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| **Education** | |
| Masters | University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill  MPH in Public Health Nutrition Nutrition, 1980 |
| Undergraduate | Rutgers University, College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences  New Brunswick, N.J.  BS in Chemical and Cell Biology, 1976 |
| **Professional Experience** | |
| 2010 - Present | Clinical Assistant Professor, Department of Nutrition, Schools of Public Health and Medicine, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill |
| 2008 - 2010 | Adjunct Assistant Professor, Department of Nutrition, Schools of Public Health and Medicine, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill |
| 2004 - 2014 | Project Director, Center of Excellence for Training and Research Translation at the Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill |
| 2003 - 2004 | Manager, Child Health and Wellness Unit, Women’s and Children’s Health Section, Division of Public Health, NC DHHS, Raleigh, NC |
| 2000 - 2003 | Director, NC Healthy Weight Initiative, Women’s and Children’s Health Section, Division of Public Health, NC DHHS, Raleigh, NC |
| 1992 - 2000 | Nutrition Consultant (School and Adolescent Health), Children and Youth Branch, Division of Public Health, NC DHHS, Raleigh, NC |
| 1983 - 1992 | Nutrition Education Coordinator (WIC), Nutrition Services Branch, Division of Public Health, NC DHHS, Raleigh, NC |
| 1980 - 1983 | Public Health Nutritionist, Cumberland County Health Department and Fayetteville Area Health Education Center, Fayetteville, NC |
| **Professional Honors** | |
| 2003 | NC Prevention Partners Award for Individual Excellence |
| 2002 | NC Public Health Association Women’s and Children’s Health Excellence Award |
| 2002 | Glaxo Smith Kline Child Health Recognition Award (Individual Recognition Award Nominee) |
| 1998 | Delta Omega Honorary Society in Public Health, Theta Chapter |
| 1997-1998 | Outstanding Alumni Award; Department of Nutrition, University of North Carolina, School of Public Health |
| **Memberships** | |
| **NC Public Health Association** | |
| **Publications** | |
| Mainor, A., Leeman, J., Sommers, J., Heiser, C., Gonzales, C., Farris, R., Ammerman, A. (2014) A systematic approach to planning and evaluating public health training: the Obesity Prevention in Public Health Course. J Public Health Manag Pract 2014 Jan 7 [Epub ahead of print] | |
| Sommers, J., Heiser, C. (2013) The role of community, state, territorial, and tribal public health in obesity prevention. *The Journal of Law Medicine & Ethics* 12/2013; 41 Suppl 2:35-9. | |
| Leeman, J, Sommers JK, et. al. An evaluation framework for obesity prevention policies. *Preventing Chronic Disease* CDC - Preventing Chronic Disease: Volume 9, 2012: 11\_0322. | |
| Valko P, et. al Community Wide Obesity Prevention: Re-connecting Public Health, Urban Planning, and Public Policy in Three Missouri Communities. *Community Development* Vol. 42, No. 2, April–June 2011, 152–166. | |
| Leeman J, Sommers J, Leung M, Ammerman A. Disseminating Evidence From Research and Practice: A Model for Selecting Evidence to Guide Obesity Prevention. *J Public Health Management Practice,* 2011, 17(2), 133–140. | |
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| Jilcott S, Ammerman A, Sommers J, Glasgow R. Applying the RE-AIM Framework to Assess the Public Health Impact of Policy Change. *Ann Behav Med*. 2007; 34(2): 105-114. | |
| Benjamin S, Ammerman A, Sommers J, Dodds J, Neelon B, Ward D. Nutrition and Physical Activity Self-assessment for Child Care (NAP SACC): Results from a Pilot Intervention. *J Nutr Educ Behav*. 2007; 39:142-149. | |
| Ammerman A, Ward D, Benjamin S, Ball S, Sommers JK, Molloy M, Dodds J. An Intervention to Promote Healthy Weight: Nutrition and Physical Activity Self-assessment for Child Care (NAP SACC) Theory and Design. *Preventing Chronic Disease* 2007; 4(3): 1-12. | |
| Molloy M, Kovach K, Bors P, Caldwell D, Sommers-Lebeuf J. The Epidemic of Childhood Overweight and Obesity. *NC Medical Journal* 2002, 63(6): 291-297. | |
| **Teaching Activities** | |
| NUTR 630: Nutrition Culture, Counseling and Communication Course provides an overview of food and culture and communications skills required in public health nutrition and dietetics practice. | |
| NUTR 720 Public Health Nutrition Management I (Didactic) The course is focused on public health nutrition programs, use of data systems for community assessment, qualitative methods applied to community assessment as well as community engagement and development. | |
| Public Health Nutrition Field Experience Recruit and orient RD preceptors in public health settings, match students to available sites, prepare students for internship, evaluate field assignments, monitor student performance in the field | |
| Nutrition 725: Public Health Nutrition Management II Course focuses on program planning, implementation and evaluation as well as managing and leading public health nutrition programs. | |
| Advanced Nutrition Experience Coach students on selection of domestic and international public health nutrition field sites, contact sites, confirm placements, and monitor/evaluate field performance. | |
