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Curriculum Vitae

Award-winning, multi-faceted Scholar, Professor, and Community Leader with a passion for transforming curricula, engaging students, and promoting global awareness through educational, cultural, and experiential activities at all levels.

Research Interest: Obesity, nutrition epidemiology, health education and promotion, global health, maternal and child health, health disparities

Education, Training, Credentials

Visiting Scientist, Obesity and Nutrition Epidemiology, 2019 – Harvard T.H.Chan School of Public Health- Boston, MA, USA

Visiting Scholar, Obesity and Nutrition Epidemiology, 2017 – UNC Chapel Hill Gillings School of Public Health- Chapel Hill, NC, USA

DrPH, Epidemiology, 2011 – East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tennessee, USA
Graduate Assistant for Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology, College of Public Health
Award: Student Award of Excellence, 2010

MPH, Epidemiology, 2008 – East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tennessee, USA
Elected to Alpha Pi Chapter of the Delta Omega: Honorary Society in Public Health

MD, Medicine, 2004 - Wuhan University of Science and Technology, China
Physician Intern Team Leader, Shenzhen No. 2 Hospital
President of Student Association in the College of Medicine

Evidence-Based Optimal Nutrition Certificate, Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health

Statistics Analysis System (SAS) Base Programmer for 9.1 Certification

Research Accomplishments

Infant growth and respiratory health outcomes of switching from cigarette to e-cigarette use during pregnancy (4/1/2022-3/31/2024)

- Serving as PI for subaward \$463,468 NIH R21 project (under review).

Family context, child characteristics, child-rearing features, and obesity risks: a 15-year longitudinal analysis (5/1/2019-4/31/2022)

- Serving as PI for \$148K NIH R03 project (Funded; impact score: 19, percentile: 3.0).

Build environment and metabolic syndrome in an at risk pediatric population of South Central Appalachia (12/1/2019-11/30/2021)

- Coinvestigating \$407K NIH R21 project (pending IRG Review) with Arsham Alamian, PhD, MS.

CVD Appalachia: Building capacity for patient-centered care and patient-centered outcome research (9/1/2019-8/31/2021)

- Coinvestigating \$250K PCORI project (pending Review) with Hadii Mamudu, PhD, MPA.

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Childhood obesity prevention programs and related policies in China and comparison with other countries (7/1/2018-12/31/2019).

- Coinvestigating \$30K UNICEF project with Youfa Wang, MD, PhD.

A program to prevent and reduce tobacco use, promote better nutrition, and facilitate access to health services among high-risk population in predominantly rural Central Appalachia (10/1/2018-9/30/2023).

- Coinvestigating \$4.5M CDC project recommended for funding with Hadii Mamudu, PhD, MPA.

A pilot study of the relationship between the built environment and metabolic syndrome in an at risk pediatric population of South Central Appalachia (4/1/2019-3/31/2021).

- Coinvestigating unfunded NIH R21 project with Arsham Alamian, PhD, MS for approximately \$407K.

Pathway-based analyses of cognitive performance and age at onset of Alzheimer's disease (4/1/2019-3/31/2021).

- Coinvestigating unfunded NIH R03 project with Kesheng Wang, PhD for an estimated \$296K.

Developing a Research Agenda to Prevent and Control CVD in Central Appalachia (4/1/17 to 3/31/2019).

- Coinvestigated funded PCORI project valued at \$250K with Hadii Mamudu, PhD, MPA.

Multilevel systems-oriented childhood obesity study in China (9/1/2011 to 12/31/2016).

- Principally investigated subcontract of SUNY Buffalo for U54 Center P3 Grant for \$2.1M for NIH/NICHD (U54HD070725-01) project with Youfa Wang, MD, PhD.
- One of three key research projects of the NIH U54 Center grant.

Population Health Improvement Plan (6/25/15 to 6/24/16).

- Coinvestigated fully funded \$20K TN Dept. of Health project with Hadii Mamudu, PhD, MPA.

Influence of Healthcare Setting on Obesity Risk among U.S. Children (7/1/2015-6/30/2016).

- Served as PI for \$8K+ funded project with ETSU Research Development Committee Major Grant (16-011M).

College Students as Facilitators to Reduce Adolescent Obesity Disparity Role (4/8/11-11/30/14)

- Coinvestigated \$970K+ project funded by NIH (R01)/Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities along with Deborah L. Slawson, PhD, RD.

The impact of maternal prenatal smoking on childhood obesity Role (11/1/2011-10/1/2012).

- Served as PI of \$1,499K funded project with ETSU Research Development Committee Small Grant (12-019sm)

Professional Experience

Academics

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY/EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY, HARVARD UNIVERSITY, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL, **Associate Professor/Visiting Scientist**, 2011 to Present

Support nationally recognized and federally funded research program by conducting discipline-related research, presenting at conferences, producing high quality publications, and involving students. Work closely with interdisciplinary research teams to enhance curricula and promote teaching excellence.

Participate in technical and professional outreach teams and organizations. Contribute to committees at all levels. Rigorously and effectively instruct and advise graduate students. Devise curriculum and teaching materials informed by current research and practices.

- **Associate Professor with Tenure, Director of Epidemiology** | Baylor University, Department of Public Health, Robbins College of Health and Human Sciences – Waco, TX (from August 1, 2020-Present): teaching undergraduate and graduate courses; engage in the programmatic work and activities of the Baylor Department of Public Health; develop and submit funding proposals to support research training and infrastructure; and serve the university and public health profession.
 - **Leadership:** Serve as **Director of Epidemiology**- assume responsibility for leading the programs in Epidemiology concentration and work in multidisciplinary research and teaching teams; develop and teach undergraduate and graduate public health/epidemiology courses in both on-campus and online settings; recruit, retain, and mentor a diverse student body; work collaboratively with epidemiology faculty, community health faculty, and Baylor leadership; and build local and global public health partnerships.
 - **Other:** Well recognized by President of Baylor University Dr. Linda Livingstone (by mail with her signature) because of elected Fellow of the American College of Epidemiology and Fellow The Obesity Society in 2020; Serve as an invited expert by department chair at The University of Texas Medical Branch to evaluate an Assistant Professor to promote to Associate Professor; Serve as invited dissertation committee member for a doctoral student at East Tennessee State University College of Public Health; Serve as Tenure and Promotion Committee member (for three faculty from assistant professor promote to associate professor); Serve as Epidemiology Faculty search committee member.
- **Associate Professor with Tenure** (July 2017-July 2020); **Assistant Professor** (August 2011-June 2017) | ETSU Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology, College of Public Health; **Graduate Faculty Member** (August 2011 – July 2020 | ETSU School of Graduate Studies – Johnson City, TN.
 - Courses:** Epidemiology I & II, Advanced Multivariate Analysis, Applied Epidemiology Analysis, Analytic Methods in Public Health, Doctor Public Health Dissertation, Graduate Research, Public Health Program Field Practice, Doctoral Public Health Practice, Doctoral Public Health Dissertation: Epidemiology, Read/Research: Epidemiology
 - **Departmental Engagement:** Serve as Chair of Master of Public Health (Biostatistics and Epidemiology) admission committee and Chair of the third- year faculty tenure and promotion review committee.
 - **College Leadership:** Collaborate with various councils and committees, including Curriculum, Faculty Council, Student Scholarship, and Diversity and Social Justice committees.
 - **University Service:** Actively participate on Faculty Senate and Research Development Grant Review Board. Nominated University Distinguished Faculty by Dean for Service Award in 2019.
 - **Program Liaison:** Selected as Exchange Program Coordinator between ETSU and Chinese schools of Public Health. Presented at Conferences on topics in chronic diseases.

