management</i>
F2017	Health in Sustainable Development <i>FANR 1500 Fundamental of Sustainable Development</i>
F2017, F2018	Essential Principles of Micro and Macroeconomics <i>HPAM 7001 Foundations in Health Policy and Management</i>
S 2019	NEMS-CS scoring of the food environment in corner stores in Clarke County <i>CRSS 4020S/6020S: Social Sustainability in Agricultural & Food Systems</i>
S2019, S/F2020, S2021	Quantitative Research <i>AU/UGA Medical Partnership (Year 1 Community Health)</i>
S2021	Health Effects of the Food System <i>AESC 8310 Food Systems Sustainability, Security, and Resiliency</i>
S2021	Agent Training for Research <i>HPAM 9100 Doctoral Seminar</i>
F2022	Rural Urban Differences in Telehealth Utilization among Pediatric Patients with Mental Health Disorders Before and During the Pandemic <i>HPAM 9100 Doctoral Seminar</i>

2.3 New Courses Developed or Significantly Revised Courses

I developed and launched three graduate-level courses and significantly revised one graduate course. All my teachings are at the graduate level.

HPAM8010S Advanced Service Learning in HPAM (3 credits, First teaching S2015)

HPAM 7050 Obesity policy (3 credits, First teaching S2015)

HPAM 8600 Health Economics (3 credits, significantly revised since S2016)

HPAM 7050E Obesity Policy (3 credits, First teaching F2017)

2.4 Supervision of Undergraduate and High School Student Research

<i>Undergraduate students</i>	Program and Department
Faez Juneja	A.B. Economics and B.S. Statistics Honors Student
Slisha Shrestha	Health Promotion and Certificate in Global Health
Katelyn Parker	Health Promotion*
Ciera Thomas	UGA Honors
Ansley G. Groen	Honors college/B.S. Health Promotion
<i>High school students</i>	
Justin Wang	Lambert High School

*recipient of CURO research assistantship

2.5 MPH Internship Supervision (PBHL 7560)

Student	Graduation year
Taylor Mann	F2016
Trang Nguyen	F2016
Skarlet Velasquez	S2017
Kiran Thapa	S2020
Amina Omar	F2020
Kathryn Chiang	F2021/S2022*
Nicole Williams	F2021/S2022*
Elizabeth Ivie	F2021/S2022*
Swezen Kizito	Su2022/F2022
Aubrey Gerber	Enrolled (F2022/S2023*)
Biplav Tiwari	Enrolled (F2022/S2023*)

*graduating semester

2.6 Supervision of Graduate Student Research

Student name	Graduation year	Program/Job placement of advisees that have graduated
<u>Major Professor, Doctoral Candidate</u>		
Natasha Ptomey	Enrolled	DrPH, HPAM (tentative July 2023)
Bisilola Jackson	Enrolled	DrPH, HPAM (
Ena Joyce Wanliss	Enrolled	DrPH, HPAM
Janelle Perallez Gunn	Enrolled	DrPH, HPAM
Jenny Houlyard	Enrolled	DrPH, HPAM
Erin Imada	Enrolled	DrPH, HPAM

Katherine Ingerson	Enrolled	Ph.D., Foods and Nutrition
Kiran Thapa	Enrolled	Ph.D., Epidemiology and Biostatistics
Valerie Bampoe	S2022	DrPH, HPAM
Hilary Carruthers	S2021	DrPH, HPAM
Orazio Slayton	F2020	DrPH, HPAM

Thesis and Dissertation Committee Member

Kelly Shollenberger	S2016	M.Sc., Foods and Nutrition
Temitope Walker	S2018	Ph.D., Foods and Nutrition/ Sr. Nutrition Hunger Program Coordinator, DHS
Taylor N. Newman	S2020	Ph.D., Foods and Nutrition
Sae Rom Chung	Su2020	Ph.D., Consumer Economics
Malika Dhakwa	Enrolled	Ph.D., Consumer Economics
Chisom Okili	Enrolled	Ph.D., Foods and Nutrition
Rachel Mccardel	Enrolled	Ph.D., Health Promotion and Behavior
Jue Yang	F2022	Ph.D., Geography
Deniecee Chevannes	F2022	Dr.PH, HPAM
Tobey Sapiano	Enrolled	Dr.PH, HPAM
Jhetari Carney	Enrolled	Dr.PH, HPAM
Cheryl Love	Enrolled	Dr.PH, HPAM
Lalita Dahl	Enrolled	M.S. in Forestry
Jamila Ealey	Enrolled	Dr.PH, HPAM
Emma Bicego	Enrolled	Dr.PH, HPAM

MPH Student, Capstone/APE Advisor

Steven Matthew	S2016	
Christine Kim	F2016	Consultant-Triage Consulting
Taylor Mann	F2016	Fellow at CDC
Saswat Panda*	F2016	Market Access Consultant, Global Solutions
Trang Nguyen	S2017	Fulbright Scholar, Senior Associate at Guidehouse,
Skarlet Velasquez	S2017	Ph.D. Epidemiology at UGA
Elizabeth Pullekines	S2017	Health Educator, SC Department of Health
Heather B. Bornstein	F2017	University of Memphis Law School
Emily Claire Stroer	S2018	PM, Substance Prevention Safety Council
Samrina S. Jamal	F2018	Fellow at CDC
Ansley R. Hardin	F2018	UAB Medical School
Aishah Khan	S2018	Performance Partner, Premier Inc.
Sophie John*	F2018	Ass. Client Success Manager, Juvare
Nicole Katapodis*	S2019	Analyst, Abt Associates
Kennicia Fortson	F2019	Ph.D. at Georgia State University
Kiran Thapa*§	Su 2020	Ph.D. in Epidemiology CPH/UGA
Nikki E. Fillingim§	S2020	
Dana Chele' Alvin	F2020	
Joshua Ogbuefi	F2020	

Victoria Fonzi	S2021
Jessica McNulty*	S2021
Amina Omar	S2021
Yehia Abdelsamad	F2021/S2022
Sony Gurung*	F2021
Kathryn Chiang*	S2022
Mitchell Lee*	S2022
Nicole Williams	S2022
Irene Ivie	Su2022
Swezen Kizito	Su2022
Tatiana Woldman*	F2022
Jacob Matta*	F2022
Grayson Waits	F2022
Aubrey Gerber	F2023
Natalia Serrano	F2023

(* fully funded graduate research assistants from own research, §HPAM award recipients)

2.7 Instructional Grants (Total funding as PI and Co-I to date: \$736,449)

Establish a novel graduate certificate and MS in “Agricultural Biosecurity and One Health Laboratory Sciences (ABOHLs)” for rural workforce development of the next generation of global agricultural leaders” United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Amount: \$ 150,000

