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**RESEARCH AND POLICY INTERESTS**

Healthy beverage policies, child care nutrition, drinking water, food environment for young children (birth-5 years old), US federally funded food programs for young children and their families (e.g. WIC, SNAP, CACFP, NSLP), food and solid waste, food systems, US food security related to climate change.

**PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYMENT**

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| 2021-current | **Director of Communications and Research Engagement (Project Policy Analyst IV) |** Nutrition Policy Institute, Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of California |
| 2017-2021 | **Project Policy Analyst III |** Nutrition Policy Institute, Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources, University of California |
| 2015-2016 | **Clinic Supervisor I** | Women Infants and Children, Northeast Valley Health  Corporation Community Clinics |
| 2015 | **Communications Assistant** | Berkeley Food Institute, University of California, Berkeley |
| 2014-2015 | **Graduate Student Research Assistant** | School of Public Health, University of California, Berkeley |
| 2014 | **Adolescent Medicine Nutrition Fellow** | Department of Pediatrics, University of California, San Francisco Benioff Children’s Hospital |
| 2013-2014 | **Graduate Student Instructor** | Department of Nutritional Sciences and Toxicology, University of California, Berkeley |
| 2009-2013 | **Sustainability Manager** | UC Davis Dining Services, Sodexo USA |
| 2008-2009 | **Food Systems Sustainability & Education Coordinator** | UC Davis Dining Services, Sodexo, USA |
| 2006-2007 | **Student Assistant to Registered Dietitian** | Student Health and Counseling Services, University of California, Davis |
| 2004-2006 | **Student Assistant to Registered Nurse** | Student Health Services, Reedley College |

**EDUCATION**

**California State University, Northridge University of California, Berkeley**RD • Dietetics • 2016 MPH • Public Health Nutrition • 2015

**University of California, Davis Reedley College**BS • Clinical Nutrition • 2008 AS • Biological Sciences • 2006

**AWARDS AND HONORS**

* Staff Appreciation and Recognition (STAR) Award, UC Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources (2018, 2019, 2020, 2023)
* National WIC Association Leadership Award (2022)
* SPOT Award, UC Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources (2022)
* Augustus Oliver Brown Fellowship, UC Berkeley School of Public Health (2014)
* US Department of Health and Human Services, Maternal and Child Health, Leadership Education in Adolescent Health Fellowship (2014)
* Outstanding Graduate Student Instructor, UC Berkeley (2014)
* Reshetko Family Scholarship, UC Berkeley School of Public Health (2013)
* Eco Hero, Cool Davis (2013)
* Real Food Award, Real Food Challenge (2013)
* National Spirit of Progress Award, Sodexo (2011)
* Regents Scholar, University of California (2006-2008)
* Outstanding Student Leader of the Year, Reedley College (2006)

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND ACTIVITIES**

* American Public Health Association (2020-present)
* American Society for Nutrition (2019-present)
* UC Agriculture and Natural Resources Consumer Climate Change Literacy Workgroup (2019-present)
* UC Agriculture and Natural Resources Climate Change Program Team (2018-present)
* UC Davis Food Loss & Waste Collaborative (2018-present)

**CERTIFICATIONS & TRAININGS**

* CITI Human Subjects Research Protections Training for Social & Behavioral Research (2018, 2021)
* CITI Human Subjects Research Protections Training: Responsible Conduct of Research (2023)
* Adult CPR and First Aid (2020)
* Commission on Dietetic Registration Number: 1028105
* US Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services National Provider Identifier: 1245782515

**PEER-REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS [**[**GOOGLE SCHOLAR**](https://scholar.google.com/citations?user=pE-3yecAAAAJ&hl=en&oi=sra)**]**