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- *Awarded Performance:* Received Dean's Special Recognition Award for University (ETSU) Leadership Faculty Senate in 2017, Dean's Special Recognition Award for Service on the Faculty Council at ETSU in 2017, and ETSU College of Public Health Foundation Service Award in 2018. Nominated by Dean of College of Public Health for ETSU Distinguished Faculty Award for Service in 2019.
- *Student Mentor:* Advised over 30 students at both MPH and DrPH levels and visiting scholars. Served on 7 doctoral level (DrPH) academic committees (4 as the chair), and 7 dissertation committees (4 as the chair). Assisted two DrPH students with obtaining external funding or scholarship for dissertation. Assisted one MPH student with obtaining college-level research award.
- *Nationally Nominated:* Nominated 2015 Faculty Mentor of the year by Southern Regional Education Board's State Doctoral Scholars Program.
- *Unofficial Advisor:* Established faculty-student research interest group in response to large numbers of non-advisee students requesting advisorship on research projects.
- ***Visiting Scientist/collaborator*** | Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health – Boston, MA (Jan 2019 – Present): Conduct nutrition epidemiology research for one of nation's preeminent schools of Public Health (Mentor: Dr. Frank Hu, Fredrick J. Stare Professor of Nutrition and Epidemiology and Chair of Department of Nutrition).
 - *Contest Judge:* Judged Public Health Poster Day with 85 entries.
 - *Collaboration:* Founder and President of Institute of Health Education and Lifecourse Promotion & Founder and President of International Chinese Nutrition Young Scholar Network, collaborating with Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health; keep publishing peer-reviewed manuscripts in prestigious journals, e.g., a recent accepted article in *JACC* in 2021 (impact factor=20.589)
- ***Visiting Scholar/collaborator*** | University of North Carolina: Department of Nutrition, Gillings School of Public Health – Chapel Hill, NC (July-September, 2017): Collaborate on nutrition epidemiology projects for the Nutrition Department situated in School of Public Health.
 - *Published Author:*
 - First-authored abstract, "Influence of Dietary Fat Intake on Body Weight and Risk of Obesity among Chinese Adults", published in *Lancet* Journal.
 - First authored full article "elevated fat intake increases body weight and the risk of overweight and obesity among Chinese adults: 1991-2015 trends" was published in *Nutrients* (Impact Factor=4.546)
- ***Graduate Assistant*** | East Tennessee State University: Department of Biostatistics and Epidemiology, College of Public Health – Johnson City, TN (August 2006- May 2011): Working with Professors for Research and Teaching
 - *Research:* Helped Professor for a number of research proposals, including a funded NIH R01.
 - *Teaching:* Helping Professor for preparing multiple courses' development and teaching.

Industry

TYCO INTERNATIONAL (TYCO HEALTHCARE)/ GUANGDONG NEW SOUTH GROUP (ARTEPHARM CO., LTD)/GLAXOSMITHLINE (GSK) PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY (TIANJIN SMITH KLINE & FRENCH LABS. LTD), **Business Executive/International Marketing Supervisor/Sales Representative**, 2014 to 2016

- **Business Executive**, Tyco Healthcare
 - Multiple skills developed: Communication, leadership, time-management, problem solving, decision making, administration, customer service, project management, etc.
- **International Marketing Supervisor**, Artepharm Co., Ltd.
 - Global Health: Went to Cambodia with well-known Artemisinin (QingHaosu) experts for helping malaria control and prevention.
- **Medical Representative**, GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) Pharmaceutical Company
 - Top Five Trainee in the nation: Won the nationally Top Five of the Initiated Training Course for Sales trainee held in Aug.30-Oct.12, 2004.

Publications

Peer-reviewed Journal Articles (since 2011)

1. Jakovljevic M, Liu Y, Cerda A, Simonyan M, Correia T, Mariita R, Kumara A, Garcia L, Krstic K, Osabohien R, Toan T, Adhikari C, Chuc N, Khatri R, Chattu V, **Wang L**, Wijeratne T, Kouassi E, Khan H, Varjadic M. The global south political economy of health financing and spending landscape history and presence. Journal of Medical Economics (in press). <https://doi.org/10.1080/13696998.2021.2007691>
2. Wang YX, Farland L, Wang S, Gaskins A, **Wang L**, Rich-Edwards J, Tamimi R, Missmer S, Chavarro J. Association of infertility with premature mortality among US women: a prospective cohort study. The Lancet Regional Health- Americas. 2021;100122,ISSN 2667-193X, <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.lana.2021.100122>.
3. Wang Z, Chen Y, Tang S, Chen S, Gong S, Jiang X, **Wang L***, Zhang Y*. Dietary diversity and nutrient intake of Han and Dongxiang smallholder farmers in poverty area of Northwest China (#Co-corresponding author). Nutrients. 2021; 13(11):3908. (**#Corresponding author**).
4. Wang YX, Minguez-Alarcon L, Gaskins A, **Wang L**, Ding M, Missmer S, Rich-Edwards J, Manson J, Chavarro J. Pregnancy loss and risk of cardiovascular disease: the Nurses' Health Study II. European Heart Journal. 2021;ehab737,
5. Wang YX, Wang SW, Mitsunam M, Pan A, Manson JE, Rich-Edwards JW, **Wang L**, Zhang CL, Chavarro JE. Pre-pregnancy menstrual cycle regularity and length and the risk of gestational diabetes mellitus: prospective cohort study. Diabetologia. 2021;64(11):2415-2424.
6. Kadam I, Neupane S, Wei J, Fullington LA, Li T, An R, Zhao L, Ellithorpe A, Jiang X*, **Wang L***. A systematic review of diet quality index and obesity among Chinese adults. Nutrients. 2021; 13(10):3555 (***Corresponding author**).
7. Zhu B, Wu Y, Cai Z, Liao C, Sun L, Liu Z, Chen H, Huang X, Lin Q, Zhou X, **Wang L**, Zhang M, Yang B. A prospective epidemiological analysis of controlling nutritional status score with the poor functional outcomes in Chinese patients with hemorrhagic stroke. British Journal of Nutrition. 2021;1-18.
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9. Sun Y, Chen C, Mustieles V, **Wang L**, Zhang Y, Wang Y, Messerlian C. Association of blood trihalomethane concentrations with risk of all-cause and cause-specific mortality in U.S. adults: a prospective cohort study. Environmental Science & Technology. 2021;55:9043-9051.
10. Weng J, Chen B, Xie M, Hou R, Wan X, Wang P, Zhou X, Zhou Z, Mei J, **Wang L**, Huang D, Wang Z, Wang Z, Chen C. Rabbit thyroid extracellular matrix as a 3D bioscaffold for thyroid bioengineering: a preliminary in vitro study. BioMedical Engineering OnLine. 2021;20(1):18.
11. Nie P, Ding L, Sousa-Poza, Leon A, Xue H, Jia P, **Wang L**, Wang Y. Inequality of weight status in urban Cuba: 2001-2010. Population Health Metrics. 2021;19(1):24.
12. Wang YX, Arvizu M, Rich-Edwards JW, **Wang L**, Rosner B, Stuart JJ, Rexrode KM, Chavarro JE. Hypertensive disorders of pregnancy and subsequent risk of premature mortality. Journal of the American College of Cardiology. 2021;77(10): 1302–1312.
13. Wu Y, **Wang L**, Zhu J, Gao L, Wang Y. Growing fast food consumption and obesity in Asia: challenges and implications. Social Science & Medicine. 2021; 269:113601.
14. Mamudu H, Jones A, Paul T, Osedeme F, Stewart D, Alamian A, **Wang L**, Orimaye S, Bledsoe J, Poole A, Blackwell G, Budoff M. The co-existence of diabetes and subclinical atherosclerosis in rural Central Appalachia: Do residential characteristics matter? Journal of Diabetes and Its Complications. 2021;35(4):107851.
15. **Wang L**, Lee Y, Wu Y, Zhang X, Jin C, Huang Z, et al. Prospective study of waist circumference trajectories and incident cardiovascular disease. The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition. 2021;113(2):338-347.
16. **Wang L**, Wang H, Zhang B, Popkins BM, Du S. Trends in fat intake and their impacts on body weight and the risk of overweight and obesity among Chinese adults. Nutrients. 2020;12,3272.
17. **Wang L**, Liu X, Liu Z, Jia C. Digital media use and subsequent self-harm during a 1-year follow-up of Chinese adolescents. Journal of Affective Disorders. 2020; 277:279-286.
18. Omoike O*, Pack R, Mamudu H, Liu Y, Strasser S, Zheng S, Okoro J, **Wang L***. Association between per and polyfluoroalkyl substances and markers of inflammation and oxidative stress. Environmental Research. 2020 Oct 23;110361. (*Corresponding author)
19. Omoike O*, Pack R, Mamudu H, Liu Y, **Wang L***. A cross-sectional study of the association between perfluorinated chemical exposure and cancers related to deregulation of estrogen receptors. Environmental Research. 2020 Oct 14;110329. (*Corresponding author)
20. Mamudu H, **Wang L**, Poole A, Blair C, Littleton M, Gregory R, Frierson L, Voigt C, Paul T. Cardiovascular diseases health literacy among patients, health professionals, and community-based stakeholders in a predominantly medically underserved rural environment. Southern Medical Journal. 2020 Oct;113(10):508-513.
21. Mamudu H, Osedeme F, Robertson C, Littleton MA, Owusu D, **Wang L**, Studlar D. A qualitative study of impacts of preemption of tobacco regulation on counties in Appalachian Tennessee. International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health. 2020;17(9):3230.
22. Mamudu, Alamian A, Subedi P, Blackwell G, Alamin A, **Wang L**, Alamian A, Paul T, Budoff M. Association between cardiovascular risk factors and the diameter of the thoracic aorta in an asymptomatic population in the Central Appalachian region. The American Journal of the Medical Sciences. 2020;S0002-9629(20)30346-3.
23. Omoike O, **Wang L**, Oke A, Johnson K. Predicting bone turnover following tobacco exposure using bone alkaline phosphatase and N-telopeptide biomarkers and possible variability and effect modification of these markers by race/ethnicity. Biomarkers. 2020;25(5):410-416.
24. Nie P, Ding LL, Sousa-Poza A, Leon AA, Xue H, Jia P, **Wang L**, Wang Y. Socioeconomic position and the health gradient in urban Cuba: Dimensions and mechanisms. BMC Public Health.

