



NORC News January 2024

Announcements

- **2024 Pilot & Feasibility Program** Call for applications will be released in early March.
- Miss the Town Hall in November to learn about the LEAD center and the NORC? View it [HERE!](#)

Upcoming NORC Sponsored Speakers

- 2/1: Benjamin Miller, PhD Nutrition Seminar
- 2/1: Paul Kievit, PhD PNRC
- 4/4: Katherine Bell, PhD Nutrition Seminar
- 4/17: Jonathan Krakoff MD Endo Research Conference

[Click Here](#) to request support from the Colorado NORC for a speaker you'd like to have on campus.

Save the Date!

- Dates soon to come for:
- NORC Summer Workshop
 - NORC Fall Retreat
 - NORC Dec Event

Cite the Grant

Did you use any of the Colorado NORC resources to support your published research? Please site the NIDDK Grant Number: **DK048520**

Membership

Not yet a member of the Colorado NORC?
Email your CV/BioSketch to:
norc@cuanschutz.edu

From the Director - 2024 NORC Competitive Renewal



Happy New Year!! My warmest welcome to the new year goes to all of our members, affiliates and collaborators. We have a challenging year ahead of us, as we expect to submit a proposal for the competitive renewal of our P30 grant sometime this Fall. We will be reaching out in the coming months to all of our Regular and Affiliate members to gather information for this effort. Please be responsive to Olivia Schmidt and Caro Henauw with these requests, so that we ensure this important institutional resource continues to remain in place through 2030! For our early career investigators, keep an eye out in the next couple of months for the call for applications for the 2024 NORC Pilot/Feasibility Program.

Faculty Highlight: Ihuoma Eneli, MD, MS



Dr. Eneli is a pediatrician, clinical epidemiologist, and Head of the Section of Nutrition for the Department of Pediatrics. Before joining the University of Colorado, she was a Professor of Pediatrics at the Ohio State University and Director of the Center for Healthy Weight and Nutrition at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. Dr. Eneli is an internationally recognized expert on pediatric obesity. She is particularly interested in how preventing or treating obesity can be optimized through integrating care pathways and settings at the same time. Her current NIH supported research focuses on pathophysiology for type 2 diabetes in youth, attrition in weight management programs, and implementing clinic-community linkages for obesity treatment.

Currently, she is the Vice Chair of the National Academy of Medicine Roundtable on Obesity Solutions and the Associate Director of American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) Institute for Healthy Childhood Weight. She was selected as a fellow in the Hedwig van Ameringen Executive Leadership in Academic Medicine (ELAM) program, and received the Ray Helfer Faculty Teaching Award from Michigan State University, the 2021 Academic Pediatric Association (APA) Healthcare Delivery Award, and co-authored the 2023 AAP Childhood Obesity guidelines.

In her free time, Dr. Eneli enjoys traveling, cooking (especially ethnic foods!), walking, and listening to audiobooks. She is originally from Nigeria, and with her husband, Okey, they enjoy dancing to afrobeat music!

2023 NORC Award Recipients

Thank you to our 2022 awardees who formed the awards committee and reviewed over 70 nominations we received for this year's awards. Their selections highlight the outstanding contributions that our research base makes to the NORC's success. Be sure to congratulate this year's awardees in the categories of Outstanding:

- Research Support
Leslie Knaub
- Graduate Student
Matthew Breit
- PhD Fellow
Ana Pinto
- MD Fellow
John Michael Taormina
- Faculty Member
Stephanie Wesolowski
- Outstanding Mentor
Dan Bessesen



Journal Clubs

Held Monthly from Sept–May
More info on journal clubs [HERE](#).

- **FAT Chat**
4th Thursday at 3pm
Organizer: Andrew Libby
- **BAT Chat**
2nd Monday at 10am
Organizer: Ed Melanson
- **Physical Activity MADness**
3rd Tuesday at 10am
Organizer: Ana Pinto
- **Molecular Metabolism**
4th Thursday at 4pm
Organizers: Amy Keller & Kimberly Bruce
- **Muscular Skeletal Working Group**
Last Tuesday at 11am
Organizer: Andrea Bonetto
- **Bone Think Tank**
2nd Monday at 4pm
Organizers: Christine Swanson & Sarah Wherry
- **SuperMito Group**
4th Tuesday at 10:30am
Organizer: Cecilia Caino

Colorado NORC Partners

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James (“Jim”) McManaman Retirement



Dr. James McManaman has entered phased retirement this past year. We would like to extend our gratitude for the service he has provided the NORC over the last 15 years of his career. Dr. McManaman was an integral part of the Colorado Obesity Research Initiative and served on the NORC's Executive Committee for over a decade. His guidance will be greatly missed. Dr. McManaman's

research focused on the molecular and cellular mechanisms regulating lipid storage, trafficking, metabolism and secretion, and the effects of disrupting these processes using mouse genetic models on physiological functions and metabolic disease risk. Last Fall, a number of his colleagues, friends, and former trainees gathered informally to celebrate his contributions. A more formal Symposium in his honor will be held this Spring.

Jim McManaman's Retirement Symposium:

April 10, 2024 | 1:00 to 5:30pm | The Benson Hotel & Faculty Club

Generous Donor Funds a NORC Pilot to:

Emily Hill, PhD

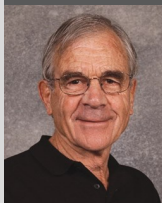


The Colorado NORC secured funds from a philanthropic donor who is very interested in nutrition research and the “Food as Medicine” concept. With these generous funds, our center was able to fund an additional pilot/feasibility award to Dr. Emily Hill. Dr. Hill is a Postdoctoral Fellow with CU's Department of Pediatrics in the Section of Nutrition who is building a research program focused on the design, implementation, and evaluation of nutrition interventions for cancer survivorship and cardiometabolic health.

She has recently been awarded an NIH K99/R00 grant that will allow her to: 1) develop a survivorship nutrition intervention, BfedBwell; and (2) determine the impact of the intervention on diet and health through the integration of multi-omic approaches. The pilot funds will help Dr. Hill utilize the Multiphase Optimization Strategy (MOST) framework to test three social cognitive theory-based components of the intervention. In her pursuits, she will perform an integrated network analysis using multi-omics (metabolome, proteome, microbiome) to examine dietary biomarkers and the effects of the intervention on cardiometabolic health.” examine dietary biomarkers and the effects of the intervention on cardiometabolic health.

Tribute to Michael Hambidge, MD, ScD:

Friday, February 2nd



The Pediatric Grand Rounds will be hosting a Tribute to the Legacy of Michael Hambidge, MD, ScD, on **Friday, February 2nd from 12:30pm-1:30pm** at Children's Hospital Colorado, Mt. Oxford- Second Floor Conference Center. A Reception will follow in the lobby afterward. Among numerous accomplishments, Dr. Hambidge established the first Colorado NIH-funded Clinical Nutrition Research Unit, which is now the Colorado NORC. We hope you can attend this special presentation.

Publication Highlight:

Jose R. Castillo-Mancilla, MD



Jose R. Castillo-Mancilla, MD, with CU AMC's School of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases, published the following article in Nov 2023: [Outcomes of a Career Development Award \(Pre-K\) Mock Review Program for Postdoctoral Fellows and Early-Career Faculty](#). Four other NORC members co-authored this publication which presents the results of a presubmission career development award (Pre-K) review program for postdoctoral fellows and early-career faculty. You can read the full publication [here](#).



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