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2. Zaltz DA, **Lee DL**, Woodward-Lopez G, Ritchie LD, Bleich SN, Benjamin-Neelon SE. Adherence to healthy default beverage laws for children's meals in 3 US cities. *Am J Prev Med*. 2023; S0749-3797(23)00033-8. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.amepre.2023.01.023>
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5. Heiges J, **Lee DL**, Vollmer L, Wobbekind K, Thompson HR, Gosliner W, Madsen KA, O'Neill K, Ritchie LD. Evaluating Food Packaging Waste in Schools: A Systematic Literature Review. *Int J Environ Res Public Health*. 2021;19(9):5. <https://doi.org/10.3390/ijerph19095607>
6. Hazard K, **Lee D**, Ritchie L, Rose R, Díaz Rios LK, Plank K, Alkon A. Development of an online curriculum for California early care and education providers on healthy beverages*. BMC Public Health*. 2021;21(1387). [https://doi.org/10.1186/s12889-021-11428-x](https://bmcpublichealth.biomedcentral.com/articles/10.1186/s12889-021-11428-x)
7. **Lee DL**, Alkon A, Plank K, Neelon M, Díaz Rios LK, Hecht CE, Thompson HR, Ritchie LD. Self-Paced Online Training on Healthy Beverage Policy for Child Care Providers. *J Nutr Educ Behav*. 2021;53(6):457-470. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jneb.2021.02.007>
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9. **Lee DL**, Traseira R, Navarro S, Frost N, Bejamin-Neelon S, Cradock AL, Hecht K, Ritchie LD. Alignment of State Regulations With Breastfeeding and Beverage Best Practices for Childcare Centers and Family Childcare Homes, United States. *Public Health Rep.* 2021;136(1):79-87. <https://doi.org/10.1177/0033354920964156>
10. Ritchie LD, **Lee DL**, Homel Vitale E, Au LE. Transition from Breastfeeding and Complementary Feeding to Toddler Nutrition in Child Care Settings**.** *Nestle Nutr Inst Workshop Ser*. 2020;95:54-66. <https://doi.org/10.1159/000511517>
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13. **Lee DL**, Gurzo K, Nhan L, Homel Vitale E, Yoshida S, Hecht K, Ritchie LD. Status of Beverages Served to Young Children in Child Care After Implementation of California Policy, 2012–2016. *Prev Chron Dis.* 2020;17. <https://doi.org/10.5888/pcd17.190296>
14. Gurzo K, **Lee DL**, Ritchie K, Yoshida S, Homel Vitale E, Hecht K, Ritchie L. Childcare Sites Participating in the Federal Child and Adult Care Food Program Provide More Nutritious Foods and Beverages. *J Nutr Educ Behav*. 2020;52(7):607-704. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jneb.2020.02.009>
15. **Lee DL**, Gurzo K, Yoshida S, Homel Vitale E, Hecht K, Ritchie L. Compliance with the new 2017 Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Standards for Infants and Children before Implementation. *Child Obes*. 2018;14(6):393-402. <https://doi.org/10.1089/chi.2018.0092>

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2. Underwood G, Lee DL, Chauvenet C, Ritchie LD, Kim L. Research Brief: Participants New to WIC May Benefit From More Guidance on Shopping for WIC Foods. Nutrition Policy Institute, University of California, Agriculture and Natural Resources, Pepperdine University, and the National WIC Association. 14 November 2023. [[Full text](https://ucanr.edu/sites/NewNutritionPolicyInstitute/files/390548.pdf)]
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9. Underwood G, Lee DL, Chauvenet C, Ritchie LD, Kim L. Research Brief: Participant Recommendations for Improving the WIC Food Package, Evaluating Data from the 2021 Multi-State Participant Satisfaction Survey. Nutrition Policy Institute, University of California, Agriculture and Natural Resources. Pepperdine University. National WIC Association. 15 February 2023. [[Full text](https://ucanr.edu/sites/NewNutritionPolicyInstitute/files/380693.pdf)]
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12. Lee DL, Hecht C, Ritchie LD, Marshall S K-D, Homel Vitale E. Benefits and Challenges of CACFP Participation for Independent Child Care Centers and Sponsors: Research Report for the California Department of Social Services. Nutrition Policy Institute, University of California, Agriculture and Natural Resources. CACFP Roundtable. 27 October 2022. [[Full text](https://ucanr.edu/sites/NewNutritionPolicyInstitute/files/376177.pdf)]
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15. Lee DL, Woodward-Lopez G, Ritchie LD. Healthy-by-Default Beverage Laws for Kids' Meals. Nutrition Policy Institute, University of California, Agriculture and Natural Resources. Research to Action news brief, volume 6, number 2. 19 May 2022. [[Full text](https://mailchi.mp/f1a45b8e5170/uc-npi-news-brief-vol-6-no-2)]
16. Strochlic R, Hecht C, Lee DL. Research Brief: A School District Innovation - The Riverside Unified School District Food Hub. UC ANR Nutrition Policy Institute. UC Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Program. Riverside University Health System. Riverside Food Hub. Riverside University School District. 1 April 2022. [[Full Text](https://ucanr.edu/sites/NewNutritionPolicyInstitute/files/365821.pdf)]
17. Hecht C, Hecht K, Ritchie LD, Lee DL. Policy Brief: Stronger WIC, Healthier Kids and Moms. UC ANR Nutrition Policy Institute. The National WIC Association. Pepperdine University. Public Health Foundation Enterprises-WIC. 3 March 2022. [[Full Text](https://ucanr.edu/sites/NewNutritionPolicyInstitute/files/364473.pdf)]
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21. Kocher S, Kearns F, Koundinya V, Oatman B, Alamillo D, Panarella K, Drill S, Schohr T, Lee DL, Thorpe W. Disasters Happen, We Can and Will Be Prepared: Disaster Preparation and Response Guide for the UC ANR Community. University of California, Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources. UC ANR Nutrition Policy Institute. January 2021. [[Full Text](file:///Users/danlee/Box/CV:Resume/Full%20text)]
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27. Research Brief: Child Nutrition Practices in California Licensed Child Care Prior to New 2017 CACFP Nutrition Standards. UC Agriculture and Natural Resources Nutrition Policy Institute. California Food Policy Advocates. Sarah Samuels Center for Public Health Research & Evaluation. March 2019. <https://ucanr.edu/sites/NewNutritionPolicyInstitute/files/300201.pdf>
28. Research Brief: Infant Nutrition Practices in California Licensed Child Care Prior to New 2017 CACFP Nutrition Standards. UC Agriculture and Natural Resources Nutrition Policy Institute. California Food Policy Advocates. Sarah Samuels Center for Public Health Research & Evaluation. March 2019. <https://ucanr.edu/sites/NewNutritionPolicyInstitute/files/300199.pdf>
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**ABSTRACTS, POSTERS & PRESENTATIONS**