2020;20(1):866.

25. Gao L, Bhurtyal A, Wei J, Akhtar P, **Wang L**, Wang Y, etc. Double burden of malnutrition and nutrition transition in Asia: a case study of four selected countries with different socioeconomic development. Advances in Nutrition. 2020;nmaa064.
26. Mamudu H, Osedeme F, Robertson C, Littleton M, Owusu D, **Wang L**, Studlar D. A qualitative study of impacts of preemption of tobacco regulation on counties in Appalachian Tennessee. International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health. 2020, 17(9), 3230.
27. Zhuang P, Zhang Y, Mao L, **Wang L**, Wu F, Cheng L, Jiao J. The association between consumption of monounsaturated fats from animal- versus plant-based foods and the risk of type 2 diabetes: A prospective nationwide cohort study. British Journal of Nutrition. 2020;1-23.
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29. Sun B, Messerlian C, Sun ZH, Duan P, Chen HG, Chen YJ, **Wang L**, Meng TQ, Wang Q, Arvizu M, Chavarro J, Xiong CL*, Pan A* and Wang YX*. Physical activity and sedentary time in relation to semen quality in healthy Chinese men screened as potential sperm donors. Human Reproduction 2019;34(12):2330-2339.
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- and sleep quality among a middle-aged Chinese population. Environmental Pollution. 2017; 227:543-551.
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Scholastic Activities

Founding President, INTERNATIONAL CHINESE NUTRITION YOUNG SCHOLAR NETWORK (ICNYSN) (2016-Present) **website:** www.icnysn.org

- Currently boast worldwide membership (academic and industry scientists and leaders) of more than 2K and growing from Universities such as Harvard, Tufts, and Cornell as well as Peking, Fudan, and Shanghai Jiaotong in China.
- Gaining recognition as one of the leading organizations in nutrition and health worldwide, particularly among Chinese scholars.
- Launch international programs, including Global Dialogue, in Chinese and English.

We invite professions globally who have made remarkable achievements in public health to be interviewed. Since the ICNYSN's establishment, the invited experts, by virtue of their privileged position, have inspired a great many scholars, giving both professional and spiritual guidance, e.g., see below:

- Dr. Walter Willet, Professor of Epidemiology and Nutrition at Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, at <https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/C2UOLbFeu5PFOwnFWEISjA>
- Dr. Alice Lichtenstein, Professor of Nutrition Science and Policy at Tufts University, at <http://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/1tbbtNGTW-el8H4JpT1sBw>
- Dr. Manny Noakes, Research Director for Nutrition Research and Health at the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organization in Australia, at https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/8_Y8F6CJbMNzOQX7IfAKBw
- Dr. Barbara Rolls, Professor and the Helen A. Guthrie Chair of Nutrition Sciences at The Pennsylvania State University, at <https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/TrWKrir4IQOQYA7Lv2GZWw>
- Dr. Mary A. Johnson, President of American Society of Nutrition (2018), J. S. Tintman Professor and Chair, Department of Nutrition and Health Science, University of Nebraska at Lincoln, at <https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/K-rmsCRwZSBkNldSuNYR9w>
- Lead ICNYSN to cohost the Nutrition and Health forum for International Health Congress
 - Chair, Nutrition and Health Session, International Health Promotion and Development Congress, Guangzhou, China, November 2020. (more than half of million participants online and onground). See news at https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/l-76jtcwjOTpO6e_x0kVQ
- Lead ICNYSN to cohost the Nutrition and Health forum for Global Health International Congress in 2017, 2018, and 2019, respectively, Xi'an, China
 - Chair, Nutrition and Health Session, for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Global Health International Congress, Xi'an China.

Founding President, INSTITUTE OF HEALTH EDUCATION AND LIFECOURSE PROMOTION (iHELP) (2019-Present)

- To build the capacity of healthcare professionals at home and abroad through the mobilization of global expertise in academia and industry and the provision of world-class continuing education coursework and service (Mission)
- Synchronized access to world-class training and development for healthcare professionals worldwide (Version)

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- MOU collaboration with Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health has been approved (e.g., working on promoting nutrition communications worldwide for *The Nutrition Source*, <https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/nutritionsource/>)

President /Vice President, TRI-CITIES CHINESE ASSOCIATION (2020-21; 2013-14, 2018-19)

- Hosted numerous community activities (Mid-Autumn Festival, New Year Celebration) with approximately 300 in attendance.
- Invited to present on Chinese culture at a Veteran's Affairs sponsored Diversity Fair and at an area High School.
- Responded to requests to help needy students by ETSU's International Programs and Services Director.