| Nutrition 992: Master’s Paper  2011   * Hubbard, Tara: “Limited Access to Healthy Food: How Zoning Can Close the Gap” December 2011 * Mickens, Jillian: “Planning Proposal for Establishing a Local Food System in North Central North Carolina to Increase Food Self-Reliance” December 2011 * Pilewski, Kathryn: “Applying Principles of Health Marketing to Private Practice Dietetics” December 2011   2012   * Tedrick-Moutz, Leah: “Putting Healthy Food Service Guidelines into Practice: An Analysis of Local, State and Federal Approaches to Food Procurement Policies.” December 2012 * Williams, Melissa: “Evolution of North Carolina’s Community-Based System of Care for Children with Developmental Disabilities.” December 2012   2013   * Davies, Elizabeth: “Can Food Pricing Strategies Impact Obesity on the Navajo Reservation?” December 2013 * Herbert, Jennifer: “Turning Passion into Action: A Business Plan for Private Practice” December 2013 * Sohl, Jennifer: “Sohl Nutrition: A Mindful Eating and Yoga Private Practice Business Plan” December 2013   2014   * Bunnag, Raina Goldstein: “Changing Perceptions and Transforming Cafeterias: Strategies for Increasing School Meal Participation among High School Students” December 2014 * Chen, Yi-ting: "Recent Policy Changes in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed): Implementation Challenges" December 2014 * Frutchey, Jennifer: “Body Satisfaction and Health Behaviors in High School Girls: A Grant Proposal to Implement the New Moves Program in Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools” December 2014 * Youseffi, Nasim: “Insights on Acculturation and Its Influence on Diet and Health: The NC Migrant Farmworker Experience” December 2014 | |
| **Grants/ Grants Management** | |
| 2014 - present | Nutrition Faculty: HRSA Public Health Traineeship Grant. UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health |
| 2013 – present | Discipline Coordinator/Nutrition Faculty: Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities (LEND) Training Grant. Mentor 1-2 LEND Trainees (nutrition) each year and present one interdisciplinary seminar to trainees and fellows. |
| 2004 - 2014 | Project Director: (CDC,Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity and Obesity)Center of Excellence for Training and Research Translation |
| 2004 | Project Director; (CDC- NCEH): Addressing Asthma from a Public Health Perspective |
| 2004 | Project Director; EPA ($50,000) Children’s Environmental Health Protection to Address Childhood Asthma |
| 2001 - 2004 | Project Manager (NC DPH) Nutrition and Physical Activity Self-Assessment in Child Care (NAP SACC) |
| 2000 - 2003 | Principal Investigator and Project Director; CDC ($1,350,000): State Nutrition and Physical Activity Program to Prevent Obesity |
| 1990 - 1992 | Project Coordinator; USDA-FNS; Determinants of Infant Feeding Practices in NC WIC Participants |
| 1986 - 1988 | Project Coordinator; USDA-FNS; Computer Assisted Nutrition Education in WIC Settings |
| **Service and Activities** | |
| 2008-present | Department of Nutrition, MPH Degree Committee |
| 2008-present | Department of Nutrition, Representative to the Association of Graduate Programs in Public Health Nutrition |
| 2011 – present | Department of Nutrition, Diversity Committee |
| 2015  2015 | Practice Leads Committee, NC Institute for Public Health, UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health  CEPH Masters Degree Subcommittee, UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health |
| 2011 – 2012 | CDC DNPAO: Weight of the Nation Steering Committee and Chair of the States and Communities Planning Committee |
| 2008-2011 | Transtria Inc.: Advisory Board for Review of Environment and Policy Interventions For Childhood Obesity Prevention |
| 2007 - 08 | Macro International and RWJ Foundation: Lead site visitor for Early Assessment of Programs and Policies to Prevent Childhood Obesity |
| 2001-2003 | Indian Health Services, Diabetes Prevention Program, Albuquerque, NM  Healthy Children Healthy Communities Obesity Prevention Initiative |
| 1990 | National Academy of Sciences, Institute of Medicine  Washington, DC Nutrition During Pregnancy and Lactation: Implementation Guide |
| 1990-1992 | IBM Customer Service Advisory Committee, Gaithersburg, MD  Multimedia Solutions: development of nutrition education software applications. |
| 1990  . | Committee on Evaluation of WIC Nutrition Education Materials, USDA Food and Nutrition Information Center, Beltsville, MD |
| **Practice** | |
| Website: Center for Training and Research Translation dissemination platform for evidence-supported interventions that address nutrition, physical activity, and chronic disease prevention (2006 – present)  [www.centertrt.org](http://www.centertrt.org) | |
| Online Training Courses: <http://www.centertrt.org/?p=training_webtrainings> for public health practitioners. Training includes: Center TRT Evaluation Framework; RE-AIM Online; Nutrition and Health; Physical Activity and Health. | |
| Intervention Webinars: <http://www.centertrt.org/?p=training_webinars>. Collaborated with interventionists across to the country to provide a series of webinars for public health practitioners on the implementation of nutrition and physical activity interventions (archived on the centertrt.org). | |
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