**Invited**

1. **Lee DL,** Benefits and Challenges of Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Participation for Independent Child Care Centers & Sponsors. CACFP National Professional Association Conference. Portland, OR. 23 June 2023. (in-person)
2. **Lee DL**. Wheel of your Career, as part of a session titled “Leap into your Career”. University of California, Agriculture and Natural Resources 2023 Annual Conference. 26 April 2023. (in-person)
3. **Lee DL**. Benefits and Challenges of Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Participation for Independent Child Care Centers & Sponsors. CACFP Annual Conference. Sacramento, CA. 19 October 2022. (in-person)
4. **Lee DL**, Ritchie LD. Benefits and Challenges of CACFP Participation for Independent Child Care Centers & Sponsors. Child and Adult Care Food Program Roundtable, Research Stakeholder Meeting with CACFP Transition Community Advisory Board. 29 April 2022. (virtual)
5. **Lee DL**, Ritchie LD. Benefits and Challenges of CACFP Participation for Independent Child Care Centers & Sponsors. Child and Adult Care Food Program Roundtable Board Meeting. 19 April 2022. (virtual)
6. Ritchie LD, **Lee DL,** Sallack L, Chauvenet C, Machel G. Multi-State WIC Participation Survey  
   results from Program Adaptations During COVID-19. USDA Food and Nutrition Services briefing. 14 April 2022. (virtual)
7. **Lee DL**. Nutrition Policy Institute – Research for Healthy Food, People and Places. UC Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources Administrative Orientation. April 12, 2022. (virtual)
8. Chauvenent C, **Lee DL**, Felix C. Early Impacts of the CVB Benefit Bump: Findings from a Multi-State Survey. National WIC Association monthly webinar series. March 3, 2022. (virtual)
9. **Lee DL**. Nutrition Policy Institute – Research for Healthy Food, People and Places. UC Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources Administrative Orientation. August 18, 2021. (virtual)
10. **Lee DL**. Nutrition Policy Institute – Research for Healthy Food, People and Places. UC Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources Administrative Orientation. August 12, 2020. (virtual)
11. **Lee DL**, Ritchie LD. Addressing Food Insecurity for Families & Individuals in California Experiencing Housing Insecurity. UC ANR Food Literacy and Healthy Lifestyles Program Team Meeting. March 19, 2020. (virtual)
12. **Lee DL**, Ritchie LD, Diaz Rios K. Working with UC ANR to support improved nutrition for California children in licensed child care settings through online education. UC ANR Food Literacy and Healthy Lifestyles Program Team Meeting. March 19, 2020. (virtual)
13. **Lee DL**. Nutrition Policy Institute and UC Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources Communications Efforts. UC Nutrition Policy Institute Supplemental Connections & Informative Learning Sessions (SCILS). February 12, 2020.
14. Ritchie L**, Lee DL**, Hecht K. How Ready are Childcare Homes and Centers in California for the New CACFP Meal Patterns? USDA, Food and Nutrition Service webinar. April 16, 2018.
15. Ritchie L, **Lee DL**, Gurzo K, Homel Vitale E, Hecht K, Yoshida S. How Ready Are California Childcare Homes and Centers For the New CACFP Meal Patterns? National Anti-Hunger Policy Conference. Washington, DC. February 26, 2018.
16. Ritchie L, Yoshida S, **Lee DL**. Childcare Nutrition: Results from Two New California Studies. Childcare Policy Convening. Sacramento, CA. October 26, 2017.
17. **Lee DL**. Assessing Student Food Security at the University of California. Presidents United to Solve Hunger Leaders Forum. N. Canton, OH. March 2017.
18. **Lee DL.** Added Sugar in Your Diet. Tips and Tricks to Make Healthy Shifts. Northeast Valley Health Corporation, Valencia Health Center. May 2016.
19. **Lee DL.** Host Genetics Versus Diet in Shaping the Gut Microbiota. California State University, Northridge Family and Consumer Sciences Graduate Student Seminar. Northridge, CA. May 2016.
20. **Lee DL**. Controversies in Nutrition: Sustainability in the 2015 Dietary Guidelines for Americans. Los Angeles County Department of Public Health - Division of Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention. Los Angeles, CA. March 2016.
21. **Lee DL**. Food Assistance Programs: USDA Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program. Los Angeles County Department of Public Health - Division of Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention. Los Angeles, CA. March 2016.
22. **Lee DL**, Sutherland D, Beas I. Offering Digital Media for Breastfeeding Support. Northeast Valley Health Corporation, Women, Infants and Children Inservice. Granada Hills, CA. August 2015.
23. **Lee DL**. Human Gut Microbiota Research: Policy and Practice Implications for Maternal and Child Health. Western Maternal Child Health Partners Nutrition Leaders Network 2015 Meeting. University of California, San Francisco. San Francisco, CA. February 2015.
24. **Lee DL**. Exploring the Gut Microbiota's Role in Health and Disease. UCSF Fresno Division of Gastroenterology, Hepatology & Nutrition. Fresno, CA. November 2014.
25. **Lee DL**. Diet, People & Planet: Exploring the Connection Between Your Health and the Health of the Planet. Reedley Peace Center. Reedley, CA. November 2014.
26. **Lee DL**. Fetal and Infant Colonization of the Gut Microbiota and the Microbiota's Role in Development and Disease. Critical Issues in Nutrition Seminar. University of California, Berkeley - School of Public Health. Berkeley, CA. October 2013.
27. **Lee DL**. Local Produce Procurement at the University Level. Northern & Central California Farm-to-School Forum. University of California, Davis - Robert Mondavi Institute for Food and Wine. Davis, CA. June 2013.
28. **Lee DL**. Working with Foodservice Providers on Fair Trade Products. Fair Trade Towns, USA: Fair Trade Campaigns Conference. Chicago, Illinois. October 2012.
29. **Lee DL**. Connecting With Local Growers, Processors, and Students at the Institutional Level of the Supply Chain. AGree Regional Foodsystems Meeting. University of California, Davis. Davis, CA. October 2012.
30. **Lee DL**. From Scratch Cooking and Food Systems Change in University Dining. Lunch, Love, Community. University of California, Davis. Davis, CA. May 2012.
31. **Lee DL**. Developing a Garden Program: Food Safety, Logistics and Resources. Sodexo Southern California Sustainability Seminar. Pepperdine University. Malibu, CA. February 2012.
32. **Lee DL**. Sustainability Policy Planning: Food and Auxiliary Services. California State University Sustainability Summit. California State University, Chico. Chico, CA. February 2012.
33. **Lee DL**. Sustainable and Local Food Sourcing in Institutions. Center for Ecoliteracy: Rethinking School Lunch - Cooking with California Foods in K-12 Schools Conference. University of California, Davis. Davis, CA. August 2011.