President-Elect/Board Director, CHINA HEALTH POLICY AND MANAGEMENT SOCIETY (2016-Present) website: www.chpams.org

- President-Elect (2020-2022) and President (2022-2024)
- Selected as one of seven board directors worldwide for this prestigious position (2016-2020)
- Organize and host a number of online webinars for academics/research/career development for all members worldwide
- Represent the society to cohost the global health conference, e.g., 2019 Global Health Conference in Xi'an, China
- Served as Moderator and Chair of 1st and 2nd Conferences hosted at Yale and Emory Universities with 240 public health, economics, and data science researchers and professionals, entrepreneurs, non-governmental organizations, U.S., Chinese, and other government officials.
- Oral Presentation Commentator/Chair, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th Westlake Youth Forums (2012-Present)

Associate Director, CHINA-TENNESSEE HEALTH EDUCATION TRAINING INSTITUTE (2011-2020)

- Appointed as liaison by ETSU Dean of College of Public Health to identify potential international and domestic training and research collaborations for ETSU's China program. Served as Chinese-English Translator.
- Assisted with preparing award winning application for Dean to win Distinguished Overseas Professor by School of Public Health at Guangdong Pharmaceutical University in China.
- Interviewed by *NETWORKS Sullivan Partnership*, at Dean's request. Played key role as Executive Assistant of rural health exchange program between China's Ministry of Health and TN's Department of Health. Helped recruit employees from China to work in Tennessee.
- Led about 20 public health leaders from China for 2-3 weeks health education training.

Elected Fellow, the AMERICAN COLLEGE OF EPIDEMIOLOGY, USA (2020-)

- Reviewed abstracts submitted for annual meeting in 2012 and 2018.
- Considered F.A.C.E. distinction.

Elected Fellow, The Obesity Society, USA (2020-)

- Considered F.T.O.S. distinction.

Chair, PUBLIC RELATIONS AND WEBINAR COMMITTEES, NORTH AMERICAN CHINESE SOCIETY FOR NUTRITION (2015-2017)

- Invited a number of well-known guest lecturers for a series of webinars in academic and career development.

- Co-edited annual newsletter distributed to over 2000 members.
- Received Outstanding Leadership and Service Award and unanimously re-elected as Chair and board director in 2016.

Awards/Honors

- Invited chair, clinical epidemiology scientific program, 16th Congress of Asian Society for Pediatric Research (ASPR), 2021
- Cochair, the Joint NACAN and ICNYSN Scientific Symposium in 2021 (The 2nd Annual NACAN Summit (2021): Frontiers in Nutrition)
- Academic committee member and organizing committee member, China Health Policy and Management Society Virtual Conference 2021 (Continuing Health Reforms and Modernizing Healthcare Governance Post-COVID)
- Invited Executive President, International Forum on Health Promotion and Development 2021 (> 500,000 participants participated in the forum virtually and onground)
- Chair, Nutrition and Health Forum, International Forum on Health Promotion and Development 2021
- Fellow of The American College of Epidemiology (FACE), USA, 2020
- Fellow of The Obesity Society (FTOS), USA, 2020
- ETSU the University Distinguished Faculty Award for Service Nominee, Tennessee, USA, 2019
- Best Poster Presentation Award, CVD Appalachia Conference, Tennessee, USA, 2019
- Foundation Service Award, ETSU College of Public Health (one per academic year per category), 2018
- Invited Candidate for Assistant Dean, ETSU College of Public Health, 2018
- Banner Carrier for ETSU College of Public Health, Graduation Ceremony, 2018
- ETSU Dean's Special Recognition Award for Service for University Leadership Faculty Senate, 2017
- ETSU Dean's Special Recognition Award for Service on Faculty Council, 2017
- Tennessee Service Award, 2017
- Fellow (one of approximately 46 worldwide) of 49th Ten Day International Teaching Seminar on Cardiovascular Disease Epidemiology and Prevention in Malaysia, 2017
- Travel Fellowship Award for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Westlake Summer Youth Forum on health Policy and System Sciences, 2012, 2015-16, and 2019
- 5th Chinese Nutrition Leadership Program Trainee (only one selected from N. America), 2015
- Guest Editor for Special Issue of Nutrition Discovery on Non-communicable Chronic Diseases, 2015
- American Public Health Association Maternal and Child Health Section Outstanding Author, 2009-11
- President of the Student Association, Guangzhou No.7 Middle School
- Represented Guangzhou City (only five high school students from Guangzhou were selected) to participate in the China national high school students intelligence competition (CCTV Samsung Intelligence Express)
- Selected for juvenile class for gifted children (skipped two grades), Shashi Middle School, Jingzhou, Hubei, China, 1989

Manuscript reviewer (selected)

JAMA Pediatrics	International Journal of Obesity
Obesity Reviews	International Journal of Epidemiology
Pediatric Obesity	Advances in Nutrition
Childhood Obesity	European Journal of Pediatrics
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Clinical Epidemiology	Preventive Medicine Report
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PLoS One	Health Promotion International
Pediatric and Perinatal Epidemiology	Journal of Immigrant and Minority Health
Health Education and Behavior	Journal of Developmental Origins of Health and Diseases
Psychology & Neuroscience	Psychology Health and Medicine
The Journal of Behavior Health Services & Research	Applied Physiology, Nutrition, and Metabolism
Journal of Urban Health	

Associate Editor: BMC Cost Effectiveness and Resource Allocation (IF: 2.532) (2021- Present); Nutrition Journal (IF: 3.359) (2021- Present)

Guest Editor: Nutrients (IF:5.717) Special Issue on “Nutritional Epidemiology among Chinese population” (2021- Present)

Guest Editor: Frontiers in Health Economics (impact factor: 3.709) Special Issue on “Asian National Health Sectors Growth in the Next Decade - Optimism despite Challenges Ahead”

Editorial Board Member, China Health Review (2015-Present), PLOS One (2018- Present), Global Health Research and Policy (2019- Present), International Journal of Public Health (2020-Present), Nutrients (2021- Present).

Professional Associations

Alpha Pi Chapter of Delta Omega	American College of Epidemiology
American Heart Association	American Public Health Association
American Society of Nutrition	China Health Policy and Management Society
China Health Reviewer	Golden Key International Honor Society
Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi	North American Chinese Society for Nutrition
International Chinese Nutrition Young Scholar Network	China-Tennessee Health Education Training Institute
Society of Epidemiologic Research	Tennessee Cancer Coalition
The Obesity Society	Tri-Cities Chinese Culture Association
Institute of Health Education and Lifecourse Promotion	

Selected comments from mentees/students

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1. Elaine Loudermilk, MPH

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“I first began working with Dr. Wang in Applied Epidemiology, a course required for my Doctor of Public Health degree concentrating in Epidemiology. His expertise and guidance in career building and preparation for a career in epidemiology combined with medicine was and is incredible. I grew as a student and as a professional in the first class I had with him and even more the following semester in Advanced Multivariate Analysis. I grew in more than one way: networking with professionals all over the United States in HIV research (my dissertation topic), in communication and team building with my colleagues (both Master and Doctoral levels), and in analytic epidemiologic methodology and statistical analysis software usage. We still work together on research regarding HIV, and I still learn from him as he mentors me even after taking classes with him as my professor. Having Dr. Wang's support and guidance throughout my time at East Tennessee State University as a Doctor of Public Health student focusing on epidemiology (and plans to become a medical epidemiologist) is something I will always be grateful for. His mentorship to me has helped me to become a better resource in being a teaching assistant to new students in the Master of Public Health, concentration in epidemiology, program at ETSU. I am extremely grateful to have learned from Dr. Wang during his classes and am excited to continue working with Dr. Wang in research. Thank you, Dr. Wang, for making yourself a resource to me for epidemiologic methods, conferences, publications, and professional advice as I prepare for my career!”