Food Scholars: Nurturing Cross-Institutional Relationship to Diversify Sustainable Food Systems Education. United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Amount: \$ 299,949, Role: Evaluator (Credit: 10%)

Interdisciplinary Graduate Research and Education in Sustainable Food Systems, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Amount: \$ 246,000, Role: Co-investigator (Credit: 14%)

Modeling consumer behavior to foster a healthy and sustainable food system in the state of Georgia Grant no. 2016-38420-25578
Internal award: Sustainable Food System Initiative, January 3, 2017–June 1, 2019, Amount: \$ 40,000, Principal investigator

Service Learning mini-grant

Internal Award: UGA Office of Service Learning, September 1, 2016 – December 15, 2016, Amount: \$500, Principal investigator

2.8 Recognition of Outstanding Achievements in Instruction

S2023	Nominee for CPH Excellence in Teaching Award
2019	Student Career Success Influencer Award
2020	Student Career Success Influencer Award
2021	Student Career Success Influencer Award
2022	Student Career Success Influencer Award
S2016	Deans award to Advance Online Teaching and Learning at UGA, \$3,000
F2013	Teaching Fellow, Teaching Effectiveness and Career Enhancement Program, TTU
2013	Mentor, Lauro Cavazos & Ophelia Powell-Malone Mentoring Program, TTU
S2014	Mentor, Lauro Cavazos & Ophelia Powell-Malone Mentoring Program, TTU

2.9 Professional Development

F2022	University of Georgia Certificate on Diversity Equity and Inclusion
January 26 th , 2023	Anti-Racism in Agro-Food Studies Workshop (a two day workshop on revising the syllabus)
September 9, 2022	Faculty Search Committee Training
Fall 2022	Aspire Fellow
April 19-20, 2021	Reflective Structured Dialogue Training
Spring, 2021	Rural Engagement Workshop
February 1, 2021	Faculty Search Committee Training
March 19, 2018	Grant Writer's Write Winning Grant Proposals Workshop
July 20-24, 2015	1st Short Course R25HL124208 Strengthening Causal Inference in Behavioral Obesity Research, Birmingham, Alabama
March 11, 2015	Writing and Winning NIH Proposals training, Grant Training Center, Emory Univ.
October 8-9, 2013	Engagement Scholarship Consortium, TTU.
August 19-24, 2012	Oikos Annual Young Scholars Economics Academy in Geneva, Switzerland
December 2010	SMART Program/Learning through Engagement, CIIFAD, Cornell Univ.
November 2003	Social Mobilization and Community Development, National Youth Leadership Development organized by SMELC/UNDP
November 2005	Report Writing and Data Management organized by SMELC/UNDP

3. Research: Scholarly Activities

(*publications as senior corresponding author, *student and post-doctoral advisee first authors and co-authors are italicized*)

3.1 Peer-Reviewed Journal Articles

2023 (under review)

1. Li., Lihua, M. Jain, X. Liu, R. Hu, J. Liu, J. Thapa, L. Mu, Z. Chen, D. Zhang, Y. Li, B. Liu, J. Pagan. Medical financial hardship among young adult cancer survivors. (under review with JAMA Oncology)
2. Yan Li, PhD; Weixin Li, MS; Zhuo Chen, PhD; Janani Thapa, PhD; Lan Mu, PhD; Haidong Zhu, MD, PhD; Yanbin Dong, MD, PhD; José A. Pagán, PhD. Modeling the Health and Economic Impact of Expanding Home Blood Pressure Monitoring in the United States. American Journal of Preventive Medicine. (revise and resubmit with American Journal of Preventive Medicine)
3. **Thapa, K., J. Thapa*, Y. Abdelsamad, D. Salinas, and E. Vall, Changes in service utilization for depression and anxiety among children and adolescents: A time series analysis during the COVID-19 pandemic. (under review Academic Pediatrics)
4. **Thapa, K., I. Irene, L. Mu, M. Davis, and J. Thapa*. Impact of statewide physical activity promotion program on physical fitness at the school level (under review with Childhood Obesity)
5. *Thapa, J., K. Chiang, M. Lee, A. Treankler, H. Padilla, E.A. Vall, M. Fedrick*. Depression and Anxiety Among College Students at Historically Black and Predominantly White Universities During the COVID-19 Pandemic: A Cross-Sectional Study. (R&R, American Journal of College Health)
6. **Tiwari, B. J. Thapa*, R. Nayga, and J. Sevilla. Perceived Scarcity Induces Lower Satiation and Higher Consumption: from a Randomized Controlled Experiment with College Students. (revise and resubmit with Nutrition Today (open access)).

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7. Yang, J., L. Mu, J. Rajbhandari- Thapa. Measuring and Mapping Physical Activity Disparity (PAD) index based on Physical Activity Environment for Children. *International Journal of Geo-Information* <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijgi12030134>
8. Jung, D., J. Thapa, and C. Zhuo, Disparities in Successful Discharge to Community in Medicare Home Health Care Patients by Neighborhood Socio-economic Status. *Journal of Applied Gerontology*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/07334648231172677>
9. Zhang, X., Mu, L. Zhang, D., **Thapa J.**, Chen Z, Pagán, J., Y. Li, H. Son, and J. Liu. 2023. Using Mobile Phone Data to Spatiotemporally Optimize the Placement of Automated External Defibrillators. *Int. J. of Geo-information*. <https://www.mdpi.com/2220-9964/12/3/91>
10. ***Thapa, K., J. Thapa.**, D. Hanks, J.S. Lee, and C. Zhen. Sugar-Sweetened Beverage Restriction or Fruit and Vegetable Purchase Incentive in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP): Participant's Voice and Choice Behavior, *J. of Hunger and Environmental Nutrition*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/19320248.2023.2179448>