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2. **Lee DL**, Bacon K, Felix C, Matias S, Marshall SK, Homel Vitale E, Ritchie LD.Stress Levels of Licensed Family Child Care Home Providers: A Study of CACFP Participation and Reimbursement Impact. Western Region Mental Health & Nutrition Network inaugural meeting. 8 October 2023. (in-person)
3. Underwood G, Kim LTK, **Lee D**, Ritchie L. Participant Recommendations for Improving the WIC Experience: Evaluating Data from the 2021 Multi-State Participant Satisfaction Survey. 1 May 2023. (in person)
4. **Lee DL**, Tsai MM, Felix C, Chauvenet C, Anderson CE, Yepez CE, Au LE, Whaley SE, Ritchie LD. Method for Evaluating Food Packaging Waste in Schools: Waste Audit for Sustainable Transitions and Evaluations (WASTE). (poster) University of California, Agriculture and Natural Resources 2023 Annual Conference. 25 April 2023.
5. **Lee DL**, Heiges J, Felix C, Vollmer L, Thompson HR, Gosliner W, Madsen KA, Ritchie LD. Highlighting the impact of multi-state research-to-policy efforts during COVID-19: understanding perspectives and utilization of WIC adaptations in California and beyond. (poster) University of California, Agriculture and Natural Resources 2023 Annual Conference. 24 April 2023.
6. Ritchie LD, Sallack L, Machel G, **Lee DL**. Multi-State WIC Participant Satisfaction Survey: Learning from Program Adaptations During COVID. National WIC Association 2021 Virtual Annual Conference. March 16, 2021. (virtual)
7. **Lee DL**, Gurzo K, Nhan L,  Homel Vitale E, Yoshida D, Ritchie LD. California childcare centers and homes in the federal child and adult care food program offer more nutritious foods to infants. American Public Health Association 2020 Virtual Annual Meeting. October 24-28, 2020. (virtual)
8. Plank K, **Lee DL**, Alkon A, Neelon M, Diaz Rios K, Soule K, Ritchie L. Online training increases child care provider knowledge of healthy beverage policy and practices for young children. American Public Health Association 2020 Virtual Annual Meeting. October 24-28, 2020. (virtual)
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10. **Lee DL**, Hecht K. Brand New Interactive Online Training: Learn How to Comply with California’s Healthy Beverages in Child Care Act. Childcare Food Program Roundtable Conference. Rancho Mirage, CA. October 21, 2019.
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17. **Lee DL**, Alkon A, Roze B, Hazard K, Soule KE, Neelon M, Diaz Rios K, Espicha T, Carillo E, Ravalin D, Nhan L, Ritchie LD. (poster) Healthy Beverages in Child Care: Putting Policy into Practice with Cooperative Extension. UC Agriculture and Natural Resources Statewide Conference. Ontario, CA. April 4, 2018.
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19. **Lee DL**. Tracking Local and Sustainable Food Purchases. California Higher Education Sustainability Conference. University of California, Santa Barbara. Isla Vista, CA. June 2013.
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21. **Lee DL**. Procurement and Food Education. CA Higher Education Sustainability Conference. Los Angeles Trade-Technical Center. Los Angeles, CA. June 2011.
22. **Lee DL**. Zero Waste: Developing and Implementing a Policy. CA Higher Education Sustainability Conference. Los Angeles Trade-Technical Center. Los Angeles, CA. June 2011.