2. Candice Collins, DrPH, MPH

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“I have known Dr. Wang for 3 years and have interacted with him extensively in his capacity as my mentor and professor. During my DrPH program, I have come to know Dr. Wang very well, and therefore can comment on some aspects of his teaching and advising. Dr. Wang is a kind and hard-working mentor and teacher, and it has been a pleasure working with him. For example, he put tremendous effort in getting me an internship with the Henan Provincial CDC in China. He took the time to translate my application from English into Mandarin then arranged a meeting with my supervisor to ensure I would benefit from the experience. An important aspect of Dr. Wang's interactions with students is his availability to answer questions and interest in students' work. I personally have benefited from working with and taking courses from Dr. Wang and sincerely hope that his efforts as a teacher and mentor will be rewarded.”

3. Minoti Ganguli, MPH

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“I have known Dr. Wang from the year 2013 to 2016 as he was my academic advisor throughout my MPH coursework. During my entire coursework I came to know him very well as he was my constant source of support and mentored me throughout my graduate school years in East Tennessee State University. Dr. Wang is a kind, hard-working and remarkable professor who gave me his full support and guidance each and every semester and helped me select courses which could add value to my coursework. He took keen interest in helping me shape my career and continued to encourage me to apply for internship with the prestigious Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine in Chicago. Without his guidance and collaboration with the PI, it would have been impossible for me to get a position in such a prestigious organization. Dr. Wang and I conducted a secondary database analysis of Mediators of Atherosclerosis in South Asians living in America (MASALA) study data to reduce cardiovascular risk factors among South Asian population. The MASALA study is based on the Framingham study, this study began in Oct 2010. MASALA study is the first longitudinal study on South Asians living in the U.S. to understand what factors lead to heart disease and guide prevention and treatment of heart disease which is highly prevalent in this ethnic group compared to other ethnic groups in the U.S. Dr. Wang was involved in development of the study protocol that was submitted to the Steering Committee. It was a competitive process and with his due support and constant review, I was able to get my research proposal accepted in Northwestern University which was among a very few proposals that got approval. He has helped me in every way so that I was able to successfully represent ETSU College of Public Health's strong academic program by bringing this collaboration with Northwestern University. He invited Associate professor and PI Dr. Namratha Kandula from Northwestern University Feinberg school of Medicine to give presentation about the MASALA study to the current DrPH Epidemiology students. His valuable research insight helped me to develop a sound study design methodology and use the right statistical analysis tools for the study. Dr. Wang has also assisted me in completing the Abstract for the research study which was presented as a Poster Presentation on 7th April, 2016 in Public Health and Social Science Research Day Conference in Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. He has demonstrated leadership and mentored a student with full diligence throughout her graduate school years. Based on my good performance, I won Dr. Tiejian Wu Research Award in 2016. Thanks a lot for your mentorship and help!”

4. Anca Shaw, MPH

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“I am more than happy to present this recommendation letter for Dr. Liang Wang. I have known Dr. Wang for 3 years and have interacted with him extensively in his capacity as my master's degree academic advisor and mentor at East Tennessee State University College of Public Health. Dr. Wang is a remarkable advisor and it has been a pleasure working with him. His ongoing advice and support have helped me successfully complete my master's degree. An important aspect of Dr. Wang's interactions with students is his availability to answer questions, interest in students' work, ability to provide just the right amount of structure yet allow the student some independence. Dr. Wang is inquisitive and always looking for innovative solutions to even the most basic issues. That inquisitive nature translated very well

into his career as an academic advisor and instructor. Dr. Wang is also extremely dedicated to the concept of mentoring. He feels a strong sense of responsibility to the students in his classes and he takes their success very personally. I personally have benefited from working with Dr. Wang and I thank him for his efforts as a teacher and academic advisor at ETSU. I am available if you need further information.”

5. Ifeoma Ozodiegwu, DrPH, MPH

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“Dr. Liang Wang is an educator par excellence and a dedicated researcher held in high esteem by students and faculty at East Tennessee State University. I consider myself fortunate to have studied under him. When I took his class, Dr. Wang went to painstaking lengths to ensure that I and other students grasped the material. Under his mentorship, I blossomed as a researcher and I was able to more deeply develop my ideas leading to my receipt of the Inaugural ETSU Sherrod Library Scholarship for Excellence in Research for my class paper. Therefore, I wholeheartedly recommend him to any institution of higher learning and to other students. His data analysis classes are the best classes on campus!”

Research Presentations

National/International

1. Wang Z, **Wang L**, Zhang Y. Dietary diversity and nutrient intake among smallholder farmers in poverty area of Northwest China. The International Health Promotion and Development Conference, Guangzhou, China, November 20-22, 2020.
2. Lang H, Loudermilk E, Peterson J, Clark WA, Marrs J, Joyner A, **Wang L**, Alamian A. Exploration of the relationship between inflammatory markers and body mass index among Hispanic pediatric population. ObesityWeeks 2020, Atlanta, GA, November 2-6, 2020.
3. White ML, Loudermilk E, Peterson J, Clark WA, Marrs J, Joyner A, **Wang L**, Alamian A. Investigating the association between vegetable intake and being at risk for metabolic syndrome among northeastern Tennessee Hispanic pediatric population. American Public Health Association 2020. San Francisco, CA.
4. Omoike O, **Wang L**, Oke A, Johnson K. Effect of environmental-tobacco-smoke on bone-turnover markers, possible modification by race/ethnicity. 2020 American College of Epidemiology Annual Conference. September 21-23, 2020.
5. Omoike O, **Wang L**, Johnson K. Prevalence and behavioral associations of vaping among South-central Appalachia students. 2020 American College of Epidemiology Annual Conference. September 21-23, 2020
6. Omoike O, **Wang L**, Johnson K. Perfluoroalkyl chemical exposure and idiopathic erythrocytosis. 2020 American College of Epidemiology Annual Conference. September 21-23, 2020
7. Awujoola A, Mamudu H, Paul T, Odebunmi O, Mokikan M, Awashti M, Bhetuwal K, Alamian A, **Wang L**, Dowling K, Stewart D, Jones A, Walker T, Budoff M. Factors associated with myocardial infarction in patients with peripheral arterial diseases in rural central Appalachia. The APHA Annual Meeting & Expo., San Francisco, Oct.24-28, 2020.
8. Odebunmi O, Mamudu H, Awashti M, Paul T, Awujoola A, Mokikan M, Bhetuwal K, Alamian A, **Wang L**, Dowling K, Stewart D, Jones A, Walker T, Budoff M. Identifying risk factors of