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11. Thapa, J., S. Chung, ZH. Hu, D. Hall, and B. Tiwari. 2022. Utilization of counselling services by pediatric patients with obesity using MarketScan data (2017-2019), Childhood obesity. <https://doi.org/10.1089/chi.2022.0158>
12. **Thapa, J.**, D. Zhang, N. Katapodis, D. Alvin, and M. Andrews. "Healthfulness of Fast-Food and Full-Service Restaurants in 16 Georgia Counties after Mandatory Menu Labelling." *Journal of the Georgia Public Health Association* 8, no. 3 (2022): 21.
13. Son, H., D. Zhang, Y. Shen, A. Jaysing, J. Zhang, Z. Chen, L. Mu, J. Liu, J. **Thapa**, and J. Pagan. Social Determinants of Cardiovascular Health: A Longitudinal Analysis of Cardiovascular Disease Mortality in US Counties from 2009 to 2018. 2022. *Journal of the American Heart Association* <http://doi.org/10.1161/JAHA.122.026940>.
14. Zhang, X., Mu, L. Zhang, D., Mao, Y., Shi L., **Thapa J.**, Chen Z., Li Y., Pagán, J. 2022. Geographical and Temporal Analysis of Tweets Related to COVID-19 and Cardiovascular Disease in the US. *Annals of GIS*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/19475683.2022.2133167>
15. ***Yang, J., Thapa J.**, K. Thapa, D. Zhang, M. Lan. 2022. Physical Activity Environment Inside and Outside School and Youth Fitness: A Spatial Analysis at the Level of Elementary School Attendance Zone in Georgia. *Indoor and Built Environment*. <https://doi.org/10.1177/1420326X22113533>
16. Ishino, F., C. Rowan, C. Talham, K. Villalobos, D. Poudel, J. **Thapa**, J. Ambikile, F. Williams. 2022. Household profiles of neglected tropical disease symptoms among children: A latent class analysis of built-environment features of Tanzanian households using the Demographic and Health Survey. *Journal of Global Health* [10.7189/jogh.12.04067](https://doi.org/10.7189/jogh.12.04067)
17. Ishino, F., C. Rowan, K. Villalobos, **J. Thapa**, and F. Williams. A Time-varying Effect Model (TVEM) of the Complex Association of Tobaccos Use and Smoke Exposure on Mean Telomere Length: Differences Between Racial and Ethnic Groups Assessed in the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey. *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph191711069>
18. **Thapa, J.**, K. Thapa, Y. Li, J. Ingels, L. Shi, D. Zhang, Y. Shen & K. Chiang 2022. Electronic Vapor Product Use and Levels of Physical Activity among High School Students in Georgia. *Tobacco Use Insights*. [10.1177/1179173X221101786](https://doi.org/10.1177/1179173X221101786)
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20. Newman, T., J.S. Lee, J.J. Thompson, **J. Thapa**. 2022. Current Landscape of Produce Prescription Programs in the United States, *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jneb.2022.02.011>

21. Gallo, S., J. Gahche, P. Kitsantas, P Makwana, Y. Wang, Y. X. Chen, and **J. Thapa**. 2022. Vitamin D intake and meeting recommendations among infants participating in WIC nationally. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*.

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jneb.2021.11.009>

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23. *Fortson, K., **J. Thapa**, Ingels, J., *Thapa, K.*, & Dube, S. R. (2021). Adverse childhood experiences, risk of opioid misuse and its pathway among students at a public university. *Journal of American College Health*

<https://doi.org/10.1080/07448481.2021.2002336>

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25. *Fonzi, V., K. *Thapa, K. Luitel, H. Padilla, C. Harris, M. Khan, G. Nowak, J. Thapa*. 2021. Using Influenza Vaccination Location Data from the 2018 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) to Expand COVID-19 Vaccination Coverage. *International Journal of Environment Research and Public Health*. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph18157753>

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<https://doi.org/10.1080/14737167.2021.1882306>

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2017

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3.4 Public Health Media Coverage

1. Curbing the obesity epidemic- coverage at UGA research <https://research.uga.edu/news/curbing-the-obesity-epidemic/>
2. Researchers map unequal impact of COVID-19-received invitation from CBS Atlanta, 11Alive, and WSB radio for interview regarding the study <https://news.uga.edu/researchers-map-unequal-impact-covid-19/>
3. Medicaid expansion increases insurance coverage, but at slower rates for obese adults <https://publichealth.uga.edu/medicaid-expansion-increases-insurance-coverage-but-at-slower-rates-for-obese-adults/>
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<https://journalistsresource.org/studies/government/immigration/immigrants-healthy-food-neighborhood-research/>
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<https://news.uga.edu/partitioning-vegetables-increase-consumption/>
<https://www.fruitandveggie.com/does-serving-vegetables-in-partitioned-portions-promote-vegetable-consumption-20907/>
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<https://publichealth.uga.edu/uga-uses-modeling-to-help-rural-communities-eat-more-fruits-veggies/>
8. UGA, Shanghai researchers find evidence of how obesity programs can work long-term
<https://publichealth.uga.edu/uga-shanghai-researchers-find-evidence-of-how-obesity-programs-can-work-long-term/>
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<http://medicalpartnership.usg.edu/?/news/article/childhood-obesity-uga-experts-are-on-the-front-line>
<https://news.uga.edu/childhood-obesity-uga-experts-are-on-the-front-line/>
10. School lunchroom staff can help kids make healthier food choices
<https://ugaresearch.uga.edu/school-lunchroom-staff-can-help-kids-make-healthier-food-choices/>
11. Georgia obesity initiatives <https://www.aspph.org/georgia-obesity-initiatives-2/>
12. Georgia study shows training prompts school cafeteria staff to promote healthier foods in school lunchrooms <https://www.aspph.org/georgia-study-shows-training-prompts-school-cafeteria-staff-to-promote-healthier-foods-school-lunchrooms/>
10. Toys motivate children to eat a healthier diet- Featured in UGA today, ASPPH, and WSB radio
<https://news.uga.edu/toys-motivate-children-to-eat-a-healthier-diet/>
<https://www.aspph.org/uga-study-finds-toys-motivate-children-to-eat-a-healthier-diet/>
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<https://www.massagetherapycanada.com/toys-motivate-children-to-eat-a-healthy-diet-4119/#>

4. Research Grants

4.1 Current

Evaluation of the Georgia Cancer Control Program, GA Department of Public Health, July 2022 to June 2023, \$101,250 (per year with annual renewal for 5 years). Role: Principal investigator.

Evaluation of the Advancing Health Literacy to Enhance Equitable Community Response to COVID-19 in the City of Albany, GA, Albany State University, \$336,150. Role: Principal investigator.

Cost Analysis of Standard Autism Diagnosis, Marcus Autism Center, February 2022 to December 2022, \$39,900. Role: Principal investigator.

The Impacts of WIC on Food Purchases, Diet Quality, and Market Prices, USDA sub-award, 1/1/2022 to 12/31/2024. \$250,053. Role: Co-investigator.

Leveraging university-community networks to improve maternal and infant health: Rural Engagement Workshop, University of Georgia, Amount \$5000. Role: Co-investigator.

Prevalence of Vitamin D Deficiency in Cord Samples from the National Children's Study: Impact of Race/Ethnicity, Preterm Birth and the Association with Bio-Chemical Markers of Rickets. Georgia Clinical and Translational Science Alliance, July, 2021 to June, 2022, Amount \$40,000. Role: Co-Principal investigator.