**CURRICULUM AND ONLINE TRAININGS**

1. **Lee DL**, Keeton V, Alkon A, Neelon M, Diaz Rios K, Srivastava D, Strochlic R, Olague C, Vela R, Sanchez M, De la Vega N, Ritchie LD. (2022, June 1). Infant Feeding Recommendations for Family Child Care Home Providers. eXtension Campus. <https://campus.extension.org/course/view.php?id=1788&lang=en_us>
2. **Lee DL**, Keeton V, Alkon A, Neelon M, Diaz Rios K, Srivastava D, Strochlic R, Olague C, Vela R, Sanchez M, De la Vega N, Ritchie LD. (2022, June 1). Toddler Feeding Recommendations for Family Child Care Home Providers. eXtension Campus. <https://campus.extension.org/course/view.php?id=1789&lang=en_us>
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4. **Lee DL**, Keeton V, Alkon A, Neelon M, Diaz Rios K, Srivastava D, Strochlic R, Olague C, Vela R, Sanchez M, De la Vega N, Ritchie LD. (2022, June 1). Recomendaciones Para la Alimentación de Niños Pequeños para Proveedores en Hogares de Cuidado Infantil. eXtension Campus. <https://campus.extension.org/course/view.php?id=1791&lang=es>
5. Alkon A, Rose B, Hazard K, **Lee DL**, Ritchie LD, Hecht C, Hecht K, DiMatteo G, Patel A, Neelon M, Soule K, Diaz Rios K, Ravalin D, Pyeatt G, James P, Tellez S, Beattie A, Borrman A, Chamnes N, Myers L. (2020, February 4). Healthy Beverages in Early Care & Education. eXtension Campus. <https://campus.extension.org/course/view.php?id=1722&lang=en_us>
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**CURRENT RESEARCH PROJECTS**

National Institutes of Health; National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute. (Patel, Ritchie, co-PI) 9/21-6/26

Title: **A Multi-Level Intervention to Promote Healthy Beverage Intake through Childcare (“Healthy Drinks, Healthy Futures” “Bebidas Saludables, Futuros Saludables”)**

Aim: Examine how a 1-year childcare-based healthy beverage intervention affects beverage intake and weight status among low-income, predominantly Latino children.

Role: Data Collector

Total: $90,012

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation via National WIC Association (prime) (Ritchie, PI) 7/22-10/24

Title: **Boosting the Benefits of WIC (2023 WIC Multi-state Participant Satisfaction Survey)**

Aim: Survey Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) participants from multiple states about their experience with WIC services to inform USDA and state efforts to increase participation and retention of women, infant and children on the program.