- diabetes in patients with peripheral arterial disease in rural central Appalachia. The APHA Annual Meeting & Expo., San Francisco, Oct.24-28, 2020.
9. Oke A, Osedeme F, Nwabueze C, Mamudu H, Wood D, **Wang L**, McNabb M, Yang J, Boghozian R. Understanding the association between susceptibility to smoke e-cigarettes and the actual use of e-cigarette among school-going youths in rural Appalachia. The APHA Annual Meeting & Expo., San Francisco, Oct.24-28, 2020.
 10. **Wang L**, Alamian A, Morelen D. Associations between key family/individual factors and obesity risk in offspring:a prospective cohort study of mother-child pairs in the United States. The APHA Annual Meeting & Expo., San Francisco, Oct.24-28, 2020.
 11. Omoike O, **Wang L**, Johnson K, Oke A. Predicting bone turnover following tobacco exposure using bone alkaline phosphatase and n-telopeptide and possible variability and effect modification by race/ethnicity. The APHA Annual Meeting & Expo., San Francisco, Oct.24-28, 2020.
 12. White M, Loudermilk E, Peterson J, Clark A, Marrs J, Joyner A, **Wang L**, Alamian A. Investigating the association between vegetable intake and being at risk for metabolic syndrome among a northeastern Tennessee hispanic pediatric population. The APHA Annual Meeting & Expo., San Francisco, Oct.24-28, 2020.
 13. Mamudu H, Orimaye S, Awasthi M, Alamian A, **Wang L**, Stewart D, Awujoola A, Oke A, Osedeme F, Stepanov N, Paul T. Contributing factors to prolonged length of hospital stay after readmission among patients with cardiovascular diseases in rural Appalachia. American Heart Association Epidemiology Scientific Sessions, March 3-6, 2020.
 14. Nwabueze C, **Wang L**. Association between substance use and weapon-related injuries among middle and high school students in the U.S. American Heart Association Epidemiology Scientific Sessions, March 3-6, 2020.
 15. Wang Y, **Wang L**. Menstrual cycle regularity and length and risk of cardiovascular disease mortality: a prospective cohort study. PCORI funded CVD Appalachia Conference Best Poster Presentation Award. Johnson City, TN, August, 2019, USA
 16. Gagnon K, Littleton MA, Poole A, Blair C, Paul T, Kidwell G, **Wang L**, Casenburg V, Gregory R, Voigt C, Mamudu H. Qualitative capacity assessment to identify cardiovascular disease control priorities in Central Appalachia. The APHA 2019 Annual Meeting & Expo., Philadelphia, PA. November, 2019.
 17. Mamudu H, Alamian A, Paul T, Jones A, Stewart D, Harirforoosh S, **Wang L**, Orimaye S, Osedeme F, Poole A, Awujoola A, Blackwell G, Budoff M. Prevalence of diabetes and association between individual and multiple lifestyle risk factors and diabetes in a rural Appalachian population. The APHA 2019 Annual Meeting & Expo., Philadelphia, PA. November, 2019.
 18. Mamudu H, Gagnon K, Littleton MA, Poole A, **Wang L**, Blair C, Paul T, Kidwell G, Casenburg V, Frierson L, Voigt C, Gregory R. Perceptions of community-dwelling patients and caregivers of patient-centered care in Central Appalachia: An exploratory study. The APHA 2019 Annual Meeting & Expo., Philadelphia, PA. November, 2019.
 19. Wang Y, Ma L, Zhao L, Gao L, Xue H, **Wang L**, Ding Y, Li Y, Qu W, Chang S. National policies and intervention programs on childhood obesity prevention in China. American Society for Nutrition, June 8-11, 2019, Baltimore, Maryland, USA.
 20. Loudermilk, Rotimi O, Fu H, Quinn M, **Wang L**. Investigation of adverse childhood experiences and HIV screening behaviors among adults in Tennessee. Society for Epidemiologic Research annual conference. June 18-21, 2019, Minneapolis, MN, USA.
 21. Mamudu H, Osedeme F, Robertson C, Littleton MA, Owusu D, **Wang L**. A qualitative study of communities' response to the impacts of preemption of tobacco regulation: Results of a Population Health Improvement Plan for Tobacco Cessation in Appalachian Tennessee. The APHA 2019 Annual Meeting & Expo. Philadelphia, PA.
 22. **Wang L**, Du S, Wang H, Popkin B. Dietary fat intake influences body weight and obesity risk among Chinese adults: findings from China Health and Nutrition Surveys 1991-2015. The Lancet-CMAS Summit. Oct 27-28, 2018, Beijing, China.

23. Owusu D, Wang K, Paul T, An R, **Wang L**. Prevalence, trends, and association of obesity and dyslipidemia among U.S. youth: 1999-2012. Obesity Society Annual Meeting during Obesity Week 2018 in Nashville, TN, November 11-15, 2018.
24. Mamudu H, Subedi P, Paul T, Alamin A, Alamian A, **Wang L**, Stewart D, Jones A, Harirforoosh S, Blackwell G, Budoff M. The associated risk factors for coronary artery calcium in asymptomatic patients with and without diabetes in rural Central Appalachia. Society of Cardiovascular Computed Tomography (SCCT) 2018 Annual Meeting, July 12-15, 2018, Grapevine, Texas, USA
25. Alhassan BA, Liu Y, Slawson D, Peterson J, Marrs Jo-Ann, Clark A, **Wang L**, Alamian A. Food group intake and cardiometabolic risk in Hispanic children. The APHA 2018 Annual Meeting & Expo. San Diego. November, 2018.
26. Orimaye SO, Alamian A, **Wang L**, Paul T, Stepanov N, Mamudu H. Individual correlates of readmission and prolonged length of stay among patients with cardiovascular disease in rural Appalachia. The APHA 2018 Annual Meeting & Expo. San Diego. November, 2018.
27. Alhassan BA, Liu Y, Slawson D, Peterson J, Marrs Jo-Ann, Clark A, **Wang L**, Alamian A. Maternal correlates of cardiometabolic risk in Hispanic children. The APHA 2018 Annual Meeting & Expo. San Diego. November, 2018.
28. Boghozian R, Owusu D, Guy H, **Wang L**, Littleton MA, Osedeme F, Mamudu H. Increasing rates of alternate tobacco use products among college freshmen. The APHA 2018 Annual Meeting & Expo. San Diego. November, 2018.
29. Guy H, Boshers E, Collins C, Robertson C, Owusu D, Boghozian R, **Wang L**, Littleton MA, Mamudu H. Support and opposition for a 100% tobacco-free policy at a community college in rural Tennessee. The APHA 2018 Annual Meeting & Expo. San Diego. November, 2018 (submitted).
30. Guy H, Boshers E, Owusu D, Collins C, Robertson C, Boghozian R, **Wang L**, Littleton MA, Mamudu H. Diffusion of 100% tobacco policies in higher educations in Tennessee. The APHA 2018 Annual Meeting & Expo. San Diego. November, 2018
31. Collins C, **Wang L**. Associations of knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors with HIV status in 26 Sub-Saharan African countries. GHIC 2018: Global Health & Innovation Conference, April 14-15, 2018. Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA.
32. Mamudu M, Paul T, **Wang L**, et al. Developing a Research Agenda to Prevent and Control Cardiovascular Disease in Central Appalachia". Oral Presentation for *The 8th International Conference on Patient- and Family-Centered Care*, June 11-13, 2018 in Baltimore, MD, USA.
33. **Wang L**, Zhao Y, Wang H, Wang Y. Fast food consumption and obesity and hypertension: The Childhood Obesity Study in China Mega-cities. Obesity Society Annual Meeting during Obesity Week 2017 in Washington DC, October 29 - November 2, 2017.
34. Slawson D, Relyea G, Middlebrooks J, Dula T, Mozen D, Littleton M, Southerland J, **Wang L**, Ratliff M. Dietary quality sugar intake, and body mass index have an impact on dental health among Appalachian adolescents: Results from Team Up for Health Living. The APHA 2017 Annual Meeting & Expo. Atlanta, Georgia. November, 2017.
35. Littleton M, Mamudu H, **Wang L**, Southerland J, Masters P, Roberson C, Collins C. Findings from a community-based assessment used to develop a population health improvement plan for tobacco control. The APHA 2017 Annual Meeting & Expo. Atlanta, Georgia. November, 2017.
36. Liu Y, Wang K, Sayma S, Zheng S, Li Y, **Wang L**. Prevalence of diabetes and its trend in U.S. veterans, 2005-2014. The APHA 2017 Annual Meeting & Expo. Atlanta, Georgia. November, 2017.
37. Alamin A, Alamian A, Mamudu H, Paul T, **Wang L**, Subedi P, Budoff M. Associations between multiple cardiovascular disease risk factors and diabetes among asymptomatic individuals in a hard-to-reach population. The APHA 2017 Annual Meeting & Expo. Atlanta, Georgia. November, 2017.
38. Wang K, Liu Y, Wang N, Elom H, Xie X, **Wang L**. Weighted principal component regression analysis