Economic Evaluation Community Health Promoters Program in Puerto Rico, August 2021 to July 2023, Puerto Rico Public Health Trust, Amount \$200,000. Role: Principal investigator.

Teaming for Interdisciplinary Research Pre-Seed Program, University of Georgia Office of Research, January, 2021-, Amount \$5000. Role: Team member

Reimbursement for Asthma Self-Management Education and Healthy Home Assessment, Georgia Department of Public Health. August 1, 2021, to December 30, 2022, Amount: \$ 40,000. Role: Principal investigator.

Using agent-based modeling to compare strategies that can reduce rural-urban disparities in cardiovascular disease, NIH, 1R01MD013886-01, April 1, 2019–March 31, 2023, Amount: \$ 1,574,074, Role: Co-investigator.

4.2 Completed at UGA

Participant feedback on using Artificial Intelligence to Improve Mental Health in College Students, Resilient GA, Amount \$50,000. Role: Principal investigator.

Using Artificial Intelligence to Improve Mental Health in College Students, Resilient GA, Amount \$150,000. Role: Principal investigator.

Return on Investment Study of Behavioral Mental Health Reform and Innovation in the State of Georgia, Resilient GA, April 2021 to December 2021. Amount \$29,653. Role: Principal investigator.

Pilot study on technology-enhanced health coaching intervention for low-income patients with multiple chronic conditions, Clinical & Translational Research Unit (CTRU), August 1, 2019–June 1, 2020, Amount: \$ 40,000, Role: Principal investigator.

Childhood-obesity policy implementation and built environment in Georgia: An agent-based modeling approach to assess policy impact on childhood obesity with improved built environment in communities across Georgia, UGA President's Interdisciplinary Seed Grant, July 1, 2019–June 30, 2021, Amount: \$ 150,000, Role: Principal investigator.

Prospective policy evaluation of the Georgia SHAPE Act to prevent child obesity, Kennesaw State University, 431528FY1901, February 1, 2019–January 31, 2020, Amount: \$ 130,134, Role: UGA Principal investigator (Credit: 50%). Amendment: \$34,373 added to the original contract.

Prospective policy evaluation of the Georgia SHAPE Act to prevent child obesity, NIH, 1R01HD087411-01A1, February 1, 2017–January 31, 2020, Amount: \$ 1,532,024, Role: Co-investigator (Credit: 40%).

Promising Strategies for Promoting Healthier Food Purchases among SNAP Households, USDA NIFA, 2017-67023-26234, March 15, 2017–March 14, 2021, Amount: \$ 499,630, Role: Co-investigator (Credit: 8%).

Understanding the effect of poverty and food insecurity status on food behavior, University of Arkansas/Fayetteville, August 1, 2016–May 30, 2018, Amount: \$ 5,000, Role: Principal investigator.

Evaluation of Core injury programs in Georgia, Georgia Department of Public Health. August 1, 2018, to July 30, 2019, Amount: \$ 5000, Role: Principal investigator

Table Talkers Talk School Student into Eating Fruits and Vegetables, Cornell University, 62140-10179, September 16, 2015–September 30, 2018, Amount: \$ 39,980, Role: Principal investigator

4.3 Completed before joining UGA (Total: \$70,000)

Do SNAP Recipients get the Best Prices? UKCPR/USDA- ERS. PI Lyford, June 1, 2014 – December 30, 2015, Amount: \$ 40,000(S), Role: Co-investigator

Develop Healthy Eating Habits in Elementary School Children in Socioeconomically Deprived Hispanic Population of West Texas, Cornell University, July 1, 2013–June 30, 2014, Amount: \$ 30,000 (US), Role: Principal investigator

4.4 Research Recognitions, Training, and Awards

S2023 Nominee, CPH Teaching Excellence
F2019 Nominee, Charles Knapp Early Career Scholar Award UGA, \$2000
F2012, S2014 Ag. and Applied Economics Association Competitive Travel Grant, \$400
2014 Graduate School Competitive Travel Grant, TTU, \$ 1,800
2013, S2014 Travel award TTU, \$1,350
2013 Fellow, Open Society Foundation's Global Supplementary Grant, \$5,000
2012 Fellow, *oikos* Young Scholar Academy, \$ 3,500
2012 Fellow, Open Society Foundation's Global Supplementary Grant, \$4,000
2012 Graduate School Poster competition, Third award
2010/11 Fellow, PEO International Peace Scholarship, \$20,000
2010 Alternate, AAUW International Scholarship, \$10,000
2009 Fellow, Cornell Institute of Public Affairs Fellowship, \$28,000
2000-2004 Awardee, Tribhuvan University Merit Award, \$500
1998-2004 Awardee, Glenn E. Maddy and Winrock International Scholar, \$2,000

5. Research: Conference Presentations

(*published as first or senior corresponding author, *student advisee co-authors are italicized*)

5.1 Published Conference Papers and Peer-Reviewed Abstracts

2023

2022

1. Chung, S., **Rajbhandari-Thapa, J.**, Alvin, D., Zhang, D., & Zhuo, C. Utilization of Exercise and Dietary Counseling among Hospitalized Diabetic Patients: Using National Inpatient Sample Data (2011-2019). ObesityWeek Conference, San Diego, November 1 to 4, 2022. <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/oby.23626>
2. Chung, S., **Rajbhandari-Thapa, J.**, Gallo, S., Hu, H., Hall, D., Pagan, J., & Zhang, D. Rural-Urban Differences in Utilization of Counseling Services Among Pediatrics Diagnosed with Obesity. ObesityWeek Conference, San Diego, November 1 to 4, 2022. <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/oby.23626>
3. Chung, S., **Rajbhandari-Thapa, J.**, Hall, D., Xu, J., & Chen, X. Rural-Urban Differences in Utilization of Counseling Services among Adult Patients Diagnosed with Obesity: A Study using MarketScan Commercial Claims Data (2017-2019). Agricultural & Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting Track Session, August, 2022.