Role: Co-Project Manager

Total: $246,879

University of California, San Francisco & California Department of Public Health, Collaborative for Pandemic Recovery & Readiness Research (CPR3) (Ritchie, Matias, Co-PI) 7/23-6/24

Title: **Child and Adult Care Food Program: Impacts of COVID-19 Changes to Meal and Snack Reimbursement Rates on Family Childcare Home Providers, Children and Families – Phase 2**

Aim: Evaluate the impact of the return to tiered Child and Adult Care Food Program reimbursements on ~26,000 Family Child Care Home providers in California. recommendations to maximize CACFP participation and equitable access to healthy foods.

Role: Co-Project Manager

Total: $199,786

California Department of Social Services, CACFP Branch (Ritchie, PI) 7/23-6/24

Title: **Development of a Story Map of California Family Child Care Homes (FCCH) Participation in CACFP**

Aim: Develop an online Story Map showing the participation of California Family Child Care Home providers in participating in the Child and Adult Care Food Program in 2022.

Role: Co-Project Manager

Total: $9,998

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Healthy Eating Research (Ritchie, Matias Co-PI) 11/22-6/24

Title: **Child and Adult Care Food Program: Impacts of COVID-19 Changes to Meal and Snack Reimbursement Rates on Family Childcare Home Providers, Children and Families**

Aim: Evaluate the impact of the return to tiered Child and Adult Care Food Program reimbursements on ~26,000 Family Child Care Home providers in California. recommendations to maximize CACFP participation and equitable access to healthy foods.

Role: Co-Project Manager

Total: $257,786

United States Department of Agriculture, National Institute of Food and Agriculture, Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (Ritchie, PI) 11/19-3/24

Title: **Transition to freshly-prepared school meals: impacts on meal appeal, student participation, intake, food and packaging waste & school finances**

Aim: Develop and evaluate an innovative, student-centered transition from pre-prepared, packaged meals from an external vendor to fresh, locally-prepared school meals served with less packaging and more reusable serviceware. The long term goals are to improve dietary intake among low-income students and to enhance the financial viability and environmental sustainability of the school district foodservice operation.

Role: Co-Project Manager

Total: $999,986

**COMPLETED RESEARCH PROJECTS**

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Healthy Eating Research (Whaley, Ritchie, Co-PI) 2/20-1/23

Title: **Increasing fruit and vegetable intake in low-income children under 5: Piloting expansion of the WIC Cash Value Benefit**

Aim: Using a quasi-experimental design, evaluate the augmentation of WIC participants’ fruit and vegetable benefit

Role: Qualitative Data Analyst, Data Collector

Total: $144,929

The CACFP Roundtable / California Department of Social Services (Ritchie, PI) 6/21-5/22

Title: **Informing the California Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Transition to CDSS**

Aim: The purpose of the project is to: (1) identify barriers experienced by independent childcare centers and by sponsors of such centers in accessing CACFP and explore opportunities for improvement; (2) advise the CACFP Roundtable in informing the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) as CACFP administration transitions from the California Department of Education.

Role: Project Manager

Total: $31,494

The David and Lucile Packard Foundation (Ritchie, PI) 2/21-1/22

Title: **Multi-State WIC Participant Satisfaction Survey Project: Learning from Program Adaptations During COVID**

Aim: Survey up to 50,000 participants of the federal Special Supplemental Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) in 12 states on their experience and satisfaction during the COVID-19 pandemic to inform policy and operational decisions for the future.

Role: Project Manager

Total: $50,000

NIH RO1/Stanford (Patel, PI) 4/16-3/21

Title: **Water First: The Impact of School Drinking Water Access on Child Food and Beverage Intake and Obesity**

Aim: Examine how a school-based program to promote access to and utilization of water affects student caloric intake and overweight/obesity prevalence.

Role: Research Assistant, Data Collector, Project Manager (interim)

Total: $1,039,000

Johns Hopkins University Lerner Center for Public Health Promotion (Ritchie, PI) 9/19-3/21

Title: **Evaluation of Compliance with Healthy Children’s Menu Laws**

Aim: Collect data on kids meals available on online California restaurant ordering platforms in post implementation of CA SB-1192 Healthy Default Beverages in Restaurant Kid’s Meals for comparison to Baltimore, MD.

Role: Project Manager

Total: $55,000

UC Agriculture and Natural Resources Opportunity Grant (Ritchie, PI) 4/16-3/20

Title: **Family Child Care Home Nutrition Standards Online Training**

Aim: Develop and pilot-test an online training on what and how to feed infants and young children for family child care home providers.

Role: Project Manager

Total: $25,000

UC Agriculture and Natural Resources Competitive Grants Program (Ritchie, PI) 4/16-3/20

Title: **Healthy Beverage in Childcare: Putting Policy into Practice**

Aim: Develop, pilot-test and validate an online training for childcare providers on healthy beverages.