- of cancer information seeking behaviors with colorectal cancer screening. The APHA 2017 Annual Meeting & Expo. Atlanta, Georgia. November, 2017.
39. Robertson C, Mamudu H, **Wang L**, Owusu D, Boghozian R, Collins C, Holdon G. An application of the collaborative approach to tobacco control efforts in marginalized communities. The APHA 2017 Annual Meeting & Expo. Atlanta, Georgia. November, 2017.
 40. **Wang L**. Selected to be the moderator for Cardiovascular Disease Risk Factors oral presentation session. Epidemiology section. The APHA 2017 Annual Meeting & Expo. Atlanta, Georgia. November, 2017.
 41. Mamudu H, Jones A, Timir P, Subedi P, Veeranki S, **Wang L**, Panchal H, Alamian A, Budoff M, Alamin A. Does neighborhood disadvantage affect subclinical atherosclerosis? International Academy of Cardiology, 21st World Congress on Heart Disease, Boston, MA, July, 2016.
 42. **Wang L**, Hong X, Jia P, Qu W, Wang H, Wang Y. Fast food consumption and its associations with obesity and elevated blood pressure among school children: A four city study in China. Poster presentation at Obesity Society Annual Meeting during ObesityWeek 2016 in New Orleans October 31 - November 4, 2016.
 43. Wang K, Gong S, Sha Z, Ategbale M, **Wang L**, Liu Y. A multilevel analysis of the influences of early alcohol consumption and daily cigarette use on the lifetime prevalence of pneumonia among U.S. adults. Recent Topics in Public Health epidemiology session. The APHA 2016 Annual Meeting & Expo. Denver, Colorado. October 30, 2016.
 44. Alamian A, Alhassan A, Ledesma de Rusiñol J, Peterson J, Clark W, Otukonyong E, **Wang L**, Marrs Jo-Ann. The prevalence and distribution of metabolic syndrome components in Hispanic children in northeast Tennessee: A pilot study. The 2016 Epidemiology Congress of the Americas. Miami, Florida, June 21-24, 2016.
 45. Mamudu H, Jones A, Timir P, Subedi P, Veeranki S, **Wang L**, Panchal H, Alamian A, Budoff M, Alamin A. Does neighborhood disadvantage affect subclinical atherosclerosis? Poster session at the annual meeting of the American Public Health Association, Denver, CO. October, 2016.
 46. Alamian A, Leinaar B, **Wang L**. A systematic review of the relationship between asthma, obesity, and the effects of physical activity in youth. Research topics in obesity and cardio- metabolic risk in epidemiologic and public health session. The 143rd APHA Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL, 2015
 47. Sarnosky K, Mamudu H, Paul T, **Wang L**, Veeranki SP, Panchal H, Budoff M. Impact of clusters of risk factors on subclinical coronary artery disease among asymptomatic rural population. Medical homes session. The 143rd APHA Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL, 2015.
 48. Gong S, Xu C, **Wang L**, Li Y, Wang K, Owusu D. Polymorphisms of PSD3 gene associated with obesity in two Caucasian samples. Recent findings in Public Health Epidemiology and Genetic Research session. The 143rd APHA Annual Meeting. Chicago, IL, 2015.
 49. Mamudu HM, Paul T, Veeranki SP, Liu X, Budoff M, Walker T, **Wang L**, Guo X, Thornton P. Predictors of coronary artery calcium and its relationship with traditional and behavioral risk factors for coronary artery disease among rural population". 142nd APHA Annual Meeting and Exposition, New Orleans, LA, 2014.
 50. Veeranki SP, Cao Y, Zheng S, Quinn M, **Wang L**. Two faces in the lung! Vitamin E and respiratory and atopic diseases. Oral presentation. 142nd APHA Annual Meeting & EXPO, New Orleans, LA, 2014.
 51. Wang Y, **Wang L**, Hong X, Qu W. Increase of fast-food industry in China and its influence on obesity epidemic. The 33rd Annual Scientific Meeting of The Obesity Society. The 2nd Annual Obesity Week Meeting, Boston, MA, November 2-7, 2014.
 52. **Wang L**, Slawson D, Relyea G, Southerland J, Wang Y. Prevalence and risk factors of adolescent obesity in Southern Appalachia. The 33rd Annual Scientific Meeting of The Obesity Society. The 2nd Annual Obesity Week Meeting, Boston, MA, November 2-7, 2014.
 53. **Wang L**, Wang K, Wang Y. Association between obesity and asthma in US adults: Findings from the 2012 National Health Interview Survey. American Society for Nutrition. Community, Public Health and Global Nutrition session. Experimental Biology 2014. April 26-60. San Diego, California, USA.
 54. Apatu E, Gregg C, Hillhouse J, **Wang L**, Pack R. Employment Status and Survivors' Social

- Stakeholders Perceptions During the 2009 Samoa Earthquake and Tsunami, Poster presented at the Hawaii International Social Science Conference, 2014.
55. Alamian A, **Wang L**, Pitts M, Ikekwere J, Hall A. Infant Sleep Problems Increase the Odds of Childhood Overweight at Grade 6: Differential Effects of Commonly Used Definitions of Sleep Problems. American Heart Association Epidemiology and Prevention/Nutrition, Physical activity and Metabolism 2014 Scientific Sessions. San Francisco, CA, March 18-21, 2014.
 56. Southerland J, **Wang L**, Dalton W, Slawson D. Weight misperception and health-related quality of life in Appalachian adolescents. American Heart Association Epidemiology and Prevention/Nutrition, Physical activity and Metabolism 2014 Scientific Sessions. San Francisco, CA, March 18-21, 2014.
 57. **Wang L**, Southerland J, Slawson D, Mozen D. The role of peer eating and physical activity in the prevalence of obesity among Appalachia children. The 31st Annual Scientific Meeting of The Obesity Society- Obesity Week 2013. Atlanta, Georgia. November 11-16, 2013.
 58. **Wang L**, Alamian A. Child's sleep problems and risk of childhood overweight: A longitudinal study. Poster presented at the Society for Epidemiologic Research, Boston, MA, 2013.
 59. **Wang L**, Alamian A, Southerland J, Wang KS, Anderson JL, Stevens M. "Cesarean section associated with increased risk for overweight and obesity in grade six children". Epidemiology and Prevention/Nutrition, Physical Activity and Metabolism 2013 Scientific Sessions.
 60. Wang K, Liu X, **Wang L**. Beliefs and knowledge are associated with cancer information- seeking behaviors in the general population: Findings from the HINTS 4 Cycle 2 Data. Bethesda, Maryland. National Cancer Institute. NIH Campus. October 2-3, 2013.
 61. **Wang L**, Mamudu HM, Anderson JL, Alamian A. Maternal Smoking during Pregnancy and Risk of Adolescent Obesity. Poster presented at the Society for Epidemiologic Research, Minneapolis, MN. 2012.
 62. Slawson DL, Dalton WT, **Wang L**, Littleton MA, Lowe E, Mozen DM, Williams CL, Schetzina KE, Stoots JM, Southerland J, McKeegan TL, Wu T. Design and Methods for an Intervention Utilizing Peer Facilitators to Reduce Adolescent Obesity: Team Up for Healthy Living. 2012 Obesity Society Annual Scientific Meeting, San Antonio, Texas, 2012.
 63. **Wang L**, Mamudu HM, Wu TJ. Impact of Maternal Prenatal Smoking on the Development of Childhood Overweight in School Age. Environmental and Occupational Epidemiology. The 140th APHA Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA, 2012
 64. **Wang L**, Liu XF, Zeng M, Wang KS. Genetic variants in the fat mass and obesity-associated (FTO) gene are associated with alcohol dependence in two Caucasian samples. Genetic/Molecular and Pharmacological Epidemiology. The 140th APHA Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA, 2012.
 65. **Wang L**, Wang XS, Li XN, Huang MH, Guo HJ, Liu XF, Wang KS, Alamian A. Investigation of the residents' health literacy status and its risk factors in Jiangsu Province of China. Health Literacy and Health Education Initiatives. The 140th APHA Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA, 2012.
 66. **Wang L**, Wu T, Anderson JL, Dalton W, Liu X. Breastfeeding and the development of childhood obesity from grades 1 through 6. Oral presenter at the 139th American Public Health Association (APHA) national conference Obesity and Nutrition Session of Epidemiology Section in Washington DC, 2011.