2021

4. Liu, J., Yi, S., Russo, R., Zhang, D., **Rajbhandari-Thapa, J.**, & Li, Y. (2021). Abstract P077: Trends In Prevalence Of Cardiometabolic Diseases By Food Security Status, 1999-2016. *Circulation*, 143(Suppl_1), AP077-AP077.
5. Gallo, S., Thapa, K., & **Rajbhandari-Thapa, J.** (2021). O43 Timing of WIC Enrollment and Exclusive Breastfeeding: Results from the National WIC Infant Toddler Feeding Practices Study 2. *Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*, 53(7), S20-S21.
6. Zhang, D., **J. Thapa**, G. Li, H. Son, Z. Chen, L. Mu, J. Lu, J. Pagan (2021), Scaling up the

Snap-Ed Toolkit Intervention to Improve Fruit and Vegetable Consumption Across Counties in Georgia: An Agent Based Model. Annual Modeling and Simulation Conference, July 19 to 22, 2021 [10.23919/ANNSIM52504.2021.9552136](https://doi.org/10.23919/ANNSIM52504.2021.9552136)

2020

7. *Ingerson, K., M. McDaniel, L. Hammond, H. Padilla, J. Thapa, A. Berg, G. Cox (2020). The 'Healthy' Dining Hall: How Does Student Perception Influence Eating Behaviors and Perceived Healthfulness of College Dining Halls. Poster Abstract. Journal of Nutrition Education and Behavior*

2019

8. ***Thapa, J., Katapodis, N.,** and D. Zhang. Assessing Healthfulness of the Food Environment after the Mandatory Menu Labelling and Predicted Impact on Healthy Eating. Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Ga, July 21-23, 2019. Available at <https://ageconsearch.umn.edu/record/290926?ln=en>

2016

9. *Thapa, J., K. Ingerson, and K. Lewis. Changes in Food Choices after Tray Removal in a University Dining Hall. Selected paper at the annual meetings of the American Agricultural and Applied Economics Association, Boston, MS, July 31-August 2, 2016. Available at <https://ageconsearch.umn.edu/record/236270?ln=en>

2014

10. *Thapa, J., C. Lyford, E. Belasco, B. McCool, A. McCool, B.C. Pence, T. Carter. Nudges in the Supermarket: Experience from the point of Sale Signs. Selected paper prepared for presentation at the Agricultural & Applied Economics Association's 2014 AAEA Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, July 27-29, 2014. Available at <https://ageconsearch.umn.edu/record/171442?ln=en>

2013

11. *Thapa, J., C. Lyford, B. McCool, A. B. Pence and A. McCool. Abstract A43: Comparing changes in cancer knowledge, health attitudes, and behavior by demographics and assimilation from a multi-tiered community-based model. Sixth AACR Conference: The Science of Cancer Health Disparities; December 6–9, 2013; Atlanta, GA. Available at http://cebp.aacrjournals.org/content/23/11_Supplement/A43.short
12. *Thapa, J., C. Lyford, E. Belasco, B. McCool, A. McCool, B.C. Pence, T. Carter. The Effect of a Multi-Tiered Model for Reducing Obesity Risk Factors: Attitude and Behavior Change in a Rural Community. Selected Paper prepared for presentation at the Southern Agricultural Economics Association Annual Meeting, Orlando, Florida, February 3-5, 2013. Available at <https://ageconsearch.umn.edu/record/143052?ln=en>

5.2 Invited Presentations and Seminars

2022

1. Adolescent and Young Adult Mental Health in GA, State of Public Health Conference, October 27, 2022. Athens, GA
2. Featured Speaker on "Behavioral and Mental Health Costs" at the Health Services Research Day, May 4th, 2022 at the Emory University
3. Speaker on Health Enhancement Research Organization Winter Think Tank, March 3, 2022

2021

4. Panel on Research from South Asia and Asian Americans in the US, 16th Annual Himalayan Policy Conference (HPRC) organized by the HPR Consortium Group of the Nepal Study Center (UNM)
5. Fighting Childhood Obesity: Taking Preventative Measures and Improving Treatment-Public Policy Exchange, March, 15, 2021 (Co-speakers: Dina Zeckhausen, Leonard Epstein, and Denise Wilfley)

2019

6. Research in Nutrition and Safety Net Policy, WIC working group, November 12, 2019
7. Food-shed UGA Planning meeting, February 2019
8. Behavioral Economics in Smarter Lunchroom, Smarter Lunchroom Annual Symposium, Ithaca, NY, October 10-12, 2019

2018

9. Secondary Data in Health Policy Research, BRFSS 2018 Training Workshop in Health Policy Research, Atlanta, Ga, April 13, 2018
10. Merging Nutrition Training Data with Fitness Data to Improve School Health, Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting, Washington DC, Aug 5-Aug 7, 2018 (unable to attend)
11. Taking Fun to School Lunchrooms, Research presentation on ongoing and completed research funded by the Cornell BEN Center, Smarter Lunchroom Annual Symposium, Ithaca, NY, May 9-12, 2018

2015

12. Smarter Lunchroom Annual Symposium, Ithaca, NY, May 2015
13. Obesity Certificate Overview, Food industry-academia workshop, UGA Obesity Initiative. April 16, 2015
14. USDA Higher Education Challenge Grant Instruction Mini-Conference, August 28, 2015
15. Seminar and Strategic Planning for Obesity Education, March 4-5, 2015 both in Athens, GA

2014 and before

16. Seminar on Behavioral Economics in Public Health to the Northeast Georgia Dietetic Association, Athens, Ga, Fall 2014
17. Seminar on Prospect of Choice Architecture and Behavioral Economics in Home Food Environment, Maternal and Childhood Obesity Team, Obesity Initiative, Fall 2014
18. Health Attitude and Behavior Change in a Rural Community after a Multi-Tiered Obesity Reduction and Cancer Prevention Project. Open Society Foundations' Grantee Conference, New York City, NY, March 2013
19. Collating and Evaluating the Outcomes from a Multi-Tiered Reinforcing Model for Cancer Prevention between Immigrant and Non-Immigrant Hispanic Population in Rural Communities of West Texas. oikos Annual Young Scholars Economics Academy, Geneva, Switzerland, August 2012

5.3 Peer-Reviewed and Invited Conferences and Workshops (*canceled due to COVID-19)

2023

1. *Thapa, J., W. Tatiana, J. Matta, H. Padilla.* Mixed Methods Approach to Evaluating Community Based Interventions, Georgia Public Health Association, Jekyll Island, 2023
2. *Tiwari, B., K. Thapa, J. Thapa* Structural Racism and COVID-19 vaccination in the state of Georgia, Georgia CTSA, Calhoun, 2023
3. Zhang et al. 2023. Enrolling in Medicare Managed Care Plan is Associated with Higher Adherence to Anti-hypertensive Drugs. American Heart Association
4. Liu et al. 2023. Geographic Variations in Diet Quality Among Adults in the United States. American Heart Association

2022

5. Thapa, J., *K. Chiang,* H. Padilla, E. Vall, M. Fedrick. Depression and Anxiety among College Students during the COVID-19 pandemic, American Public Health Association, Boston, 2022
6. *Tiwari, B., K. Thapa,* J. Thapa, S. Kogan. Structural Racism and COVID-19 vaccination in the state of Georgia, American Public Health Association, Boston, 2022
7. *Thapa, K., Khanna, N., Vall, E. A., & J. Thapa.* National and State-level Prevalence of