Role: Project Manager

Total: $452,881

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Healthy Eating Research Program (Ritchie, PI) 7/19-2/20

Title: **Evaluating the Policy Impact of Healthy Default Beverages in Children’s Meals: Cross-state Comparison**

Aim: To assess, in a sample of restaurants serving children’s meals in California and Wilmington, DE the impact of policy mandating that healthy beverages be offered as default options on: (1) change in compliance with the beverage policy from one month before to 6-8 months after implementation, (2) differences between California and Wilmington in policy compliance and in beverages offered after policy implementation, and (3) challenges experienced by restaurants in implementing the policy and potential solutions for improving policy compliance.

Role: Research Assistant, Data Collector

Total: $62,080

UC Agriculture and Natural Resources Opportunities Grants Program (Ritchie, PI) 12/18-5/19

Title: **Evaluation of CA SB1192: Healthy Default Beverage for Restaurant Kid’s Meals**

Aim: Evaluate beverage selection and total added sugars in beverages ordered for/by children age 1-12 years at California restaurants; assess habitual beverage intake for children age 1-12 years; assess California restaurants for level of compliance with SB-1192 and describe how restaurants are implementing the policy one month before and one year after implementation of policy on January 1, 2019.

Role: Project Manager

Total: $10,000 with additional internal departmental funds

The David and Lucile Packard Foundation (Ritchie, PI) 9/16-3/18

Title: **Impacting the Nutrition of Young Children in California: WIC Surveillance, Evaluation WIC Food Package Revisions, and Nutrition Standards Intervention in Family Childcare Homes**

Aim: Develop study protocols to characterize WIC populations and identify the impacts of proposed food WIC package changes, and conduct a 3-County evaluation of nutrition standards in licensed childcare homes.

Role: Project Manager

Total: $115,000

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Healthy Eating Research (Ritchie, PI) 1/16-1/18

Title: **Evaluation of Current Childcare Nutrition as a Baseline Prior to Implementation of New CACFP Regulations**

Aim: Inform implementation of the new CACFP nutrition standards in childcare sites serving children 0 to 5 years old.

Role: Project Manager

Total: $190,000

**TEACHING & STUDENT SUPERVISION RESPONSIBILITIES**

2023-2024 Mentor to University of California, Berkeley undergraduate student

* Brianna Aguayo; Nutrition Policy Institute student communications fellow

2023 Preceptor to Registered Dietitian intern

* Victoria Haynes; UCSF Dietetic Internship: Transition to freshly-prepared school meals: impacts on meal appeal, student participation, intake, food and packaging waste & school finances

Mentor to Pepperdine University undergraduate student

* Theresa Tran: Transition to freshly-prepared school meals: impacts on meal appeal, student participation, intake, food and packaging waste & school finances; Boosting the Benefits of WIC (2023 WIC Multi-state Participant Satisfaction Survey

2022-2023 Mentor to UC Global Food Initiative Fellow

* Katherine Lanca: Nutrition Policy Institute Communications

2022 Mentor to Tufts graduate student

* Xiaoyun (Alice) Zheng: Secondary Data Analysis for Multi-State WIC Participant Satisfaction Survey Project: Learning from Program Adaptations During COVID

Mentor to College Preparatory School Oakland high school student

* + - * Cate Seel: Nutrition Policy Institute Communications

Preceptor to Registered Dietitian intern

* Lindsey Beck, UCSF Dietetic Internship: Informing the California Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) Transition to CDSS

2021 Preceptor to Registered Dietitian intern

* Julia Pierce, UCSF Dietetic Internship

2019 Preceptor to Registered Dietitian intern and Didactic Program in Dietetics undergraduate student

* Kaitlin Calderone, UCSF Dietetic Internship
* Hannah Greenfell, Perlata Community College, in preparation for University of Southern California, Master of Science in Nutrition, Healthspan and Longevity program

2018-2019 Mentor and supervisor to UC Berkeley Masters in Public Health Nutrition graduate students and UC Global Food Initiative Fellow

* Melanie Colvin, MA: Healthy Beverages in Child Care: Putting Policy into Practice; Addressing Housing Insecurity & Food Insecurity for Families and Individuals in California (UC Global Food Initiative Fellow, 2019)
* Katherine Berns, RD: Relationship Between Foods and Beverages Offered in California Childcare and Childcare Site Food Environment: A GIS Analysis

2017-2018 Mentor to National Institutes of Health (NIH) CHORI/UCSF Summer Research Program undergraduate student researchers

* Adrian Valderama and Azar Dixit: California Child Care Survey and Observation Tool to measure nutrition in child care settings: validity and reliability
* Raquel Traseira: A 50-State Comparative Analysis of Regulations on Beverages Served to Infants and Children in Licensed Child Care Sites