Local/Regional

67. Mokikan M, Orimaye S, Awujoola A, Odebunmi O, Oke A, Alamian A, Stewart D, **Wang L**, Poole A, Walker T, Mamudu H. The influence of diabetes on Peripheral Arterial Disease comorbidities in the Central Appalachian Region between 2008 and 2018. Presentation at the Appalachian Student Research Forum, Johnson City, TN, 2019 (submitted).
68. Gagnon K, Littleton MA, Poole A, Blair CJ, Timir P, Kidwell G, **Wang L**, Casenburg V, Frierson L, Gregory R, Voigt C, Mamudu H. Perceptions of community-dwelling patients and caregivers of patient-centered care in Central Appalachia: An exploratory study. Presentation at the Appalachian Student Research Forum, Johnson City, TN, 2019 (submitted).

69. Loudermilk E, Quinn M, **Wang L***. Impact of adverse childhood experiences on HIV risk behaviors using a nationally representative sample from 2011 and 2012. Oral presentation at the Appalachian Student Research Forum, Johnson City, TN, 2018 (*Faculty Sponsor).
70. Guy H, Selove R, Collins C, Robertson C, Owusu D, Boghozian R, **Wang L**, Littleton MA, Mamudu HM. Diffusion of 100% tobacco free policies in higher education institution in Tennessee. Poster presentation at the Appalachian Student Research Forum, Johnson City, TN, 2017.
71. Alamin A, Alamian A, Mamudu HM, **Wang L**, Paul T, Subedi P, Budoff M. Association between multiple cardiovascular disease risk factors and diabetes among asymptomatic individuals in a hard-to-reach population. Poster presentation at the Appalachian Student Research Forum, Johnson City, TN, 2017.
72. Ganguli M, Kanaya A, **Wang L**, Dave S, Puri A, Mammen S, Kandula N. Differences in cardiovascular risk factors among South Asians living in Chicago and San Francisco, the Mediators of Atherosclerosis in South Asians Living in America (MASALA) study. Northwestern University Research Day. Public Health & Social Sciences Research Conference. Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago, 2016.
73. Alamin A, Subedi P, Mamudu H, Paul T, **Wang L**, Veeranki S, Panchal H, Alamian A, Budoff M. Association between multiple modifiable risk factors of cardiovascular disease and hypertension in a rural population in United States. Oral presentation at the Appalachian Student Research Forum, Johnson City, TN, 2016.
74. Robertson C, Mamudu H, Littleton M, Owusu D, Boghozian R, Collins C, **Wang L**. Community engagement to reduce tobacco use: main findings from a population health improvement plan for tobacco control. Oral presentation at the Appalachian Student Research Forum, Johnson City, TN, 2016.
75. Owusu D, Wang K, Paul T, An R, **Wang L***. Prevalence, trends, and association of obesity and dyslipidemia among U.S. children and adolescents: 1999-2012. Poster presented at the Appalachian Student Research Forum, Johnson City, TN, 2016. (*Corresponding author)
76. Pooja S, Mamudu H, Jones A, Paul T, Veeranki S, **Wang L**, Panchal H, Alamian A, Alamin A, Budoff M. Does neighborhood disadvantage affect subclinical atherosclerosis? Oral presentation at the Appalachian Student Research Forum, Johnson City, TN, 2016.
77. Owusu D, Collins C, Aibangbee J, Robertson C, Littleton M, Veeranki S, Rafie B, Wang L, Mamudu H. E-cigarette use among high school students in Northeast Tennessee. Oral presentation at the Appalachian Student Research Forum, Johnson City, TN, 2016.
78. Collins C, Pitts M, Xie B, Wang Y, **Wang L***. Breastfeeding reduces childhood obesity risks. Oral presentation at the Appalachian Student Research Forum, Johnson City, TN, 2016 (*Corresponding author)
79. Chen Y, **Wang L***, Kirschke D, Wang K, Powers L. Barriers to hepatitis C infection treatment in Northeast Tennessee and the United States. Post presentation at the Appalachian Student Research Forum, Johnson City, TN, 2016 (*Advisor for the 1st student author)
80. Yadav R, **Wang L**, Warren K, Zheng S, Baker K, Maisonet M. Formal sex education and age at first intercourse: National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG) 2006-2010. Tennessee Public Health Association Annual Educational Conference. Cool Springs, Tennessee. September 14-16, 2016.
81. Sarnosky K, Mamudu H, Paul T, **Wang L**, Veeranki S, Panchal H, Budoff. Impact of cluster of risk factors on the prevalence of subclinical coronary artery disease among asymptomatic rural population. Post presentation at the Appalachian Student Research Forum, Johnson City, TN, 2015.
82. Gaines M, Quinn M, **Wang L**, Powers C. Influence of race and gender on sexual initiation in high school students in the southern states of the United States. Post presentation at the Appalachian Student Research Forum, Johnson City, TN, 2015.
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Appendix	
A recent sample of student assessment for teaching	Baylor University Texas, USA 2020 Fall
Course Prefix and Number	Related Student Comments
PUBH 3351 Epidemiology/Vital Statistics (42 students)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Epi as a subject is quite expansive and the learning objectives dr. Wang set out to define in the beginning of the semester were well taught by the end of the class. • Structure of the course was very well put together. Professor Wang did an outstanding job teaching the course and explaining all material. • Dr. Wang is very thorough in his teachings and applies topics to real life situations. Additionally, he made sure to always send his research to his students so we could see examples of applying what we learned. • Professor Wang was the most valuable aspect of this course. His attitude, understanding, and willingness to help his students in whatever way possible was so encouraging and it made it so much easier to be successful in this difficult course! • I found it valuable how Dr. Wang incorporated his own experiences and research into his Powerpoints and discussion of course material. It made the class far more interesting for more and expanded my interest in Epidemiology in general. • This course was very informative and engaging. I enjoyed the Dr. Wang's teaching style and powerpoints. Understanding the concepts of epidemiology and the formulas used in calculating data was a great skill to learn. • Dr. Wang was very informative and helpful the entire semester. I really appreciated his willingness to involve students in research. • I loved this class! I'm so thankful that I got to know Dr. Wang and learn from him this semester. • Dr. Wang was always open to meeting with students to discuss their grade, topics discussed, or really anything we needed help with. He made sure to be available for his students and be clear in his expectations. • This was a wonderful course. Dr. Wang did a great job not only accommodating to our needs throughout the semester, but also being a supportive mentor to his students. He was easy to connect with and made me feel very comfortable coming to him for help or with questions. I would take this class again in a heartbeat. It was an honor to learn from Dr. Wang. • Dr. Wang is a great professor and really cares about his students. He is easy to approach and will always respond to emails on time. His teaching style is easy to follow and his exams/quizzes test our knowledge well. He is always available to help any student. Thank you, Dr. Wang!