Adverse Childhood Experiences in the US: National Survey of Children's Health 2016-2020
American Public Health Association, Boston, 2022

8. Thapa, J., K. Thapa, E. Vall, D. Salinas. Rural-Urban Differences in Telehealth Utilization among People with Mental Health Disorders Before and During the Pandemic, American Society for Health Economists, Austin, 2022
9. Haider, M.R., J. Hardin, Z. Qureshi, A. Salim, J. Thapa, M. Khan. Cost Effectiveness of Shorter Regimen for Multi-Drug Resistant Tuberculosis Treatment in Bangladesh. 16th Annual Himalayan Policy Conference (HPRC)

2021

10. Thapa, J., H. Son, Y. Shen, D. Zhang, Y. Li, Z., Chen, L. Mu, G. Li, and J. Pagan. Rural-urban disparities in hypertension prevalence and prevalence of antihypertensive medication use among hypertension adults in Georgia. American Journal of Public Health Annual Meeting and Expo 2021
11. Gallo, S., K. Thapa, J. Thapa, Timing of WIC Enrollment and Exclusive Breastfeeding: Results from the National WIC-Infant Toddler Feeding Practices Survey 2. Society for Nutrition Education and Behavior, 2021

2020

12. *Thapa, J. Corso, P., J. Ingels, K. Thapa, and M. Davis At-school changes in physical activity and its impact on children's physical fitness. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, 2020
13. ** Thapa, J., M. Lan, D. Zhang, J. Gay, and K. Thapa, Childhood Obesity and Built Environment in Georgia. Georgia Public Health Association Annual Conference 2020
14. + Corso, P., J. Ingels, J. Thapa, and M. Davis. Policy Evaluation of a Statewide Law Mandating School-based Fitness and Body Mass Index Measurement and Reporting. Society of Behavioral Medicine 41st Annual Meeting and Scientific Sessions, 2020

2019

15. Chen Z., J. Ying, J. Ingles, D. Zhang, J. Thapa. Cost of Bereavement in China: Evidence from the China Health and Retirement Longitudinal Survey. The Lancet- Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences Conference, 2019
16. *Katapodis N., D. Zhang, M. Edwards, D. Alvin, G. Mulay, and J. Thapa. Assessing the Healthfulness of Chain Restaurants in Georgia Counties after Mandatory Menu Labeling. American Public Health Association, 2019
17. *Thapa, J., K. Thapa, J. Ingels, M. Davis, and P. Corso. Change in school level physical activity after the implementation of state physical activity policy. Active Living Research Annual Meeting, Charleston, SC, February 17-19, 2019

2018

18. *Thapa, J., and B. Pullekines. Health Care Access by Weight Status before and after the Affordable Care Act. Chinese Economics Society North American Conference, Athens, GA, April 6, 2018
19. Khan, A. D. Zhang, J. Thapa. Ischemic Stroke Mortality, State Obesity Prevalence, and Implications on Policy. Chinese Economics Society North American Conference, Athens, GA, April 6, 2018
20. *Wei, H., D. Zhang, J. Thapa. Changes in Out-Of-Pocket Expenditure for Mammogram Screening Following Implementation of the Affordable Care Act. Chinese Economics Society North American Conference, Athens, GA, April 6, 2018

2016

21. *Thapa, J., and J. Welsh. Georgia Elementary School Lunchroom Participation: Impact from the Statewide Implementation of the Smarter Lunchroom Movement. Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, July 31-Aug 2, 2016

22. *Thapa J., and C. Lyford, Differential Effects of Improving Fruit and Vegetable Consumption Using Reinforcement. WERA Annual Meeting, Fort Collins, CO, June 5-7, 2016
23. *Thapa, J., and M. vanDellan. Lunchroom Table Talkers Talk Students into Eating Fruits and Vegetables. Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting, Boston, MA, July 31-Aug 2, 2016
24. *Thapa, J., M. vanDellan, S. *Panda*. Lunchroom Table Talkers Talk Kids into Healthy Eating. ASHEcon Sixth Biennial Conference, New Frontiers in Health Policy and Health Care, Philadelphia, PA. June 12-15, 2016

2014 and before

25. *Thapa, J., and C. Lyford. Can Lunchroom Nudges Develop Healthy Taste Buds in Elementary School Children? Institutional and Behavioral Economics Section. Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting, Minneapolis, MN, July 27-29, 2014
26. *Thapa, J., and C. Lyford. Fun in the Lunch-Room: A Nudge to Develop Healthy Taste Buds. Oral presentation, June 22-25, 2014. ASHEcon Fifth Biennial Conference, Health and Healthcare in America: From Economics to Policy. Los Angeles, CA, June 22-25, 2014
27. Lyford, C., J. Thapa, E. Belasco, B. Pence, A. McCool, B. McCool, and T. Carter. The Effect on Supermarket Food Purchases from the point of Sale Nudges with Community Reinforcement. ASHEcon Fifth Biennial Conference, Health and Healthcare in America: From Economics to Policy. Los Angeles, CA, June 22-25, 2014

5.4 Poster presentations (*canceled due to COVID-19)

2023

1. Sina et al. Factors Associated with Vitamin D status among US Pregnant Woman during their 3rd Trimester: Results from the National Children's Study
2. Sina et al. Longitudinal Assessment of Vitamin D Status across Pregnancy in a Sample from the National Children's Study (NCS)

2022

3. . Chung, S., Rajbhandari-Thapa, J., Alvin, D., Zhang, D., & Zhuo, C. Utilization of Exercise and Dietary Counseling among Hospitalized Diabetic Patients: Using National Inpatient Sample Data (2011-2019). ObesityWeek Conference, San Diego, November 1 to 4, 2022. <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/oby.23626>
4. Chung, S., Rajbhandari-Thapa, J., Gallo, S., Hu, H., Hall, D., Pagan, J., & Zhang, D. Rural-Urban Differences in Utilization of Counseling Services Among Pediatrics Diagnosed with Obesity. ObesityWeek Conference, San Diego, November 1 to 4, 2022. <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/oby.23626>
5. *Chung, S., Rajbhandari-Thapa, J., Cronan, E., Khan, M., & Cordero, J.* Community Health Promoters Program in Puerto Rico: Who are the Non-Participants? State of the Public Health Conference, Athens, GA, October, 2022.
6. *Chung, S., Hu, H., Hall, D., Chen, X., Gallo, X., & Rajbhandari-Thapa, J.* Examining Utilization of Obesity Counseling by Patients Diagnosed with Obesity Using MarketScan Commercial Claims Data (2017-2019). Health Services Research Day, Atlanta, GA, May, 2022.
7. *Thapa, K., J. Thapa, E. Vall, D. Salinas. The Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the Prevalence of Depression and Anxiety Disorders: An Interrupted Time-Series Analysis, American Society for Health Economists, 2022
- 8.