2017 Preceptor to Registered Dietitian Interns

* Zubaida Qamar, PhD
* Anna-Kaisa Manolova, UCSF Dietetic Internship

2014 Guest Lecturer, Food Systems Organization & Management, Department of Nutrition Sciences & Toxicology, UC Berkeley

2013-2014 Graduate Student Instructor, Introduction & Application of Food Science Lecture & Laboratory, Department of Nutrition Sciences & Toxicology, UC Berkeley

2011-2013 Guest Lecturer, Japanese Dietetic Student Exchange Program, UC Davis

2011-2013 Host site coordinator for campus food systems tour, Food Systems, Department of Land, Air and Water Resources, UC Davis

2009-2013 Guest Lecturer and host site coordinator, Food Service Systems Management, Department of Nutrition, College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, UC Davis

2008-2013 Supervisor and mentor to UC Davis undergraduate student interns as part of the UC Davis Dining Services sustainability or nutrition internship, 4-6 students/year

**MEETING & CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION**

2019 10th Biennial Childhood Obesity Conference Abstract Reviewer

2016 Lead organizer and facilitator for the 4th annual 2016 California State University, Northridge Public Policy Day: Advocating for a Healthy & Sustainable Food Environment. Monday, April 11, 2016 at CSU Northridge.

2015 Co-organizer for the 7th annual 2015 University of California, San Francisco (UCSF) Center for Obesity Assessment, Study and Treatment (COAST) and Sugar, Stress, Environment, and Weight (SSEW) Center Symposium, Gut Feelings: The Microbiome, The Mind, and Metabolic Health. Thursday, December 10, 2015 at UCSF Laurel Heights.

2013-2014 Co-organizer and rapporteur for Scientific Advisory Group Meeting for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Demonstration Project in collaboration with the UC ANR Nutrition Policy Institute, UC Berkeley Food Institute, and UC Berkeley Center for Weight and Health. Thursday, May 29, 2014 at The California Endowment, Oakland, CA.

2011-2012 Campus Planning Committee Member and Food Subcommittee Member for the California Higher Education Sustainability Conference. June 2012 at the University of California, Davis.

2008-2011 Co-organizer and children’s area coordinator for the annual Hoes Down Harvest Festival hosted annually the first weekend of October at Full Belly Farm in Guinda, CA.

2008 Zero-waste coordinator for the UC Davis Focus the Nation. February 8, 2008 at UC Davis.

**PRESS SPOKESPERON**

Expert input on nutrition and food systems sustainability topics to the media. Selected examples:

* 8/8/17. Mold Magazine article: Gut Feelings: Harnessing the Mind-Altering Power of Microbes. <https://thisismold.com/process/materials/gut-feelings-harnessing-the-mind-altering-power-of-microbes#.WZHDpHeGOi6>
* 7/7/13. UC Davis Dateline article. Dining Services’ Dani Lee wins Real Food Award. <https://www.ucdavis.edu/news/laurels-dining-services-dani-lee-wins-real-food-award>
* 4/10/13. Davis Enterprise article. Eco Heroes tackle local ‘food print’. <https://www.davisenterprise.com/local-news/two-eco-heroes-tackle-local-food-print/>
* 12/4/12. National Geographic article. No Throwaways: Step Inside a Zero-Waste Stadium. <https://blog.nationalgeographic.org/2012/12/04/no-throwaways-step-inside-a-zero-waste-stadium/>
* 10/17/12. University of California Food Blog article. Leave no food behind. <http://ucanr.edu/blogs/blogcore/postdetail.cfm?postnum=8530>
* 9/12/12. Davis Enterprise article. From the Ground Up: Farm to school, trying something new. <https://www.davisenterprise.com/features/food-and-drink/from-the-ground-up-farm-to-school-trying-something-new/>
* 7/20/12. University of California Food Blog article. Students play a key role in building community around sustainable food systems. <http://ucanr.edu/blogs/blogcore/postdetail.cfm?postnum=7969>
* 4/12/12. California Aggie article. UC systemwide sustainability practices continue to expand. <https://theaggie.org/2012/04/12/uc-systemwide-sustainable-practices-continue-to-expand/>
* 8/1/11. California Aggie article. New Resident Garden comes to Segundo. <https://theaggie.org/2011/08/01/new-resident-garden-comes-to-segundo/>
* 10/1/10. Food Service Director article. Five Questions: On Green Business Certification. <https://www.foodservicedirector.com/industry-news-opinion/five-questions/articles/green-business-certification-brenan-connolly-and>
* 9/14/10. UC Davis Sustainable Second Century article. Campus-grown tomato sauce hits UC Davis plates. <http://sustainability.ucdavis.edu/news/2010/september/campus-grown_tomato_sauce.html>
* 12/31/09. Sacramento News and Review. Green dorm food. <https://www.newsreview.com/sacramento/green-dorm-food/content?oid=1345056>