2021

9. Thapa, J., K. Luitel, H. Son, D. Zhang, L. Mu, Y. Li, Z. Chen, and J. Pagan. Cardiovascular Disease (CVD) Risk Factors for Population Groups: Application of a Small Area Estimation

(SAE) Approach. Academy Health Annual Research Meeting, 2021

2020

10. *Thapa, K., C. Zhen, J.S. Lee, and J. Thapa. Sugar sweetened beverage restriction or fruit and vegetable purchase incentive in supplemental nutrition assistance program: Participant's voice and choice behavior. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, 2020
11. *Kalauni, D., K. Thapa, J. Thapa. E-cigarettes use and its associated factors among undergraduate students in Kathmandu Metropolitan City. 16th Annual Himalayan Policy Conference (HPRC)
12. *Yang, J., K. Thapa, L. Mu, and J. Thapa. Geographic pattern and variation of childhood physical activity, physical fitness and their association with the built environment in Georgia. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, 2020
13. *Fortson, K., and J. Thapa. Association between adverse childhood experiences with opioid misuse for pain management. American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, 2020
14. Zhang, D., G. Li, L. Mu, J. Thapa, Y. Li, Z. Chen, L. Shi, M. Nuss, Trends and Disparities in Medical School Applicants and Matriculants in the United States from 2001 to 2015. American Society of Health Economists, 9th Annual Conference, St. Louis, MO, 2020
15. Zhang, D., H. Son, J. Thapa, Y. Li, Z. Chen, L. Mu, Y. Shen, A. Moran, and J. Pagan. Rural-Urban Trends in Access to Primary Care Providers in the United States, 2009-2017. Annual Research Meeting, Academy Health, 2020
16. **Thapa, J., K. Thapa, D. Zhang, and J. Ingels. Self-reported Physical Activity and Vape Use among Adolescents. Academy Health National Policy Conference, 2020
17. **Chung, S.R., and J. Thapa. Mental Health and Comorbidities in Opioid-Related Hospitalizations, Southeast Regional Clinical & Translational Science Conference, 2020

2019

18. *Juneja, F, and J. Thapa. Efficacy of Nutrition and Physical Activity with Alternative Pain Management Methods among Patients with Chronic Condition, UGA CURO Symposium, 2019
19. *Thapa, K., and J. Thapa. Physical activity and alcohol use among middle and high school students in Georgia public schools. State of Public Health Conference, 2019
20. *Carruthers, H., and J. Thapa. Georgia Middle School Physical Education Participation and its Association with Measures of Physical Fitness. State of Public Health Conference, 2019
21. Mekonen, B., D. Zhang, J. Thapa. Stroke related in Hospital Mortality: Weekend Effect and Rural-Urban Differences. 6th Annual Health Services Research Day at Emory University, 2019
22. *Thapa, K., and J. Thapa. Physical Fitness and its Relationship with Adolescents' Alcohol Use in Georgia Public Schools. American Public Health Association, 2019
23. *Thapa, J., D. Zhang, and D. Schneider. Obese individuals' insurance coverage before and after Medicaid expansion- a difference-in-difference approach. Obesity Week, 2019
24. *Chung S.R., S. Chatterjee, and J. Thapa. The Relationship between U.S. Households' Eating Behavior and Proportion of Health Expenditures over Other Expenditures. American Council on Consumer Interests, May 21-23, 2019
25. *Thapa J., J. Sevilla, R. Nayga. Scarcity, Consumption, and Satiation: Results from a Controlled Experiment. Agricultural and Applied Economics Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, Ga, July 21-23, 2019
26. *Thapa, K., R. Ghimire, J. Thapa. Do Physically Active Students Perform Better in Schools? The consortium of Universities for Global Health, Chicago, IL, March 8-10, 2019
27. *Thapa, J., S. R. Chung, B. Mekonnen, F. Pham, and D. Zhang. Opioid-related hospitalizations, its association with comorbidities, and payer differences in rural and urban America. Academy Health - Annual Research Meeting, June 2-4, 2019

2018

28. *Thapa, J., D. Zhang, and S.R. Chung, Trends in Obesity Diagnosis and Treatment. Obesity Week 2018, Nashville, TN, November 11-15, 2018
29. *Thapa, J., D. Zhang, S.R. Chung, F. Pham, and B. Mekonnen. Comorbidities and Payer Difference in Opioid-related Hospitalization. Interdisciplinary Opioid Epidemic Symposium, Athens, Ga, October 20, 2018
30. Zhang, D., and J. Thapa, S.R. Chung, F. Pham, and B. Mekonnen. Rural-urban differences in opioid-related hospitalization. Interdisciplinary Opioid Epidemic Symposium, Athens, Ga. October 20, 2018
31. *Katapodis, N., D. Zhang, P. Giabbanelli, Y. Li, C. Lyford, and J. Thapa. An Agent-Based Simulation Model to Estimate the Impact of Improving Access on Healthy Food Intake in a Rural Community. Academy Health-Annual Research Meeting, Seattle, WA, June 24-26, 2018
32. *Thapa, K., R. Ghimire, J. Thapa, Do Physically Active Students Perform Better in School. Atlanta Studies Symposium, April 20, 2018

2017

33. *S. Velasquez, T. Nguyen, J. Thapa, D. Zhang, E. B. Pullekines. Georgia Adult's Weight Status and association with Nutrition and Physical Activity. State of Public Health, Athens, Ga, Oct. 17, 2017

2016

34. *Ladusic, A., Thapa, J., & Birch, L. *Messages About Energy Content of Snacks Affects Consumer Choices: A Pilot Study*. Poster session presented at the meeting of UGA CURO, 2016
35. *Thapa, J., Lyford, C., B. McCool, E. Belasco, B. Pence, and A. McCool. Improving Cancer Risk Awareness, including Obesity as a Risk Factor for Cancer from a Multi-Tiered Community-based Intervention in a Small US Community. ASHEcon Sixth Biennial Conference, New Frontiers in Health Policy and Health Care, Philadelphia, PA. June 12-15, 2016
36. *Matthew, S., and J. Thapa. Challenges and Opportunities in Healthcare Delivery Practices in Treatment of Patients with Obesity- A Systematic Review. ASHEcon Sixth Biennial Conference, New Frontiers in Health Policy and Health Care, Philadelphia, PA. June 12-15, 2016
37. *Panda, S., J. Thapa, Ko Otani. Patient Satisfaction in Relation to Weight Status and Access to Primary Care Provider across the U.S. Georgia Public Health Association Annual Meeting and Conference Understanding Public Health Research Evidence and Practice. Atlanta, Ga, March 22-23, 2016

2014 and before

38. *Thapa, J., and C. Lyford. Visual Nudges Can Change Children's Food Choice Decision: What Next? A Systematic Review. ASHEcon Fifth Biennial Conference, Health and Healthcare in America: From Economics to Policy. Los Angeles, CA, June 22-25, 2014
39. Lyford, C., J. Thapa, B. McCool, A. McCool, B.C., Pence. The Effect of a Multi-Tiered Model for Reducing Obesity Risk Factors: Attitude and Behavior Change in a Rural Community. Annual Research Conference on Food, Nutrition, Physical Activity and Cancer organized by the American Institute for Cancer Research (AICR), Bethesda, MD, Nov 7-8, 2013

6. Administration: major accomplishments

- Led the development of the college strategic plan on DEI
- Chairs the college committee on DEI
- Climate survey
- Diversity and Inclusive Excellence Plan Workshop – January 20th 2023

7. Service

7.1 Memberships: Associations/Society/Club

American Public Health Association, January 2017–Present

American Society for Health Economists (Member), *November 15, 2013–Present*

The Obesity Society (Member), *June 15, 2013–Present*

Agriculture and Applied Economics Association (Member), *January 15, 2012–Present*

The Community of Practice in Health Food Choices in School (Member), *January 2, 2014–2018*

7.2 Memberships: Committee

National

ASPPH Data Advisory Committee, Spring 2023 - present

Regional

Agriculture, Food, and Humans Values Society Conference Planning Committee (Member), *January 2, 2019–Present*, Organize and host the conference at UGA in 2020 (post-COVID-19 date 2021)

State

Georgia Shape Data and Evaluation Sub Group (Member), *April 15, 2019–Present*

Women Infants and Children Working Group (Member), *January 4, 2016–Present*

Kitchen Cabinet-Task force on Healthcare (Member), *September 5, 2019-Present*

Resilient GA Education and Training Committee (Member), *March, 2020-Present*

University

Faculty Affairs Committee at the University Council, July 1, 2023 and ends on June 30, 2026

Mary Frances Early College of Education Program Review Team, (Chair and Dean Nominee), *Fall 2022*

Graduate Certificate in Obesity and Weight Management Steering Committee (Chair since March, 2019), *August 15, 2017–Present*

Universities Libraries Committee (Member), *January 15, 2017–December 2021*

Sustainable Food Systems Initiative (Executive Member), *January 2, 2015–Present*

UGA Obesity Initiative (Member), *August 14, 2014–Present*

UGA Owens Institute for Behavioral Research (Affiliate), *2017–present*

UGA Opioid Working Group (Member), *2018–present*

HPAM Service Learning Group, *2014–2016*

CPH Online Course Development Cohort, *2016–2017*

School/College

CPH Faculty Research Advisory Committee, *August, 2022 - Present*

CPH Online Program Committee, August 2021 – present

CPH Program and Economic Evaluation Research Group (Co-chair), *December, 2020*

CPH Graduate Education Committee (Member), *August 31, 2020–present*

CPH Awards Committee (Member), *January 1, 2018–May 2018*

Ph.D. in HPAM Committee, CPH/UGA (Member), *January 6, 2017–December 2018*

Ph.D. in Health Services Research (Chair), *Fall 2019 – July 2022*

Ph.D in Health Services Research (Chair), *August 2022- present*

CPH Diversity Committee (Member), *January 2, 2017–December 2019*

CPH Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (Member), *January 2020–December 2020*

CPH Committee on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (Chair), *January 2021–present*

CPH Research Advisory Committee (Member), *January 2, 2017–present*

Department

PhD Program Committee (Chair), August 2021- present
MHA Program Committee (Member), *August 15, 2020–present*
DrPH Program Committee (Member), *October 10, 2020–present*
Don Lloyd Scholarship Committee (Member), *April 1, 2016–May 5, 2016*
MPH Curriculum Revision Committee (Member), *January 2, 2015–December 2015*

Others

Educate the Children (International nonprofit working in women empowerment) (Board Member), October 15, 2019 – February 2022
Jefferson Middle School Council, August 2021 - present

Other regular attendance

Attendee: The College of Education Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Conference, February 14, 2020
Attendee: State of Public Health Conference 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2022
Attendee: South Eastern Conference Symposium, Atlanta, GA, September 20-22, 2014

7.3 Faculty Recruitment

HPAM Open Rank Asst./Ass. Faculty Search Committee, *December, 2022, Chair Janani Thapa*
FACS Clinical Assistant/Associate Professor Search Committee, *March, 2021, member*
HPAM Tenure Track Faculty Search Committee, *December, 2020, Chair Janani Thapa*
HPAM Clinical Faculty Search Committee, *September, 2020, member*
HPAM Department Head Search Committee, *January 8, 2018–July 2018, member*
HPAM Department Head Search Committee, *January 3, 2016–July 2016, member*
HPAM Department Head Search Committee, *August 20, 2015–December 2015, member*

7.4 Reviewing/Refereeing

Conferences

American Public Health Association, *August 14, 2014–Present*
Agricultural and Applied Economics, *August 14, 2014–Present*
Active Living Research, *2020*
Georgia Junior Science & Humanities Symposium Student research papers, *S2020*

Grant proposals

RCMI Pilot Research Grants, Clarke Atlanta University, *January 15, 2021*
NIH, *January 1, 2019–Present*, Early Career Reviewer
Ohio State University, Internal Awards, *December 2019*
Sustainable Food System Initiative, Internal Awards, *Spring 2017*

Journals

Public Administration Review, British Food Journal, Journal of Rural Health, Journal of Rural Health, Health Education and Behavior, American Journal of Health Promotion, Obesity, Health Equity, Public Health Nutrition, American Journal of Preventive Medicine, Georgia Journal of Public Health, Journal of Public Health, Interventions in Aging, Social Science Quarterly, American Journal of Preventive Medicine, Journal of Rural Mental Health, Journal of Aging and Health, American Journal of College Health

Editorial service

Associate Editor in Chief, American Journal of Health Promotion

Review Editor, *Frontiers in Public Health*-Public Health and Nutrition

Awards Review Committee

2020 HERG Impact Award invited by the CDC Health Economics Research Group Steering Committee (HERG SC). The HERG Impact award recognizes a significant public health or prevention issue using a state-of-the-art economic method, including economic evaluation. It offers information to public health programs, interventions, or policies. Papers published in peer-reviewed journals in the calendar year 2019 are eligible for the 2020 HERG Impact Award.